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Yu-Gi-Oh Players

The Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St., will host a Yu-Gi-Oh game event from 4 to 5 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 11. Students in grades three and up are invited to bring their own set of Yu-Gi-Oh cards to play with others. No registration is required. The event will take place in the lower level meeting room.

For information, call the Youth Services Department at (708) 422-4990.

Lawsuit Is Dismissed

Judge Blanche M. Manning of the U.S. District Court dismissed a complaint brought against the Village of Oak Lawn by Michael Walsh.

Walsh, a former village trustee who also presided over traffic court and code violations from 2000 to 2005, claimed that current Mayor Dave Heilmann had Walsh removed from his job and violated his first amendment right. Walsh backed Heilmann's opponent in the 2005 election.

However, Mayor Dave Heilmann reportedly said that Walsh was fired from his part-time job because of his performance, stating that Walsh did not collect enough in fines and he was getting a pension that he was not entitled to. It was stated that Walsh worked approximately 100 hours a year and that a person must work 600 hours to be eligible for a pension.

According to the court ruling, an administrative hearing officer is appointed by the currently elected mayor. It is assumed that the officer and the mayor would share similar views on how to enforce the rules.

Shepard Reading Contest Winners

Shepard High School announced the winners of the fall semester Read and Write to Win contest, which offered rewards to students to write book reviews on their own time.

School officials have sponsored a number of activities in recent years outside of customary classroom curricula to promote reading, writing and the arts. Examples include an all-school book each semester, a new ACT preparation program for juniors, and a literature and arts festival. District 218 also has instituted a Writing Across the Curriculum project to boost reading abilities in all academic areas.

Students who won prizes in the Read and Write to Win competition included:

Alysha Wilson (grand prize/iPod); wrote three book reviews and an original poem, plus six drawings based on books she read); Sarah Salcik (second place/$50 gift card to Borders; wrote seven original poems based on books she read); and Quasba James (third place/$25 gift cards to Borders and Hollywood Park; nine book reviews).

Also, Ashia Stevens and Asia Stevens (fourth place/$25 gift card to Borders; five book reviews each); and, Scott Brazzale, Jacqueline Brefczynski, Karen Hall, Danaya Harper, Walter Hoskins, Natalie Lee, Jasmine Lesane, Jeff Littleton, Vlora Lumani, Lawrence Prentice, Chiquita White, and Eric Zamara (fifth place/gift cards to local restaurant).

Pictured, left to right are winners: (bottom row), Asia Stevens, Karen Hall, and Jeff Littleton; (second row) Danaya Harper, Natalie Lee, and Jackie Brefczynski; (third row) Sarah Salcik, Alysha Wilson, and Ashia Stevens; and, (top) Quasba James.

Oak Lawn Chapter Of Aglow International Will Hold Meeting

The Oak Lawn Chapter of Aglow International will meet on Thursday, Jan. 11th, at Mama Luigi's Restaurant, 7500 S. Harlem Ave., in Bridgeview. Dinner Tickets are $13 and are available at 6:30 p.m. at the door. Dinner is served promptly at 7 p.m. Reservations are required by Jan. 8th.

Guest speaker will be Pastor Ken Bonner Jr. who returns as the January speaker, having spoken for this lighthouse a few years ago. He is a RHEMA graduate. Pastor Ken moved to Chicago in 1998 when his dad died, to assume the responsibilities of his father, at the Christian Fellowship Church. Later his sister Pam Kacys joined him and she now co-pastors with him.

Bonner is married, has three children and was an attorney. He also served as an advisor for this lighthouse for several years. His special desire is to help people overcome hardships, depression and hurt by receiving God's blessings.

Bring a friend to be uplifted and encouraged. For additional information and to make reservations, call June at (708) 424-1656.

Free Health Screenings

The Oak Lawn Community Partnership will hold free health screenings at the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St., on Wednesday, Jan. 10th from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Blood pressure screenings will be performed by personnel from the Oak Lawn Fire Dept. Free hearing tests will be given by audiologists from Advocate Christ Medical Center, as a special screening offered this month only.

For information, call the library at (708) 422-4990.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

JANUARY 5 – Friday – Worth Township Senior Citizens Org. Meeting, Worth Township Center, 11601 Pulaski Rd., 12:30 p.m.

JANUARY 6 – Saturday – District II "Trustee Is In," Municipal Center, 9446 Raymond, 9 a.m. to noon.

JANUARY 8 – Monday – AARP Meeting, VFW Hall. 9514 52nd Ave., 1 p.m.

JANUARY 8 – Monday – OL Park Board Meeting, 4625 W. 110th St., 7:30 p.m.

JANUARY 8 – Monday – Business Development Commission Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 7:30 p.m.

JANUARY 9 – Tuesday – OL Village Board Meeting, Municipal Building, 9446 Raymond, 8 p.m.

JANUARY 9 – Tuesday – Village Hall open to 8 p.m.

JANUARY 9 – Tuesday – VFW 5220 Meeting, 9514 S. 52nd Ave., 8 p.m.

JANUARY 10 – Wednesday – Health Screenings (Blood Pressure and Hearing Tests – Free), Oak Lawn Library, 5300 W. 95th St., 10 to 11:30 a.m.

JANUARY 11 – Thursday – Fire & Police Commission Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, Conference Room B, 7:30 p.m.

JANUARY 11 – Thursday – Quality Control Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 7:30 p.m.

JANUARY 11 – Thursday – Athletic Club Auxiliary Meeting, VFW Hall, 9514 S. 52nd Ave., 8 p.m.

New State Laws Take Effect Jan. 1st

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What Makes A Hero?

You don't have to save a life to be a hero to someone. The American Red Cross of Greater Chicago is calling on Chicagoland residents to nominate people who inspire them for the 2007 Red Cross Heroes Breakfast to be held on April 10th at the Fairmont, Chicago. Recognize someone that inspires you – and hurry – the deadline for nominations is Jan. 31st.

The American Red Cross of Greater Chicago believes outstanding people who present endless valor, compassion and humanity toward their community should be honored to the fullest, and we need the help of local residents in recognizing them.

"We have many heroes among us. Their courage and good deeds solidify the mission of the Red Cross and help us carry it out," said Fran Maher, chief executive officer of the American Red Cross of Greater Chicago. "The Heroes Breakfast is our way of honoring these exceptional individuals who, in addition to their courageous response efforts, inspire others to impact good will on their communi ty."

The American Red Cross of Greater Chicago will honor people who have demonstrated outstanding community service in nine categories:

Citizenship: An individual who displayed leadership and commitment to our community.

Community Impact: An individual who made a positive difference in our community.

Disaster Response: An individual who exhibited heroic efforts in response to a natural disaster, assisting victims in an emergency situation with financial or social service assistance.

EMS: A professional emergency medical service provider who exhibited heroic efforts as a paramedic, first responder giving CPR, or as an emergency medical service provider.

Firefighter: A firefighter who acted above and beyond the call of duty.

Good Samaritan: Someone who acted selflessly in helping another in need.

Good Samaritan (youth): A youth (under age 21) who acted selflessly in helping another in need.

Law Enforcement: Law enforcement personnel who acted above and beyond the call of duty.

Military: Active, retired or reserve personnel who acted above and beyond the call of duty.

Candidates must live or work in one of the seven counties that the American Red Cross of Greater Chicago serves (Cook, DuPage, Kane, Kendall, Lake, McHenry or Will) and their heroic act must have taken place within the last twelve months.

Self-nominations are not permitted and all nominations will be subject to further verification and validation. The American Red Cross of Greater Chicago must receive nominations by Jan. 31st to be eligible and will notify winners by Feb. 28th.

Completed nomination forms can be mailed to ARCGC Heroes, 2200 W. Harrison, Chicago, IL 60612, or faxed to (312) 729-6305. Nomination forms can also be submitted online at www.chicagoredcross.org

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Sheriff's Sex Offender Unit Receives First-Ever National Recognition Award

The Cook County Sheriff's Office recently received national recognition from a Washington-based child protection agency for the department's efforts to protect children in Cook County from sex offenders and online predators.

The National Law Center for Children and Family Services awarded its first ever Child Defender of the Month award to the Cook County Sheriff's Police Sex Offender Unit. NLC Executive Director Richard Whidden presented the award to Sheriff Tom Dart in downtown Chicago on Dec. 19.

Whidden said the Cook County Sheriff's Office was selected to receive the NLC's first ever Child Defender of the Month Award in recognition of the unit's 400th arrest of child sex offenders.

"Law enforcement works very hard across the nation to protect children and the National Law Center is proud to recognize these dedicated servants with this award," Whidden said. "We want to thank the administration and officers of the Cook County Sheriff's Police Sex Offender Unit for their hard work keeping their community safe."

Sheriff Tom Dart said the award is an important recognition for the department.

"The Sheriff's Police Department is working day in and day out to help protect children in our county from sex offenders and online predators," Dart said. "This award not only reinforces our efforts, but provides national recognition for what we are doing for children."

Pictured: Sheriff Dart (second from left) accepts the award from Richard Widden. Also pictured are Cook County Sheriff's Police Chief William McHenry (far right) and First Deputy Chief John Palcu (far left).

Orr Issues First Marriage License Of 2007

Jan. 2nd marked the 17th consecutive year that Cook County Clerk David Orr married the couple that obtained the first marriage license issued in the new year.

David Garcia, 22, and Rosalinda Gonzalez, also 22, received the first marriage license of 2007 and were married by Clerk Orr in the traditional first marriage ceremony. The newlyweds reside in Virginia but have relatives who live in Chicago.

Orr is the only county clerk in Illinois with the authority to perform marriages. He asked a judge to waive the standard 24-hour waiting period so he could conduct the ceremony that morning.

The Clerk's office paid the couple's license fee and is also giving the newlyweds donated gift certificates redeemable for a show at Steppenwolf Theatre, dinner at a Lettuce Entertain You restaurant, and a weekend stay at a Chicago Hilton Hotel.

The Clerk's office issues all marriage licenses in Chicago and suburban Cook County. The office issued 35,114 in 2006; 36,439 in 2005; 36,491 in 2004; and 37,882 in 2003.

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Put Away Holiday Decorations Safely

Now that the holidays are over, take down your decorations and start the New Year safely, advises the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) and Underwriters Laboratories Inc. (UL), the not-for-profit product safety testing organization.

According to the NFPA, 20 percent of home fires attributed to Christmas trees occur in January. "Christmas trees can be a significant fuel source if a fire occurs in your home," said Lorraine Carli, NFPA assistant vice president of communications. "Dried-out trees burn easily and should not be left in a garage or placed against the house. We recommend you remove your tree from the home and dispose of it properly as soon as your Christmas celebration ends."

Carlo also reminds you that Christmas trees aren't the only holiday decorations that need prompt attention after the holidays.

"Leaving your decorations out for several months or even all year not only aggravates your neighbors," Carli said, "but it also leaves the wires exposed to rain, snow, cold, the sun, squirrels and bird longer than intended by the safety standards. Many people don't realize that holiday lights should only be up for a limited time. The safety standards are developed anticipating a maximum of 90 days of use per year because these decorations are considered seasonal. If you leave decorations out any longer, the resulting damage could cause an electrical shock or a fire hazard."

As you unplug and store your lights – whether indoors or outdoors – remember the safety precautions you take now can prevent hazards from occurring next season. Following is a checklist of safety tips that are not only helpful to stay safe as you take down your holiday decorations, but are useful all year-around.

When using electrical toys or appliances for the first time, carefully read and follow all instructions in the manufacturer's use and care booklet. Make sure electrical toys and appliances have the UL Mark.

Use the gripping area provided on the plugs to unplug electric decorations. Don't pull plugs from electrical outlets by the cord. Yanking or tugging on the cord can damage the cord's wire and insulation and could lead to an electrical shock or fire.

When putting away electrical light strings, take time to inspect for flaws. Check each light set for broken or cracked sockets, frayed or bare wires and loose connections

Dispose of worn or broken light sets and replace them. Do not place a faulty set of lights back into the storage box for next year's use. Store electrical decorations away from children and pets to ensure that cords and wires are not damaged in storage.

Store electrical decorations in a dry place where they can not be damaged by water or dampness.

To keep from having a tangled mess of lights next year, be sure to pack them appropriately. When preparing your holiday lights for storage, you can purchase a holiday light storage reel, or create your own storage systems. For example, wrap the lights around an empty paper tube or a cardboard square, or wrap each set of lights and put them in individual plastic bags.

For more post-holiday safety tips, to download footage of how quickly a dry Christmas tree incinerates or for photographs related to holiday decoration safety, go to http://www.ul.com/newsroom or http://www.nfpa.org.

Prevent The Criminalization Of Canines

The ASPCA® (The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals®) applauded the state of Illinois in its pursuit of justice toward all—including our canine companions. On Jan. 1, Illinois became the first state in the nation to crack down on potentially dangerous and vicious dogs owned by convicted felons, when Public Act 94-0818 took effect.

"We and the entire animal-loving community are extremely grateful to Rep. Jerry Mitchell and Sen. William Haine for sponsoring this extremely important public safety bill," said Ed Sayres, president and CEO of the ASPCA. "Gang members, who are often legally prohibited from owning armed weapons, frequently use dogs as weapons to intimidate community members. This innovative act was designed to make our communities safer, and is a major step forward in correctly administering and regulating 'dangerous dog' laws. I commend these far-sighted lawmakers for this act of public service."

Public Act 94-0818 will make it a Class A misdemeanor for a person convicted of a felony to own, possess, have custody of or reside in a residence with, an un-spayed or un-neutered dog older than 12 weeks of age, or any dog deemed "vicious" under the Illinois Animal Control Act. Further, any dog owned, possessed by, or in the custody of a person convicted of one of the listed felonies, must be micro chipped for permanent identification.

Research has shown that sterilized animals are less likely to behave aggressively, bite or be involved in fatal attacks. The illegal blood sport of dog fighting involves intact dogs. According to Karen Delise, author of Fatal Dog Attacks, there were 28 fatal dog attacks in the United States in 2005—and 90 percent of the dogs involved in fatal attacks were not spayed or neutered. Additionally, a 2002 Texas Severe Animal Attack Survey revealed that 81 percent of the dogs involved in severe attacks on people were not spayed or neutered.

Investing In Action Program

Edward Jones investment representative Janet H. O'Brien of Palos Park is hosting a free broadcast presentation titled "Perception vs. Reality: How to Stay Focused on What Matters" at 10:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 9th at 8101 W. 123rd St. in Palos Park.

It's easy to be influenced by news coverage regarding the war, economy, deficit, oil or trade. But these short-term news events should not cause investors to alter their long-term investment strategy.

Join Edward Jones Chief Market Strategist Alan Skrainka and special guest former Secretary of Defense William Cohen as they help put these news events and their potential impact into perspective.

This interactive event is presented at select Edward Jones branch offices nationwide via the firm's private video network.

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CAGW Names Sen. Tom Harkin Porker Of The Month

Last week, Citizens Against Government Waste (CAGW) named Sen. Tom Harkin (D-Iowa) Porker of the Month for proudly proclaiming himself to be an unabashed supporter of earmarks.

On Nov. 25, The New York Times published a story on incoming Appropriations subcommittee chairs, or "Cardinals." The article quoted Sen. Harkin as saying, "I happen to be a supporter of earmarks, unabashedly. But I don't call them earmarks. It is 'Congressional directed spending.'"

This is a prime example of Washington double-speak because all federal spending is directed by Congress. Sen. Harkin implies that Congress can spend money however it wants and that earmarking is a normal part of the budget process. In reality, earmarking is a secretive, corrupting and wasteful practice that bypasses normal budget procedures. That is why most earmarks are properly called "pork." Furthermore, the proliferation and widespread abuse of earmarks is a relatively recent phenomenon.

The Times also noted Sen. Harkin's habit of earmarking millions of dollars in defense spending for breast cancer research. He responded, "Now, was that bad?" If you left it to the Defense Department, they never would have done it."

The reason the Defense Department does not conduct research on its own accord is that such spending, along with thousands of other pork-barrel projects costing nearly $15 billion last year, falls outside its national security mission. In fiscal 2005, the federal government spent $560.1 million on breast cancer research through the National Cancer Institute. If Sen. Harkin wants more funding for breast cancer research, his proposal should be debated, authorized, and integrated into the federal government's existing research framework; not snuck into an unrelated bill. The duplication of efforts across different departments and agencies weakens the government's overall approach to all research.

Sen. Harkin, set to chair the Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies Appropriations Subcommittee in the 110th Congress, has helped to pull in $275,503,642 in pork for his state since 2000, including $1,000,000 for development of an American River Museum in Dubuque (2002) and $250,000 for the National Cattle Congress in Waterloo (2006).

A recently-announced, year-long joint resolution will apparently stave off the earmarks in the nine unfinished appropriations bills for fiscal 2007. Also, a "moratorium" on earmarks is in place until budget reforms are passed. For defending earmarking in the face of widespread agreement over its defects, for bringing home hundreds of millions of dollars in pork-barrel spending, and for muddying the priorities of federal departments, CAGW names Sen. Tom Harkin its Porker of the Month for December 2006.

The Citizens Against Government Waste is the nation's largest nonpartisan, nonprofit organization dedicated to eliminating waste, fraud, abuse, and mismanagement in government. Porker of the Month is a dubious honor given to lawmakers, government officials, and political candidates who have shown a blatant disregard for the interests of taxpayers.

Letter To The Editor

The Big Fence

The U.S. is going to build a big, new 700-mile-long fence along its southern boundary with Mexico. It makes me wonder how the Mex-American Fence will differ from the China Wall, the Berlin Wall, the Iron Curtain, the Moinot Line, and the Israeli-Palestinian Wall.

"Good fences make good neighbors," Robert Frost's neighbor said.

I just want to know where they are going to put the gates, how close together, whose going to watch the fence, whether the fence will be costly or whether Congress is just going to "Charge it."

s/s James E. Gierach
Oak Lawn

Statement From Gov. Blagojevich On The Passing Of President Gerald Ford

"President Ford ascended to the country's highest office during a very difficult and divisive time in our nation's history. With honesty and integrity, President Ford emphasized cooperation and helped restore the public's confidence in its government.

"My wife Patti and I extend our deepest sympathy to the Ford family. All of America will mourn the loss of a great public servant."

Successful Marketing & Selling

Attend a half-day workshop on Tuesday, Jan. 9th from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., offered by SCORE, Counselors to America's Small Business. Learn how to find your prospects and keep them as customers. This workshop is one of four required for a SCORE Workshop Completion Certificate, helpful when seeking a loan. Attendees should be in business or planning to start one.

Register and pay the $35 fee on line, www.scorechicago.org. Walk-in same-day registration and pay at the door $45. Space is limited. Call (312) 353-7724 any weekday morning with questions.

All Points Southwest

By THOMAS E. GAVIN

Happy New Year to each of our readers and friends! As we reflect upon the joys and disappointments of last year we are certain to remember that we, as Americans, have much for which to be thankful. All Points respectfully requests that each of us consider the work and services that our elected officials and their employees (many of them our neighbors) provide for us each day. Municipal, Township, City, State and National elected officials continually contribute in making America what it is today. Additionally, let us not forget our men and women in the United States Armed Forces. Because of their unselfish commitment and dedication, we are able to enjoy our daily lives, safe in the knowledge that our military personnel are protecting our right to enjoy a lifestyle of our choosing, not one that would be forced upon us by a rival nation. Our humble thanks.

Thankfully the founding fathers of this great nation formulated plans including the right and privilege for each of us to reasonably agree or disagree with our elected leaders. That right is our ability to elect our leaders. In large measure our system of electing individuals to serve us in public office is a testimonial and legacy to be appreciated and preserved.

Now that 2007 is upon us, we would encourage readers to cultivate an interest in what is taking place in their respective grammar, high school, and community college districts. Make the time to learn how your tax money is being used and how productive are the results relative to students and educators. A progressive, effective community body deserves accountability.

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Looking back upon 2006, we could site numerous bills and legislative initiatives which are notable in their own right. However, one of the most significant pieces of legislation enacted was Senate Bill 1268, increasing the minimum wage to $7.50 per hour in July 2007 and to $8.25 an hour by 2010. Senate Bill 1268, co-sponsored by State Rep. Marlow Colvin (D-Chicago) and Larry McKeon (D-Chicago) and State Sen. Kimberly Lightford (D-Maywood) will potentially impact 647,000 workers in Illinois.

Under the terms of the legislation, the state's minimum wage will rise by $1 to $7.50 per hour beginning July 1, 2007. The legislation further includes annual increases for three years: to $7.75 in July 2008, $8 in July 2009, and $8.25 in 2010. A full time minimum wage worker will see their annual income increase from $13,520 to $15,600 per year. By 2010, the yearly income for a full time minimum wage earner will be $17,160.

This is the second time in Gov. Blagojevich's administration that he has signed legislation raising the minimum wage. The first increase in 2003 was from $5.15 an hour to $6.50 an hour. When the final rate of $8.25 per hour takes effect in 2010, Illinois will have increased pay for minimum wage workers by $3.10 per hour, or 60 percent. This makes Illinois a national leader in wages for workers.

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In response to a new study that asserts both scientific justification and a competitive role for the U.S. in building a modified Rare Isotope Accelerator (RIA), U.S. Rep. Judy Biggert (R-IL-13th) and Sen. Dick Durbin (D-IL) are urging the Bush Administration to accelerate construction of the project.

Argonne National Laboratory in Darien, Illinois and Michigan State University in East Lansing, Michigan are the two likely builders for the project, estimated to cost $500 to $600 million. A U.S. rare isotope research facility will be the world's most powerful research facility dedicated to the production and exploration of new rare isotopes that are not found naturally on Earth. It will enable advancements in nuclear physics, astrophysics, biology, medicine, food safety, and environmental protection. We'll keep our eyes on this project.

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All Points has learned that Orland Township is offering medical emergency ID bracelets to residents of Orland Hills, Orland Park, the Western half of Tinley Park, and the Unincorporated area of Orland Township. Priced at only $8 for stainless steel and $10 for gold plated bracelets, this is an excellent promotion to ensure the good health and medical histories of area residents. The purpose of the Emergency ID Bracelet program is to make critical information available to an emergency responder.

For more information on this worthwhile program, call Sue Bienias, Health Service Coordinator for Orland Township, at (708) 403-4222.

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Governors State University's Graduate Program in Reading is sponsoring The Literacy Zone, a reading tutorial program for students in grades 6 through 12.

"This is a one-to-one program that brings students experiencing reading problems together with teachers who have the skills to help them," stated Dr. Mary Hession, Coordinator of the Literacy Zone.

Students meet on campus with certified, experienced teachers enrolled in the Master of Arts Reading Program at GSU. Sessions are on Tuesdays from 4:45 to 6:30 p.m. from Jan. 23rd through April 10th. Enrollment is limited. There is a $100 registration fee. However, $30 is refunded to the parents/guardians of those students who complete the program with good attendance and return all Literacy Zone materials. Transportation is not provided.

For more information, call (708) 534-4129 or email m-hession@govst.edu.

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South Suburban College's Human Services program is hosting an Open House on Tuesday, Jan. 9th, from 6 to 7:30 p.m., in the Heritage Room (located on the first floor of the main campus). The Open House will provide information about the college's unique program that prepares graduates for career opportunities working with individuals, families, groups, and communities to enhance social functioning and improve the quality of life for others. SSC is showcasing a revised state-of-the-art curriculum that was approved by the Illinois Community College Board earlier this year.

For more information about the Human Services Program at SSC, contact Ms. Wise at (708) 596-2000, ext. 2277 or e-mail vwise@southsuburbancollege.edu. Registration is now in progress for spring semester; classes begin Tuesday, Jan. 16th. Call (708) 210-5718 for registration information or visit www.SouthSuburbanCollege.edu. South Suburban College is located at 15800 S. State St., South Holland, IL.

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New Law Allows Consumers To Reduce Risk Of Identity Theft

Illinois consumers will have access to a powerful new tool to stop identity thieves from opening new credit in their names.

Attorney General Lisa Madigan recently joined with consumer advocates to remind Illinoisans that under a law that took effect on Jan. 1st, all Illinois residents will be able to place a "security freeze" on their credit reports. A security freeze prohibits the credit bureaus from releasing a credit report without the consumer's permission, making it much harder for imposters to obtain a credit card or open a credit line in the consumer's name.

To take advantage of this new law and place a security freeze, consumers must make a written request to each of the three major credit bureaus – TransUnion, Equifax and Experian. Once the freeze is in place, only the consumer can authorize access to his or her credit report, using a personal identification number provided by the bureaus to lift the freeze temporarily.

Madigan and consumer advocates believe this tool will reduce the incidence of identity theft in Illinois, which in 2005 ranked 10th in the nation for identity theft complaints filed with the Federal Trade Commission.

Credit bureaus have up to three days to "thaw" a freeze once a consumer authorizes them to do so. Although a freeze may limit a consumer's access to instant credit, most delays can be avoided by simply planning ahead.

For example, if consumers know they will be shopping for credit on a Saturday or Sunday, they can call the bureaus during the week to have the freeze temporarily lifted for the weekend. Consumers also can authorize their credit reports to be released to a specific store or creditor, such as an automobile dealership.

The cost for most Illinois consumers to place, temporarily lift, or permanently remove the freeze is $10 for each transaction at each credit bureau. There is no cost for victims of identity theft. Persons 65 and older can place or remove a freeze for free, but they may have to pay a $10 fee to lift it temporarily.

On a related note, Madigan also announced her plans to introduce a bill in the upcoming legislative session to establish in her office an Identity Theft and Privacy Protection Unit. The unit, which Madigan described as an outgrowth of her office's year-old Identity Theft Hotline and Identity Theft Complaint Unit, will be dedicated to promoting and protecting the privacy rights of Illinois consumers. Unit staff will assist victims of identity theft, educate the public on privacy issues, coordinate with local law enforcement on identity theft investigations, and advise businesses and governmental agencies on how best to safeguard the personal information that they collect.

For more information on how to request and use a security freeze, Madigan urged consumers to visit her office's Web site at http://www.illinoisattorneygeneral.gov/consumers/hotline.html. Consumers also can contact Attorney General Madigan's Identity Theft Hotline at 1(866) 999-5630, TTY 1(877) 844-5461.

Provides Affordable Utility Reconnection

As part of Governor Rod R. Blagojevich's Keep Warm Illinois campaign, officials from his administration announced the start of the Good Samaritan Initiative for the 2006-2007 winter season. The initiative provides more affordable reconnection terms to Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) recipients who have had their utilities services disconnected. Nicor Gas, Peoples Energy, and Ameren have agreed to again participate in the Good Samaritan Initiative for the fourth consecutive year. For information on energy assistance or conservation tips, families can visit the Keep Warm Illinois website at www.keepwarm.illinois.gov or call the toll-free Keep Warm Illinois hotline at 1 (877) 411-WARM.

The Good Samaritan Initiative will help disconnected low-income customers by reducing the amount that the utility companies require to restore service. LIHEAP beneficiaries, whose outstanding balances are too high to be covered by a LIHEAP grant alone but less than $3,000, will need to pay only $250 or 20 percent of the remaining balance, whichever is less, to have their service restored. Customers must also set up payment plans with their utilities for the remainder of their balance.

Illinois citizens are encouraged to contribute to the Good Samaritan Trust Fund. The fund, which was established by law in 2003, allows Illinois residents and businesses to voluntarily contribute money toward the heating bills of low-income families. Contributions will benefit low-income residents of the country from which funds were donated and are tax deductible. To voluntarily contribute to the Good Samaritan Energy Trust Fund, send tax-deductible donations to the Good Samaritan Trust Fund, P.O. Box 19154, Springfield, IL 62794.

LIHEAP is a state- and federally-funded energy assistance program that assists households with incomes of up to 150 percent of the federal poverty level. A single-person household can qualify with a monthly income of up to $1,225, a two-person household up to $1,650, and a family of four can earn up to $2,500. LIHEAP energy grant applications are processed through a network of 35 local Administering Agencies around the state. The winter heating program is expected to serve 300,000 households this winter with an estimated $150 million in state and federal funding. For a complete listing of LIHEAP's local administering agencies and additional information about the grant program, go to www.liheapillinois.com, or call the toll-free Keep Warm Illinois hotline at 1 (877) 411-WARM.

Governor Blagojevich launched the Keep Warm Illinois campaign and website in October to help all Illinoisans stay warm, healthy and safe this winter. The campaign brings state agencies together to coordinate efforts in preparing communities across the state for high home heating costs this winter. The Keep Warm Illinois website www.keepwarm.illinois.gov offers various no-cost and low-cost energy saving tips, a web-based tool to conduct a home energy audit, links to energy assistance programs and other resources. In addition, the Keep Warm Illinois hotline is another resource for Illinois residents to learn how to save energy and get energy assistance.

Nature Works Cafe

"Nature Works Café" is a free book discussion group for adults that explores the many voices of nature writers. Here you can discuss classics, non-fiction and fiction alike, contemporary and anything else that suits your interests. "Nature Works Café" will hold its next meeting on Thursday, Jan. 11th at 7 p.m. at Plum Creek Nature Center in Beecher.

The selection to be discussed at the program is *Under the Sea Wind* by Rachel Carson. Participants should read the book beforehand and bring a copy to the program.

The nature center is fully accessible.

For more information, call (815) 727-8700.

Plum Creek Nature Center is located in Goodenow Grove Forest Preserve, 1.25 miles east of the intersection of Routes 1 and 394 on Goodenow Rd., south of Crete.

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Adult Learner Information Sessions

If you're an adult considering college, but concerned how you'll fit in classes around your family, job and other responsibilities, Moraine Valley can help.

Moraine Valley offers daytime, evening, weekend, one-day-a-week, directed study and short-term classes that can be planned around even the busiest schedules. The college's neighborhood extension sites may offer classes that are even closer to home than its main campus. Still a tight fit for your schedule? Moraine Valley also offers classes on DVD, and online classes that can help you earn credit from the comfort of your own home, or fast-track degree programs that allow you to earn a degree in as little as 18 months.

Moraine Valley offers adult information sessions throughout the spring semester. Sessions will be held on the following Wednesdays at 6 p.m. in Moraine Room 4 located on the second floor of the College Center on campus, 9000 W. College Parkway in Palos Hills: Jan. 10th and 17th, Feb. 21st, March 21st, April 18th and May 23rd.

The audience for these sessions will include a combination of returning adults who have never stepped foot onto a college campus, adults who are in a career transition and adults who have taken classes at the college but have not pursued a degree. These events are free to the public and offered for those who are interested in getting a sense of the college scene before committing to college coursework.

During the sessions, college staff will discuss details about the college and the benefits of a college education. Career programs and degrees are explained and contrasted in detail, as well as programs and resources offered to low-income adults, displaced workers, or women returning to the workplace. The information sessions will conclude with a question-and-answer session and individual counseling for those who request it. Opportunities to apply for admission also are available. Refreshments will be served.

Student success is the top priority at Moraine Valley, and the college offers many means to that end. The college houses a Children's Learning Center for students with young children, and the small class sizes and highly qualified faculty and staff will ensure that students get the attention they need.

For more information, call Moraine Valley's Admissions Office at (708) 974-5355 or e-mail admissions@morainevalley.edu

Adult Skiing Program

"Ski the Dunes," a two-day adult skiing outing to the Indiana Dunes, will be on Saturday, Feb. 10th at 9 a.m. through Sunday, Feb. 11th at 12:30 p.m. Registration by Jan. 9th and a fee are required.

Kick the winter blues with a trip to the beautiful Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore. Join us for a 4.6-mile cross- country ski trip through the Cowles Bog Trail, one of the most spectacular trails in the national preserve. The trail winds up and over dunes as it brings you down to the shores of Lake Michigan. We will view the shelf ice that forms on Lake Michigan as well as any wildlife we may see along the way.

After a day of skiing, we will stay the night at the Spring House Inn, a quaint bed and breakfast nestled in a wooded setting overlooking a creek. On Sunday morning you will have an opportunity to ski a shorter trail or just sleep in and enjoy breakfast before returning to Will County.

Bring a sack lunch for the trail on Saturday. Cross-country skis will be provided.

We will depart from the Environmental Learning Center in Mokena at 9 a.m. on Feb. 10th and return to the Center at 12:30 p.m. on Feb. 11th.

The cost for the outing is $160 per couple and $130 per single.

Registrants will receive directions to the Environmental Learning Center, which is open by permit only.

The registration deadline is Jan. 9th. To register, call (815) 727-8700.

ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

Lily Society Announces Education Series

The Wisconsin Illinois Lily Society program starts its series of four free, interactive public slide/show lectures at 2 p.m. on Sunday Jan. 14, as part of its free public education program this Spring at the Chicago Botanic Garden. All four talks open to the public, will emphasize audience participation, and will be held in the Garden's new Regenstein Center.

The first slide show/talk, on Sunday, Jan. 14, is "Companion Plants For Lilies" presented by well-known author Pam Duthie. She is president of The Gifted Gardener, a well-known garden design firm, president of the international Landscape Design Association, long-time instructor at the Chicago Botanic Garden, author of many books on gardening and garden design, and speaks widely throughout the Chicago area on these subjects.

The second slide show/lecture is at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 11. Carolyn Ulrich, will present a slide show lecture on "Garden Design Through the Ages." Well-known speaker and author, Ulrich is editor of Chicagoland Gardening Magazine, and has won several Garden Writers Association Quill and Trowel awards for outstanding achievement. Mrs. Ulrich's articles on gardens and gardening have appeared in numerous regional and national gardening magazines, and she has led many garden tours throughout Europe.

Those attending will learn the highlights of how gardens have evolved over the ages, as gardeners have searched for their own bits of paradise on earth.

The third slide show/lecture, "How To Put Glam in Your Garden With Lilies," will be on Sunday, March 11, also at 2 p.m. It will be presented by Winnetka resident Woodruff Imberman, President of the Wisconsin Illinois Lily Society, who lectures on lilies at garden clubs throughout Illinois. Imberman is the author of numerous articles in many horticultural magazines on lilies.

Those attending will learn how to grow lilies best suited for the soil and climate in the Chicagoland area, and be taught simple propagation techniques.

The Lily Society's Spring bulb sale will be held starting at 1 p.m. on March 11, just before the lecture, providing audience members an opportunity to purchase unusual lily bulbs at inexpensive prices.

The final session of the series, at 2 p.m. on Sunday, April 1, will be by a panel of regional lily authorities who will answer audience questions on how to grow lilies and prepare them for shows. Those attending will learn tips from experienced lily experts on how they grow and show their favorite flower.

The mission of the Wisconsin Illinois Lily Society, an affiliate of the North American Lily Society, is to further the knowledge and propagation of true lilies.

Winter Wedding Faire

The Hilton Oak Lawn, 9333 S. Cicero Ave., will host a Winter Wedding Faire and Fashion Show on Thursday, Jan. 4th. Doors open at 5:30. The fashion show begins at 8 p.m.

House of Brides will be featuring a fabulous wedding gown collection. Black Tie Formalwear will be showing their latest formalwear attire. Music by professional DJ service.

Prospective brides are encouraged to come early and visit with more than 40 exhibitors who can help plan the perfect wedding. Register for fabulous door prizes; enjoy cheese and champagne when you take a tour of the hotel's suites and Tower Room. Every bride touring the suites receives a chance to win an overnight in the Jacuzzi Suite. Special discounts are available to show attendees. Book any one of the hotel's three Honeymoon Packages the evening of the Bridal Show to receive a 20% discount.

Before the show visit with florists, hair stylists, makeup artists, formalwear experts, bakeries, photographers, DJs, and view the beautiful limousines on display.

Fabulous door prizes will be raffled off after the fashion show. Winners must be present to win.

An express menu will be available in Whitney's Restaurant from 4 to 6 p.m.

Stop by the Hilton Coffee Corner, proudly brewing Starbucks Coffee. This cozy coffeehouse is tucked inside the Hilton Oak Lawn. You can now enjoy a delicious cup of freshly brewed Starbucks Coffee, the tantalizing taste of Tazo Tea and many specialty drinks.

The Hilton Gift Shoppe will be open until 7 p.m.

Call (708) 229-8850 and receive two free tickets to the show, while the supply lasts. Admission the night of the show is $5.

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Celebrate The Life Of Martin Luther King Jr.

The Field Museum is proud to present two programs celebrating the life of Martin Luther King Jr. during the MLK weekend, Jan. 13th to 15th. Visitors will have the opportunity to honor the life and times of the iconic civil rights movement leader through music and panel discussions.

Voices of Freedom: Re-igniting King's Legacy will feature the Choral Thunder and Trinity United Church of Christ Young Adult Choir. Families will bask in the powerful messages of King's movement as these choirs perform a selection of inspirational music from the era. The performers will traverse the public areas of the museum and end in James Simpson Theatre where guests will learn the significance of each piece. *Voices of Freedom – Re-igniting King's Legacy* will run from Saturday to Monday, Jan. 13th to 15th, at noon each day. Mike Robinson, Program Director of Gospel Radio AM 1390, will serve as emcee for the program. This performance is free with museum admission.

Lisa Brock from Columbia College will serve as the moderator for the panel discussion, *Get Up, Stand Up: Music and The Black World Experience*, on Saturday, Jan. 13th. The lecture will begin at 2 p.m. and panelists will include Joyce A. Joyce from Temple University and Morris Phibbs from Columbia College's Center for Black Music Research. Guests will discover the vast contributions and revolutionary messages of the late Jamaican Reggae singer, Peter Tosh. Panelists will discuss the role that music played in the African-American experience, especially with regards to the African Diaspora in the U.S. and the Caribbean. The panel discussion is free with museum admission.

On Monday, Jan. 13th, general admission to The Field Museum will be waived. General admission to the museum is $12 for adults, $7 for children 4-11, seniors and students with ID. Discounts are available for Chicago residents. The Field Museum is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. For more information, call (312) 922-9410 or visit www.fieldmuseum.org.

My Fair Lady Auditions

The Oak Lawn Park District Theatre group has announced a casting call for its March production of My Fair Lady. Auditions will be Monday and Tuesday; Jan. 8th and 9th at 7 p.m. High school students, age 15 and older, may audition. Come in proper attire and prepared to sing and dance. Auditions will be held at the Oak View Center, 4625 W. 110th Street. My Fair Lady will run for two consecutive weekends, March 9-11 and March 16-18.

Production staff includes: Dave Heilmann, executive producer; Erica Heilmann, producer/director; Julie Benos, assistant director; Cassie Dawe, choreographer; Andy Sheils, musical director; Bill Hansen, conductor; Gil Oliva, lighting and set design:

Tickets for the March production are available at the Oak View Center. Prices are $19 for adults and $18 for senior citizens and children. For more information on auditions or the production, call the Oak Lawn Park District at (708) 857-2200.

Class Reunions

DuSable High School class of 1951 will hold a 55th-year reunion from Sept. 15th to 17th at the Hilton Oak Lawn Hotel. Call (708) 206-0468.

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Harrison High School - Class of 1973 to 1960 Reunion on Sept. 24th from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at The Abbington, 3 South 002, Route 53, Glen Ellyn. Call (708) 366-3423.

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New Trier class of 1986 20th reunion will be held on Nov. 4th at the North Shore Skokie Hotel. Visit www.1986.com.

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Harrison High School, classes of 1965-1969, looking for classmates. Call (773) 507-4669 or (773) 600-8669.

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Farragut High School, classes of 1952-1954, are looking for classmates. Call Carolee (Fotka) Michalek at (815) 407-1934.

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Lourdes High School class of 1978 is looking for classmates. Call (708) 258-9096.

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St. Christopher Alumni Association – looking for all alumni. Visit their web site at www.stchrisalumni.org.

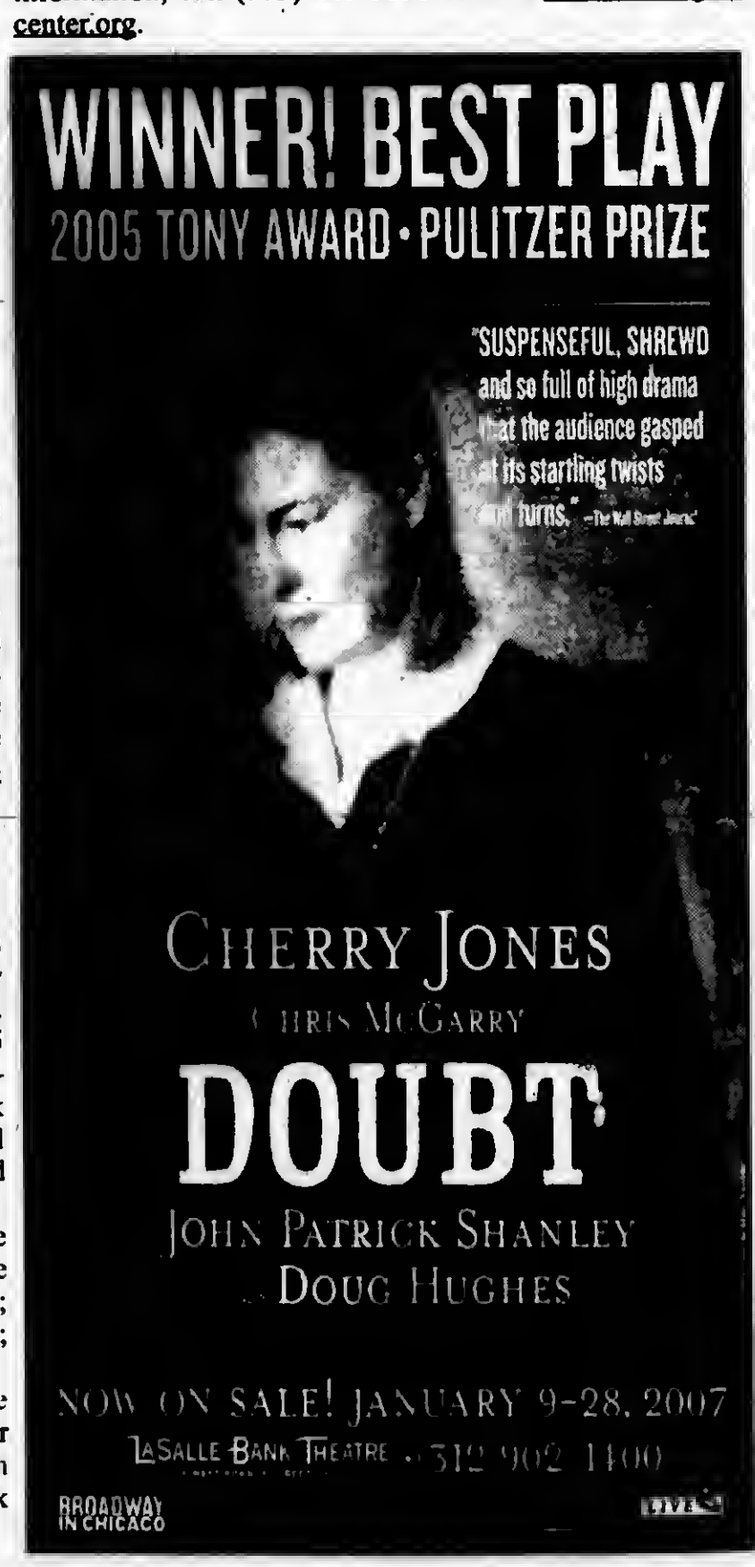
Art Gallery Listings

The Beverly Arts Center, 2407 W. 111th St., announces two new Gallery Listings.

On Saturday, Jan. 6th through Feb. 2nd, the center will present "Significant Others," works by artist couples David and Margie Criner and Rebecca Duff-Campbell and Erik Campbell. An artist reception will be held on Saturday, Jan. 6th from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Atrium Gallery at the center.

Ceramic works by Mia Ishigura and Kristin Kowalski will be presented Jan. 12th through Feb. 10th with an artist reception on Saturday, Jan. 13th, from 6 to 9 p.m. at the East Gallery.

The Beverly Arts Center is open from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is free. For more information, call (773) 445-3838 or visit www.beverlyartcenter.org.



ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

Ron Kittle Is Humanitarian Award Recipient

Ron Kittle, former Chicago White Sox player and the 2007 Crystal Heart Ball Humanitarian Award recipient, toured Little Company of Mary Hospital recently. The Crystal Heart Ball will be held Feb. 3.

At the Crystal Heart Ball, guests will enjoy a cocktail reception beginning at 6:30 p.m. followed by a gourmet meal that will be prepared by Carlyn Berghoff, granddaughter of the famed Berghoff family. Dancing will follow with music provided by City Lights Orchestra. Tickets to this black-tie event are $275 per person with proceeds benefiting Little Company of Mary's Comprehensive Breast Health Center. Attendees can treat friends and/or clients to an elite Diamond Table for $7,500, a Heart of Gold Table for $5,000 or select a Crystal Heart Table for $2,750. For Crystal Heart Ball information, please contact the Little Company of Mary Hospital Foundation at (708) 229-5066.

Pictured from left to right: Little Company of Mary's Foundation Executive Director, Mary Jo May; President and CEO, Dennis Reilly; Ron Kittle; and Crystal Heart Ball Co-Chairs, Kathy and Fred Berglund.

Bob West Appears As Elvis

Friday Jan. 5th, Elvis Tribute Artist Bob West will perform a Special Elvis Birthday Tribute show at Outpost Pub & Grill, 14929 S. Archer Ave. in Lockport.

Reservations are suggested. Showtime is 8 p.m.

For more information and reservations, call 1 (815) 836-8893. Check out Bob's website at www.bobwestelvis.com.

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Wright Plus Benefit Housewalk

The 33rd annual Wright Plus Housewalk, presented by the Frank Lloyd Wright Preservation Trust, will feature interior tours of eight private residences in the Frank Lloyd Wright Historic District, the neighborhood surrounding Wright's Home and Studio in Oak Park. This event, which supports the Trust's preservation, restoration and education programs, has attracted more than 60,000 visitors from around the world since 1975.

From 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on May 19th, guests will have the opportunity to tour private homes designed by Frank Lloyd Wright and renowned contemporaries. Oak Park is home to 27 Wright structures, the largest concentration in the world, and is just a short drive from Chicago's Loop.

"It is a special year for Wright Plus because all of the homes are in the neighborhood of Wright's Home and Studio, many of which were in the neighborhood while he lived here and you really get a feel of the community at this early time in Wright's career," said Joan Mercuri, president and CEO of the Frank Lloyd Wright Preservation Trust.

The private homes open for Wright Plus 2007 are: Peter A. Beachy House (1906), Frank Lloyd Wright; Dr. William H. Copeland House (1909), Frank Lloyd Wright remodel; Joseph Dunlop House (1895)**, Henry G. Fiddelke; James T. Hayden House (1893)*, W.K. Johnson; Arthur B. Heurtley House (1902), Frank Lloyd Wright; Benjamin P. Horton House (1912)*, E.E. Roberts; David J. Kennedy House (1888), Patton & Fisher; T. Lyle Vette House (1905)*, William Barfield.

*New to Wright Plus. **First time on since 1991.

Also open for the housewalk are Wright's Home and Studio (1889/1898), Unity Temple (1905-1908) and Wright's Robie House (1908-1910).

Tickets to this renowned event are now on sale. Simply go to wrightplus.org or call (877) 848-3559. The ticket price is $70 per Preservation Trust member (limit of 4 tickets at discounted price) and $85 per non-member.

For more information on Frank Lloyd Wright Preservation Trust programs, call (708) 848-1976 or visit wrightplus.org.

New Exhibition Opening At Field Museum

Diamonds are not just a girl's best friend, but rather everyone's favorite gem. The Field Museum will present Treasures of the Titans, a new special exhibition showcasing items once owned by famous figures from the 20th century. The exhibition opens in the Museum's Grainger Hall of Gems on Jan. 26 and runs through June 3.

The exhibit will include 30 exquisitely crafted jewels and accessories – designed for and owned by – icons from the arts, political arena, and entertainment industries. The exhibition features a stunning diamond necklace and earrings set once owned by Sophia Loren, in addition to actress Janet Leigh's beautiful ruby studded golden powder case, Elton John's commemorative world tour pin, and a striking diamond tiara which belonged to Princess Grace of Monaco.

Curated by the National Jewelry Institute, Treasures of the Titans presents objects that reflect the character and style of the people who possessed them. The Institute is a non-profit organization that preserves, researches, and exhibits fine jewelry from all over the world. The Institute hopes to educate the public while positioning jewelry as more than a collection of precious stones, but also as pieces of art. A bangle once worn by Princess Sadruddin Aga Khan (known in the fashion world as model Nina Dyer) helps support the Institute's initiative. The bracelet is comprised of two panther heads made with circular diamonds and sapphire specs, complemented with emerald eyes and an onyx rose—it is a masterpiece.

The Grainger Hall of Gems houses over 300 gems, precious and semi-precious stones, crystals, minerals specimens, and artifacts. Guests can view priceless gems such as a fist-sized piece of blue topaz and a Tiffany stained-glass window while viewing Treasures of the Titans.

The exhibit is free with general admission to The Field Museum ($12 for adults, $7 for children 4-11, seniors and students with ID). Discounts are available for Chicago residents. The Field Museum is open daily 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., with the last ticket sold at 4 p.m., and is located at 1400 S. Lake Shore Drive in Chicago. For more information, call (312) 922-9410 or visit www.fieldmuseum.org.

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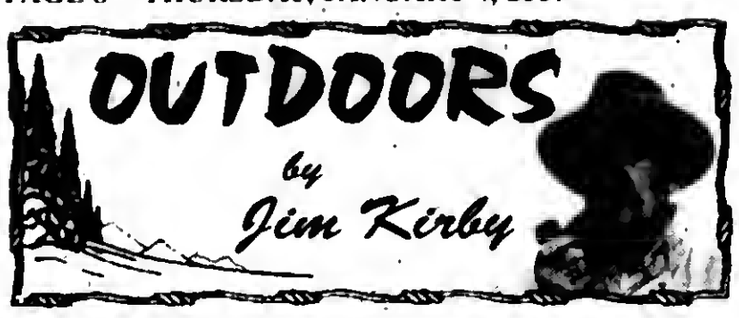

IT'S SHOW TIME: This weekend kicks off the round of outdoor shows that will be going on through March. Unfortunately, many of these shows overlap, so you have to decide in advance which ones you want to take in. Here is a chronological list of the shows to help in planning:

***Jan. 4-7:** Northwest Chicago Sports Show – Arlington Park, Arlington Hts. The show features fishing tackle, seminars, fishing destinations, over 100 exhibitors, and an outstanding multi-species speaker's list. www.nwchicagosportsshow.com.

***Jan. 10-14:** Chicagoland Outdoors Show – Stephens Convention Center, Rosemont. www.chicagoland-sportsshow.com.

***Jan. 11-14:** All-Canada Show – Pheasant Run, St. Charles. This show features Canadian exhibitors and seminar speakers zeroing in on Canadian fishing. *Travelers to Canada in 2007 are required to possess a valid passport to re-enter the U.S. Through a partnership with the U.S. Postal Service the All-Canada Show is offering passport applications right at the show, including passport photographs.* www.allcanada.com.

***Jan. 12-14:** Chicago Muskie Show – Harper College, Palatine. For well over a decade the Chicago Muskie Show has been the largest muskie show in the country. Plenty of exhibitors and 15 free seminars by famous speakers including Patricia Strutz, the first woman to present a seminar at the show. www.chicago-muskieshow.com. (847) 328-6200.

***Jan. 13-14:** The Fly Fishing Show – Renaissance Center Schaumburg Convention Center. www.flyfishing show.com/Chicago/. (800) 420-7582.

***Jan. 17-21:** Chicago Boat RV & Outdoors Show – McCormick Place. www.ChicagoBoatShow.com. (312) 946-6242.

***Jan. 27-28:** Adventures in Travel Expo – Stephens Convention Center, Rosemont. www.adventureexpo.com.

***Jan. 27-28:** Hammond Outdoor Sports Show – Jean Shepherd Community Center, Hammond, Indiana. www.gohammond.com. (219) 554-0155.

***Feb. 1-4:** Strictly Sail Chicago – Navy Pier. www.strictlysail.com. (401) 841-0900.

***Feb. 9-11:** Our World Underwater – Stephens Convention Center, Rosemont. www.ourworldunderwater.com.

***Feb. 10-11:** Tinley Park Fishing and Outdoor Show – Tinley Park High School. www.tinleypark fishingshow.com. (708) 444-0921. *NOTE: This is a local, inexpensive show for the entire family to enjoy.*

***Feb. 14-18:** Schaumburg Boat and Sportshow, Renaissance Schaumburg Convention Center. www.SchaumburgBoatShow.com.

***Feb. 15-18:** Chicago RV Camping and Boat Show – Stephens Convention Center, Rosemont. www.thervshow.com.

***Feb. 16-18:** Great Waters Fly Fishing Expo 2007 – The Westin Chicago Northwest, Itasca. www.greatwaters2007.com.

***Feb. 17-18:** Southwest Chicago Fishing and Boating Show – Lockport East High School www.lockportfishing show.com. (815) 838-0790. NOTE: This is another great show, close to home, with plenty to see and do for the entire family.

***Feb. 23-25:** Illinois Deer & Turkey Classic – Interstate Center, Bloomington. www.deerinfo.com. (800) 324-3337.

***March 2-4:** Extreme Muskie Expo – DuPage Expo Center, St. Charles. www.extrememuskieexpo.com. (847) 392-9718.

Make your plans to attend at least one of the outdoor shows. This is an opportunity to talk to the pros regarding equipment and tactics in the field and on the water. The seminars are free and geared for all ages.

The Tinley Park and Lockport East shows, in addition to being close to home, don't cost an arm and a leg to get in. There is plenty of free parking. The seminars are conducted by local outdoor personalities who are eager to answer any questions you might have. The kids won't get bored; special events are planned just for them.

PERSONAL COMMENT: This is a good time to mention that any items or comments appearing in this column are of my own doing and do not reflect the policies of this publication.

I try to strike a balance between hunting and fishing, and make every effort to include boating, camping, conservation, governmental actions affecting the outdoors, and include news items relating to local events.

My fishing and hunting reports are garnered from contacts deemed reliable, and my own personal observations in the field or on the water.

If you have an item you would like to see published in this column (club activities, successful trip afield with photos, comments in general, etc.) feel free to call me at (708) 448-4960.

St. Xavier Wins Tournament

Senior guard Candis Jackson scored a game-high 18 points and was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player as No. 9 St. Xavier University cruised to a convincing 83-55 victory over St. Ambrose University (Iowa) in Friday's championship game of the 2006 Christmas Tip-Off Tournament at the Shannon Center in Chicago. The Cougars improve to 15-1 overall this season with the victory and close out the month of December with a perfect 10-0 mark. In addition to Jackson, senior guard Angie Brown and junior forward Jackie Heine also represented SXU on the all-tournament squad.

Brown was the only other St. Xavier player to score in double figures on Friday posting 12 points, including three three-pointers. Sophomore forward Abiola Amure, sophomore guard Sarah Wilson and freshman forward Erin Hannemann each chipped in eight points in the winning effort. Junior forward Tara Breshock led the rebounding effort for SXU with nine rebounds, while Jackson helped lead the defensive front with a game-high four steals.

In the first half, SXU used a 16-0 run over an eight-minute stretch, which started near the 12-minute mark, to break a 9-9 tie and build a 25-9 lead. The Cougars closed out the half on a 10-5 run to take a 35-14 into halftime. The St. Xavier defense frustrated St. Ambrose offense in the first half helping to cause 18 turnovers and holding the Queen Bees to just 18 percent shooting (4-for-22) from the field. In the game, SXU scored 28 of its 83 points off of 29 SAU turnovers.

The rest of the 2006 SXU Christmas Tip-Off All-Tournament Team consisted of: senior forward Laura Panozzo, sophomore forward Michelle Hamblin, sophomore forward Jen Moor, senior forward Amy Berry, junior center Kristin Allen, sophomore guard Kristina Yedinak, senior guard Cathy Mangan and senior forward Jennifer Goetz.

St. Xavier (15-1 overall) takes a break from its schedule until the New Year returning to action on Tuesday, Jan. 9th with its conference opener against Olivet Nazarene University (Ill.). Game time is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. in Bourbonnais.

Night Owls Program

"Night Owls," a free, all-age family program sponsored by the Forest Preserve District of Will County, will be on Friday, Jan. 19th at 7 p.m. at Plum Creek Nature Center in Beecher. Registration is required by Jan. 17th.

Owls have appeared in many a myth and legend throughout time. At "Night Owls" we will discuss some of these stories and look at the owl's role in the environment. Winter is the breeding time for owls, and we will hike through Goodenow Grove in search of these fascinating creatures. With any luck we may get to hear their distinctive call. So join us as we discover the interesting behavior of some of Will County's intriguing birds of prey.

A portion of the program will be spent outside hiking preserve trails, which are composed of gravel and natural grass. Dress for the weather.

Plum Creek Nature Center is located in Goodenow Grove Forest Preserve, 1.25 miles east of the intersection of Routes 1 and 394 on Goodenow Road in Crete Township.

For information and registration, call (815) 727-8700.

Marsupial Program

"Marsupial Magic," a free, all-age family program sponsored by the Forest Preserve District of Will County, will be on Saturday, Jan. 20th at 1 p.m. at Plum Creek Nature Center in Beecher. Registration is required by Jan. 19th.

With more than 300 species in the world, marsupials are equipped with a special fold of skin which allows mothers to carry their young while freeing their paws for other uses. At "Marsupial Magic" we will take a look at this weird but fascinating group of animals. We will make a marsupial craft and eat some snacks a marsupial would enjoy. Best of all, you will get to meet a real live member of the marsupial family and learn which marsupial lives right in Will County.

Plum Creek Nature Center is fully accessible.

Plum Creek Nature Center is located in Goodenow Grove Forest Preserve, 1.25 miles east of the intersection of Routes 1 and 394 on Goodenow Road in Crete Township.

For information and registration, call (815) 727-8700.

Musher Mania

"Musher Mania," a free, all-age family program sponsored by the Forest Preserve District of Will County, will be on Saturday, Jan. 13th from 12 noon to 4 p.m. at Monee Reservoir.

Hear the "call of the wild" at this winter dog sledding program where The Siberian Club of Greater Chicago will provide presentations on "mushing." Bring the entire family to watch these trained dogs in live demonstrations of their strength and teamwork. Pull a sled at the "Human Mushing" demo, run a snowshoe race, roast marshmallows by a fire, or have a picture taken with a sled dog. A warming room will be available with coffee, hot chocolate and snacks for sale.

The day's schedule is: 12 noon to 1 p.m.: Presentation: History of Iditarod and Basic Dog Sledding; 12 noon to 4 p.m.: Pictures taken with a sled dog and human mushing; 1:30 to 2 p.m.: Snowshoe races; 2:15 to 3:15 p.m.: Presentation: Alaska – Where Men are Men and Women Win the Iditarod.

Weather doesn't stop these dogs, so don't let it stop you from joining in. The demonstrations will take place with or without snow. (If there is no snow cover, the demonstrations will be done on sleds with wheels.) For safety reasons, please do not bring your own dog to this program.

"Musher Mania" will be held out of doors, and the ground could be snow covered. Walkways will be cleared.

Monee Reservoir is located at 27341 Ridgeland Ave., west of Route 50 and south of Pauling Road, 2.0 miles south of Monee.

For more information, call (815) 727-8700.

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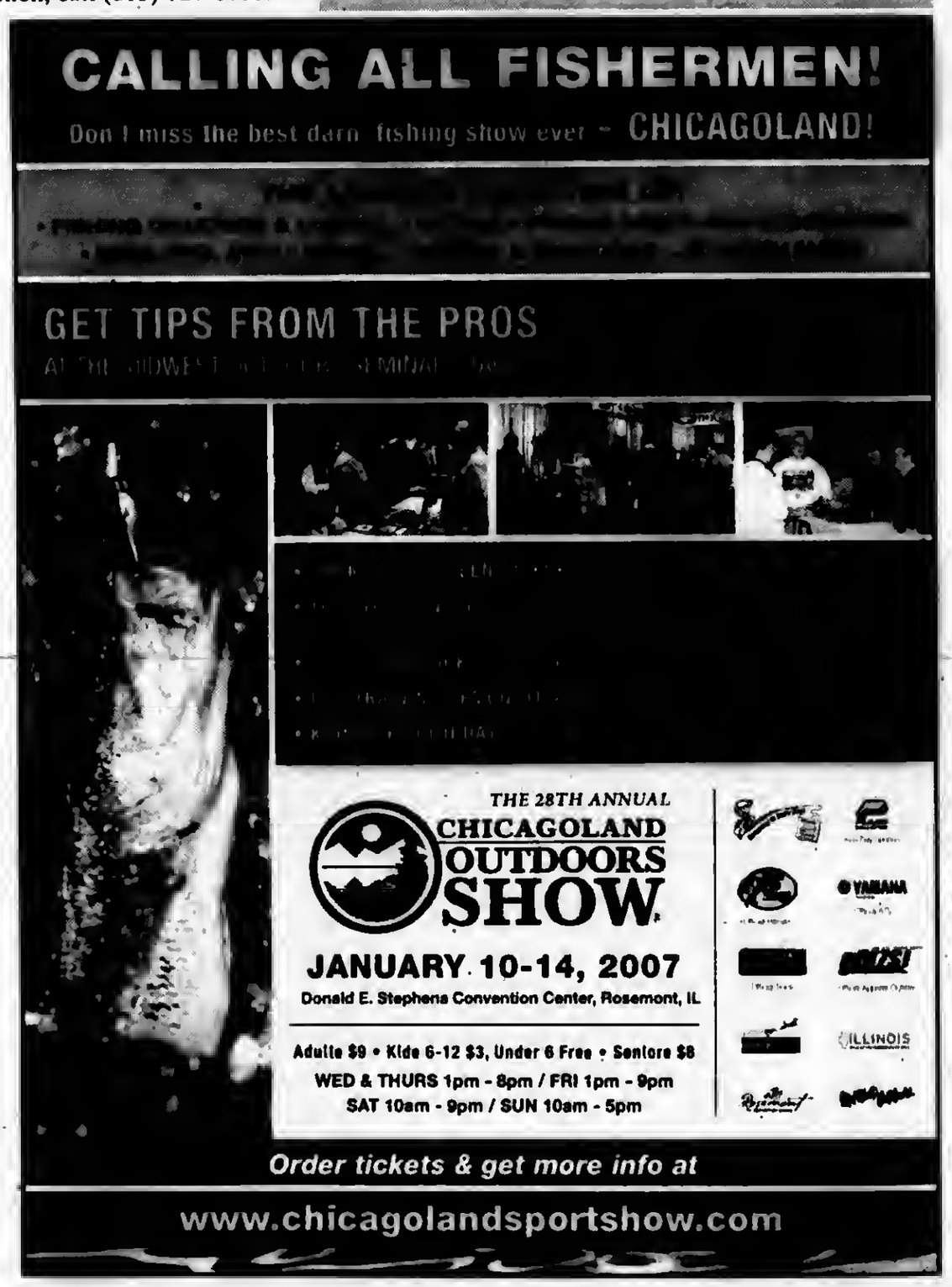

Moraine Valley Trustees Approve $5.25 Million Bond Sale

The Moraine Valley Board of Trustees approved the college's second bond issue Dec. 19 for $5.25 million as part of the $89 million expansion project the community approved last spring.

"This $5.25 million sale is aimed at the retail market of investors," said Robert Sterkowitz, the college's chief financial officer. "This sale give the community an opportunity to invest in Moraine Valley." Bonds will be sold in $5,000 denominations and will pay interest semiannually at rates set on the sale date of Dec. 19, based on prevailing municipal market interest rates.

Trustees approved the first sale of $10 million at their November meeting and are expected to approve the final issuance of $73.75 million in late summer or early fall of 2007. The Moody's bond rating of Aa1 and the tax rate of 5.5 cents per $100 of equalized assessed valuation remains the same as it did for the first sale. The first sale will fund architectural work and preliminary construction planning costs, and the second and third phases will fund the construction and renovation projects.

The Aa1 rating, according to Moody's, "reflects the district's substantial and economically diverse tax base; consistently sound financial operations supported by healthy reserves; and a favorable debt profile." Moody's also noted that it anticipates the district's "strong financial position to continue for the foreseeable future given its historically conservative budgeting practices...and strong management team."

Because of the top rating and favorable market conditions, Moraine Valley was able to lower the tax rate to 5.5 cents per $100 of equalized assessed valuation. An owner of a home valued at $200,000, for example, can expect to pay an additional $50 in taxes in 2007. During the referendum campaign last spring, college officials conservatively estimated the tax rate at 7.65 cents per $100 equalized assessed valuation, or about a $59 increase.

"We are pleased that we can continue to maintain a lower tax rate than we had estimated last March," said Sandra S. Wagner, board chairman. "Once again our high bond rating and subsequent lower tax rate because of our fiscal accountability demonstrates the good stewardship the college has sustained over the years."

Voters approved the referendum on March 21 that will allow the college to construct a science building, an instructional and job training center on campus and establish an education center in the southwest area of the district. Additionally, bond funds will pay for renovation of the college's original buildings and technology upgrades.

Sheriff Appoints New Chiefs

Cook County Sheriff Thomas J. Dart (center) recently appointed two career officers to the positions of Chief and First Deputy Chief of the Sheriff's Police Department.

William McHenry (right), who has been with the Cook County Sheriff's Police since 1981 and most recently served as the First Deputy Chief, is the first African-American to serve as Chief of the Sheriff's Police.

First Deputy Chief John Palcu (left) has been with the Sheriff's Police since 1977 and most recently acted as Commander of the South Suburban Major Crimes Task Force.

"These two veteran officers have nearly 60 years of experience between them and will continue to be valuable assets to our department," Sheriff Dart said. "They will make a great team to lead our efforts to crack down on the spread of gangs and drugs in suburban Cook County."

Constance Hardy Receives Fellowship

Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich announced recently that Constance J. Hardy, M.S.N., assistant professorial lecturer and director of graduate practicum placement in Saint Xavier University's School of Nursing, is among 15 nurse educators in Illinois to receive $10,000 fellowship grants to help them continue teaching future generations of nurses.

Hardy is in her third year of teaching at Saint Xavier. She is currently enrolled in a doctoral program at Rush University's College of Nursing. She will put the grant toward completion of her degree and continuing education in her teaching expertise.

SXU School of Nursing Dean Anne R. Bavier said Hardy has an exceptional clinical and administrative background for guiding future nurses.

Hardy has 30 years of progressive nursing leadership experience as a manager, director and administrative director in community hospitals. She has previously served as administrative director of Women and Children's Services at Edward Hospital & Health Services in Naperville, Ill., director of Maternal Child Nursing at Palos Community Hospital in Palos Heights, Ill., and director of Maternal Child Nursing at LaGrange Memorial Hospital in LaGrange, Ill.

The fellows, who were chosen by the Illinois Board of Higher Education from among 46 nominees, are recognized as some of the top nursing faculty in the state. The fellowship program is part of the governor's commitment to improve health care for state residents by increasing the number of nurse educators.

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Improve Access To Unemployment Benefits

In an effort to improve service, delivery and convenience to those qualified for unemployment insurance benefits in Illinois, the Illinois Department of Employment Security (IDES) announced that Illinois residents will have the option of receiving their regular unemployment insurance benefit payments via IDES-issued debit cards. This announcement signals that Illinois now offers three choices for unemployment benefits – via standard unemployment checks, direct deposit and debit cards.

According to a recent study by the American Bankers Association, credit and debit cards have surpassed cash as the most popular way to buy items at the checkout line. One out of three purchases is now made with debit cards, compared with one in five purchases four years ago.

In order to utilize the debit card option, the claimant will have to complete a Debit Card Authorization form and either submit it to their IDES local office or mail it to the IDES Accounting and Reporting Unit, P.O. Box 5541, Chicago, IL 60680. The form is available at IDES local office and can also be found on the internet at www.ides.state.il.us. Once a Debit Card Authorization form is submitted to IDES, it will take approximately 10 business days to receive the card.

The prepaid debit card program is being administered jointly by IDES and Illinois National Bank (INB). Once a prepaid debit card is issued, the claimant will receive correspondence that includes detailed information regarding fees, terms and conditions and how to activate the card, what to do in the event of a lost or stolen card, etc.

The prepaid card does not contain a credit feature or the ability to defer payment. Claimants can only spend the benefit amount that has been applied to the card by IDES. The debit card may be used at merchants to make purchases or to withdraw cash. Each time an individual successfully certifies for benefits, IDES automatically adds money to the card.

Since April, unemployment insurance benefit payees who have bank accounts have been able to opt for direct deposit services by stopping by their local IDES office, filling out a form and submitting it along with a voided check. The form can also be found on the internet at http://www.ides.state.il.us/pdf/forms/direct_deposit/authorization.pdf.

The Illinois Department of Employment Security administers federally-funded employment services and unemployment insurance through its 70 offices, including the Illinois Employment and Training Centers. IDES also receives federal grants to assist veterans with job placements and provide and analyze labor market statistics and information. Illinois workforce and career information is available at www.ILWorkInfo.com.

Ceramics Class

The Worth Township Senior Ceramics Class will be starting on Tuesday, Feb. 20th at 9 a.m. Classes are held in the Worth Township Center, 11601 S. Pulaski, Alsip. This will be a seven-week course. Call (708) 371-2900, Ext. 28 to register.

Sunday With Friends Concert

The Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St., will host a free concert featuring traditional Brazilian music performed by "Dois no Choro" at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 14th.

Get swept away by the light, soothing and up-tempo sound of choro music, genre that originated in Brazil during the late 1800s that mixes African rhythms with European dance melodies. Julie Koidin's flute intertwines with Paulinno Garcia's suave vocals and rhythmic guitar to create a perfectly balanced blend reminiscent of a warm Rio night. The name "Dois no Choro" means "Two in Choro" in Portuguese. Sponsored by the Friends of the Oak Lawn Library.

For additional information, call (708) 422-4990.

Input From Teens

Students in grades six through ten are invited to participate on the Oak Lawn Public Library Teen Advisory Board the third Wednesday of each month from 7 to 8 p.m. Teens can earn volunteer service hours while sharing ideas and suggestions to help the library better serve people in that age group. Upcoming meeting dates are Jan. 17th and Feb. 21st. No registration required. Light refreshments will be provided.

For more information, call (708) 422-4990. The library is at 5300 W. 95th St.

Getting Organized

The Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St., will host a free lecture on "Getting Organized for the New Year" at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 17th. First-come, first-seated in the library's lower level meeting room.

Pamela Colovos of Organizing Solutions will share tips to help you reduce stress, save time and money, manage your papers more efficiently and keep your home and workspace free of clutter. Learn how to employ new tools, tricks and methods to stay on top of everything in your busy personal and professional lives.

If you would like to have additional information, please feel free to call (708) 422-4990.

Local Attorneys Attend ATG Holiday Celebration

ATG member Thomas Courtney (center) and his son Thomas Courtney Jr., of Palos Heights, and Marie Duhig, of ATG's Oak Lawn office, were among guests at the annual holiday party hosted by Attorneys' Title Guaranty Fund, Inc. (ATG) on Dec. 7 at the Chicago Cultural Center. Nearly 500 ATG members and their guests attended the event, held in celebration of another successful year for the 42-year-old company.

Homeschool Group Meets

Homeschooling families can meet and work together as part of a resource and sharing group sponsored by the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St., the second Thursday of each month from 10 a.m. to noon. On Jan. 11, the group will focus their activities on the various January holidays. Other regular monthly offerings include tours of the library, instruction on improving research skills, presentations, crafts and book discussions. No registration is required. All ages are welcome.

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Friends Of The Library Discussion Group

The Friends of the Oak Lawn Library sponsor two discussion groups that meet once a month, September through May, at the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St., in the Mary Nelson Room, lower level.

Short story discussions are held on the second Wednesday of the month at 1 p.m. They will meet Jan. 10 to discuss "Silence" by Alice Munro and Feb. 14 for "Koolau the Leper" by Jack London. Copies of these short stories may be picked up one month in advance at the Readers Advisory Desk.

Book discussions are held on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 1 p.m. They will meet Jan. 24 to discuss "The Joy Luck Club" by Amy Tan and Feb. 28 for "The March" by E. L. Doctorow. Copies of these books may be checked out one month in advance at the Circulation Desk.

If you would like to have additional information, call Dorothy Whitney, (708) 422-2390.

Fire Safety Procedures

United Spinal Association reminds people with disabilities that this time of year also presents a good opportunity to review fire safety procedures in the home and in the office. The Association is offering *Fire Safety for Wheelchair Users at Work and at Home*, a valuable free booklet to assist wheelchair users in the proper procedures of fire safety and evacuation. Single copies may be downloaded or ordered at www.unitedspinal.org, or by calling (800) 444-0120. Bulk copies are also available for a small fee.

Discussing fire safety in the home environment, *Fire Safety for Wheelchair Users* emphasizes prevention of, and planning for, a fire emergency, focusing on individuals with mobility impairments. Included is important information on which type of smoke or heat detector is preferred in different areas of the home, and since detectors can reduce the risk of a fire-related fatality by 60%, the booklet recommends that persons with disabilities who are unable to maintain smoke or heat detectors on their own should seek the assistance of family or friends.

Knowing what to do in the event of a smoke or fire incident requires advance planning and the local fire department is the best resource. Professional firefighters can identify potential hazards within the home and can help individuals with disabilities to plan one or more escape routes. And *Fire and Safety for Wheelchair Users* emphasizes the most important fire planning rule: Exit the home as quickly as possible.

The booklet also contains important prevention tips when using electrical appliances in the home, when cooking, and when using space heaters and heating systems.

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Thoughts On Health & Nutrition

by
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TRANS FAT: POINT AND COUNTERPOINT

In December, New York City was the first city to outlaw the use of trans fat in restaurants. It is rumored that other cities, such as Chicago, may follow suit. Last summer Alderman Edward Burke proposed a ban, according to reports. It has languished here, however, partly because of opposition from Mayor Richard Daley, who holds the old-fashioned view that it's not the job of the government to tell people what risks they may take.

Two-thirds of Americans are overweight or obese, and removing trans fat from the diet is one way to assist in controlling cholesterol levels and heart health. Most of the trans fats we eat are formed during the partial hydrogenation of oils used in fried foods and commercial baked goods. Partially hydrogenated oils provide processed foods with longer shelf lives and therefore greater economic profitability.

The feeling of a large number of individuals is that the motive of reducing heart disease is commendable, but the mandatory approach is not. "It's not as though consumers lack heart healthy options," according to a recent Chicago Tribune editorial. And many restaurants, including some fast food giants, have switched to other oils voluntarily. "Even McDonalds has reduced the amount of trans fat used in frying chicken, and it offers plenty of menu items cooked without trans fat."

It seems, then, that if customers are concerned about their health, they can certainly avoid trans fat.

The logic of the ban is similar with that of smoking bans, which have become law in New York and Chicago. The value of such measures is to protect people who don't want to inhale the toxic fumes of others who are smoking. Trans fat does not fit this model. There is no such thing as "second-hand" fat. If customer's prefer French fries cooked in trans fat, the cooks won't suffer clogged arteries, and neither will the other restaurant goers.

So, do we need the City Council telling us what to eat? What's your opinion?

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How Your Brain Reacts To Cigarettes

Public smoking bans. Smoke-free workplaces. Cigarette taxes and price hikes. Warnings about cancer and heart disease.

There are a lot of reasons to quit smoking. Approximately 70 percent of smokers want to quit. And, the average smoker has tried to quit six to nine times. Still, there are 45 million smokers in the U.S. There are 388 billion cigarettes smoked each year. What is it about cigarettes that keeps smokers hooked?

Health experts say that nicotine, one of the main chemicals in cigarettes and tobacco, causes addiction. It affects the brain in a unique way. It makes people want to smoke.

"When you smoke, nicotine binds to certain parts of your brain. This causes a good feeling," says Dr. Robert Anthenelli, associate professor of Psychiatry at the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine. "When you stop smoking, your brain no longer gets nicotine. Then you have craving and withdrawal symptoms."

Many smokers who try to quit find the craving for cigarettes too hard to control. The withdrawal symptoms are hard to live with. Smokers may feel moody or have trouble sleeping. They seek relief by going back to cigarettes.

"Craving or withdrawal symptoms make you want cigarettes. You smoke, you feel better. The cycle of nicotine addiction starts again," says Dr. Anthenelli. "We need to treat smoking as a medical condition. It's important to use medication and lifestyle changes to stay on track."

If you want to quit smoking, talk to your doctor about the best way for you to quit.

Cancer Support Events

The Jennifer S. Fallick Cancer Support Center, 2028 Elm Road, Homewood, has announced its schedule for January. The Cancer Support Center offers free classes for cancer patients and their family. All classes are held at the Center unless otherwise noted.

On Monday, Jan. 8th, from 7 to 8:30 p.m., the center will present The Five Wishes: the Intimate Living Will. Mary Ann Drocl, LCSW, of the Midwest Palliative and Hospice Care Center, will facilitate the program. The Five Wishes is a legal but gentle approach to life planning and will take into account the canter patient's wishes for healthcare in the future.

On Tuesday, Jan: 9th, at 7 p.m. there will be a welcome session at the center. This is an orientation to the Center and an informational meeting that is open to anyone affected by canter. Tour the facility and meet cancer survivors who can explain the benefits of the center's free programs

Also on Jan. 9th, from 11 to 12:30 p.m. join the Creative Expression Class: "The Velveteen Principles. Based on the book by Toni Raiten-D'Antonio, this course will teach you a safe and steady method toward peace and self-acceptance. Participants will be guided toward the discovery of the "Real" within themselves utilizing meditation, discussion and multimedia art forms.

On Wednesday, Jan. 10th, join the Multiple Myeloma Forum. This group will allow you to exchange information and gather support from others. No registration is required. Kerry Donegan, MSW, LSW facilitate the program.

Saturday, Jan. 18th, from 9 to 11 a.m., the new Mindfulness Meditation Course begins with Tim Pedigo, PhD. The class follows the book "Finding the Center Within" by Thomas and Beverly Bien for a 10 week course concluding with a "Day of Mindfulness" on Saturday, March 31st, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Books are available for purchase or limited copies for loan in the resource library.

On Tuesday, Jan. 16th, at 7 p.m., another welcoming orientation meeting will be held. This free informational meeting is open to anyone affected by cancer. Tour the facility and meet cancer survivors who can explain the benefits of the center's free programs.

Wednesday, Jan. 16th, from 11 to 12:30 p.m., another Creative Expression Class: "The Velveteen Principles will be held.

On Jan. 17th, from 7 to 8:30 p.m., the center offers the Lymphoma Forum where you can exchange information and gather support from others. No registration is required and the program is facilitated by Kerry Donegan, MSW, and LSW.

On Monday, Jan. 22, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. the center presents "Look Good, Feel Better." This program is sponsored by the American Cancer Society and is designed to teach women with cancer about makeup techniques, skin care, nail care and options related to hair loss such as wigs, turbans and scarves. A free cosmetic kit will be provided. Due to the nature of this program, it is limited to eight people. You must call to reserve a spot. This class is a one-time only program.

On Tuesday, Jan 23, at 7 p.m., there is another welcome session/orientation for those who are curious about what the center offers.

Also on Jan. 23, from 11 to 12:30 p.m. there is another Creative Expression Class: "The Velveteen Principles."

On Wednesday, Jan. 24, from 7 to 8:30 p.m., the center presents the Prostate Cancer Forum that will allow you to exchange information and gather support from others. The forum is facilitated by Kerry Donegan, MSW, and LSW.

On Monday, Jan. 29th, from 7 to 8:30 p.m., the center presents an Introduction to Journaling. According to research, writing about life-changing experiences such as cancer may decrease stress, improve the quality of life and enhance the immune system. This introductory program will focus on setting the environment for effective journaling and journaling techniques utilizing guided imagery. Previous participation or experience is not required. Supplies are furnished. Cheryl Pickering, LCSW will present the class.

On Tuesday, Jan. 30th, from 11 to 12:30 p.m., another Creative Expression Class will be held.

All programs at the Cancer Support Center are free of charge and open to Chicago Southland and Northwest Indiana community members. A second site will open in January 2007 at 19250 Everett Lane in Mokena. The Cancer Support Center is always looking for volunteers, donation of items for its wish list.

For more information on programs or to register, call (708) 798-9171 or visit www.cancersupportcenter.org.

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Dos And Don'ts Of Using Your Pharmacy Benefit

One-third of people who tried to fill a prescription in the past year using their insurance report have had a problem, including the pharmacist needing to call the person's doctor or health plan before the prescription could be filled, the plan not paying for the medicine, or the pharmacy not having current information about the person's insurance. Knowing the do's and don'ts of using your coverage can help you solve problems and access the medicines you need.

When you're told there's a problem filling your prescription don't walk away from the pharmacy counter until you know what the problem is.

The problem may be easy to fix. For example, if the information in the pharmacy computer doesn't match what is on your current pharmacy ID card, you may just need to show your card to update your record.

Sometimes the problem is something your doctor should know about. For example, if the medicine could react badly with another medication you take, your plan may need your doctor to confirm that you should take it before the plan will pay.

Don't give up if you're told a medicine you need is not covered. If your doctor thinks it's important for you to have a medicine that your plan won't cover, you can appeal the plan's decision. Write a letter to the plan and ask for the medicine to be covered or to be paid back for the cost of the medicine if you have already paid for it yourself. Your doctor may have to explain why you need this specific medicine.

To help head off problems before you get to the pharmacy: Do know what you can expect to pay. Most plans only cover certain medicines. You can find out what medicines your plan covers by looking at the plan's "formulary." Find this list on your plan's Web site, or call your plan to request a copy. Plans usually expect you to pay a portion of the cost for your medicines. The portion you pay is called a "co-pay" or "co-insurance." Your plan can tell you what your share is for any medicine you are prescribed.

Do look at all your options. If you have a choice of plans at work or from Medicare, you have a chance to change plans each year. It makes sense to look at your options and see if another plan would better meet your needs. When you compare plans, look at the coverage for medicines you take now and for medicines you are likely to take sometime during the year (for instance, for seasonal allergies).

Visit www.YourPharmacyBenefit.org for more information about choosing and using the pharmacy benefits under your insurance coverage, or call (888) 8-PUEBLO (1-888-878-3256) for a free copy of the brochure "Your Pharmacy Benefit: Make it Work for You" (publication #524N).

If your prescription isn't covered by your plan, there are other programs that may be able to help. Contact the Partnership for Prescription Assistance at (888) 4PPA-NOW (1-888-477-2669) or www.pparx.org for more information.

Knowing the dos and don'ts of using your coverage can help you solve problems and access the medicines you need.

The Facts About Diabetics And Sugar Intake

If you're concerned about diabetes and what causes it, you may be surprised by the latest medical findings. According to leading experts, eating carbohydrates-including sugar-doesn't cause diabetes. Major factors include genetics and lifestyle, especially excessive weight and poor fitness.

According to the American Diabetes Association (ADA), diabetics may enjoy sugar in moderation, provided it's counted like all carbs. When you consume foods like potatoes, carrots, corn, strawberries and watermelon, you're eating what dietitians refer to as "starches and sugars." Your body converts starches and sugars-including the pure, all-natural sugar from your sugar bowl-into glucose, the fuel every body needs to function properly.

Both type 1 and type 2 diabetes are disorders that affect the body's ability to convert glucose into energy. A key piece in the diabetes puzzle is insulin, a hormone produced by the pancreas. In type 1 diabetes, the pancreas is unable to produce insulin. In type 2 diabetes, commonly referred to as adult onset diabetes, the pancreas gradually loses its ability to produce enough insulin to transform blood glucose into energy.

Most important for diabetics to know is how they can incorporate carbohydrates properly into their diet. According to the ADA, blood glucose levels are a direct result of the total amount of carbohydrates in one's diet. So if you're diabetic, you can include sugar in your diet as long as you count it as part of your daily carbohydrate allowance.

The American Diabetes Association offers a good rule of thumb for how to keep your blood glucose in check without depriving your sweet tooth: control portion size. So long as you're counting, you can swap some of the carbohydrates in your diet with small amounts of sweets.

Currently, diabetes afflicts more than 20 million adult Americans. It is estimated a third of adults with diabetes don't know they're afflicted. Even with today's research technology, scientists still don't know all of the causes of diabetes. A smart, sensible diet is an important safeguard for anyone's health; it becomes even more important once a person is diagnosed with diabetes.

Knowing the truth should strengthen your resolve and enthusiasm for eating a balanced, sensible diet that includes fruits, vegetables, whole grains and lean proteins. All-natural sugar, with just 15 calories a teaspoon, can be part of any healthy, active lifestyle. For more information, visit www.sugar.org.

Childbirth Classes

St. Francis Hospital & Health Center in Blue Island is offering several childbirth classes in January. To register for any of these classes, call (708)385-4433.

Lamaze Weekend will take place Jan. 6 and 7, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. This two-day class covers important topics related to childbirth. A tour of the family birthplace is included. The cost is $60.

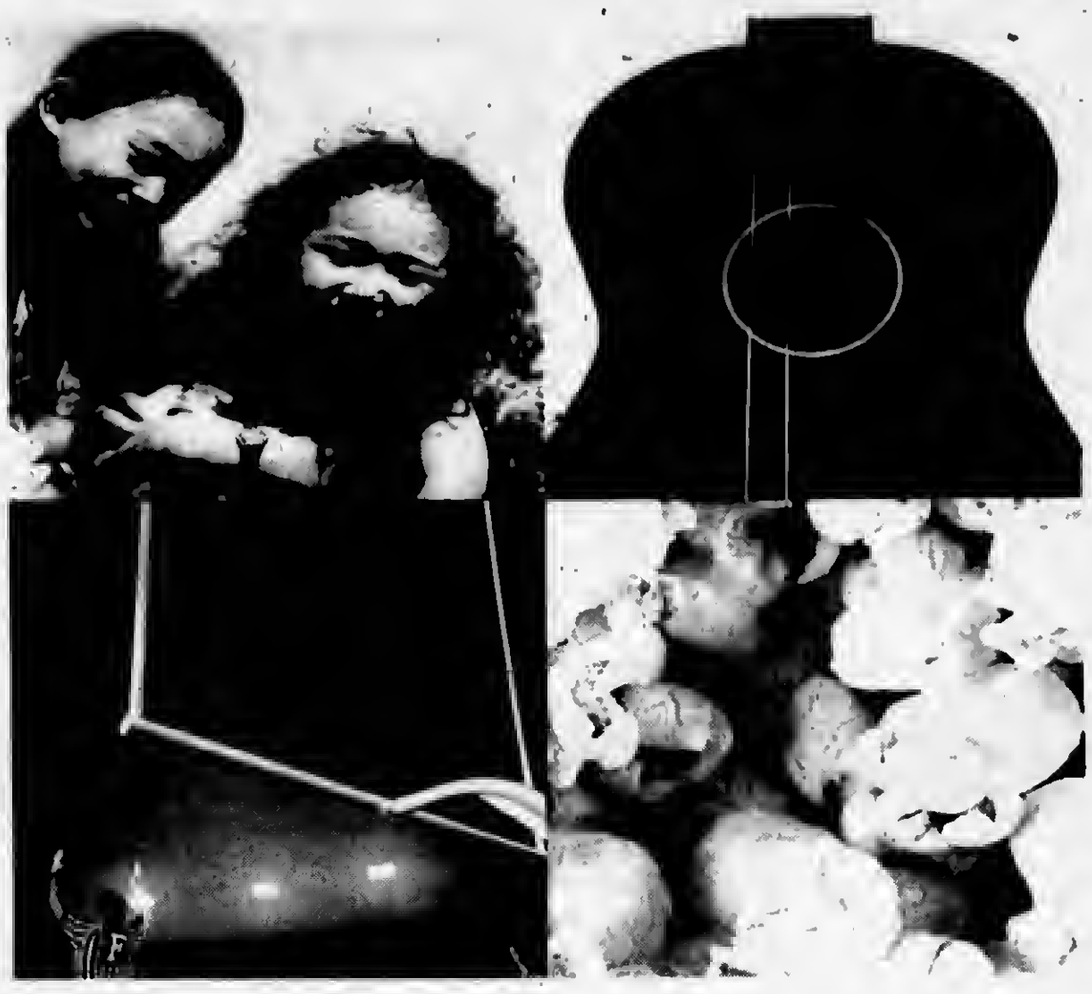
Basics for Successful Breastfeeding will take place Tuesday, Jan. 9, from 7 to 9 p.m. The class will provide basic information for expectant mothers interested in breastfeeding. The cost is $25.

"Mom's Having A Baby" – Sibling Class will take place Wednesday, Jan. 10, from 7 to 9 p.m. Three-to-10-year-old children will learn about babies and where mom will stay when she goes to the hospital. A tour of the family birthplace is included. The cost is $15 per child or $25 per family.

Prepared Childbirth will take place Saturday, Jan. 13, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Couples will learn about labor/delivery and newborn care. A tour of the family birthplace is included. The cost is $30.

St. Francis Hospital is located at 12935 S. Gregory Street, Blue Island.

For a complete listing of programs and events at St. Francis Hospital & Health Center, visit its Calendar of Events link at www.stfrancisblueisland.com.



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Veterans And Soldiers News

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Air Force Senior Airman John S. Klimczak has graduated from Airman Leadership School at Charleston Air Force Base, South Carolina. Klimczak, an air transportation journeyman with four years of military service, is the son of John S. and N.J. Klimczak of Midlothian. The airman is a 2002 graduate of Bremen High School in Midlothian.

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The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) and the Illinois Department of Veteran's Affairs (IDVA) are teaming up to make Illinois veterans aware of well-paying job opportunities as Highway Maintainers in Cook County. In addition, IDOT has openings for Spanish speakers in its high-visibility Emergency Traffic Patrol (ETP) unit, which assists drivers in trouble on Chicago-area expressways.

IDVA will make applications and information about the jobs available at its Veterans Services Offices in Cook County and the surrounding area and will also work with state commanders of veterans' organizations to make their members aware of these opportunities.

The starting salary for Highway Maintainers is $3,750 per month; for the ETP Spanish Speaking position, which is also technically a Highway Maintainer, the salary is $4,028 per month. Applications should be submitted to the state's hiring agency, the Department of Central Management Services (CMS), where applicants will also complete Civil Service testing. Applicants are encouraged to apply by Feb. 15th as IDOT expects to begin the hiring and interview process for these positions at this time.

The main requirement for both Highway Maintainer and Highway Maintainer/Emergency Traffic Patrol jobs is possession of an Illinois Class "A" Commercial Driver's License, with endorsements for tankers and non-restricted air-brakes, and a good driving record for the last year.

Highway Maintainers work out of IDOT maintenance yards and are required to drive and operate heavy-duty maintenance trucks, plows and salt spreaders, tractors, mowers, pavement marking equipment and other heavy equipment, and to perform arduous manual labor. They are responsible for cleaning and clearing right-of-ways along IDOT highways and roads and for patching and repairing roads and bridges as needed.

ETP workers drive heavy-duty, bright yellow tow trucks on patrol along Chicago-area expressways. They are responsible for providing roadside assistance to motorists and deal with a range of traffic emergencies, anything from minor fender benders to major crashes involving semi-trucks.

Interested candidates for both jobs must take the Highway Maintainer test with CMS in order to be placed on a list of eligible candidates. Having a Commercial Driver's License is required to take the test. Qualified veteran applicants with an "A" grade on their Civil Service test are considered top candidates for open positions.

Information about the testing process and applications are available online at: www.cms.illinois.gov, and in person at the James R. Thompson Center at 100 W. Randolph, 3rd Floor, Chicago, IL 60601. Information may also be obtained by phone at (312) 793-3565.

On an ongoing basis, officials from CMS' Veterans Outreach Program provide professional counseling to Illinois' veterans about how to obtain state employment. Through the past year, these officials have attended 25 job fairs and counseled nearly 500 veterans. Interested veterans may learn more about the program or to begin the process of state employment by calling 1-800-643-8138.

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One of the Must-See Permanent Exhibits at the Museum of Science and Industry, 57th and Lake Shore Dr., is the U-505 Submarine. The U-505 - the only German submarine captured by the U.S. Navy during World War II - resurfaced in June 2005 as part of a new 35,000-square-foot exhibit with a variety of never-before-seen artifacts, dramatic representations of key events, special effects and an optional, new on-board tour. Interactive elements let guests experience aspects of submarine operation, including dive training, the principle of buoyancy, navigation by periscope, and even encoding and decoding German Enigma messages. The exhibit is included in general admission, but the optional on-board tour of the sub is $5 per guest. Buy on-board tour tickets in advance at www.msichicago.org or by calling (773) 684-1414.

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When you read this column I should be out of surgery with a total hip replacement. My surgery is scheduled for today, Jan. 4th. At this time I am very nervous and ask for your prayers that everything will go well. Thanks. Goodbye for this week. God bless you and your family and God bless America.

New Laws Take Effect Jan. 1st

Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich recently promoted a number of important new laws that he signed earlier last year and took effect Jan. 1, 2007.

"2006 was a very productive year for state government. We worked hard to pass new laws to help our seniors, children, and the hardworking citizens of our state. A number of those new laws will go into effect on Monday, so now is the time for the public to learn about new protections and programs we enacted," Gov. Blagojevich said.

House Bill 4121 punishes individuals who falsely claim to be decorated war heroes. The new law creates criminal charges and imposes penalties on individuals falsely representing themselves as recipients of various military honors.

House Bill 4125 helps autistic children get access to new treatments by requiring all state and local insurance plans, as well as private insurance plans offered by many employers, to pay for the treatment of pervasive developmental disorders. It also requires group health benefit plans to provide coverage for 20 additional outpatient visits for speech therapy.

House Bills 4222 and 4606 and Senate Bills 0859, 2873, 2962 and 3016 give law enforcement agencies more tools to protect Illinois families and communities from sex offenders. The comprehensive package authorizes Global Positioning System (GPS) monitoring of paroled sexual predators, includes stricter guidelines for sex offenders who are near child care facilities, prohibits custody or visitation by a father of a child who is convicted of sex crimes that resulted in the conception of the child, and requires clarification of disclosure of sex offenses in teacher endorsement or certification.

House Bill 4300 makes it illegal to sell or buy the pure form of dextromethorphan (DXM) – a drug commonly used in cough syrups such as Triaminic or Robitussin. The legislation will help counter the availability of highly concentrated DXM on the Internet. The level of DXM in prescription and over-the-counter medications is safe in correct doses, but when taken incorrectly it can have hallucinogenic effects similar to PCP and ketamine.

House Bill 4676 helps prevent cases of self-abuse and neglect by senior citizens by requiring the Illinois Dept. on Aging (IDoA) to respond to reports of self-abuse and neglect.

House Bill 4986 requires districts that offer a secondary agricultural education program to provide instructional courses approved by the Illinois State Board of Education and requires a state and nationally affiliated FFA chapter to be a part of the curriculum. The legislation also requires hands-on instruction through formal, supervised agricultural experience activities/programs (SAE).

House Bill 5284 requires carbon monoxide detectors in homes and apartments that use fossil fuel for heating or cooking. All buildings that use fossil fuel and have sleeping rooms or have an attached garage must have an approved, operating carbon monoxide detector installed within 15 feet of any sleeping area. Homes that have all electric appliances and do not have a fireplace or an attached garage will be exempt from the requirements.

Senate Bill 1001 creates the Illinois African American HIV/AIDS Response Fund to address the disproportionate rate of HIV/AIDS in the African-American community. The Fund will be used for HIV/AIDS prevention efforts and to establish a system for delivering HIV/AIDS services to reduce transmission among African Americans. The approved budget for fiscal year 2007 includes $3 million for the Fund.

Senate Bill 2165 guarantees condo owners can freely observe the doctrines of their religion at home, including being able to display objects on their front door. The legislation was prompted by several cases in Chicago where co-op boards and condo associations have attempted to pass rules that would ban the display of religious symbols in hallways.

Senate Bills 2303 and 2968 protect people trained in first aid or medical response from being sued for trying to help injured people. The new laws aim to alleviate worries by "Good Samaritans" that they could be sued for helping someone who is seriously injured.

Senate Bill 2310 allows Illinois residents to place a security freeze on their credit reports. The legislation also requires a password to remove the freeze. The Illinois Attorney General Office Identity Theft Hotline has information on how to do that and other measures one can take to prevent identity theft. That number is (866) 999-5630.

Senate Bill 2349 protects vulnerable homeowners from unscrupulous mortgage 'rescue' firms that purport to help avoid foreclosure, but instead profit at the homeowners' expense by taking over the property and not alleviating the debt. The law gives homeowners new rights when dealing with companies that offer financial assistance to help them save their homes from foreclosure. It also guarantees that homeowners will receive a substantial portion of their equity in the home from the companies. Additionally, the new law creates new disclosure requirements for mortgage rescue companies.

Senate Bill 2865 makes Illinois' railroad crossings safer by giving local governments the ability to use photo enforcement at rail crossings to crack down on drivers who go around lowered crossing gates. The legislation comes in response to an accident during Thanksgiving Eve in 2005 when a Metra express train crashed into several cars trapped in rush-hour traffic at the Grand Avenue railroad crossing in Elmwood Park, injuring 16 people.

Senate Bill 2885 helps make sure that Illinois working families, seniors and people with disabilities continue having access to affordable housing through the coordination of state government resources. Specifically, the legislation will encourage businesses to locate closer to public transportation and to the areas where their workforce lives.

Senate Bill 3086 requires clear and convincing evidence that private land is necessary for a public use before it can be seized. The new law also requires governments to reimburse property owners for relocation expenses and, in some cases, legal fees. Additionally, the new legislation allows trial courts to reset the valuation date of the property if the trial begins more than two years after the filing. Currently, Illinois law only requires "just compensation" for property owners, which is the fair market value of the property plus any damage to associated property not taken through eminent domain.

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Mortgage "Rescue" Fraud Schemes

Attorney General Lisa Madigan on Dec. 28th advised vulnerable homeowners of their rights under a new law designed to protect them from predatory mortgage "rescue" businesses.

Effective Jan. 1, the Mortgage Rescue Fraud Act, P.A. 94-0822, sponsored by Sen. Jacqueline Collins and Rep. Marlow Colvin, takes aim at unscrupulous businesses that offer to save homeowners from foreclosures but often strip the equity from the homes and leave the homeowners with nothing. Under the new law, mortgage rescuers are required either to save the home as they have promised or pay the homeowner a substantial portion of the home's value.

Mortgage "rescuers" typically arrive on the scene when homeowners fall behind on mortgage payments or are on the verge of losing their homes. The rescuers usually promise to buy the house, collect rent from the homeowner and provide the homeowner with the option to buy back the house in a year or two after they have "improved" their credit and financial condition.

Mortgage rescuers, often working in concert with a group of investors, obtain title to the home by paying off the homeowners' mortgage—a sum that is considerably less than the homeowners equity in the home. The rescuer then takes out a new mortgage that exceeds what the homeowners owe—often without the homeowners' knowledge—and charges them high monthly rental payments to cover the new mortgage.

After falling prey to these schemes, financially strapped homeowners find themselves struggling to make rental payments that are equal to or higher than their original mortgage payments.

When the homeowners fall behind in rent, as they almost inevitably do, the rescuer initiates eviction proceedings, and the homeowners end up losing their home and all of their equity. In some cases handled by Madigan's office, homeowners have lost as much as $35,000 to $70,000 of equity in their homes to these mortgage fraud schemes. In the most egregious cases, the homeowners did not even understand they had sold their home until the new owner took steps to evict them.

The Mortgage Rescue Fraud Act contains a series of safeguards to ensure that mortgage rescue agreements provide a substantial benefit to the homeowners and do not result in an unearned windfall for the rescuer. Under the Act, rescuers must provide homeowners with a written contract that lays out all of the terms of the sale and makes it clear that the home is actually being sold. The Act also provides that the homeowner must have the right to cancel the contract for five business days after it is executed by all parties.

Crucially, the new law requires rescuers to make a determination – before the property is sold – that the homeowner has the financial ability to make rental payments and buy the house back.

Under what is perhaps the new law's most important provision, rescuers can no longer legally enjoy unearned windfalls when the rescue fails. If the homeowners are unable to buy back the home, the rescuers must pay them at least 82 percent of the home's fair market value.

In addition to reining in mortgage rescuers, the Mortgage Rescue Fraud Act targets "distressed property consultants." Through consumer complaints, Madigan's office learned that distressed property consultants often offer phantom help to homeowners, usually promising to "buy them time" or "save the home" by negotiating with the homeowners' creditors. Despite receiving steep upfront fees, the consultants do nothing and abandon the homeowner to a fate that might have been prevented with legitimate professional intervention.

The new law is intended to put an end to these practices by (1) requiring consultants to put in writing every service that they promise to perform, and (2) prohibiting them from collecting a fee until they have performed every service as promised.

Honeywell To Pay For Clean Up Costs

Attorney General Lisa Madigan recently said that the supplier that allegedly spilled trichloroethylene (TCE) as it refilled the storage tank at a DuPage County manufacturer will reimburse the State of Illinois and local jurisdictions for costs associated with the cleanup resulting from groundwater contamination caused by the spills.

Madigan said an order filed on Dec. 28th in DuPage County Circuit Court requires Honeywell International, Inc., a Delaware corporation, to pay $737,500 to the Hazardous Waste Fund of the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA), $21,430 to DuPage County and $33,746 to the Village of Lisle to reimburse the costs incurred for the cleanup. In addition, the Attorney General's office will receive $50,000 to recover costs incurred in the prosecution of environmental violations resulting from the spills at the Lockformer Company at 711 Ogden Ave. in Lisle.

From approximately 1970 through 1992, the company now owned by Honeywell supplied TCE, an industrial degreaser, to Lockformer to use as a degreasing agent in its manufacturing process. Toxicologists consider TCE a possible carcinogen that can cause various health problems.

In January 2001, the Attorney General's office and the DuPage County State's Attorney sued Honeywell, in addition to Lockformer, alleging that groundwater and private wells were contaminated when Honeywell spilled TCE on the ground beneath the refilling line when replenishing Lockformer's rooftop storage tank. In August 2001, the Village of Lisle intervened in the lawsuit.

The IEPA coordinated extensive private well testing and monitored the soil and groundwater in the vicinity of the Lockformer plant to determine the extent of any contamination caused by the TCE spills. Samples taken in the area by the IEPA showed the presence of TCE. The chemical also was found to have moved off site to private wells near the factory.

Lockformer continues to clean up its contaminated property under the terms of a July 2004 court order. Under that order, Mestek, Inc. guarantees to pay up to $3 million to ensure that the cleanup of TCE is accomplished. Additionally, in the event Lockformer does not complete the cleanup as required the state has reserved the right to pursue Honeywell in future court actions to accomplish the task.

Health Insurance

Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich recently announced a new study shows Illinois has seen the greatest improvement in health over the previous year than any state in the country. The 17th annual edition of America's Health Rankings: A Call to Action for People & Their Communities shows Illinois with the highest overall health improvement in the nation from 2005 to 2006. Some of Illinois' strengths, according to the report, include high per capita public health spending, a low rate of motor vehicle deaths, a low occupational fatality rate and few poor physical health days. Significant changes over the past year in the state include a decrease in the percentage of children in poverty and a decrease in the prevalence of smoking.

America's Health Rankings is produced by United Health Foundation in partnership with the American Public Health Assn. and Partnership for Prevention, and is a yearly assessment of the relative healthiness of the nation. The report is based upon analysis of comprehensive determining factors such as personal behaviors, the environment in which people live and work, the decisions made by public and elected officials and the quality of medical care delivered by health professionals. The report ranks such factors as smoking prevalence, infectious disease, health insurance, prenatal care, motor vehicle deaths, children in poverty, immunization coverage and cancer deaths.

Homeland Highway Watch

The Illinois Terrorism Task Force has recognized the outstanding efforts by the Illinois Trucking Assn. and the Midwest Trucking Assn. in training members to serve in the nationwide Highway Watch program, the homeland security effort that enlists transportation industry professionals to be on the lookout for suspicious activity on the nation's roadways.

"Thanks to the efforts of the Illinois Trucking Assn. and the Midwest Trucking Assn., we have thousands of extra eyes and ears out on our highways helping to protect the heartland of America," said Illinois Dept. of Transportation (IDOT) Secretary Timothy W. Martin. "Truckers are the lifeblood of our economy and they are now also protecting lives through their participation in the Highway Watch program."

Since the Illinois Highway Watch program was initiated by the Blagojevich Administration in 2004, more than 16,000 people have undergone Highway Watch training in the program overseen by IDOT and carried out by the two trucking associations.

"The acceptance of the Highway Watch program by the trucking industry is no surprise," said George Billows, executive director of the Illinois Trucking Assn. "To truck drivers, Highway Watch is about doing the right thing, being a good citizen, helping to protect the families, towns and cities of America. Truckers are very patriotic people. Whether it be 9-11, hurricane Katrina, an Amber Alert or being the eyes and ears of the highway, it is the drivers and the trucking industry that you can always count on to lend a helping hand."

"Illinois' Highway Watch program was started through the cooperation of the trucking industry, law enforcement and state transportation officials," said Don Schaefer, executive director of the Midwest Trucking Assn. "The industry has worked as a partner to provide an extra set of eyes and ears for authorities on the state's roadways."

Nationwide, more than 500,000 transportation professionals – including truckers, school bus drivers and state highway workers – call in tips as part of the Highway Watch program.

Highway Watch participants are trained to recognize potential safety and security threats. The Highway Watch effort seeks to prevent terrorists from using large vehicles with hazardous cargoes as weapons on our nation's highways.

Highway Watch training provides transportation professionals with observational tools and the ability to report safety and security concerns rapidly and accurately to law enforcement via a nationwide hotline. It utilizes the skills and experiences of America's transportation professionals to help protect our nation's critical infrastructure and the transportation of goods, services and people.

The Illinois Highway Watch program was kicked off in March 2004 with a $200,000 grant from the Dept. of Homeland Security to the Illinois Trucking Assn.

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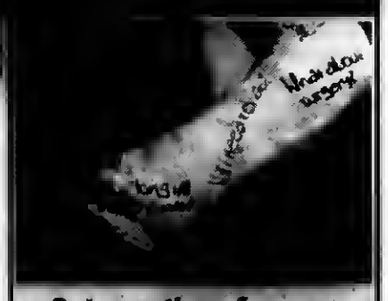

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The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department.. Please refer to file number 14-06-4315. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE FOR THE REGISTERED HOLDERS IMH ASSETS CORP., COLLATERALIZED ASSET-BACKED BONDS, SERIES 2005-2 Plaintiff, -v.- DANIEL JOHNSON, et al Defendant 06 CH 11770 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on August 21, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on January 23, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 16449 HAROLD STREET, Oak Forest, IL 60452 Property Index No. 28-22-308-058 The real estate is improved with a single family residence.
The judgment amount was $129,533.38. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit and the foreclosure sale takes place after 1/1/2007, the purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
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REAL ESTATE

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATE HOLDERS OF SOUNDVIEW HOME LOAN TRUST 2005-OPT4, ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-OPT4 Plaintiff, -v.- SONDRA WALLS A/K/A SONDRA V. WALLS, et al Defendants 06 CH 11710 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on August 2, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on January 23, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 3742 W. 87TH STREET, Chicago, IL 60652 Property Index No. 19-35-337-026 The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was $178,242.08. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY AS TRUSTEE Plaintiff, -v.- PETROS KALLERIS, et al Defendants 05 CH 21916 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 16, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on January 18, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 6133 WEST 81ST PLACE, Burbank, IL 60459 Property Index No. 19-32-114-003-0000 The real estate is improved with a tan raised ranch house with detached 2 car garage. The judgment amount was $255,711.09.
Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If this property is a condominium unit and the foreclosure sale takes place after 1/1/2007, the purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale
The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. For information: Visit our website at http:\\service.atty-pierce.com, between the hours of 3 and 5 pm. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Deerborn Street Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602. Tel No. (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number PA0507549. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE PIERCE & ASSOCIATES One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300 CHICAGO, IL 60602 (312) 476-5500 Attorney File No.: PA0507549 Attorney Code. 91220

REAL ESTATE

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR RESIDENTIAL LOAN CENTERS OF AMERICA AND/OR ITS SUCCESSORS Plaintiff, -v.- WILLIAM J. GRAAL, et al Defendants 06 CH 1662 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 11, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on January 16, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 9436 S. AVERS AVENUE, Evergreen Park, IL 60805 Property Index No. 24-02-323-039
The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was $153,708.30. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit and the foreclosure sale takes place after 1/1/2007, the purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale
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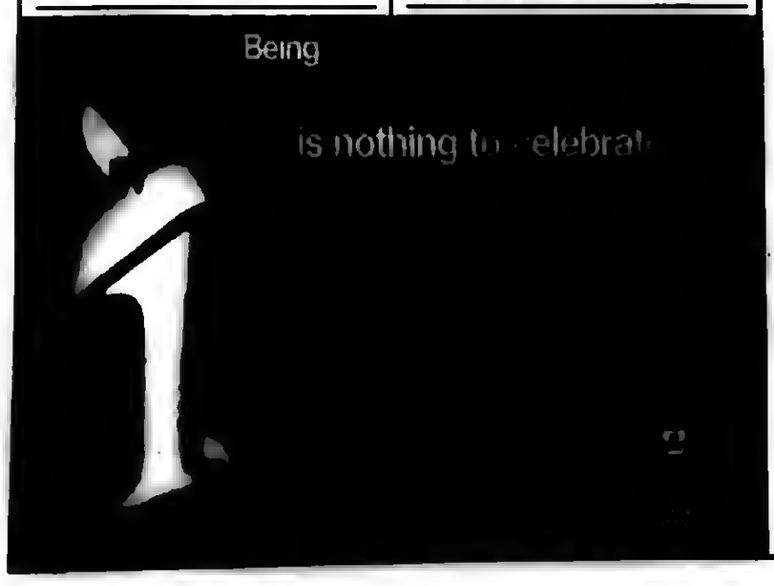

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Data Show Students Improve Dramatically During High School Years

While most Americans grade high schools by their state's annual assessment, educators know better. For years, school boards, administrators and teachers have stressed how student growth – how much students improve over their four years of high school – provides the one true measure of educational effectiveness.

State assessments, when examined independently, merely provide a snapshot of ability levels and supply no information on whether a group of students has improved over time.

Analyzing standardized assessments across four years shows whether students grow over time. Today in District 218, data from standardized test scores supply evidence clearly demonstrating that students improve skill levels dramatically. District staff tracked test scores for the current senior class. Calculations span from their results on the Explore test, which they took as eighth graders to indicate academic readiness for high school; the PLAN test, which they took as freshmen and sophomores; and, the ACT, which is the first day of testing of the Prairie State Achievement Exam as juniors. The College Board, which designs and administers the ACT, produces all three of these tests, which are correlated and used for tracking the success of a particular cohort of students.

District 218, where ACT scores have improved for five straight years, likely will experience a small decline for the Class of 2007. Analysis over time reveals, however, that district students have demonstrated steady growth. "When you look at the percentages of students in the various ranges, the movement is in the right direction," Assistant Superintendent for Instructional Services Dr. Kevin McCaffrey said to the Board earlier this month.

Analysis of the College Readiness Standards -- derived from Explore (8th grade placement), PLAN (grades 9 and 10), and PSAE/ACT (grade 11) -- across the past four years reveals noteworthy trends. Data, in general, indicated that students moved out of lower-achieving ranges and into mid- and higher- achieving ranges. Specifically, the data from the Explore, PLAN, and PSAE reveal the following between 8th grade and 11th grades:

In the lowest score range, the district improved from 23% to 5% (that means, as eighth graders, one in four scored in the lowest range and, as juniors, one in 20 did);

In the second lowest range, the district improved from 41% to 21%;

In the middle range, the district increased from 29% to 33%; and,

In the high-scoring ranges, the district increased from 7% to 41%.

Catholic High School Placement Tests Taking Place January 13th

The entrance exams for Catholic high schools will take place on Saturday, Jan. 13, beginning at 8 a.m. Students must bring two #10 pencils, a calculator and a pen. There is also a testing fee that varies with each school.

The schools recommend that students take the entrance exam at the school which represents their first choice.

Call the Catholic high school of choice for further information: Brother Rice (boys), 10001 S. Pulaski Rd., Chicago, (773) 779-3410; Marist (boys and girls), 4200 W. 115th St., Chicago, (773) 881-5300; Mother McAuley (girls), 3737 W. 99th St., Chicago, (773) 881-6500; Mount Assisi Academy (girls), 13860 Main St., Lemont, (630) 257-7844; Queen of Peace (girls), 7659 S. Linder Ave., Burbank, (708) 458-7600; and St. Laurence (boys), 5556 W. 77th St., Burbank, (708) 458-6900.

KIDS And Senior Identification Programs

City Clerk Miguel del Valle's office will provide the KIDS ID and Senior ID programs to all Chicago residents at the Bridgeview Bank, 6366 S. Archer Ave., on Saturday, Jan. 20th from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

The KIDS Program is a free service for all Chicago children. National missing children's organizations have long stressed the importance of keeping a recent photograph available for every child. The program utilizes digital technology to create an ID card with the child's photo and fingerprint, along with an ID number, which is mailed to the parents or legal guardians of the child.

The database of photos, fingerprints and biographical information is securely stored in the Clerk's office to be used only when police and family report a child missing. At the parents' request, the child's data, along with the digital photo and fingerprint, can be forwarded via the Internet from the City Clerk's office to law enforcement agencies and search groups throughout the country.

The Senior Citizen Medical ID Program is free to all Chicago residents 60 years and over. The program combines important biographical and medical information on one card, which the Clerk's office recommends participating seniors carry on their person at all times. The ID card is designed to help medical professionals and family members assist the senior in the event of an emergency where the senior is unable to communicate for him or herself.

All data provided by the individual is private and will not be disclosed to anyone other than the participating senior for updating purposes, or family and medical professionals in an emergency situation.

For more information on the KIDS ID and Senior Medical ID programs, call City Clerk del Valle's office at (312) 744-2506.

Southwest Area Obituaries

Douglas John Captain

A memorial service was held at the Oak Lawn Community Church, on Saturday, for Douglas John Captain.

He is survived by his parents LeRoy & Lois Captain; his children Jeremy, Ryan, Sean, Arielle and Quinn; his sisters Sheryl Williams, Cathy Biskup, Valorie Captain and his brother Michael Captain.

Rose Curcio

Services were held at the Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Tinley Park, on Saturday, with interment at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Cemetery, for Rose Curcio of Oak Froest, formerly of Tinley Park. She was the former South Suburban Crisis Center Volunteer.

She was survived by her children Sally (Bill) Leary, Thomas (Sandy) Curcio, Becky Berna and Michael Curcio; eight grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and her sisters Connie Sauer, Ann Evenhouse and Marie Vanhowe.

Domenick D'Alessandro

Mass was said at St. Michael Church, Orland Park, on Friday, with entombment at Good Shepherd Mausoleum.

He is survived by his wife Domenica; his children John (Coni), Sal (Jan), Domenick Jr. (Sharon) D'Alessandro; eight grandchildren; one great-grandchild; his brother Joseph (Barbara) and his sister Mary Jane (Joseph) Pavalonis.

William F. Donegan

Mass was said at St. Stephen Deacon and Martyr Church, Tinley Park, on Saturday, with interment at Good Shepherd Cemetery, for William F. Donegan.

He is survived by his wife Elizabeth; his children Debra (Frank) Rzeczkowski and Sharon (Stephen) Brysch; five grandchildren; and his brother Robert (Angeline) Donegan.

Daniel Joseph Doolan

Arrangement will be made for Daniel Joseph Doolan, 84, of Tinley Park at a future date. He was an executive at General Motors Acceptance Corporation for 39 years.

He is survived by his wife Roselia, his children Katie Doolan (Jim) Rothas and Angie (Paul) White and one grandchild.

David H. Finigan

Services were held on Thursday, Jan. 4th, at the Gerardi Funeral Home in Frankfort, for David H. Finigan, 83, a 34-year resident of Frankfort. He was a WWII Veteran and a Purple Heart Recipient. He was a recent resident of the Illinois Veterans' Home in Manteno.

He is survived by his children Dennis (Suzy), Sharon (James), Thomas (Ann), Donna (Michael) and Robert (Nancy), nine grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

Shirley S. Flassig

Mass was said at St. George Church, Tinley Park, on Thursday, with a private cremation, for Shirley S. Flassig.

She is survived by her husband Timothy; her children Gregory (Mary), Michael and Stephen Jeracki; her mother Adeline; her sister Alice (Gerry) Kozikowski and her brother William (Linda) Sobol.

Mary A. Grazys

Services were held at the Robert J. Sheehy and Sons Funeral Home, on Saturday, with interment at the Lithuanian National Cemetery, for Mary A. Grazys.

She is survived by her children Donna (Vince) Gutierrez and Lisa (Arthur) Martinez, four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Paraskevi Haros

Mass was said at St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church, Oak Lawn, on Thursday, with interment at Evergreen Cemetery, for Paraskevi Haros, 93.

She is survived by her children Athena (Richard) Bozek, Helen (Peter) Xeros, Harry (Ann) and James (Rose), ten grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Martin Huiner

Services were held at the Palos Heights Christian Reformed Church, Palos Heights, on Wednesday, with interment at Chapel Hill Gardens West Cemetery, for Martin Huiner, 82, a WWWII Veteran.

He is survived by his wife Theresa, his children John (Bev), Linda (Randy) Van Eck, Gary (Terri), Robert (Barb), thirteen grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Virginia Lee Kozell

Services were held on Saturday at the Wayside Chapel, Palos Park, for Virginia Lee Kozell. She was a retired CPS Lunchroom Manager and lifelong member of TOPS.

She is survived by her children Marilyn (Dennis) Balcauski and Randall (Peggy) Kozell and two grandchildren.

Constance P. Kluever

Services were held at the Lawn Funeral Home, Burbank, on Wednesday, with interment at Evergreen Cemetery, for Constance P. Kluever.

She is survived by her children Mary Ellyn, Henrie jr., Judy (Al) DeAngeles, Richard (Vicki), James, Barbara Snyder, Nancy (Jerry) Root and Dan (Lisa), 21 grandchildren and 18 great grandchildren.

Joseph W. Kubon

Services were held at the Hickey Memorial Chapel, Midlothian, on Monday, with interment at Holy Cross Cemetery, for Joseph W. Kubon, late of Posen. He was a retired storeroom clerk for NICOR and a veteran of the U.S. Marines in WWII.

He is survived by his wife Ruth; his children Judy Winnic, Stephanie Kubon and Joseph Kubon; three grandchildren and his sisters Rose Mach and Stella Veldhuicen.

Milton G. Lillie Jr.

Services were held at the Beverly Ridge Funeral Home, Chicago, on Wednesday, with interment at Mt. Hope Cemetery, for Milton G. Lillie, Jr., 78.

He is survived by his wife Socorro; his children Milton (Marianne), Marge Belcher, Cindy (William) Countryman, Betsy (Mike) Jensen and his stepchildren Ellen (Virgil) Bal and Edynell (Josie) Medina; thirteen grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren, and his brother Jim Lillie.

John F. McKenna

Mass was said at St. Elizabeth Seton Church, on Saturday, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for John F. McKenna, 76, of Orland Park.

He is survived by his wife Terese, his children Mary (Tim) Whitehead, Cathy (Tom) McLaughlin, Rita (Phil) Dix, John, Patriek (Sharon) McKenna and Terese (Patrick) Cleary, and ten grandchildren.

Ray Minner

Services were held at the Brady-Gill Funeral Home, Tinley Park, on Wednesday, with a private interment, for Ray Minner, 45. He was a member of Operating Engineers Local#150

He is survived by his wife Beatrice; his children Jared and Jeremy; his stepdaughter Jody Lee Drzewiecki, two grandchildren; his parents Raymond and Dorothy Minner; his sisters Margaret (Paul) Green and Patrick (Mary) and Donna Simpson.

Basil R. Newman

Services were held at Kenny Brothers, Evergreen Park, on Thursday, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Basil R. Newman, 83, a veteran of WWII serving in the US Navy. He was retired after 22 years at International Harvester.

He is survived by his children Robert L. (Ann McDermott) Newman, Sharon T. (John) Palomino & Katherine (Alan Poplawski) Newman, eleven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren, and his sister Alice Dean Arview.

Emma M. O'Connell

Mass was said at St. Linus Church, Oak Lawn, on Wednesday, with interment at St. Casimir Cemetery, for Emma M. O'Connell.

She is survived by her children Fran (Dale) Wincklerhill, Sandra Cacini, six grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

James R. Peck

Services were held at the Brust Funeral Home, Lombard, with interment at River Hills Memorial Park, for James R. Peck, 71, a retired carpenter.

He is survived by his children April Sterling, Hope (Brian) Gregory, Bill and Gregory and seven grandchildren.

Edward M. Pierce

Services were held at the Schmaedeke Funeral Home, on Thursday, with interment at Chapel Hill Gardens South Cemetery, for Edward M. Pierce, 81.

He is survived by his wife Grace, his brother Billy (Darleen) Pierce and his sister Benetta Roundebush.

Diane M. Rees

Mass was said at St. Alexander Church, Palos Heights, on Saturday, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Diane M. Rees, 72.

She is survived by her children Dawn (Brian) Walus, Charles G. Jr. (Laura) and Jan (Jeff) Maratea, five grandchildren, her sister Doris and her brother James.

Kenneth P. Schomers

Mass was said at St. Christina Church, Mt. Greenwood, on Saturday, with interment at St. Mary Cemetery, fro Kenneth P. Schomers, a veteran of the US Army 99th Infantry in WWII. He was a 50-year member of the Blue Island Council Knight of Columbus.

He is survived by his cousins Marie (John) Foges & Robert (Margaret) Roeper.

Joan Steck

Services were held at the Hickey Memorial Chapel, Midlothian, on Tuesday, with interment at Oak Hill Cemetery, for Joan Steck, late of St. Charles, formerly of Midlothian. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by her children Donna (Jin) Scheel and Debra (John) Leveille, his sisters LaVerne Kowalchuk and Inez Johnson and her brother Raymond Crisp and four grandchildren.

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10320 CENTRAL AVE	OAK LAWN	UNKNOWN	FENNELL BARBARA	FOUNDERS BK TR
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5341 OAKDALE DR	OAK LAWN	$287,500	BLAZER JAMES A	PENA GUADALUPE R
11025 S KEATING AVE	OAK LAWN	$130,000	BARAKAT MAHDI A	CERVANTEZ ZULI K
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8908 51ST AVE	OAK LAWN	$275,000	HOWATT CAROLYN A TR	GAWRON JANINA
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9100 S MAJOR AVE	OAK LAWN	$260,000	OLEJNICZAK CECELIA B TR	CERVANTES FRANK D
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4246 W 103RD ST	OAK LAWN	$204,500	TOMASEK DAVID M	WESCOTT DAVID
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Sports Awards

The Oak Lawn Community High School coaches and athletic department recognized athletes at the recent Fall Sports Awards Night. Each sport recognized players for team accomplishments and individual achievements reached during the season.

Varsity Football: Ryan Altenburg (Oak Lawn), Kyle Exline (Oak Lawn), Reid Smith (Hometown), Ryan Smith (Hometown), and Nicholas Wneck (Oak Lawn), All-Conference; Eduardo Garcia (Oak Lawn), Honorable Mention; Reid Smith (Hometown), Most Valuable Player; and Jacob Arnold (Oak Lawn), Sportsmanship Award.

Varsity Boys' Soccer: Ramon Martinez (Oak Lawn) and Steven Stanek (Oak Lawn), All-Conference; Ramon Martinez (Oak Lawn), Most Valuable Player; and Brian Fay (Oak Lawn), Sportsmanship Award.

Varsity Boys' Cross Country: Craig Maher (Oak Lawn), William Stanko (Bridgeview), All-Conference; Craig Maher (Oak Lawn), Regional Winner; Craig Maher (Oak Lawn), Most Valuable Player; and Christopher LeClair (Chicago Ridge), Sportsmanship Award.

Varsity Girls' Cross Country: Lauren Brightmore (Oak Lawn), Eileen Eck (Oak Lawn), Danielle Lettiere (Oak Lawn), Amanda Marek (Bridgeview), All-Conference; Amanda Marek (Bridgeview), Most Valuable Player; and Lauren Brightmore (Oak Lawn), Sportsmanship Award.

Varsity Boys' Golf: Francisco Carrasco (Oak Lawn), Most Valuable Player; and Edward Pattara (Oak Lawn), Sportsmanship Award.

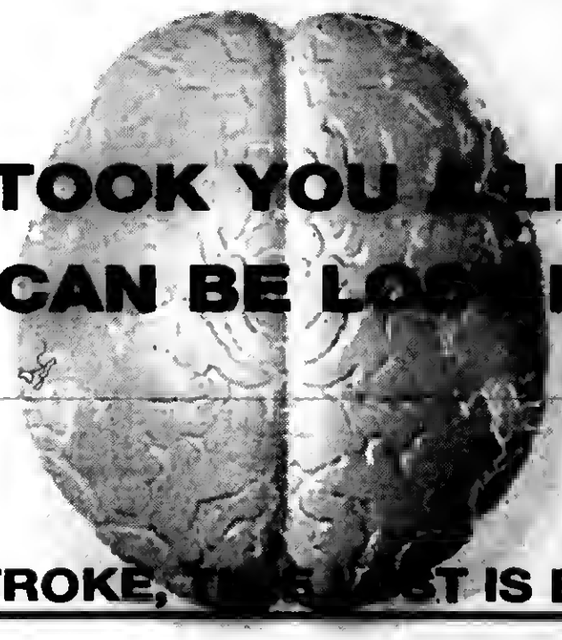
Varsity Girls' Swimming: Kristen Callahan (Oak Lawn), Nicole Janik (Oak Lawn), Almendra Lopez (Oak Lawn), Anny Robles (Bridgeview), All-Conference; Nicole Janik (Oak Lawn), Most Valuable Player; and Katherine Calandriello (Oak Lawn), Sportsmanship Award.

Varsity Girls' Tennis: Lindsey Boots (Oak Lawn), Sherri Crumley (Bridgeview), Mallorie Tomasik, All-Conference; Susanna Zwirkoski, Most Valuable Player; and Mallorie Tomasik (Oak Lawn), Sportsmanship Award.

Varsity Girls' Volleyball: Melissa Barber (Oak Lawn), Kelly Knudsen (Oak Lawn), Kelly Small (Oak Lawn), Danielle Synowiecki (Oak Lawn), Julie Tracy (Oak Lawn), All-Conference; Danielle Synowiecki (Oak Lawn), Most Valuable Player; Julie Tracy (Oak Lawn), Sportsmanship Award; Danielle Synowiecki (Oak Lawn), and the team received "All-Area" recognition from the Southtown Newspaper.

The evening also recognized the following teams for the Conference Championships: Varsity Girls' Volleyball, Varsity Girls' Cross Country, and Sophomore Girls' Freshmen/Sophomore Swimming.

Picture (left to right): Cross Country team members Lauren Brightmore, Coach Emily Buys, & Amanda Marek.



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The Oak Lawn Village Board Of Trustees Considers

Investment Committee

At a relatively brief meeting, several issues were brought up to the Oak Lawn Village Board of Trustees in their first meeting of the New Year. In their quest for a bank that would suit the Village's needs in a more equitable manner, the board unanimously voted to change their banking services to Standard Bank and Trust Co. Before the vote, Trustee Marjorie Joy proposed that an investment committee be formed to oversee the bank as it makes investments for the village.

Joy suggested that the committee would be formed from the board members who have financial experience plus business owners and residents who also have a financial background. Joy said that the committee could oversee the investments and report back to the board quarterly.

Though Mayor Dave Heilmann said that he was not quite in favor of forming another committee even for this purpose, he did ask how to form this type of committee and was told by the village lawyer that it would have to come up before the board for a formal vote. It was stated that the board could also begin an informal committee. Trustee Joy stated that she would be in favor of with the board's decision to study the need for the committee but said that there should be something in place to oversee investments for the village.

Mayor Heilmann suggest that the request be put on the next board agenda and in the mean time, board members could review the issue and come up with suggestions.

The board vetoed the request by the new Target store which requested a liquor license to sell packaged liquor. It was stated that no Target store in the area sells any kind of liquor, nor was the sale of liquor brought up in the meetings with Target officials in previous meetings. The vote was unanimous.

The board brought up the question of making Oak Lawn a "Quiet Zone" when it comes to the railroads blasting their whistles at all village railroad crossings. It was stated that Mayor Heilmann will bring before the board the request for approval of the installation of "quad-gates" at village crossings. This will eliminate the need for the trains to use their whistles. This has been a request from many residents of the village who live near railroad crossings. Many reported that the passing trains would wake them early in the morning and be an endless irritation during the day.

It was reported that the Village Hall will be closed on Jan. 15th in observance of Martin Luther King's birthday.

Life Source Blood Drive

A LifeSource Blood Drive will be held at Little Company of Mary Hospital and Healthcare Centers, 2800 W. 95th Street in Evergreen Park, from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 17th.

Donors must be 17 years old, 16 with a parent and weigh at least 110 pounds.

For an appointment or if you would like futher information, call Mary Hupke at (708) 229-5828

Girl Scout Cookie Program

Every year, thousands of girls across the area gain valuable knowledge while providing the community with a special treat – Girl Scout cookies. This year will be no exception.

The Girl Scout Cookie Program, an integral part of Girl Scouting's Business and Economic Literacy initiative for girls ages 6 to 17, provides finance, marketing and public speaking skills, along with valuable experiences that build girls' self-confidence and help them develop their own personal leadership style.

Locally, girls will be selling Girl Scout cookies through the middle of January. We are very proud to announce that all varieties of Girl Scout cookies are now "zero trans fat per serving," in compliance with FDA regulations. This change was made because, like most successful businesswomen, Girl Scouts listen to their customers.

Since 1917, the Girl Scout cookie activity has become a famous annual event that has helped girls develop important leadership skills they will use throughout their lives. Whether they are dreaming of becoming a doctor, teacher, businesswoman, president of the PTA, or superstar athlete, the Girl Scout Cookie Program gives them the self-esteem they need to reach for the stars.

Through the Girl Scout Cookie Program, girls manage inventory, set goals, learn money management, and develop marketing skills. Essentially, the girls run their own business. The entire troop sets a goal and follows a plan leading toward that goal. Girl Scout troops use funds from the cookie activity to fund a service project or to plan for an exciting trip. Many successful women have credited their business skills to the Girl Scout Cookie Program, making it the premier business and economic literacy program for girls in the United States.

Proceeds from the Girl Scout Cookie Program also go to support programs for girls and training for volunteers across the area; pays for printed materials and postage; maintains council properties; and offers financial assistance to girls from economically disadvantaged areas of the city. All profits are used locally.

The Girl Scout Cookie Program helps girls in unique ways. For example, this activity is a chance to build self-esteem. A shy girl can get over her fear of approaching people by working at a booth with her fellow Girl Scouts or going door to door in her neighborhood with other girls from her troop. A girl who might feel she isn't good with numbers can build her confidence by keeping track of sales and learning to make change.

In addition to the order-taking program, Girl Scout cookies will be available for purchase on site at various locations throughout Chicago, Harwood Heights and Norridge during neighborhood booth sales starting in mid-February. Site sales with boxes available for on-the-spot purchase also will be held on Feb. 19th and March 5th at locations in the downtown area.

For information, call Girl Scouts of Chicago at (312) 416-2500 or visit the council Web site at www.girlscouts-chicago.org

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

JANUARY 15 – Monday – Nifty Fifties Senior Meeting, Salem United Church of Christ, 9717 S. Kostner, 1 p.m.

JANUARY 15 – Monday – Planning & Development Commission Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 8 p.m.

JANUARY 16 – Tuesday – OL Library Board Meeting, 94th & Raymond, 7 p.m.

JANUARY 16 – Tuesday – Environmental Concerns Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 7:30 p.m.

JANUARY 16 – Tuesday – Special Events Committee Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 7:30 p.m.

JANUARY 16 – Tuesday – Community Mental Health Board, 9401 S. 53rd Ct., 8 p.m.

JANUARY 16 – Tuesday – Human Services Board, 9446 S. Raymond, 8 p.m.

JANUARY 19 – Wednesday – Oak Lawn Community High School District 229 Board Meeting, 9400 Southwest Highway, Board Room, 119, 7:30 p.m.

JANUARY 20 – Thursday – Public Works Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 7:30 p.m.

JANUARY 20 – Thursday – Athletic Club Meeting, VFW Hall, 9514 S. 52nd Ave., 8 p.m.

Senior Happenings

The Oak Lawn Senior Commission is one of the governing bodies of the Oak Lawn Senior Center. They are appointed by the Village Trustees, Mayor Heilmann and Clerk Jane Quinlan. Their goal is to bring vital information to the Center respective to their districts for the many needs of the seniors in the village. At the monthly meeting of the minds many issues are discussed. Scheduling of future programs for the Senior Center is a high priority. It is the objective of the Commissioners and the Senior Center to bring every advantage to the residents of the Village of Oak Lawn. Residents may meet their Commissioner on the last Thursday of the month at 10 a.m. At that time attendees may voice concerns or make suggestion for an activity they wish to see at the Senior Center.

Pictured are Oak Lawn Senior Commissioners: Tom Kill, Dorothy Hunt, Harriet Niemiec, Ginger Morgan, Lillian Miszklewicz and Council President Marge France. Jean Beyer is not pictured.

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Orr Announces Election Improvement Plan

At a press conference Tuesday, Jan. 9th, the Election Review Panel investigating transmission problems on Election Night delivered to Cook County Clerk David Orr its report calling for technological and other improvements.

The panel, appointed by Orr, made recommendations ranging from software changes to improving the County Clerk's technology management practices.

"I want to applaud the panel members for the hours and expertise they volunteered to this undertaking," Orr said. "They sifted through mountains of data in record time to find flaws, and propose solutions to speed up results in future elections."

Chaired by retired Judge Abner Mikva, the panel supervised and reviewed tests that recreated conditions from Election Night and duplicated failures in the transmission process, Orr said. The panel met nine times since convening in early December.

According to the report, the panel found that the primary causes for the delay in reporting election results were technology failures in multiple areas.

Orr said his office would: require that Sequoia conduct further testing of its card activator/transmitter (HAAT) to determine the root causes for transmission failures and rectify them; require that Sequoia make improvements to its WinEDS tally and reporting software so that it will process data more quickly; upload early votes at a time that will not interfere with the tallying of precinct transmissions; make sure Receiving Station sites have wired transmission capabilities, and also increase staff in anticipation of heavier use due to potential HAAT failures at the precincts; require that Sequoia redesign its reporting system to show Receiving Station staff correct information about successful or failed transmissions from the precincts; and hire a technical program manager to oversee all aspects of the end-to-end election technology.

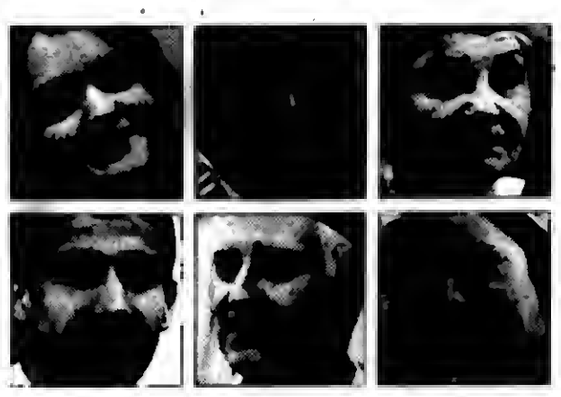
During the investigation, the panel found that flaws in the HAAT kept the unit from working consistently over the wireless network on Election Night. Although 90 percent of the judges believed they had successfully transmitted from their precincts, only 56 percent had actually done so.

In additional findings, a design flaw in the vendor's reports provided misleading information on which data had been transmitted downtown. This hampered efficient use of the secondary transmission system at the Receiving Stations. Also, the combination of the vendor's software running over the county's network in a wireless environment was unstable, despite all individual elements being proven technologies.

The problems were compounded by the vendor's WinEDS server. The panel found that the central tallying server is slower in processing results than would be expected with contemporary technology. Entering early votes simultaneous with precinct transmissions increased vote processing time fivefold, the report states. The vendor's technical support staff deployed on Election Night misinterpreted a series of data processing events within WinEDS that led to confusion about the proper operational steps to take.

Despite the slow transmission of some results on Election night, Orr stressed that strides were made in making Election Day better.

"There is good news," Orr said. "Our election judges did a great job, which showed us that our revised judges' training was a success. Also, early voting was successful with over 33,000 people casting their ballots prior to Election Day. And most importantly, voters like the new equipment and the results were accurate."



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Spending Habits

In January, information about how much Americans spend for health care, groceries, clothing, transportation, housing and other items will be collected by U.S. Census Bureau field representatives from a sample of households across the country.

The Consumer Expenditure Survey (CE) program consists of two separate surveys: The Interview Survey – about 12,000 households will be interviewed once every three months to obtain data on relatively large expenditures and also for those expenditures that occur on a regular basis (such as rent and utilities); The Diary Survey – during the year, another 12,500 households will keep two consecutive one-week diaries of all purchases – including small, frequently purchased items that are normally difficult for respondents to recall later (such as a fast-food purchase at a drive-thru window; a soda or candy bar from a vending machine; or a carton of eggs from the supermarket).

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics then publishes integrated data from the two surveys – providing a snapshot of our nation's economy and spending habits. Government economists use the survey results to update a "market basket" of goods and services for the Consumer Price Index, our nation's most widely used measure of inflation.

"The findings are invaluable to business owners and policymakers in our communities," said Stanley D. Moore, director of the Census Bureau's Chicago Regional Office. "They use the data to evaluate consumer needs and track changes in consumer spending."

Before the CE interviews begin, households receive a letter from Census Bureau Director Louis Kincannon informing them of their selection. Census Bureau field representatives conducting the interviews carry official photo identification. The law ensures survey respondents' personal information and answers are kept confidential.

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Marist's Entrance Exam

The Marist High School Entrance Exam for current 8th grade students will take place on Saturday, Jan. 13th. Students should arrive at 8 a.m. and enter through the gym doors located on the east side of the school. There is a $25 test fee, however, pre-registration is not necessary. Students should bring two #2 pencils and are asked not to bring a calculator. The approximate dismissal time is 11:45 a.m.

In order to be considered a candidate for 2007-2008 admission, prospective students must test at Marist High School. For additional information, contact Alex Brown, Director of Admissions, at (773) 881-5330.

New Federal Travel Requirements

City Clerk Miguel del Valle reminds Chicago residents that the federal requirement to present a passport to enter the United States when arriving by air will begin on Jan. 23.

"It's important for all Chicagoans to be aware of these new travel requirements and prepare accordingly," stated del Valle. "Under the new regulations, citizens will need to have a passport even when traveling by air to Canada and Mexico."

The new federal regulation is part of the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative (WHTI), which requires all citizens to have a passport or other accepted document that establishes the bearer's identity and nationality to enter or re-enter the United States from within the Western Hemisphere.

According to the U.S. Department of State, the passport requirement does not apply to U.S. citizens traveling to or returning directly from a U.S. territory. U.S. citizens returning directly from a U.S. territory are not considered to have left the United States and do not need to present a passport. U.S. territories include the following: Guam, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, American Samoa, Swains Island, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

"Adult passports are valid for 10 years. Regardless of whether a person is traveling abroad or to a U.S. territory, it's a good idea to have one," stated del Valle. "If you're planning to travel outside the U.S. you should begin the passport application process as soon as possible to avoid any delays or extra costs for expedited services."

Chicagoans seeking to apply for a new or updated U.S. Passport have several options:

First Time Application for a U.S. Passport – To apply for a U.S. Passport for the first time, each applicant must appear in person at an official passport acceptance facility with proof of U.S. citizenship, two passport specific photos and a valid form of photo identification such as a driver's license. Passport acceptance facilities in Chicago include: the Office of the City Clerk, the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court and most U.S. Post offices. To find a passport acceptance facility near you, visit the City Clerk's website at www.chicityclerk.com for a direct link to the U.S Department of State's passport facility search page.

Renewal of a U.S. Passport – According to the U.S. Department of State, passport renewal applications must be mailed by the applicant themselves. Consequently, the City Clerk's office cannot process a passport renewal. However, you can obtain a passport renewal application at the Clerk's office.

You can renew by mail if: Your most recent passport is available to submit and it is not damaged; you received the passport within the past 15 years; you were over age 16 when it was issued; you still have the same name, or can legally document your name change. For more information about renewing by mail visit the Clerk's website at www.chicityclerk.com for a direct link to the U.S Department of State's website.

As an official U.S. Passport acceptance agency, City Clerk del Valle's office provides full passport services including expedited processing and passport photos. U.S. Passport services are available at the following City Clerk offices: City Clerk Passport Program in City Hall, 121 N. LaSalle St., Room 100, Chicago, IL 60602, Phone: (312) 744-2020. Monday–Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; or at the City Clerk Satellite Office, 5301 S. Cicero Ave., Chicago, IL 60638, Phone: (312) 745-1100, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Wednesday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Effective Feb. 1, U.S. Passport services will be available at the City Clerk's north side satellite office located at 5430 W. Gale Street.

Passport fees at City Clerk facilities: Regular Processing (6-10 weeks), Adults (age 16 & older), $67, Children (under 16), $52; Expedited Processing (2 weeks), Adults (age 16 & older), $127, Children (under 16), $112.

The passport fee must be in the form of a check or money order only. Cash or credit card will not be accepted for the passport fee. Make check payable to the U.S. Department of State. There is a separate $30 execution fee that can be paid in cash, check or money order payable to the City Clerk.tc \l5 "Make Check payable to: City Clerk

For more information about accepted forms of ID, passport photo requirements and a link to the Passport section of the U.S. Department of State's website visit the City Clerk online at www.chicityclerk.com. You may also call the Clerk's office at (312) 744-2020 for more information about the City Clerk's U.S. Passport Program.

Countdown To 1 Millionth Visitor

The Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum recently announced the latest attendance figures as the countdown to the 1 millionth visitor continues. As of Sunday, Dec. 31st, the number of visitors that have toured the museum since April 2005 hit 997,410.

The winner will receive two free passes to the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum good for unlimited visits for one year, plus a $100 gift certificate to the Museum Store, compliments of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Foundation, the sponsor of the event.

Letter To The Editor

Legalizing "Bottle Service" will jeopardize public health and safety

Illinois legislators are considering SB 948, which will legalize "bottle service" – selling an entire bottle of distilled spirits (hard liquor) to a table or group of 2 or more people. This could result in increased drinking and driving, alcohol abuse, violence, crime and underage drinking.

SB 948 encourages binge drinking and over consumption of alcohol. The U.S. Dietary Guideline on Alcohol states: "Those who choose to drink alcoholic beverages should do so sensibly and in moderation – defined as the consumption of up to one drink per day for women and up to two drinks per day for men." One drink equals 12 oz. of beer or a wine cooler, 5 oz. of wine, or 1.5 oz. of distilled spirits. There are 17 drinks in a Fifth of distilled spirits, 21 drinks in a quart bottle, and 22 drinks in a one-liter bottle.

Who will be watching to make sure that no one under the age of 21 consumes alcohol from the bottle of distilled spirits that is brought to the table?

The costs of alcohol are greater than the amount of revenue. For every dollar of alcohol revenue in the U.S., the cost to American society is $8.10.

This legislation applies to liquor licenses statewide, not just to a few high-end clubs in Chicago. Public health and safety will be jeopardized by legalizing "bottle service." Legislators will vote on this bill this week. Call your State Representative, (217) 782-2000, to voice concerns about SB 948.

S/S Anita Bedell, Executive Director
Illinois Church Action on Alcohol &
Addiction Problems
Springfield

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EDITORIAL/OPINION PAGE

State's Hospital Assessment Plan

Governor Rod R. Blagojevich announced on Jan. 2nd that the state's Hospital Assessment plan will provide a $421 million boost for Chicago's high-Medicaid hospitals over three years, a yearly increase of $74 million from the last hospital assessment in 2004. Last month, the governor announced that the Federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) formally approved the state's plan for securing $1.8 billion in new federal funding to strengthen Illinois' health care system. Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS) Director Barry Maram joined hospital officials, legislators, and families at Mt. Sinai Hospital to celebrate the boost in federal funds that will benefit communities throughout the Chicago area. The state's Hospital Assessment plan will help Illinois hospitals continue to recruit and retain doctors, provide advanced medical care, and serve Illinois' most vulnerable patients.

Senate Bill 157, sponsored by Sen. Jeff Schoenberg (D-Evanston) and Rep. Barbara Flynn Currie (D-Chicago), created the three-year assessment on Illinois hospitals. The law, which the Governor signed in July 2005, replaced the former hospital assessment program that provided $430 million in federal funding, and ended on July 1, 2005.

A hospital assessment program is a federally permissible method for states to leverage their resources in order to attract additional federal matching funds into their state health care systems. Revenue generated by the assessment will boost the amount the state receives in matching funds from the federal government. Illinois will leverage additional federal resources of $600 million to the state's health care network in years 2006, 2007 and 2008. The state's hospitals will benefit by $470 million per year. Additionally, the state will use $130 million per year to help with additional Medicaid health care needs such as funding for nursing homes, the developmentally disabled and other Medicaid services. The proposed assessment plan will end on July 1, 2008.

Before last year's successful assessment, it had been over 10 years since Illinois submitted a hospital assessment plan to the federal government for approval, in turn forgoing hundreds of millions of federal health care dollars from coming into the state of Illinois. The Blagojevich administration was able to forge a broad-based, bi-partisan coalition in 2003 that led the effort to getting an assessment plan approved by the Illinois General Assembly and the federal government.

Juan Ochoa Named CEO

Governor Rod R. Blagojevich named Juan Ochoa as CEO of the Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority (MPEA) effective Jan. 2nd. He replaces Leticia Peralta Davis.

MPEA owns and manages the McCormick Place complex and seeks to promote and operate conventions, fairs and expositions in the Chicago area, in an effort to strengthen the local economy. Historic Navy Pier is also owned and managed by MPEA and the Authority is charged with carrying out the recreational, commercial and cultural redevelopment and operation of Navy Pier, which has become Chicago's most popular visitor attraction.

Ochoa brings years of business and community experience to the position. For the past 10 years, he has served as President and CEO of the Illinois Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (IHCC). Under Ochoa's leadership, IHCC has become one of the most respected and nationally recognized Hispanic business organizations in the country, growing from 53 members and a $45,000 budget to over 1,200 members and a $1.7 million budget. Ochoa was instrumental in garnering the business community's support for the historic $900 million expansion project at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

"The Board of MPEA enthusiastically welcomes Juan Ochoa. His experience and commitment will serve MPEA well as it continues the advances that are vital to Illinois and the region," said MPEA Chairman Theodore R. Tetzlaff.

Ochoa replaces Leticia Peralta Davis, who became the first woman to head the Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority when the Governor appointed her in March 2003. Before coming to state government, Peralta-Davis was founder and president of the financial advisory firm Davis Financial Inc. and former finance chair of the Chicago Housing Authority's board of commissioners.

All Points Southwest

By THOMAS E. GAVIN

The Board of Commissioners of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRDGC) recently voted to re-elect Terrence J. O'Brien as President of the Board. Additionally, Vice President Kathleen Therese Meany and Chairman of the Committee on Finance Gloria Alitto Majewski were also reelected.

"I am grateful to my colleagues on the Board for the confidence they have shown in me," said President O'Brien. He continued, "I have always believed that it is in the best interest of the taxpayers when the Board works together as a team. We have accomplished a great deal in securing federal funds to complete our Deep Tunnel Project. We have lobbied our state lawmakers to give us authority for stormwater management in Cook County. We will continue working to maintain our triple-A bond rating while providing the best possible service to the citizens of Cook County at the lowest possible cost."

Terrence J. O'Brien was elected to the Board of Commissioners in 1988. He was first elected president in 1997 and has continued uninterrupted to the present. Vice President Kathleen Therese Meany was first elected in 1990, and Commissioner Gloria Alitto Majewski has served on the Board since 1984.

Seven water reclamation plants in Cook County are operated by the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago. The District collects and treats wastewater from more than 5 million people and the industrial equivalent of another 4.5 million people everyday. The District also operates the Deep Tunnel project to collect and treat sewer overflows, and provides stormwater management for all of Cook County on an annual budget of $1 billion.

For more information on the MWRDGC, visit the web page at www.mwrd.org.

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Chicago's City Clerk, Miguel del Valle has filed petitions with the Chicago Board of Elections which include over 37,000 signatures from supporters hoping to make del Valle Chicago's first elected Hispanic City Clerk. The Municipal Election balloting will take place Feb. 27th.

A 51-year Chicago resident and lifelong community advocate, del Valle recently completed serving for nearly two decades as a full-time State Senator for the 2nd Legislative District on the Northwest side of the city. He has fought for open transparent government, stronger consumer protections and the reform and better funding of education, healthcare and social service programs throughout his 20-year tenure in the Illinois General Assembly. For more information visit www.delValleforChicago.com.

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Now that 2007 is here, legislation passed by the General Assembly and signed by the Governor this past spring take effect immediately. State Senator Jacqueline Y. Collins (D-Chicago) sponsored several of these bills in the Illinois Senate that became Illinois law January 1st. A few of the issues that Collins fought successfully for in 2006 included mortgage fraud, assistance for grandparents raising grandchildren, and community safety.

•Senate Bill 2349 (Collins/Colvin) targets the growing number of illicit businesses called "mortgage rescuers" that fraudulently promise to "save homes" for individuals, but often charge a fee for providing no service or assume the deed to the home, evicting the original owner. Illicit mortgage "rescuers" are known to run a number of scams at the homeowners expense.

Under the new Illinois law, "distressed property purchasers" will be required to provide homeowners a written contract that lays out all of the terms of the sale and clearly states that the home is actually being sold, while "distressed property consultants" will be required to provide homeowners with a written contract spelling out all of the services to be performed.

•House Bill 4406 (Jones/Collins) will make available a renewable $1,000 scholarship that will help with tuition and fees for four years of higher education for a student who is in the custody of a grandparent and on Public Aid for a period of at least 12 months preceding application. In addition, students must also graduate from high school with a 2.7 grade point average on a 4.0 scale, receive a recommendation from their principal or other appropriate administrator, and attend a higher education institution in Illinois full-time.

•House Bill 4446 (Patterson/Collins) came in response to residents who complained about the large number of halfway houses suddenly springing up overnight in their neighborhoods. The new law will require privately owned halfway houses for persons on parole or mandatory supervised release to comply with all local zoning requirements and will aim to provide a more efficient working relationship between private halfway houses and the Department of Corrections regarding the admittance of inmates on parole or mandatory supervised release. Another provision of the law will require that notice shall be given to local law authorities within 48 hours of a person's placement in a halfway house or related facility by the Department of Corrections.

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All Points hears that veteran 19th Ward Alderman Ginger Rugai will be feted at a Re-election Rally Sunday, Jan. 14th from 3 to 6 p.m. at 115 Bourbon Street, 3359 W. 115th St. in Mount Greenwood. The Committee to Elect Ginger A. Rugai reports that entertainment, an open bar, and dinner buffet will all be included in the $25 per person ticket donation. For ticket information, call (773) 238-0288.

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The Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce will host its 61st Annual Installation of Officers and Directors Dinner on Saturday, Jan. 20th, in the Grand Ballroom of the Oak Lawn Hilton. The evening program includes a Cocktail Reception at 6 p.m., Program and Installation at 7 p.m., Dinner at 7:30 p.m. and Presentation of Business Awards at 8 p.m. The $65 per person includes an open bar, dinner, and entertainment by Loren Gent of Fun, Fun, Fun DJ. Black tie optional. For more information and reservations call (708) 424-8300.

Users Ring In Savings

Illinois phone users in the AT&T region can ring in more than $23 million a year in savings on their phone bills in 2007, thanks to three new, low-cost "Consumer's Choice" plans, and a new online tool, dubbed the Local Phone Cost-cutter, is available to help customers make the right choice.

AT&T is offering the plans as part of an agreement with the Citizens Utility Board (CUB) and an insert explaining the packages will be included in January phone bills. In addition, CUB unveiled the Local Phone Cost-cutter, an online tool designed to help consumers understand their phone bills and determine which calling package best fits their needs. The tool is available at www.CitizensUtilityBoard.org.

Unlike most of AT&T's flat-rate calling plans, which are expensive and include a host of special features consumers often don't want or need, the Consumer's Choice plans were designed to fit the calling needs of most residential phone users.

As a result, the vast majority of AT&T customers will save money by switching to one of the Consumer's Choice plans or the company's standard, per-call rates. The three new plans are:

Consumer's Choice Basic – a no-frills plan that covers your monthly service plus 30 local calls a month. Additional calls cost 6 cents each. The monthly price is $3.05 for downtown Chicago residents, $6.03 for those in Chicago's neighborhoods and near suburbs and $9.50 in the rest of Illinois.

Consumer's Choice Extra – customers get monthly service plus unlimited local calling for $10 a month in downtown Chicago, $13 a month in Chicago's neighborhoods and near suburbs, and $16 a month in the rest of Illinois.

Consumer's Choice Plus – offers monthly service, unlimited calling and the choice of two special calling features, the most popular being Call Waiting and Caller ID. It costs $16 a month in downtown Chicago, $19 a month in Chicago's neighborhoods and near suburbs, and $21 a month in the rest of the state. Even if customers choose to buy one or two extra calling features, this plan still beats all other flat-rate packages.

The Consumer's Choice plans only cover local calls within 15 miles, and taxes and surcharges, including the $4.88 a month Federal Access Charge, are extra. For calls beyond 15 miles, CUB recommends customers use a prepaid calling card, a low-cost, no monthly fee long-distance service or their cell phone, if they have extra minutes. Plans that bundle local and long-distance service are not a good deal for most phone users.

Consumers also can save money by canceling expensive services they don't need, like Line-Backer. At $6.99 a month, the service covers repairs to a home's inside phone wires. But data show those wires go bad, on average, only once every 30 years.

CUB is a nonprofit statewide utility-watchdog organization created by the state legislature to represent the interests of residential and small-business utility customers. For more information on the Consumer's Choice plans, call 1(866) 688-4CUB or visit www.Citizens UtilityBoard.org.

Senior Tax Relief Program

Southwest Suburban Center on Aging (SWSCOA), headquartered in LaGrange, will host a program on the Senior Citizen Exemption and Senior Freeze Exemption programs sponsored by Cook County. These property tax relief assistance programs will be explained by Nancy McCready of the Office of the Cook County Assessor on Tuesday, Jan. 23rd at 11 a.m. at the Center, 111 W. Harris Ave. SWSCOA staff will be available to help with the completion of forms and all completed forms will be notarized.

The Senior Citizen Exemption may entitle Cook County property owners to a reduction in property taxes. In order to qualify for the Senior Citizen Exemption program for the taxable year 2006, the property owner must be born prior to or in the year 1941, own the property as of January 1, 2006 (prorated exemption may be possible) and use the property as the principal place of residence.

Taxpayers who have received the Senior Citizen Exemption in the past should automatically receive a taxpayer exemption mailing each year. Taxpayers who do not receive the mailing by May 1st should contact the Cook Country Assessor's Office at (312) 443-7550.

The Senior Freeze Exemption may allow seniors on limited incomes to apply for a freeze of the equalized assessed value of their properties. To qualify for the 2006 taxable year, the following is required: a date of birth in 1941 or prior, a total household income of $45,000-$50,000 or less for the 2005 income tax year (proof of 2005 income is required to apply), to have owned the property, or had a legal, equitable or leasehold interest in the property and used it as a principal place of residence on January 1, 2005 and January 1, 2006 and to be liable for the payment of 2005 and 2006 property taxes. To make reservations for the program, call (708) 354-1323.

Collection Agency Lawsuit Filed

Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan recently filed a lawsuit against a Chicago debt collection agency for allegedly using unfair tactics, intimidation and misrepresentations to convince consumers to make payments when, in some instances, the consumers never owed the money.

The lawsuit names Leading Edge Recovery Solutions, L.L.C., as the defendant. Leading Edge Recovery Solutions, an Illinois limited liability corporation based in Chicago, collects debts on behalf of various entities, including credit card and installment debts.

Madigan's Consumer Protection Division has received 53 complaints against Leading Edge Recovery Solutions. According to these complaints, consumers made payments ranging from $300 up to $2,900 and, in some instances, Leading Edge Recovery Solutions deducted payments directly from consumers' bank accounts without the consumers' authorization.

The lawsuit, filed in Cook County Circuit Court, alleges that Leading Edge Recovery Solutions has attempted to collect on debts that are as much as 20 years old and, in some cases, are not even owed by consumers. When consumers have responded to contacts from Leading Edge Recovery Solutions by requesting proof that they actually owe the debt, the company has failed to provide such proof.

Madigan alleges that as part of its collection efforts, Leading Edge Recovery Solutions sent collection letters and contacted consumers by telephone, often using abusive language or improperly contacting consumers at their places of employment.

The complaint specifically alleges that representatives of Leading Edge Recovery Solutions made numerous misrepresentations during their collection efforts, including:

That they are attorneys and that the company would file a lawsuit if the debt is not paid;

That the company would file a lien against the consumer's property if the debt is not paid;

That the consumer could be arrested or imprisoned for failing to pay the debt;

That the consumer's wages would be garnished if the debt was not paid; and

That the company would take other actions that would have an adverse impact on the consumer's credit report if the debt is not paid.

Madigan's lawsuit asks the court to prohibit Leading Edge Recovery Solutions from engaging in the business of collecting or attempting to collect on debts, and from further violating Illinois' consumer protection laws. The lawsuit seeks civil penalties and requests that the court order Leading Edge Recovery Solutions to pay restitution to consumers.

26th Annual MS Bike Tour

Registration is now open for the 26th annual MS Bike Tour, a cycling event to help raise money to find a cure for multiple sclerosis. Presented by the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Greater Illinois Chapter, the MS Bike Tour is a two-day cycling adventure along Illinois' most picturesque farm roads. The rubber hits the road on June 23rd and 24th as the tour winds its way through DeKalb County.

Riders can opt for a 35, 75, or 100-mile route for each day of cycling. The maximum route is 175 miles, split between the two days of cycling. Visit www.rideforms.org to register for the ride and check out route maps, tips for riding, a list of the weekend's festivities and more.

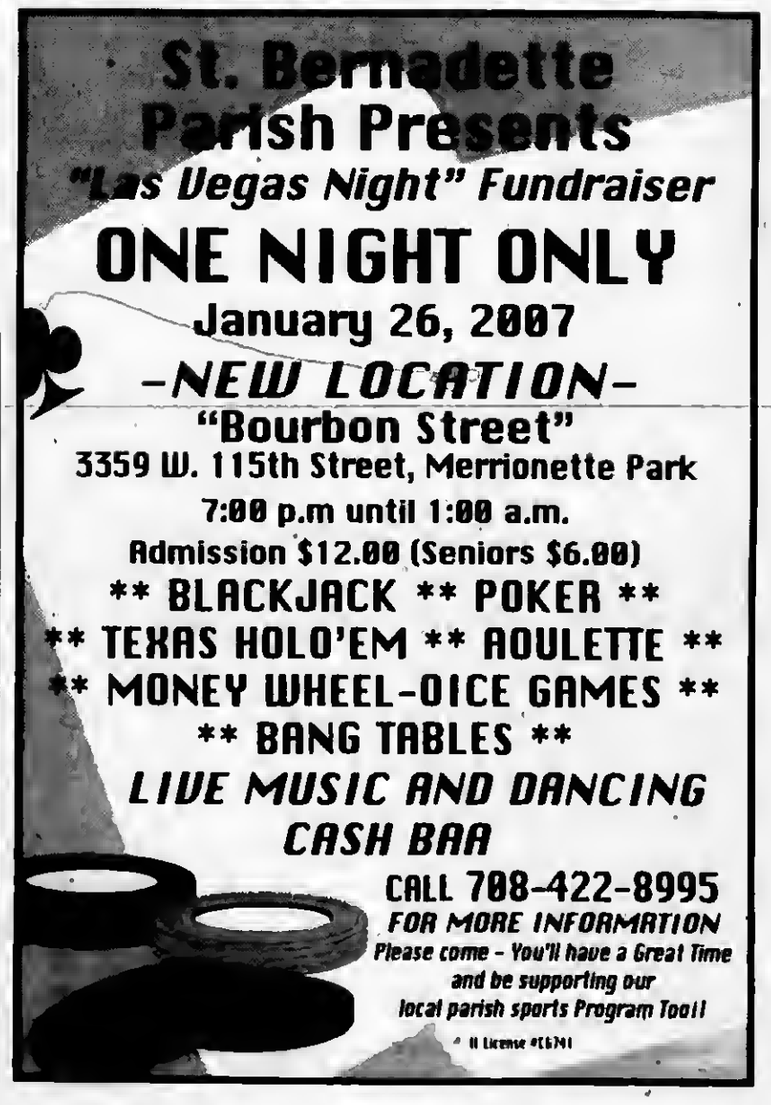
"This is a disease that threatens the dreams of young men and women and it's one that we have to find a cure for," said Alexis Geissler, Event Manager for the MS Bike Tour. "Just about everyone knows someone who is living with this disease. By participating in the Tour, you can be a part of the fight to end the devastating effects of MS – for someone you love or care about."

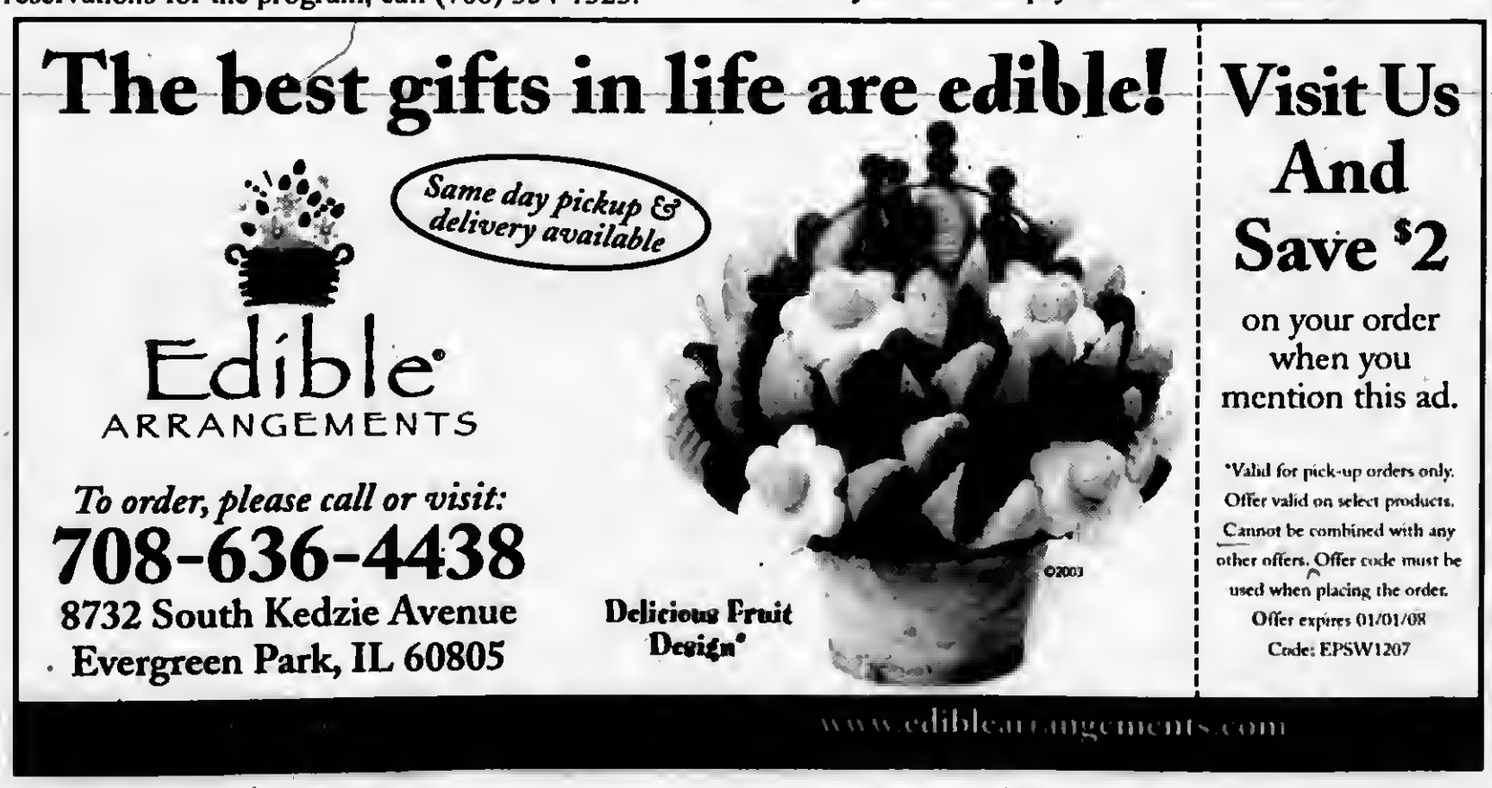
As Illinois' largest bicycling charity fundraiser, money raised at the MS Bike Tour supports local MS research and programs serving the estimated 20,000 people in Illinois living with multiple sclerosis.

Multiple sclerosis is a chronic, often disabling disease of the central nervous system. It is generally diagnosed between the ages of 20 and 50. Symptoms can range from numbness in the limbs to paralysis or loss of vision. The progress, severity, and specific symptoms of MS in any one person cannot yet be predicted, but advances in research and treatments are giving hope to those affected by the disease.

The National Multiple Sclerosis Society provides programs and services that make life better for approximately 400,000 Americans with multiple sclerosis and their families and friends. The Society's programs are designed to inform and empower people to maximize their health and independence.

Studies show that early and ongoing treatment with an FDA-approved therapy can reduce future disease activity and improve quality of life form any people with multiple sclerosis. Talk to your health care professional and contact the National Multiple Sclerosis Society at www.nationalmssociety.org or 1-800-FIGHT-MS to learn about ways to help manage multiple sclerosis and about current research that may one day reveal a cure.





ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

Maria High School Snow Ball 2007

Maria's annual fundraising event, Snow Ball 2007, will take place on Saturday, Jan. 20th, at the Drury Lane, Oak Brook, beginning with cocktails at 6:30 p.m. This year's Snow Ball will be a continuation of the 100th Jubilee Celebration of the Sisters of St. Casimir, sponsors of Maria High School. The Honorable Anne Burke, Illinois Supreme Court Judge and graduate of Maria High School, will provide the welcome address. Leona Conforti, Class of 1958, will be presented with the Maria Kaupas Award, and the 58 Sisters of St. Casimir who are graduates of St. Casimir Academy/Maria High School will be inducted into Maria's Hall of Fame.

Guests at the Snow Ball will enjoy a four course meal, followed by dancing and be able to view segmented story boards highlighting the 100 year history of the Sisters of St. Casimir. Pictures of the Sisters of St. Casimir Foundress, Mother Maria Kaupas, date back to the late 1800's and have traveled from Lithuania. These story boards will serve as a lasting testament to the tremendous contribution the Sisters of St. Casimir have made to the city of Chicago and young women in the area for the past 95 years.

For more information about the Snow Ball, call DiAnne Richardson at (773) 925-8686, ext. 115.

Pictured from left to right: Sister Kathleen Smith, Sister Clement Mazgelis, Sister Johanna Marie Shainauskas, Sister Wanda, Sister Marilyn Kuzmickus and Sister Grace Ann Kalafut will be inducted into Maria High School's Alumnae Hall of Fame on Jan. 20th, along with 51 other Sisters of St. Casimir who are graduates of either Maria High School or St. Casimir Academy.

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Swashbuckling Good Time

The Children's Theatre Company of South Suburban College is producing the classic adventure tale The Adventures of Robin Hood, by Michele L. Vacca. The upcoming performances will take place on Saturdays, Jan. 20 and 27 at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Additional performances are Jan. 22 through 26 at 9:45 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Seating for weekday performances is limited and advance reservations are required.

Robin Hood is a delightful, fast moving and witty play and is suitable for a wide range of ages.

Robin Hood (Juniper Boerman DeYoung of Thornton) and his Merrie Band encounter the nasty and nefarious Sheriff of Nottingham (Paul Braun of Lansing) who is about to collect taxes (again!). They immediately don disguises and the fun begins.

While the Sheriff and his hapless Oswald (Jamel Williams of Chicago Heights) search aimlessly in the forest, Robin encounters a disguised Maid Marian (Amanda Cuzzo of Tinley Park) and challenges her. She easily wins her right of way and Robin invites her to join him and his Band.

In an effort to capture them, the Sheriff entices Robin and the Merrie Band with an archery contest. When that doesn't work, the sly Sheriff kidnaps Maid Marian. Robin vows pursuit.

A number of boldly dramatic and comic attempts are made on both sides to outwit the other, neither party succeeding. Robin wins the archery contest (of course), which calls for a bit of sword play (of course), and as he triumphs over the nefarious sheriff, a message from the King arrives, appointing the Lady Marian the new Sheriff!

The members of Robin's Merrie Band are Rob Smagacz of Calumet City as Little John, Mike Novakovich of Dyer, IN as Will Scarlett, Dominic Bellamy-Palma of Park Forest as Friar Tuck, Alexander DeYoung as Swash and Benjamin DeYoung as Buckle, both of Thornton.

Also included in the cast are Kim Nevins of Homewood as Nell the Innkeeper, Angela Martin of Midlothian as Midge the Miller, Dawn Begin of Oak Forest as Patsy the Saxon and Gayle Wonder of Park Forest as Gayle the Cobbler.

"The Adventures of Robin Hood" is directed by Ellie Shunko of Lansing; the state manager is Rochelle Walters of Chicago Heights; costumes are by JoAnna Tassin of Park Forest; lighting is Lydia and Dominic Bellamy-Palma of Park Forest; fight choreography is by William Boerman-Comell of South Holland and the set is designed by Vernon Schwartz of Oak Park.

Tickets are $4. Large group discounts are available. Call (708) 210-5741 to make reservations. One may also e-mail boxoffice@southsuburbancollege.edu or visit the theatre website at http://learn.southsuburbancollege.edu/theatre for additional information.

South Suburban College is located at 15800 S. State St. in South Holland, between Sibley Boulevard and 159th St. The campus is convenient to Routes 94, 80, 57, and 294 and is also accessible by Metra. Free, ample, well-lit parking is available.

Class Reunions

DuSable High School class of 1951 will hold a 55th-year reunion from Sept. 15th to 17th at the Hilton Oak Lawn Hotel. Call (708) 206-0468.

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Harrison High School - Class of 1973 to 1960 Reunion on Sept. 24th from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at The Abbington, 3 South 002, Route 53, Glen Ellyn. Call (708) 366-3423.

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New Trier class of 1986 20th reunion will be held on Nov. 4th at the North Shore Skokie Hotel. Visit www.1986.com.

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Harrison High School, classes of 1965-1969, looking for classmates. Call (773) 507-4669 or (773) 600-8669.

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Farragut High School, classes of 1952-1954, are looking for classmates. Call Carolee (Fotka) Michalek at (815) 407-1934.

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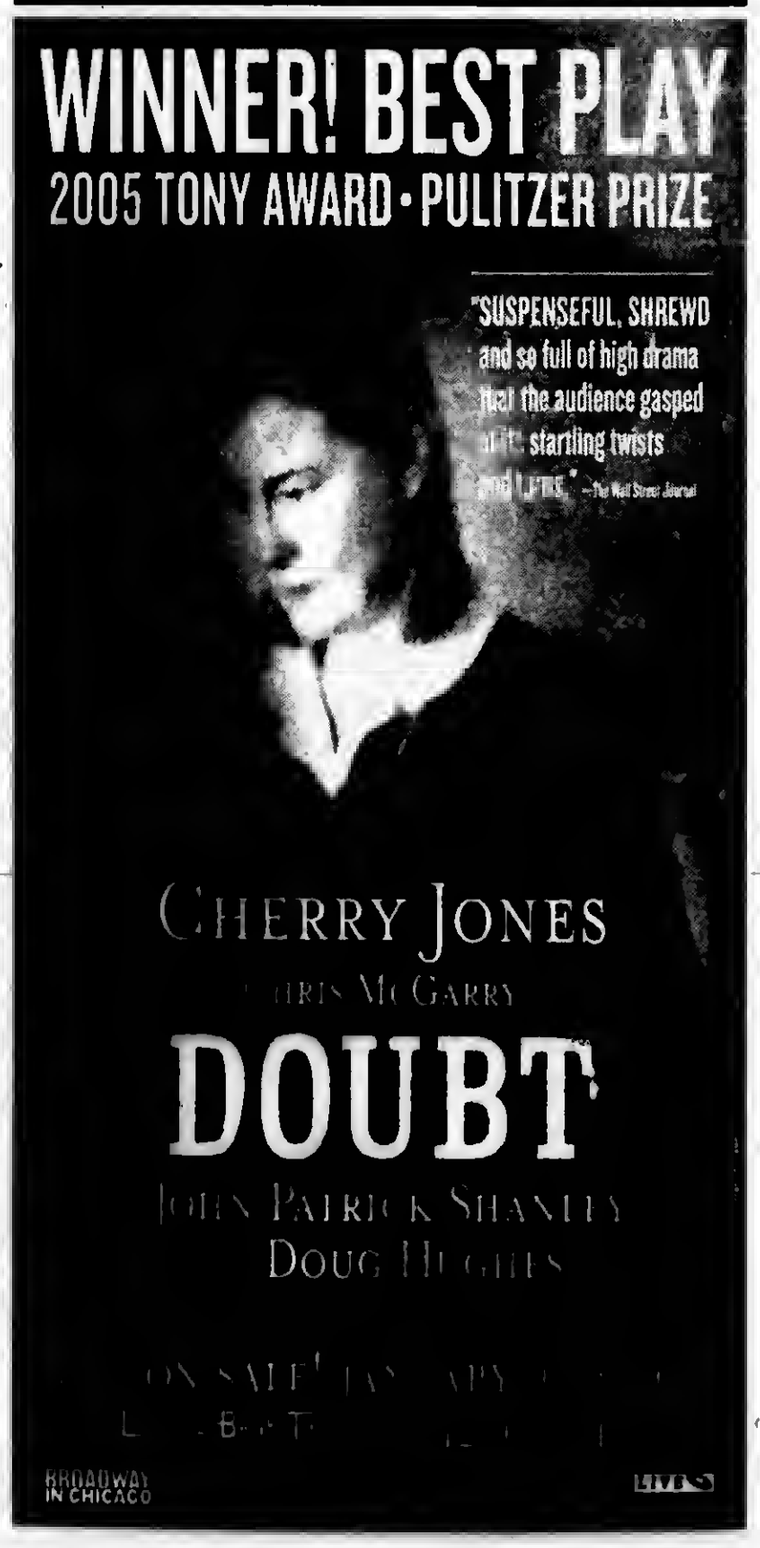

17th Annual Crystal Heart Ball

The Little Company of Mary Hospital Foundation's 17th Annual Crystal Heart Ball will take place on Saturday, Feb. 3, at The Field Museum. Fred and Kathy Berglund will chair this year's gala along with their co-chairs Mary Rose and David Roth, M.D.

Pictured (front row) Little Company of Mary Hospital Foundation Executive Director, Mary Jo May; President and CEO, Dennis Reilly; and Board Chairperson, Sister Kathleen McIntyre, L.C.M., joins the Beverly Breast Cancer Awareness Walk Co-chairs in the back row: Margie Sweeney; Carol Moriarty; Nancy Mulcahy and Lisa O'Brien.

The event is not only the hospital's premier fundraiser, but also an opportunity to recognize individuals for their outstanding accomplishments and service. This year the Foundation will present the Mary Potter Humanitarian Award to. Ron Kittle former Chicago White Sox player and 1983 American League Rookie of the Year. Kittle is being honored for his work in founding Indiana Sports Charities, a charitable foundation focused on assisting cancer research institutions throughout metropolitan Chicago and Northwest Indiana.

The Mary Potter Humanitarian Award honors an individual whose personal and professional accomplishments embody the ideals, vision and mission of Venerable Mary Potter. The award is a testament to compassion, commitment and the gift of empowerment.

At this year's Crystal Heart Ball, Little Company of Mary will present the Sister Nancy Boyle Award for Excellence to the Founders of the Beverly Breast Cancer Walk. Two long-time friends, Carol Moriarty, a cancer survivor, and Lisa O'Brien, who lost her mother and sister to breast cancer, teamed with Carol's sister, Nancy Mulcahy, to give Southwest Chicago area residents a local option in the fight against breast cancer. What started as a walk among friends and family on Mother's Day, the Beverly Breast Cancer Walk has snowballed into a community-wide event with more than 5,000 walkers raising more than $300,000 for The Cancer Center at Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care Centers. The Sister Nancy Boyle Award for Excellence is given to an individual or program so that the example of Sister Nancy Boyle, L.C.M., continues to inspire those who knew her personally as well as those who will know about her through this award.

Ron Kittle, former Chicago White Sox Player, will receive the Mary Potter Humanitarian Award at Little Company of Mary Hospital's Foundation 17th Annual Crystal Heart Ball on Saturday, Feb. 3.

Guests will enjoy a cocktail reception beginning at 6:30 p.m. followed by a gourmet meal that will be prepared by Carlyn Berghoff, granddaughter of the famed Berghoff family. Dancing will follow with music provided by City Lights Orchestra. Tickets to this black-tie event are $275 per person with proceeds benefiting Little Company of Mary's Comprehensive Breast Health Center. Attendees can treat friends and/or clients to an elite Diamond Table for $7,500, a Heart of Gold Table for $5,000 or select a Crystal Heart Table for $2,750. For Crystal Heart Ball information, contact the Little Company of Mary Hospital Foundation at (708) 229-5066.

Texas Hold'em Poker Tournament

SouthSTAR Services is planning its third Texas Hold'em Poker Tournament on Sunday, March 4, at CDs and Me, 23320 South LaGrange Rd., in Frankfort.

The doors open at 11:30 a.m. with a delicious buffet. The first hand will be dealt at 12:30 p.m.

Players who register before the event will pay $100, while the price for a seat at the door is $125. The tournament will include the Chicago Bulls game on large screen TVs, a raffle of a plasma TV, a delicious buffet, beverages and great prizes.

Participating players will have the opportunity to win $10,000 in American Express gift cards that can be redeemed at over 3,000,000 worldwide merchants and service providers who honor the American Express card.

The tournament has a limited number of player positions available, so register today! The tournament will be a fun-filled afternoon and ensures SouthSTAR can continue helping men and women with developmental disabilities.

Sponsorship opportunities include: 1) $1,000 Royal Flush No-Limits event sponsorship (4 seats at tournament plus advertising); 2) $500 Full House table sponsorship (2 seats at table plus signage); 3) $250 3 Aces Sponsor (1 seat at tournament, plus signage at buffet area).

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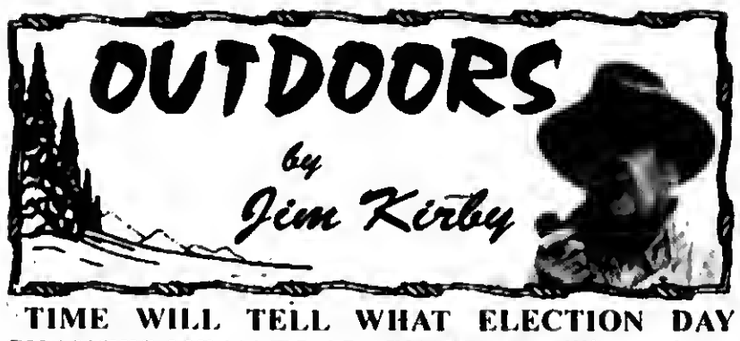


TIME WILL TELL WHAT ELECTION DAY CHANGES MEAN TO SPORTSMEN: Millions of voters cast their ballots on Nov. 7, and their choices have resulted in a dramatic shift in state and federal leadership. The coming months will show how the changes will impact sportsmen's rights.

State legislatures are where a majority of wildlife and sportsmen-related legislation will appear. Since states control the wildlife resources within their boundaries, with the exception of migratory birds and federal endangered species, this is where anti's will try to steal sportsmen's rights.

Prior to the election, 20 state legislatures had republican control in both chambers; ten states had republican control of one chamber, democratic control of the other; and 19 states had democratic control in both chambers. In January, 20 states will have democratic control in both chambers.

Regardless of which political party may dominate in any one state legislature or governorship, The U.S. Sportsmen's Alliance reminds *all* sportsmen to initiate communication with new lawmakers and foster relationships with those who have been in office. Bills that threaten hunting and fishing can be introduced by members of either party. Also, it's nice to have a good relationship with someone who may be the key vote for a bill to allow additional hunting and fishing opportunities. (The *Sentry, USSA*)

■**FISHING REPORT:** Perch fishing along the Southern Lake Michigan shoreline has been spotty. **Joe Solaml,** Crestwood, and **Bob Hicks,** Alsip, decided to brave the cold weather and choppy waters and check the perch situation for themselves.

Launching out of Calumet Harbor, they hit the outer and inner breakwalls, weed beds, and humps. Picked up a few small fish, and moved into the river, hitting slips and the railroad bridge. They caught and released over 75 perch, none over 10". They promised to keep trying, and when the "jumbos" move-in, to let me know.

■**OPENINGS AND CLOSINGS:** Pheasant, quail and rabbit season in the north zone closed on Jan. 8. *Late winter deer season opens Jan. 12-13. *Archery deer and turkey seasons end on Jan. 11. *Brant, Canada, snow and white-fronted goose season closes in North Zone on Jan. 14. *Conservation order light goose season opens in North Zone.

■**CAMPSITE RESERVATIONS:** Reservations for the 2007 camping season for Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) campsites, cabins, group campsites and picnic shelters may be made by mail now and in person or over the phone beginning Feb. 1. Reservations are not accepted via electronic mail at any time.

A daily lottery will be conducted for mail-in reservations. Up to six mail-in reservations per envelope, per person will be accepted for campsites or shelters. Camping groups may mail more than six reservations per envelope as long as no more than six are for one individual.

In addition to regular camping fees and utility fees payable upon arrival at the site, regular campsites and group campsites required a $5 reservation fee per site at the time the reservation is made.

Campsites can be reserved for a maximum of 14 nights per 30-day period and reservations must be made at least seven days before the campsite is needed. Reserved campsites will be held until 3 p.m. the following day, after which time the site will be offered to other campers on a first-come, first-served basis. Reservations for the Memorial Day, Fourth of July and Labor Day weekends require a minimum three day reservation.

The IDNR also has openings for campground hosts at many state-run campgrounds. Hosts are paid $1 per day and receive free camping for the length of their stay. Hosts are expected to check campers in and out and help answer general questions from campers. For more information on the host program, call Barb Foster at (217) 785-8129.

■**ILLINOIS MUSKIES ALLIANCE:** The IMA in conjunction with muskie clubs in Illinois do a great job of taking on projects that improve muskie fishing (and indirectly other fish species) as is evidenced by excerpts from the minutes of their quarterly meeting:

"Special Projects- The Jake Wolf Hatchery needs some nets to cover ponds to keep young birds out. Ponds are covered with 2x2 netting. Young birds are able to get in and capture young muskies. These ponds will be covered with 1x1 netting to stop this predator of young muskies. The cost will be about $1,500."

"Muskie will be stocked in Mallard Lake in DuPage County in 2007. Motion was made by Pete Barber and seconded by Frank Walter stating that IMA will support this project that passed unanimously."

"Cook County will stock Busse Lake with muskie in 2007, and Tampier stocked in 2008. The IMA will support this project, based on available funds."

The Illinois Muskies Alliance takes on similar projects throughout the year!!

Moraine Valley's College Bowl Team Wins Regional Championship

Add the South Suburban Regional Tournament championship to the Moraine Valley College Bowl team's trophy case.

After sweeping the Illinois Skyway Collegiate Conference competition, the Cyclone squad on Dec. 8th won the Fall 2006 Illinois Community College Student Activities Assn./Illinois Community College Trustees Assn. regional tourney, dropping only one match.

Team members include Captain Philip Santoyo of Blue Island, David Faulkner of Palos Hills, Michael Schrader of Chicago Ridge and Lenore Thomas of Merrionette Park. Ted Powers advises the team and Jason King coaches the squad.

"Losing our first match to Joliet Junior College – and our first match of the semester – definitely woke us up. We were one question away from beating them, so we regrouped and came back strong," said Santoyo.

Coming back strong was indeed an understatement in the second round. Prairie State College experienced Moraine Valley's refocusing and were routed 195 to minus 5. "Overall, it is our teamwork ethic and practice that makes us good. Our team chemistry gets better every week," said Faulkner.

Round three meant revenge for Moraine Valley as Joliet defeated Prairie State 110-30 to set up a rematch with the Cyclones, who answered the challenge and won the round 125-90. "We enjoy rounds with competitive questions. This round we were really on our game and pulled out the victory," said Schrader.

Because the tournament was double elimination, Moraine Valley faced Joliet for a third time, and this time the Cyclones cruised to a 165-70 victory to win the tournament title. "We each have our specialties and we work well together. It shows in our matches," said Thomas.

"I like the depth of our team, but it's hard to take someone out. We are especially strong in Sciences and Humanities and that makes us hard to beat. I like double elimination. It gives you a chance to regroup from a loss," said King.

Moraine Valley now turns its attention to preparing for the Spring 2007 Regional tournament where a win will advance the team to the state championship. "Yes, we are a strong favorite to go downstate. However, this team will practice hard all semester like we never won a game," said Powers.

Baseball Camp

Youngsters who want to learn the proper techniques and fundamentals of base ball should attend Benedic tine University's 17th annu al baseball camp from 6:30 to 9 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd in the campus Dan and Ada Rice Center.

The clinics are designed for youngsters who want to become more proficient in the fundamentals of baseball. The main goal of the camp is making certain each student receives individual instruction and coaching. Individual attention is assured by the camp's low camper-to-instructor ratio. Players are grouped according to age and ability.

The clinics are conducted by veteran Benedictine baseball coach and Illinois High School Baseball Coaches Assn. Hall of Fame member John Ostrowski. Ostrowski's 33-year record ranks in the top 25 among all active NCAA coaches. Staff includes Benedictine's assistant coaches and varsity players.

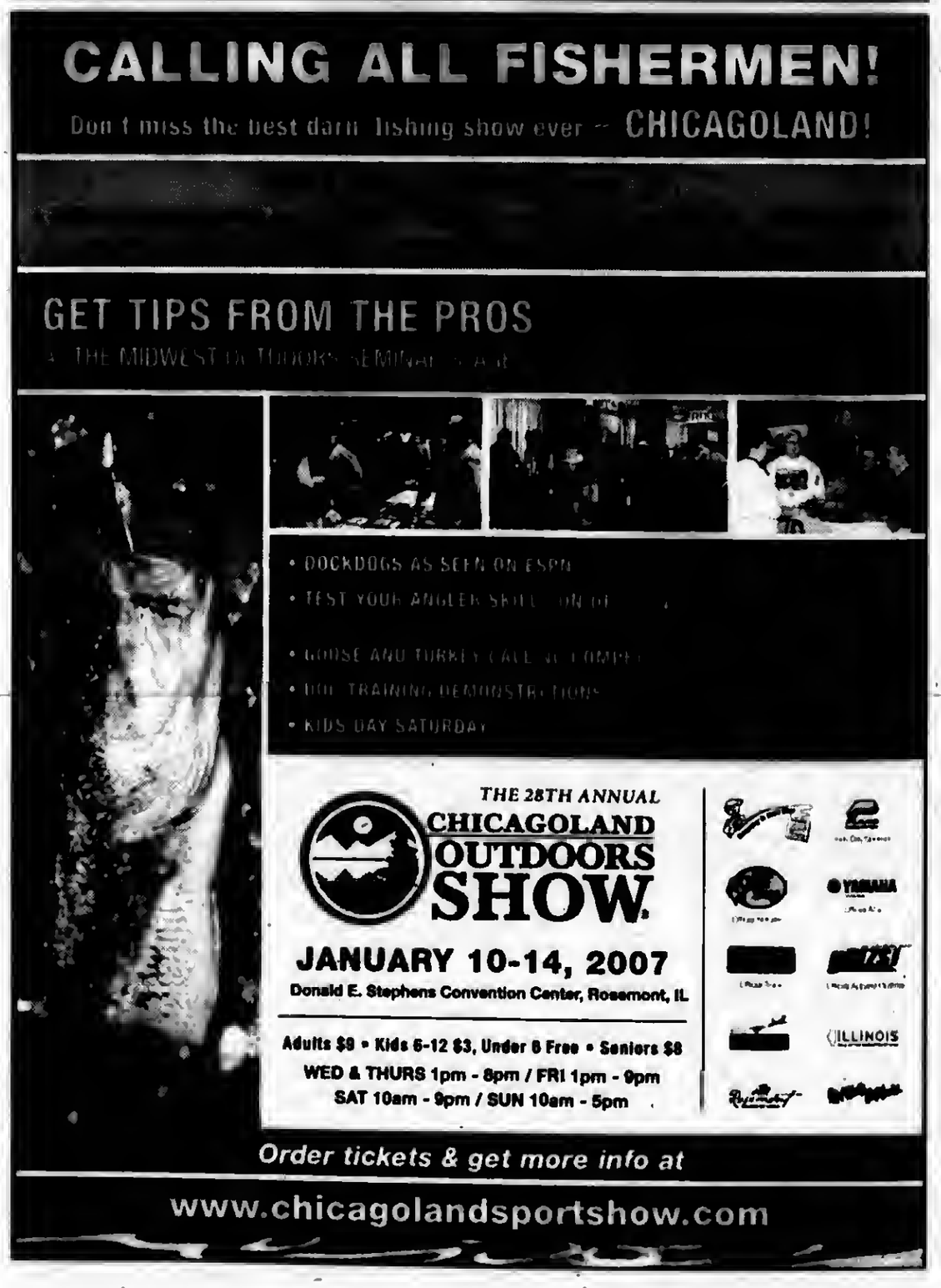
Camp participants will receive a Benedictine baseball T-shirt. Campers should bring a baseball glove and wear gym shoes. Bats will be provided.

The camps are open to youngsters ages 7-13. The fee is $40 for one session, $78 for two sessions, $115 for three sessions and $150 for all four sessions. Campers are encouraged to register early. All four sessions sold out last year. For more information, call (630) 829-6140.

Softball Recruiting

Courtney Murphy, a senior first baseman at Oak Forest High School, has signed a letter of intent to continue both her athletic and academic career at St. Xavier University as a member of the Cougar softball program. She will be a freshman at SXU in the fall of 2007 and compete for playing time at first base during the 2008 season.

"Courtney is a strong hitter and a solid defensive first baseman," said SXU head softball coach Myra Minuskin. "Her maturity, intensity and leadership make her a perfect fit for our program."



St. Rita High School Transportation Options

St. Rita High School, 7740 S. Western Ave., has expanded its transportation program to be more accessible to students, beginning next fall, 2007. Currently, St. Rita students come from over 45 suburban communities and every section of the city of Chicago. St. Rita is committed to providing young men with the most efficient transportation options possible. Beginning in the fall of 2007, students will have the following transportation options:

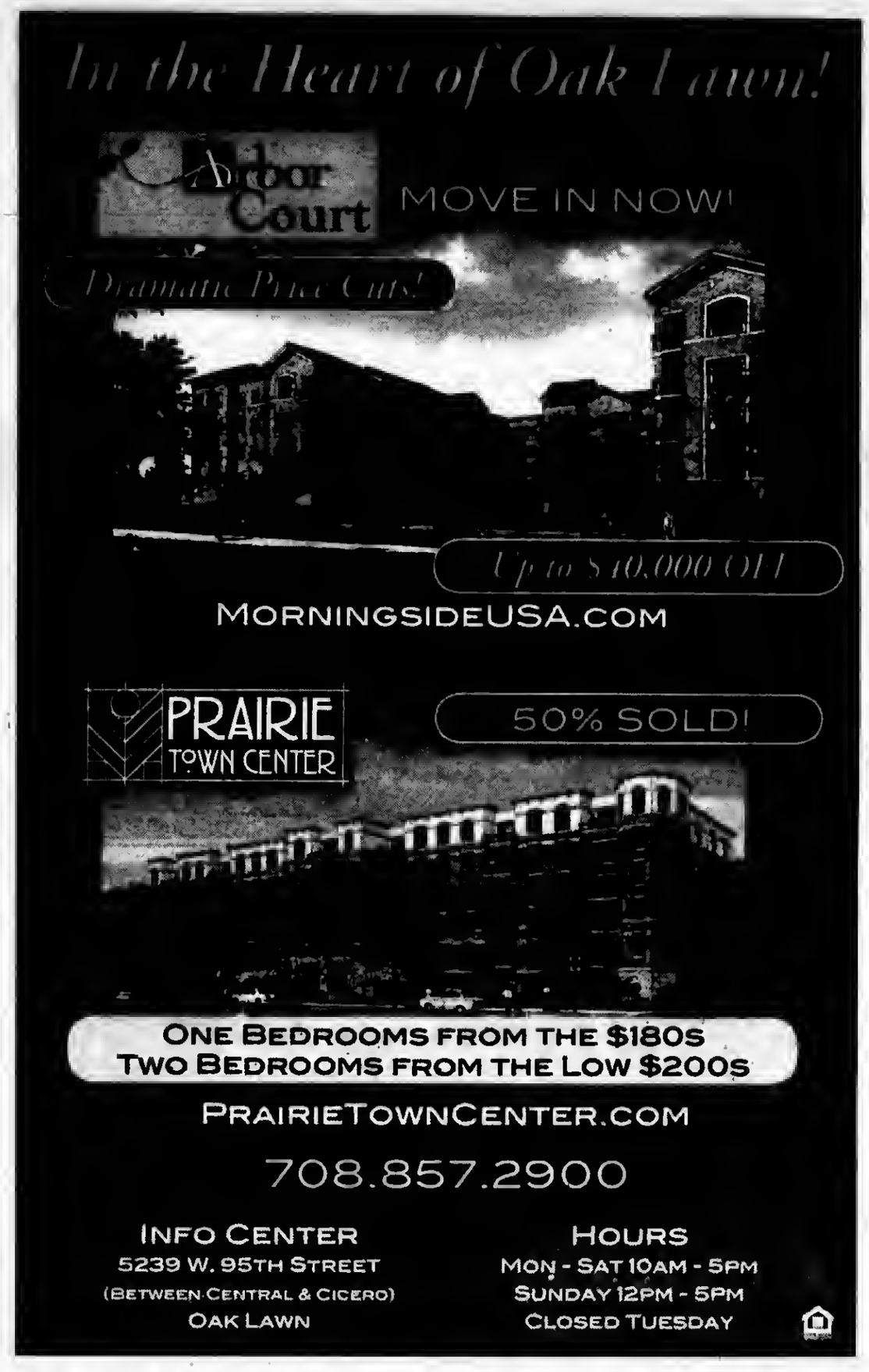
St. Rita Private Bus Service: St. Rita will be using its own fleet of private buses. This translates into a shorter commute at a very reasonable price. The buses will be routed to meet the needs of all students.

St. Rita Car Pool Program: The car pool program is a free computerized service that can match St. Rita families looking to share rides. This program will be accessible on the St. Rita web site, www.stritahs.com, and will be up and running after Feb. 1st, so incoming freshmen can begin to make arrangements for next semester after taking the entrance exam. Over 85% of current students use car pooling as their mode of transportation.

Metra Rail System: In the fall of 2007, St. Rita will begin to offer Metra Rail as an option for St. Rita students. Students riding the Metra Southwest Line will be picked up and dropped off at the Ashburn stop (79th and Kedzie). Students will be transported to and from St. Rita by a St. Rita shuttle bus that will pick up and drop off students at the train station front door. Example: Students will board the train at 179th and Southwest Highway at 7:09 a.m. and arrive at the Ashburn Station at 7:43 a.m. On the ride home students will board the train at Ashburn Station at 3:06 p.m. and arrive at 179th and Southwest Highway at 3:46 p.m. Check www.metrarail.com for exact schedules and student fares.

CTA Bus Service: St. Rita High School has arranged for the CTA to have all buses drop off and pick up St. Rita students directly in front of the school.

For additional information, contact Craig Ferguson, Admissions Director, at (773) 925-5029.



Nominations

Nominations for the Illinois 2006-07 "Teacher of the Year" award are being accepted through March 1st. The announcement came from the award sponsor, Teachers' Insurance Plan, a car insurance program exclusively for members of the educational community.

The award will include $1,000 to the winning teacher and a $500 grant to that teacher's school. The state winner will also be eligible for the National Award that includes special recognition and a $2,500 travel certificate.

Teachers, students and parents can nominate any of Illinois' more than 160,000 accredited teachers. Nomination forms are available online at www.teachers.com/toty. To nominate an educator, or yourself, explain in 250 words or less why this teacher should be the Teacher of the Year. Winners will be announced at the start of the next school year.

Thinking Of A New Career? Where To Start

It's estimated that most workers will hold seven jobs, work for three employers and follow two different career paths in their professional life span. Therefore, it's inevitable many Americans will soon feel the itch to meet a new career challenge, and some will need direction to ensure they choose a path that's aligned with their true interests, personality and natural abilities. Where to start?

"Current hiring trends suggest that existing skilled labor shortages and low unemployment rates will continue to strengthen demand for workers in the New Year," said Steve Pogorzelski, Group President, International for Monster Worldwide, parent company of Monster.com.

According to the Monster Employment Index, a measure of online job demand for workers, industries expected to show strong growth in the New Year include information technology, health care, and legal and protective services, which offer jobs for police, fire and transit workers.

Due to the vast number of baby boomers who pursue work postretirement-either through part-time or consulting positions-employers are increasingly beginning to embrace second-career workers. The Department of Labor predicts that the number of working retirees will increase-by 2012, 65 percent of retired baby boomers will be employed, many in brand-new fields.

If waiting until retirement isn't an option, and a career assessment is in order, make it a top priority now-most companies tend to have more opportunities available in the first few months of the year, and again in the early fall. Use the following tips to help jump-start a career change:

Find Yourself -- When looking for new employment opportunities, workers often limit themselves to positions within their current industry. Instead, explore your compatibility with new fields by completing self-assessment exercises, speaking with professionals in other fields or engaging in volunteer work.

Present Yourself -- Once a new career direction has been set, update your resume to showcase the key qualifications most appropriate and relevant for the new endeavor. Don't hesitate to focus on skills and experiences acquired outside of your current job, as well. Resumes often need to be refocused to convey your potential in another career path.

Pace Yourself -- Don't expect an overnight transformation a complete career change usually takes anywhere from several months to a year. Throughout the process, seek out new projects at your current job in order to broaden your horizons and expand your professional network.

For additional information on changing careers and 2007 hiring trends, visit Monster's 2007 New Year Featured Report at http://featuredreports.monster.com/.

Power Wheelchairs

The Senior Wheels USA Program makes available power wheelchairs to senior citizens and the permanently disabled at no cost to the recipient, if they qualify.

The power wheelchairs are provided to those who can no longer walk nor self-propel a manual wheelchair, and who meet the additional guidelines of the program. No deposit is required.

If the patient's need is for use in the home, call for more information to see if they qualify. Call toll-free at 1(800) 246-6010.

St. Rita Announces November Mustangs Of The Month

St. Rita of Cascia High School bestows the 'Mustang of the Month' award every month during the school year to notable students from each class. Teachers nominate students based on the student's overall involvement in the school. The award winners are then selected from those nominated by an award committee. The following students were selected the November, 2006 Mustangs of the Month.

Freshman William McGrenera (Oak Lawn) hails from Queen of Martyrs Parish and Grade School and was on the honor roll every quarter there. On his entrance exam at St. Rita High School, he scored a 99 out of a perfect 100, and is on the Gold Honor Roll. Bill has been playing hockey for the past nine years and is a goalie on St. Rita's JV and Varsity teams. Not only is he a great scholar and athlete, Bill is an accomplished piano player who plays for St. Rita masses. He has been quoted saying, "St. Rita is an awesome school and I'm glad I make the right choice to come here."

Sophomore Daniel Dispensa (Mt. Greenwood) comes to St. Rita from St. Bede Grade School and Queen of Martyrs Parish. Since coming to St. Rita, Dan has been a member of St. Rita's Football Team. As running back, Dan helped the Sophomore football team win the Chicago Catholic League title and go undefeated 9-0 for the season. Dan is also an excellent varsity baseball player. Dan has been quoted saying, "St. Rita has been like family to me and that is why I love the school."

Junior DeOnte Hood (Harvey) hails from Gwenolyn Brooks Middle School and Mt. Moriah Methodist Baptist Church. He has been a member of St. Rita's football program for the past three years and is a member of this year's Class 7A State Football Championship Team. DeOnte has also membered the Track Team for the past two years. He volunteers every weekend with the Harvey Colts Youth Football Organization, taking stats and keeping the clock. DeOnte says of St. Rita, "I love this environment and all things about St. Rita High School. I wouldn't change it for the world."

Senior Sean Estand (Evergreen Park) is a graduate of Central Junior High and a member of Most Holy Redeemer Parish. He is a member of the Silver Honor Roll. Sean is a member of this year's Class 7A State Championship Football Team and is a starting pitcher of the Baseball Team. He recently signed a Letter of Intent to play baseball next year at Eastern Illinois University. In his spare time, Sean coaches his little brother's baseball team. Sean has been quoted saying, "(Being at) St. Rita has been the best four years of my life and I'm sad to see it coming to an end."

The Mustangs of the Month awards were presented at an all-school mass in November.

Pictured from left: Junior DeOnte Hood; Freshman William McGrendera; Activities Director, Bro. Gary Hresil, OSA; Senior Sean Estand; Sophomore Daniel Dispensa.

B.B.B. Elects President

The Better Business Bureau of Chicago and Northern Illinois has named Steve J. Bernas its new president and CEO. Bernas, a veteran staff member was serving as vice president and Chief Operating Officer prior to his election. He assumed the leadership of the organization on Jan. 1st.

"The mission of the BBB is to inculcate ethics in the marketplace through self-regulation. My main objective is to continue the successful expansion of the BBB services for all businesses and consumers in northern Illinois. These take many forms such as Business Reliability Reports to our numerous tips and scam alerts which are available without charge. Businesses should also recognize the value of our voluntary mediation and arbitration services. I am pleased to be given the opportunity to work with businesses and consumers, to ensure honest, fair practices in the marketplace," said Steve J. Bernas new president and CEO of the BBB.

Steve Bernas first joined the Better Business Bureau in 1987. His previous position was Vice President & Chief Operating Officer. Prior to that time he was Vice President of Operations which under his direction the BBB handled 2.6 million inquiries from the public in 2005.

A widely acknowledged and sought after expert in consumer confidence issues, scams and customer/business relations, he is regularly seen on TV and quoted in newspapers on a myriad of issues. Bernas has made significant operational enhancements at the BBB in the automation services which includes development of the Bureau's first website and creating an enhancement of the 24-hour interactive voice response system. These advancements increased efficiency and lowered operational costs.

Bernas began his career at the Bureau working in the Automotive Division and quickly moved to other areas of responsibility for the Operations Division which included extensive work with the very successful Advertising Review Program which is one of the founding tenants of the BBB system.

Bernas currently serves on the Illinois Attorney General's Automobile Advertising Review Committee as well as the Federal Trade Commission Consumer Fraud Task Force. Bernas is also a past member of the Board of Advisors for Archbishop Quigley Seminary High School and he is a graduate of Nile College of Loyola University.

Bernas and his family reside on the southwest side of Chicago in the Clearing neighborhood.

Martin Luther King Day Observance

Neighbors United of Oak Lawn will hold a community Martin Luther King Day observance on Jan. 15th from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Disciples for Christ Ministries, 9536 S. Minnick. The program will feature singing, recitations from some of Dr. King's speeches and reflection on the impact of King's life both locally and nationally.

Neighbors United of Oak Lawn is a group of people who live or work in Oak Lawn who seek to help persons from the diverse racial, cultural and ethnic groups in Oak Lawn to get to know each other, to understand and appreciate each other's cultural backgrounds and traditions, to be good neighbors to each other and to address issues of inclusion and justice in all areas of community life in Oak Lawn.

Rules Of The Road

The Worth Township Seniors will be offering a Rules of the Road review class on Feb. 7th, at the Worth Township Center, 11601 S. Pulaski, Alsip from 9:30 a.m. until 11:30. Register by calling (708) 371-2900, Ext. 28.

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SHOP AND SAVE IN OAK LAWN

Final Plea To Locate Host Families

Foreign high school students are scheduled to arrive soon for academic semester homestay programs, and the sponsoring organization needs a few more local host families. The students are anxiously awaiting news of their new families. This is the final push for the chance of these young ambassadors to fulfill their life-long dreams.

According to Pacific Intercultural Exchange (P.I.E.) Executive Director, John Doty, the students are all between the ages of 15 and 18 years, are English-speaking, have their own spending money, carry accident and health insurance, and are anxious to share their cultural experiences with their new American families. P.I.E. currently has programs to match almost every family's needs, ranging in length from a semester to a full academic year, where the students attend local high schools. P.I.E. area representatives match students with host families by finding common interests and lifestyles through an informal in-home meeting. Prospective host families are able to review student applications and select the perfect match. As there are no "typical" host families, P.I.E. can fit a student into just about any situation, whether it is a single parent, a childless couple, a retired couple or a large family.

Families who host for P.I.E. are also eligible to claim a $50.00 per month charitable contribution deduction on their itemized tax returns for each month they host a sponsored student.

For the upcoming programs, P.I.E. has students from Germany, the Former Soviet Union, Venezuela, Argentina, Brazil, Macedonia, Hungary, Korea, Mexico, Australia, Yugoslavia, China, and many other countries. P.I.E. is also participating in two special government-funded programs to bring scholarship students from the Newly Independent States of the former Soviet Union as well as predominantly Islamic countries such as Yemen, Syria, Jordan, Morocco, Kuwait, Iraq and Qatar to the United States. P.I.E. is a non-profit educational organization that has sponsored more than 25,000 students from 45 countries since its founding in 1975. The organization is designated by the United States Department of State and is listed by the Council on Standards for International Educational Travel (CSIET), certifying that the organization complies with the standards set forth in CSIET's Standards for International Educational Travel Programs. Doty encourages families to contact the program immediately, as it will allow the proper time for the students and hosts to get to know one another before they actually meet for the first time.

Cook County area families interested in learning more about student exchange or arranging for a meeting with a community representative may call P.I.E., toll-free, at 1-866-546-1402. The agency also has travel/study program opportunities available for American high school students as well as possibilities for community volunteers to assist and work with area host families, students and schools.

Local Hospital Receives Over $23,000 From Illinois Brick Company

Illinois Brick Company of Palos Hills recently donated $23,335 to the Little Company of Mary Cancer Center to benefit women who have breast cancer and who are in need. Illinois Brick raised these funds at the Tim Murray Annual Golf Outing in honor of Tim Murray, a former manager at Illinois Brick Company/Prairie Materials. Pictured left to right: Illinois Brick's Pam Rattner and Keith Colbert; Sister Kathleen McIntyre, L.C.M.; Illinois Brick's Dave Pakula; Cancer Center Manager, Beth Vaclavik; and Patient Advocate, Ellie Ryan.

Lung Association & College Students Fight Power Plant

The American Lung Assn. of Metropolitan Chicago and advertising students from Columbia College are using an innovative power washing tactic to call attention to the 17,000 tons of pollution spewed out annually by Chicago's two old coal-fired power plants.

Beginning with sidewalks in front of the Association and Alivio Medical Center, near Pilsen's Fisk power plant, they've power washed the outline of a figure with a message calling for a cleanup of the Fisk & Crawford plants.

The students came up with the concept and Becker Studios in Chicago constructed the stencils. The students also produced print advertisements which are being run in local papers & public service announcements which are running on local TV stations.

The ads urge viewers to call 311 and request that their aldermen support tighter emission controls on the power plants, one of which is more than 100 years old.

Midwest Generation, the owner of Chicago's Fisk & Crawford power plants, has refused to join the two other big energy firms in Illinois, Ameren and Dynegy, which have agreed to greatly reduce dirty and deadly emissions. Together, Fisk & Crawford, located at 1111 W. Cermak and 3505 S. Pulaski respectively, are the biggest single source of particulate pollution in the city.

61st Annual Board Installation

Members and supporters of the Oak Lawn business community will gather on Saturday, Jan. 20 to honor the 2007 Officers and Directors of the Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce during the 61st Annual Installation. The event will be celebrated with a dinner at the Hilton Oak Lawn, 9333 S. Cicero Ave.

The Installation Committee has met monthly since August to plan for the evening. Pictured from left to right are Leo Gutchewsky, Linda Olsen, Pat Stasik, Nancy Merlo, Mike Gutchewsky, Ginger Morgan and Kevin Mathers.

The Installation begins with cocktails at 6 p.m. followed by the Installation of Officers by Oak Lawn Village President, Dave Hilemann, at 7 p.m. and dinner at 8 p.m. New this year, the Chamber will recognize winners of the 2006 Business Awards.

Kevin Mathers of Bally Total Fitness will be inducted as the 2007 President of the Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce. Mathers succeeds 2006 President, Leo Gutchewsky of "A" Service Company. Also inducted will be First Vice President, Jackie Truty of Art Clay World; Second Vice President, George Cachares of Southwest Physical Therapy & Rehabilitation; Treasurer, Glen Kato of Glen Kato Web Design & Marketing; and Secretary, Rita Olsen of Gateway Motel.

The Chamber's 24 Board of Directors also will be inducted, including Susan Beran (Bridgeview Health Care), Dr. Joseph Brannigan (Brannigan Chiropractice), Peggy Burke (First American Bank), Dr. Sandra Bury (Complete Vision Care), Carey Cranston (Fox College), John Crivellone (Illinois Security Services), Dr. David Finkelstein (Oak Lawn Foot & Ankle), Michael Gutchewsky (The Gootch Financial Group), Donna Herpich (Great Lakes Metals), Len Hiznay (Milex Tune-Up & Brake Center), Doug Kasper (Marquette Bank), Irene Lovitt (Bank Financial), Nancy Merlo (Archer Bank), Gene Mondello (Geno's Decorating), Ginger Morgan (Thompson & Kuenster Funeral Home), Linda Olsen (Oak Lawn Public Library), Tom Orlowski (Men's Warehouse), Beth Purcell (Hope Children's Hospital), Laura Quillinan (CellAir Communications), Paul Shanle (Lambton Auto Repair), Patricia Stasik (Oak Lawn park District), Paul Sterk (Merrill Lynch) and Adam Woodworth (Children's Museum in Oak Lawn.

Tickets cost $65 per person and include dinner and an open bar. For more information, or top purchase tickets for the dinner, call the Chamber office at (708) 424-8300 or email office@oaklawnchamber.com.

Local Chili Challenge

The spicy aroma of simmering chili will fill the air when nearly 70 chili cooks from throughout the United States converge on Orland Park to compete in the Village of Orland Park Recreation and Parks Department's annual "Chilly Willie Chili Challenge."

The regional competition will be held on Saturday, Jan. 20, at the Orland Park Civic Center, 14750 South Ravinia Ave. (Ravinia Ave. is one block west of LaGrange Road/U.S. Route 45.) The public tasting at the competition will be held from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. All-you-can-eat "tasting cups" will be available for chili lovers to purchase for $5 each.

The International Chili Society (ICS) and the Chili Appreciation Society International (CASI) will hold competitions for red chili and salsa, along with conducting two contests at this year's event. Verde, a green chili, will be judged and a People's Choice Award will be bestowed upon the winner.

Explaining the People's Choice Award, Orland Park Recreation Program Supervisor LeeAnn Fisk said, "As guests arrive, they will each receive a ticket that we ask they leave with the cook of the chili they like the best."

"The cook with the most tickets at the end of the event will be declared the People's Choice Award winner," she added.

Local cooks are invited to join the competition. Applications are available at the Franklin E. Loebe Recreation Center.

"Eighty individuals are needed to judge this event in order to make it a success," Fisk added. She explained that any individuals interested in judging the challenge should contact the Village of Orland Park Recreation and Parks Department.

The winner of ICS competition will qualify for the nationals held in Omaha, Nebraska, while the CASI top 10 winners receive points to add to their total which will qualify cooks for their national competition held in Terlingua, Texas.

The afternoon includes music, food and a chili bean guess. "Bring an empty belly to taste all that the challenge has to offer," advised Fisk.

Proceeds from the event benefit the Village of Orland Park's Special Recreation Program. For more information about Orland Park's annual Chilly Willie Chili Challenge, call the Village of Orland Park Recreation and Parks Department at 708/403-PARK.

Jackson Hewitt Grand Opening

The Jackson Hewitt Tax Service of Oak Lawn has opened its newest office, conveniently located at 10939 S. Cicero, across from K-Mart. The office, owned and operated by Mariette Waters, will be open from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. to serve customers who need individual federal and state income tax preparation services.

Jackson Hewitt offers full-service, individual federal and state income tax preparation and provides free electronic filing (IRS e-file) to all tax preparation customers. Jackson Hewitt customers have a wide variety of convenient products and services from which to choose, including Deductions@Work, our occupational-focused system that enables our tax preparers to tailor the tax interview to more accurately address taxpayer needs based on their profession; W-2 Download, where W-2 forms provided by ADP, CIC Plus or TALX can be downloaded into Jackson Hewitt's secure tax system so tax returns can be completed prior to receiving the hard copy Form W-2 in the mail; and the ipower CashCard, a prepaid MasterCard card that can be loaded with a taxpayer's refund or related financial product proceeds. Terms, conditions and fees apply.

The Jackson Hewitt of Oak Lawn is one of four offices throughout the Oak Lawn area. Visit any of these convenient locations at 6056 W. 95th St., Chicago Ridge Mall and 8717 S. Harlem, or call the Jackson Hewitt Tax Service of Oak Lawn at (708) 425-9090 to schedule an appointment.

Thoughts On Health & Nutrition

by Lucinda K. Lysen, RD, RN, BSN

SLEEP: LIVE LONGER AND LOSE WEIGHT?

Last Sunday's Chicago Tribune Parade magazine had a special health report called "Holding Back the Years". According to the article, written by Dr. Tedd Mitchell, "there are some things we can do to turn back the hands of time, or at least to throw a wrench into the gears and slow them down a bit." A study published in 2004 by the *JOURNAL OF THE AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION* found that seven out of nine of the leading actual causes of death were related to lifestyle choices. Sleep deprivation was on this list.

The importance of a good night's sleep is logical, but millions of us fall short of what is needed. Sleep disorders are a relatively common problem, and can lead to decreased alertness, impaired memory and mental ability, and increased stress. The effects of it long-term are even worse according to experts: high blood pressure, strokes, heart attacks, psychiatric problems and weight gain.

Dr. Mitchell's advice: "to get seven hours (what's recommended) keep your bedroom dark and cool. Set a time for bedtime, and stick to it. Don't watch TV if you can't sleep. It only stimulates you mentally and wakes you up."

Other articles have discussed the aspect of actually losing weight with greater amounts of sleep. How so?

A sixteen-year study of nearly 70,000 middle-aged women found that those who slept five hours or less each night were more likely to gain a lot of weight, than those who slept seven hours.

Lead researcher, Sanjay Patel, MD, of Case Western Reserve University, says that sleeping less probably affects the number of calories burned during sleep--or resting metabolic rate--according to his presentation at the May American Thoracic Society International Conference. "Other research suggests similar findings in men," he said.

Another factor which probably influences this weight gain is overeating, to compensate for lack of sleep. If you notice, in general, the less you sleep, the more you eat. Especially as the day goes on and you start sagging and are looking for a "quick" energy fix. If you are at work, grabbing a candy bar or some chips usually gives an immediate boost. But both of these add huge amounts of calories to your daily intake.

Some people are nighttime eaters--after the dinner hour and a bit of relaxation on the couch. They don't eat all day but "pack it in" after a nice dinner meal while watching TV. Again, snack food calories that go unaccounted for, are generally loaded with fat and sugar.

Caffeine as Good Guy/Bad Guy

Problems sleeping can be due to caffeine intake during the day. If its coffee that keeps you awake, consider switching to decaf instead of going "cold turkey". A fifteen year study reports fewer deaths from heart disease among 27,000 older women who drank one to three cups of either regular or decaf coffee a day. "Coffee is rich in antioxidants, which may reduce the oxidative stress and inflammation that encourage arteries to narrow," says researcher David R. Jacobs of the University of Minnesota. The findings are likely to apply to men as well. The study was published in the May, 2006, American Journal of Clinical Nutrition.

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Multiple Sclerosis Patients Need Insurance Coverage

After months of advocating for new legislation to require insurance providers to cover preventative physical therapy, people living with multiple sclerosis in Illinois are declaring victory: Gov. Blagojevich signed SB 2917 just in time to ring in the New Year.

Activists from the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Greater Illinois Chapter, drafted SB 2917 with help from Blue Cross Blue Shield and over the past year, lobbied for the support of the Illinois General Assembly and the governor. The bill passed unanimously out of the Illinois House and Senate and on Dec. 29th, Gov. Blagojevich signed SB 2917 into law.

How will this improve lives for the 20,000 Illinoisans living with MS? Simply put, people with MS no longer have to battle the bureaucracy of an insurance company in order to continue getting coverage for the physical therapy services that have kept them out of a wheelchair, stopped muscle atrophy and kept them active in the community.

"Physical therapy has been my lifeline to preventing muscle loss and atrophy – and it has been clinically proven to help MS patients maintain current mobility and muscular strength," said Tami Ryan, who has been fighting the disease for almost 30 years. "Once a patient stops getting "better," insurers decline coverage for the physical therapy. But the goal of physical therapy for MS is to maintain current mobility – not to make someone better. In the end, preventing falls and injuries and helping a person maintain current functioning will save the insurance companies money."

"This law significantly improves access to health care and dramatically improves the quality of life for people living with MS," said Lynda Chott, president of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Greater Illinois Chapter. "We extend our deepest appreciation to the governor, Speaker Michael Madigan, and the bill's sponsors and co-sponsors whose support of this vital legislation ensured that people with MS no longer have to worry about gaining access to the physical therapy services that have kept them mobile, independent and actively contributing to their community."

"This legislation provides us with another tool to fight the often devastating effects of MS," said Maureen L. Howard, Chair of the Chapter's Advocacy and Government Relations Committee. "We are proud that, with the governor's signature, Illinois becomes the first state to mandate insurance coverage for preventative physical therapy for people living with MS."

Multiple sclerosis is a chronic, often disabling disease of the central nervous system. It is generally diagnosed between the ages of 20 and 50. Symptoms can range from numbness in the limbs to paralysis or loss of vision. The progress, severity and specific symptoms of MS in any one person cannot yet be predicted, but advances in research and treatments are giving hope to those affected by the disease.

The National Multiple Sclerosis Society provides programs and services that make life better for approximately 400,000 Americans with multiple sclerosis and their families and friends. The Society's programs are designed to inform and empower people to maximize their health and independence. In Illinois there are more than 20,000 families living with MS.

Studies show that early and ongoing treatment with FDA-approved therapy can reduce future disease activity and improve quality of life for many people with multiple sclerosis. Talk to your health care professional and contact the National Multiple Sclerosis Society at www.nationalmssociety.org or 1(800) FIGHT-MS to learn about ways to help manage multiple sclerosis and about current research that may one day reveal a cure.

Flu Prevention Course

The number of people that could die in a flu pandemic that matches the 1918-20 outbreak will be "very scary" and far higher than the 62 million deaths forecast by a recent Harvard study, an adviser to the White House said recently.

The 1918-20 "Spanish influenza" pandemic – the worst in living history – killed anywhere from 20 million to 100 million people. Half a million died in the United States alone. The Harvard study predicted 350,000 deaths in the United States in such a scenario.

What is pandemic flu? Do you know the signs to look for and how to treat those affected? How might it affect you? A pandemic could cause businesses millions of dollars in lost productivity if a majority of employees were unable to report to work due to illness.

The American Red Cross of Greater Chicago is offering a free course that provides workplaces, communities and families with the information needed to prepare for and prevent a flu pandemic. In only one hour you will get fast and comprehensive education on this important topic. The class includes:

- The similarities and differences between seasonal flu and pandemic flu.
- How the influenza virus spreads.
- What to expect during a flu pandemic.
- Steps to help prevent the spread of seasonal and pandemic flu.
- How to prepare for pandemic flu.
- Steps to take to protect yourself and others from getting pandemic flu.
- How to treat symptoms.
- When to seek medical help.
- How to prepare your household or workplace for a flu pandemic.
- How the Red Cross can help you in the event of a pandemic.

For more information, call the Red Cross of Greater Chicago at 1(800) 337-2338 or visit www.chicagoredcross.org.

Letter To The Editor

Editor:

This month a window of information opened that provides Americans and those of us in Illinois with the best available indicators of the various components of our overall health.

The 2006 America's Health Rankings report points to some positive trends in Illinois between 2005 and 2006, relative to other states. Illinois experienced the highest overall health improvement since last year – a 2.8 percent increase. The study attributed this increase to a 13 percent reduction in child poverty and a 10 percent decrease in the prevalence of smoking.

However, there still is much work to be done. For example, the obesity rate in Illinois is significantly higher (130 percent) than it was in 1990 when the UnitedHealth Foundation first presented the America's Health Rankings report. During this same period of time, our country as a whole has experienced a 110 percent increase in obesity – a condition that now affects nearly one of four Americans.

Fundamentally, our citizens and policymakers can push for positive change by promoting physical activity and healthy eating in our schools and neighborhoods. Making more public places and working environments smoke-free would also go a long way toward promoting better overall health. Our communities can stave off the crippling and fatal effects of chronic disease by working with businesses, health care providers, insurers and public health clinics to find ways to expand their reach and improve their access.

Some of what we're learning from the 2006 America's Health Rankings report is encouraging, but much of it is sobering. But by showing where progress is being made and where we need to improve, we can set goals and achieve them. This window of information can become a gateway of opportunity.

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Frank Lloyd Wright's Price Tower Exhibit

The Chicago Architecture Foundation (CAF) is bringing *Prairie Skyscraper: Frank Lloyd Wright's Price Tower* to Chicago, Jan. 18 through April 29. Open daily from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the CAF, 224 S. Michigan Ave.; admission is free. *Prairie Skyscraper* documents how a singular building in Oklahoma came into existence and demonstrates how it epitomizes Frank Lloyd Wright's lifelong passion for merging architecture, design and art.

The exhibit was originally organized in celebration of the 50th anniversary of this masterpiece by the Price Tower Arts Center in cooperation with the Frank Lloyd Wright Foundation in Scottsdale, Arizona. "We are thrilled that the Chicago Architecture Foundation will host an exhibit that celebrates this milestone work by Frank Lloyd Wright," said Lynn Osmond, Chicago Architecture Foundation President and CEO.

The exhibit includes a selection of documents, photographs, building components, and reproductions of drawings from the Price Tower Arts Center and the Frank Lloyd Wright Foundation archives. It also features original furnishings including desks, chairs, tables and textiles designed by Frank Lloyd Wright, many of which are on exhibit for the first time.

An opening lecture will be presented by the exhibition curator: *Pinwheel on the Prairie: An Overview of the Price Tower* by Anthony Alofsin, Roland Gommel Roessner Centennial Professor in Architecture, University of Texas at Austin. Held Thursday, Jan. 18, 6 p.m. at the CAF, the lecture will explore Frank Lloyd Wright's concept of rotational geometry and his integration of materials from exterior to interior. A reception will follow immediately after the lecture.

An illustrated catalogue edited by exhibition curator Anthony Alofsin will be available for purchase in the Chicago Architecture Foundation retail store. The large-format 176-page book features 150 color illustrations, catalogue entries, and essays by Wright scholars.

About the Chicago Architecture Foundation: The Chicago Architecture Foundation (CAF) is a non-profit organization dedicated to advancing public interest and education in architecture and related design. The Chicago Architecture Foundation pursues this mission through a comprehensive program of exhibits, tours, special events, and lectures. CAF's ArchiCenter is located in the Santa Fe Building at 224 South Michigan Ave. at Jackson Boulevard, Chicago. For further information visit www.architecture.org or call (312) 922-3432.

Illinois Mathematics And Science Academy Campus Visit

The Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy (IMSA) has scheduled an IMSA Preview Day for Sunday, Jan. 28th. IMSA Preview Day is an opportunity for students, their parents and teachers to learn more about the Academy's academic and residential life programs.

IMSA's advanced college preparatory program enrolls 650 students (grades 10-12) who are academically talented and who demonstrate a passion for mathematics and science. All students live on campus. Tuition and most room and board are provided by state funds.

Prospective students and their families can learn about the admission process, take a student-led tour of the IMSA campus, speak with faculty, sit in on a mock class and meet IMSA residential staff, parents and alumni. Preview Day also includes a special segment for parents and students interested in IMSA 2007 summer programs for youths in grades three through nine.

The IMSA Preview Day segment showcasing IMSA's college preparatory program will be held from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. and no advance reservations are needed. These are formal events. Arrive by 10:30 a.m. to take advantage of all offerings.

The IMSA Preview Day segment showcasing IMSA's 2007 summer programs will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. During that time, the IMSA Kids Institute will be presenting "Summer@IMSA Sneak Peek" featuring hands-on science programming for elementary and middle school students and the first opportunity to register for IMSA summer programs.

Preview Day also will include a "First Birthday" celebration of the IMSA-ComEd Cyberquiz 4Kids online math and science brainteasers for Illinois students in grades six through nine. Each student who submits a correct answer to a monthly brainteaser will receive a certificate, an invitation to a recognition ceremony in May and a chance to win an iPod Shuffle.

For more information about the IMSA Preview Day or about applying for IMSA's advanced college preparatory program, contact the IMSA Office of Admissions, 1500 W. Sullivan Road, Aurora, IL 60506-1067, (630) 907-5027, or in Illinois 1(800) 500-IMSA or visit the IMSA Admissions Web site at www.imsa.edu/admissions. Application deadline for the Class of 2010 is March 1st. To learn more about IMSA's summer programs for youth, contact the IMSA Kids Institute at (630) 907-5879 or visit http://www.imsa.edu/programs/kidsinstitute/

Pace Offers Van Pool Service To Metra Riders

Every day, thousands of commuters who take Metra trains to work in the suburbs are faced with a shared dilemma: how to get that last mile or two from the station to the job and back.

Pace, the suburban transit agency, has a very convenient solution through its vanpool service. Here's how the service works: Pace provides a van, which holds from 5 to 13 participants, including the vanpool driver; The Pace van is parked at a Metra station near a common worksite;

Participants use the Pace van to get to their place of employment, and back; To qualify for the service, at least half the participants must purchase a Metra monthly pass or a 10-ride ticket; Each participant pays $48 per month fare for the service; The service covers all costs related to the van, including fuel, maintenance, insurance, tolls, roadside assistance and van washes (not included are parking and Metra fares - those remain the responsibility of the participants); The participant who volunteers to be the "primary driver" does not pay a fare; backup drivers receive a $10 per month discount; All participants are eligible for reimbursement of up to $125 a year for transportation taken due to a personal emergency (this does not apply to overtime);

For more information on this Pace vanpool service, call (847) 228-2492. Pace also has a line for Spanish language inquiries, (847) 228-3575. Or visit: http://www.pacebus.com/sub/vanpool/metra_feeders.asp.

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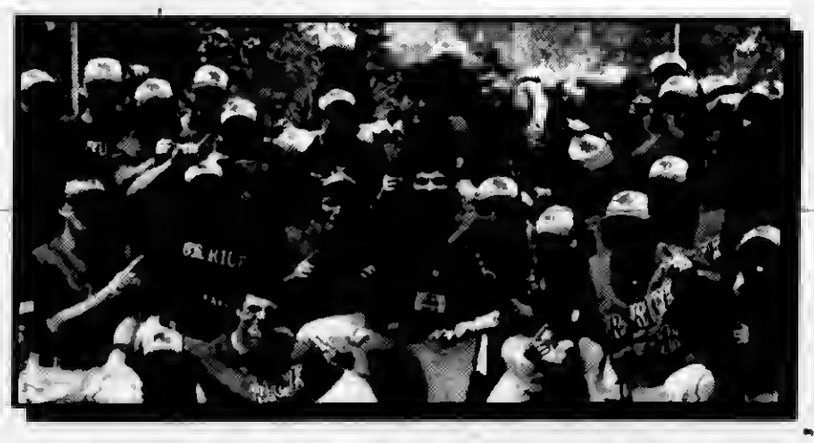

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Veterans And Soldiers News

By Lori Taylor Ph: 708.388.2425

At the time I'm writing this column (Sunday, Jan. 7th) I'm propped up in my bed at Palos Community Hospital. I had a total hip replacement Thursday and I'm doing very well. The pain in my leg is no picnic, but everything is going as expected.

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During Governor Blagojevich's second inaugural ceremony on Jan. 8th, the governor honored recipients of his People Are Today's Heroes (PATH) award. These honorees are people who, through their hard work and commitment, have improved the lives of people in their community and have helped Illinois move forward in areas of health care, public safety, education, environment and economic development. Some PATH award winners for the first term are as follows:

I was very pleased to see Joe and Rose Mary Gerace received this honor. When the Illinois Veterans Home at LaSalle opened in 1990 I was the state VFW auxiliary president. I appointed Rose Mary to the position of VFW auxiliary Hospital Representative and am proud to say she is still working very faithfully and has been deeply involved with veterans' issues, coordinating hospitality service that offers personal care products, stationery, cards and other necessary items for residents of the home.

Other area recipients are: Sr. Rosemary Connelly, executive director of Misericordia Heart of Mercy in Chicago; the Village of Lemont; and Wanda Majcher who worked tirelessly to raise and promote the importance of breast cancer awareness in Chicago's Polish community.

For more details, visit www.celebrateillinois2007.com.

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Life Source will hold a blood drive at Des Plaines VFW in Argo, 7256 W. 63rd St., from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 13th. Donors must be 17 years old, 16 with a parent, and weigh at least 110 pounds. For an appointment or more information, call John McIntyre at (773) 767-2239.

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How To Stay Young

1. Throw out nonessential numbers. This includes age, weight and height. Let the doctor worry about them. That is why you pay him/her. (I love this one)

2. Keep only cheerful friends. The grouches pull you down.

3. Keep learning. Learn more about the computer, crafts, gardening, whatever. Never let the brain idle. "An idle mind is the devil's workshop." And the devil's name is Alzheimer's.

4. Enjoy the simple things.

5. Laugh often, long and loud. Laugh until you gasp for breath.

6. The tears happen. Endure, grieve, and move on. The only person who is with us our entire life is God. Be ALIVE while you are alive.

7. Surround yourself with what you love, whether it's family, pets, keepsakes, music, plants, hobbies, whatever. Your home is your refuge.

8. Cherish your health: If it is good, preserve it. If it is unstable, improve it. If it is beyond what you can improve, get help.

9. Don't take guilt trips. Take a trip to the mall, to the next county, to a foreign country, but NOT to where the guilt is.

10. Tell people you love them, at every opportunity.

And always remember: Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take but by the moments that take our breath away.

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Good-bye until next week. God bless you and your family and God bless America.

Nomination Deadline

The Unsung Heroine Award recognizes women who have made significant contributions to the well-being and betterment of their community through their volunteer actions. Jennifer Vidis, Executive Director of the Cook County Commission on Women's Issues, said: "These honorees are our neighbors, our mothers, our sisters, our daughters. They make a difference in our lives through their generous gifts of their time, energy, expertise and leadership."

Commissioner Joan Patricia Murphy, stated nominees must be residents of Cook County and live in her 6th County Board District. These women must have a background of community involvement in a volunteer capacity and be someone who has not received widespread recognition. Commissioner Murphy encourages all community members in the 6th District to submit nominees. A panel of judges will determine the selection of the 6th District honoree. All other nominated women will receive an Official Certificate of Honorable Recognition. Nomination entry forms are available at Commissioner Joan Murphy's 6th District office at 5405 W. 127th St. in Crestwood or call (708) 389-2125 and one will be mailed. All entries must be received by Jan. 19th.

Inaugural Interfaith Prayer Service

Governor Rod R. Blagojevich and the First Family welcomed the Constitutional Officers to First Presbyterian Church in Springfield for the Inaugural Interfaith Prayer Service on Monday, Jan. 8th. Under the theme of Peace, a diverse clergy led the interfaith service, which ended with the Constitutional Party lighting the Unity Candle as a coming together to serve the people of Illinois.

The program brought together traditions from many of Illinois' religious groups. In addition to the diverse clergy leading the service, each Constitutional Officer invited their religious authority to lead their prayer of commitment. Musicians and choirs from Springfield, Decatur and Chicago decorated the service with various musical selections. All parts of the program fit within the theme of Peace, which was chosen to symbolize embracing humanity and the citizenry to move the state forward in addressing the most basic human needs – be it healthcare, education, or safety.

The First Presbyterian Church in Springfield also boosts a history rich in Illinois traditions. Abraham Lincoln and his family worshipped here from 1850 to 1861, when Lincoln left Springfield to assume the duties of President. The Lincoln family pew, from the church's original location at Third and Washington Streets, is still kept in the church.

The service began as organist Dr. Rudolf Zuiderveld invited parishioners into the First Presbyterian Church with a selection performed on the church's John Brombaugh Opus 35 Pipe Organ. The organ was crafted explicitly for the church by master American organ builder John Brombaugh. This organ features 3,250 pipes, three manuals and a pedal with 46 stops and has captured national and international attention since its 2000 installation. A native of the Netherlands, Zuiderveld serves as the First Presbyterian Church's organist as well as Professor of Music and College Organist at Illinois College.

As the procession of Constitutional Officers and clergy walked toward the pulpit, choirs of First Presbyterian church and New Mission Church of God in Springfield led by Directors Susan Harris and Merle McNeese led the congregation in "America the Beautiful." The selection set the tone for the service as the theme of Peace was emphasized.

Driss El Akrich, Principal of the Sunday Islamic School at the Islamic Society of Greater Springfield read a passage of scripture. The Islamic Society, which serves close to 200 families in the Springfield area, helps Muslims to carry out religious, social, civic, charitable, and literary activities according to the teachings of Islam. Since its founding in 1994, the Society has focused on education and communication with Muslims and non-Muslims alike to create a better understanding of Islam.

Following Principal Akrich, Rabbi Michael Datz of Temple B'rith Sholom in Springfield read another passage of scripture. Temple B'rith Sholom, the oldest Jewish congregation in Central Illinois, boasts services that are known throughout the community for their beauty, dignity, music and inspiration. Rabbi Datz has been at Temple B'rith Sholom since 1992, in that time serving as board member for many of Central Illinois' important charitable organizations including the Central Illinois Food Bank, the Springfield Liturgical Arts Council. Before coming to Springfield, Rabbi Datz led congregations in South Africa and the Netherlands.

Prior to a prayer of dedication, the choirs of the First Presbyterian Church and New Mission Church of God led the congregation in "Let There Be Peace on Earth." The Reverend Dr. Clifford J. Hayes of the First Presbyterian Church delivered a prayer of dedication. Dr. Hayes' pastoral focus is church revitalization and spiritual development of leaders, concentrating his studies for his Doctor of Ministry degree in mediation and conflict resolution. Since 1999, Rev. Hayes has trained in Family Systems in Congregations, including Healthy Congregation Facilitator Training.

After Reverend Hayes' prayer, Kingdom Come Ministries' Praise and Worship Team of Decatur sang "Total Praise" by Richard Smallwood, a song which gives thanks to the Lord for giving strength in times of struggle. The Praise and Worship Team is led by Apostle William and Lady Donna Rogers, minister of Kingdom Come.

Following the musical selection, each Constitutional Officer was led in a prayer of commitment by clergy of their choosing. Bishop Arthur Brazier of the Apostolic Church of God in Chicago led Gov. Blagojevich in his religious oath to the people of Illinois. The Governor was followed by Reverend Richard LaPata, President of Fenwick High School in Oak Park leading Lieutenant Governor Pat Quinn; Reverend Mike Byrnes, Pastor of Sacred Heart Seminary in Detroit leading Attorney General Lisa Madigan; Reverend Marvin Alexander of Union Missionary Baptist Church in Chicago leading Secretary Jesse White; Reverend John A. Farry of St. Andrew Catholic Church in Chicago leading Comptroller Daniel Hynes; and Father John Kalomas of St. Andrew's Greek Orthodox Church in Chicago leading Treasurer-elect Alex Giannoulias in their prayers of commitment.

The Praise and Worship team sang again following the prayers of commitment the song "Open the Eyes of My Heart" by Paul Baloche. Reverend Sen. James T. Meeks of Salem Baptist Church in Chicago then gave a message to the congregation. Rev. Meeks has been the pastor of Salem Baptist Church of Chicago since 1985; the church has grown from 200 to 24,000 followers under his leadership. As a state senator for the 15th District in Chicago, he had advocated for school reform and housing affordability. Meeks is the Chairperson of the Housing and Community Affairs Committee and Vice Chairperson of the Commerce and Economic Development Committee. Additionally, he is a member of the Senate Commerce, Appropriations, Education, Higher Education, and Senate Education Funding Reform Committees.

Finally, the Constitutional Officers came together to light the Unity Candle in celebration of another four years serving the people of Illinois in harmony. Georgia Northrup, Senior Elder of First Presbyterian Church and Reverend W. G. Robinson-McNeese, M.D. of New Mission Church of God then recited the benediction. As the Constitutional Officers made their way through the recession, Choirs of the First Presbyterian Church, New Mission Church of God, and Kingdom Come Ministries came together to sing "Let There Be Peace On Earth" bringing the theme of Peace full circle.

Praise For Gerald Ford

"In Gerald Ford, America got the right man at the right time. We were lucky.

At a time when the term is used a lot, Gerald Ford was a real American hero. He looked to serve not himself but America. He knew that his tough decision to issue the pardon would probably hurt his standing and might cost him re-election, yet he did it because he knew it was the right thing to do.

We can learn a lesson from his courageous decision. Do we want leaders who will stand up for what is right, or do we want politicians who will pander? Gerald Ford was a leader we should take inspiration from.

Gerald Ford was a hard worker, a man who quietly went about the job of leading and healing a nation that was in turmoil. Like Americans across the nation, I took inspiration in his integrity and leadership. Today we lost an American hero, but we should be grateful that he came to lead our nation when he did, with the great qualities we needed."

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Safety Tips For Chicago's Competitive Stair Climbs

In the next few months, Chicago athletes will be tackling fundraising climbs up some of the city's tallest buildings – the Hancock Center, Aon Building and the Sears Tower.

Stair climbs are increasing in popularity as evidenced by the fact Hustle Up the Hancock, for example, which will be held on Sunday, Feb. 25, sold out in just 31 minutes in November and is expected to raise over $1,000,000 for research programs of the American Lung Association.

Getting ready for the climbs require preparation and proper safety precautions. Dr. Terry Nicola, Medical Director of Hustle Up the Hancock and the Director of Sports Medicine Rehabilitation at the University of Illinois Medical Center urges participants to pay proper attention to their overall health and nutrition. Here are his tips:

1. Make sure you have the approval of your personal physician to participate in strenuous exercise for these events. Be sure to know and understand the potential dangerous side effects of all medications and supplements you will be taking on the day of the event.

2. If you can easily run a distance of 5 kilometers (3.1 miles) you should be able to complete as much as a 90 floor plus stair climb event without cxtensive stair climbing practice if you make a point to avoid sudden muscle exhaustion and shortness of breath (breathlessness).

3. If you find yourself suddenly out of breath or tired, simply stop and allow your breathing and your muscles to relax. If you do not recover within five minutes or less, experience chest pain, muscle pain, nausea, vomiting, or simply do not feel well seek immediate attention from the volunteers in the stair well. Medical attention should be summoned.

4. Do not keep anything in your mouth, food, lozenge, or otherwise when climbing. You will risk aspiration and choking on that object. When drinking water at the water stops as you climb up it is recommended that you stop and finish drinking before resuming your climb.

5. Prior to the climb, do a gentle warm up such as very light jogging "in place" for a few minutes while waiting to climb. This should not be vigorous as to cause any fast breathing or muscle fatigue.

6. Avoid any large meal on the day of the climb. If you eat a 200-300 calorie snack such as a bagel, it should be at least three hours before the climb.

7. Stay well hydrated so that you should need to urinate on event day before the climb, preferably clear urine. If you start well hydrated, the event is short enough that you will not need to worry about dehydration during the event.

8. Deep breaths in and out are especially important to avoid fast and shallow breathing. Fast and shallow breathing will not deliver oxygen to the lungs and the rest of the body. The waste product of carbon dioxide is also cleared better by deep breaths.

9. If you find yourself coughing them you need to stop to let your airways open up again. Do not ignore this. Coughing must stop to avoid further spasm of air passage muscles and other reasons for airway blockage. Once you are breathing comfortably and do not feel ill at all you may continue.

10. Stop and consult the medical crew on site throughout the race if you have any concerns whatsoever about your medical condition or wellbeing on the day of the race.

Enjoy the climb and the view when you rcach the top!

Book Drive For Inner-City Children

Chris Brodecki, Boy Scout Troop 699, Palos Park, is collecting new and gently used children's books that will be donated to public elementary schools in Chicago where 70 percent or more of the students are reading below grade level. The book drive runs from Jan. 22nd through Feb. 16th.

He is running the book drive as part of a requirement for his Eagle Scout rank. The requirement states that any candidate must plan, develop and give leadership to others in a service project helpful to the community.

"We are asking students and their parents to bring us books that are enjoyable, fun reading for inner-city children ages five through thirteen," says Chris. "It's a great 'kids helping kids' program to improve literacy."

The books will be donated to Book Worm Angels, a not-for-profit organization. The mission of Book Worm Angels is to put lending libraries in each classroom in Chicago elementary schools where so many children are reading below grade level. Principals, teachers and parents are encouraged to present thcse books as fun reading, not schoolwork.

"We believe that kids who read will succeed," says Kermit Myers, a retired businessman who founded Book Worm Angels in 1999. "Many of the participating schools are convincccd that our program has improved reading scores, which probably also improves performance in other subjects."

Myers says that more than 30,000 at-risk children now can borrow books right in their classrooms. Over 400,000 books have been collected to date and put into 53 inner-city schools.

Brodecki says anyone with children's books in good condition can bring them to any of the following locations:

Palos Park Recreation Hall, 8901 W. 123rd St. in Palos Park.

Starbucks, 13000 S. LaGrange Road in Palos Park.

Palos Park Fire House, 13010 S. 104th Avc. in Palos Park.

Huntington Learning Center, 15226 S. LaGrange Road in Orland Park.

For more information about thc drive, contact Chris Brodecki at cdbrodecki@comcast.net or call (708) 256-9772. For more information about Book Worm Angels, visit www.bookwormangels.org, or call (773) 332-8091.

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Seeking Mrs. Illinois

Marcie Aceto, thc Illinois Director for the Mrs. Illinois America Pageant system is announcing that the search is still on for Mrs. Illinois. Once selected, the community representative will then advance on to compete in the Mrs. Illinois America Pageant held this year in the beautiful Hemmens Theatre in Elgin on June 29 and 30.

Contestants will compete to win thousands of dollars in prizes, one of which includes a paid trip for 15 days to compete for Mrs. America, at the Loews Ventana Canyon Resort, Tucson, Az.

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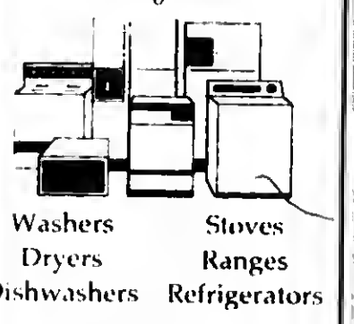

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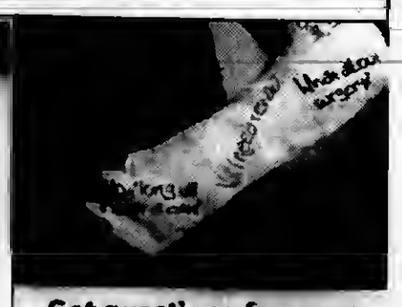

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PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on August 21, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on January 23, 2007. at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 16449 HAROLD STREET, Oak Forest, IL 60452 Property Index No. 28-22-308-058 The real estate is improved with a single family residence.
The judgment amount was $129,533.38. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit and the foreclosure sale takes place after 1/1/2007, the purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale
The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department.. Please refer to file number 14-06-6744. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

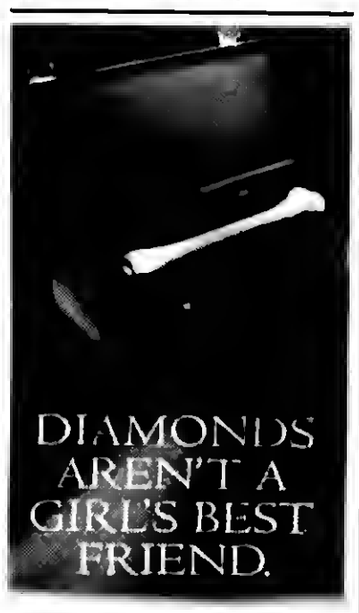
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION AMCORE BANK, N.A., Plaintiff V. SAULIUS STIRBYS; WELLS FARGO FINANCIAL ILLINOIS, INC.; WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK F/K/A WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, FA; MIDAMERICA BANK, FSB; BANCO POPULAR NORTH AMERICA; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants 06 CH 17412 NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE Fisher and Shapiro file #06-7978D (It is advised that interested parties consult with their own attorneys before bidding at mortgage foreclosure sales.)
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered on December 18, 2006, Kallen Realty Services, Inc., successor to Kallen Financial & Capital Services, Inc., as Selling Official will at 12:30 p.m. on February 7, 2007, at 205 W. Randolph Street, Suite 1200, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real property: COMMONLY KNOWN AS 9211 S. 88TH AVENUE, HICKORY HILLS, IL 60457. TAX ID# 23-02-310-006 The mortgaged real estate is improved with a dwelling. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
The judgment amount was $44,828.55. Sale terms: 10% of successful bid immediately at conclusion of auction, balance by noon the next business day, both by cashier's checks; and no refunds. The sale shall be subject to general real estate taxes, special taxes, special assessments, special taxes levied, and superior liens, if any. The property is offered "as is," with no express or implied warranties and without any representation as to the quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to review the court file to verify all information.
For information: Sale Clerk, Fisher and Shapiro, 4201 Lake Cook Rd., 1st floor, Northbrook, Illinois 60062, (847) 498-9990, between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. weekdays only.

REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION HSBC BANK USA, N.A., AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE FOR THE REGISTERED HOLDERS OF THE RENAISSANCE HOME EQUITY LOAN ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-1, Plaintiff V. WILBUR P. PELT; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants 05 CH 22002 NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE Fisher and Shapiro file # 05-2477D (It is advised that interested parties consult with their own attorneys before bidding at mortgage foreclosure sales.)
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered on June 14, 2006, Kallen Realty Services, Inc., successor to Kallen Financial & Capital Services, Inc. as Selling Official will at 12:30 p.m. on February 7, 2007, at 205 W. Randolph Street, Suite 1200, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real property: COMMONLY KNOWN AS 14046 SOUTH LYDIA AVENUE, ROBBINS, ILLINOIS 60472. TAX ID# 28-02-428-012 The mortgaged real estate is improved with a dwelling. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
The judgment amount was $55,757.16. Sale terms: 10% of successful bid immediately at conclusion of auction, balance by noon the next business day, both by cashier's checks; and no refunds. The sale shall be subject to general real estate taxes, special taxes, special assessments, special taxes levied, and superior liens, if any. The property is offered "as is," with no express or implied warranties and without any representation as to the quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to review the court file to verify all information.
For information: Sale Clerk, Fisher and Shapiro, 4201 Lake Cook Rd., 1st floor, Northbrook, Illinois 60062, (847) 498-9990, between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. weekdays only.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION MORTGAGE CLEARING CORPORATION, Plaintiff V. WAYNE COOK; VANESSA COOK A/K/A VANESSA I. COOK A/K/A VANESSA COOK SR.; THE ILLINOIS DEVELOPMENT FINANCE AUTHORITY; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; SHERMAN ACQUISITION L.P. AS ASSIGNEE; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants 05 CH 1618 NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE Fisher and Shapiro file #00-5604D (It is advised that interested parties consult with their own attorneys before bidding at mortgage foreclosure sales.)
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered on November 8, 2006, Kallen Realty Services, Inc., successor to Kallen Financial & Capital Services, Inc., as Selling Official will at 12:30 p.m. on February 7, 2007, at 205 W. Randolph Street, Suite 1200, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real property: COMMONLY KNOWN AS 3137 WEST 101ST PLACE, EVERGREEN PARK, ILLINOIS 60805. Permanent Index No.: 24-12-321-006 The mortgaged real estate is improved with a dwelling. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
The judgment amount was $163,582.45. Sale terms: 10% of successful bid immediately at conclusion of auction, balance by noon the next business day, both by cashier's checks; and no refunds. The sale shall be subject to general real estate taxes, special taxes, special assessments, special taxes levied, and superior liens, if any. The property is offered "as is," with no express or implied warranties and without any representation as to the quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to review the court file to verify all information. For information: Sale Clerk, Fisher and Shapiro, 4201 Lake Cook Rd., 1st floor, Northbrook, Illinois 60062, (847) 498-9990, between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. weekdays only.



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Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATE HOLDERS OF SOUNDVIEW HOME LOAN TRUST 2005-OPT4, ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-OPT4 Plaintiff, -v.- SONDRA WALLS A/K/A SONDRA V. WALLS, et al Defendants 08 CH 11710 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on August 2, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on January 23, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 3742 W. 87TH STREET, Chicago, IL 60652 Property Index No. 19-35-337-028 The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was $178,242.08. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit and the foreclosure sale takes place after 1/1/2007, the purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale
The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department.. Please refer to file number 14-06-6798. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALECODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE, IL 60527 (630) 794-8878 Attorney File No.: 14-06-6798 ARDC# 00468002 Attorney Code. 21762 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY AS TRUSTEE Plaintiff, -v.- PETROS KALLERIS, et al Defendants 05 CH 21916 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 18, 2008, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on January 18, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation; One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 6133 WEST 81ST PLACE, Burbank, IL 60459 Property Index No. 19-32-114-003-0000 The real estate is improved with a tan raised ranch house with detached 2 car garage. The judgment amount was $255,711.09.
Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If this property is a condominium unit and the foreclosure sale takes place after 1/1/2007, the purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale
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For information: Visit our website at http:\\service.atty-pierce.com between the hours of 3 and 5 pm. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Deerborn Street Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602. Tel No. (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number PA0507549. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE PIERCE & ASSOCIATES One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300 CHICAGO, IL 60602 (312) 476-5500 Attorney File No.: PA0507549 Attorney Code. 91220

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Miss Saigon Presented

Night Blue Theater presents the musical drama "Miss Saigon" at two south suburban venues next month. Odyssey Country Club, 19110 S. Ridgeland Ave., Tinley Park will present the play on Friday, Jan. 12th and Saturday, Jan. 13th at 8 p.m. and Sunday, Jan. 14th at 3:30 p.m. Tickets are $26 and includes two drinks with purchase. Call Odyssey at (708) 429-7400 or the box office at (630) 257-3077.

The run continues the following two weekends at the Sabre Room Theater, 8900 W. 95th St., in Hickory Hills. Performances are Jan. 19th to 21st and Jan. 26th to 28th. Friday and Saturday performances are at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 3:30 p.m. Tickets are $26 and includes two drinks with purchase. Call the Sabre Room at (708) 598-1200 or the box office at (630) 257-3077.

The musical drama, making its southwest suburban debut features a 28 member cast, a 17 piece orchestra, state of the art sound and lighting, genuine period costuming and dazzling effects. Playing principle roles are Irene Patino (Joliet) as Kim, Chris Forner (Lockport) as Chris, John B. Boss (Oak Lawn) as Engineer, Marcus Boni (Chicago) as John, Mark Martell (Chicago) and Tony Echauz (Burbank) sharing the role of Thuy, Summar Jonas and Jennifer Reeves Wilson (Chicago) sharing the role of Ellen, and featuring Patricia Noriega (Joliet) as Tam. Members of the ensemble are Draven Calvetti of Bolingbrook, Katrina Crone, Jamin Gahm and Rebecca Hicks of Joliet, Christina Flores, Mike Mendiola, Laura Zettergren, Paul Packer and Gabriel Pestrana of Chicago, Robert Fox of Oak Forest, Maura O'Flaherty of Hinsdale, Dana Gall of Lake Bluff, Sarah Gilbert of Alsip, Kevin Howard of Homer Glen, Sean Janda of Lockport, Leah Stuhler of Wheeling, and Keith Rumbaugh of Park Forest. The play is directed by Dave Walters (Lemont), assisted by Eric Hawrysz (Chicago). The music is directed by Pat Rinkenberger (Homewood) and Leslie Hoerner (Joliet). Full information is available at http://www.nightbluetheater.com.

Welcome New Members

The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago recently held its annual meeting and installation. President of the Board of Commissioners Terrence J. O'Brien (center) will begin his fourth six-year term and the two newly-elected members Patricia Horton (left) and Debra Shore (right), will begin their first terms in office.

Commissioner Horton is vice president of the Madison Western Chamber of Commerce and executive director of the West Side Business Group in Chicago. Commissioner Horton holds degrees from North Park University and Truman College.

Commissioner Shore is the founding editor and writer of the Chicago Wilderness. She has received many awards for her writing accomplishments. Commissioner Shore has degrees from Columbia College, John Hopkins University and Goucher College.

Heart Smart For Women Program

Saint Xavier University invites area women to participate in a free Heart Smart for Women Program that begins Jan. 22 at Saint Xavier's Orland Park campus and Jan. 23 at Saint Xavier's Chicago campus. "Heart disease continues to be a growing concern for all Americans," said assistant nursing professor Monica Ryan, project director and director of Saint Xavier University's Health Center. "This program is designed to provide women with the tools and resources necessary to improve their quality of life."

Saint Xavier is able to offer the 12-week program at no charge to participants thanks to a $30,000 grant from the Illinois Department of Public Health's Office of Women's Health.

The Heart Smart for Women Program is open to all women, including local community members, students, faculty and staff of Saint Xavier University. The 12-week session is led by nurses and nurse practitioners and includes guest speakers such as fitness experts, dietitians and stress management consultants. Each participant will be provided an opportunity to meet with a nurse prior to the start of the program to evaluate blood pressure, weight, height, fasting lipids and body mass index. These measurements will also be available to each participant three months after they complete the program to evaluate progress.

The weekly session at the Orland Park campus, located at 18230 Orland Parkway, will meet from 1 to 2:30 p.m. on Mondays starting Jan. 22. The weekly session at the Chicago campus, located at 3700 W. 103rd St., will meet from 5 to 6:30 p.m. on Tuesdays starting Jan. 23. A special session specifically designed for SXU students will meet from 3 to 4:30 p.m. on Thursdays starting Jan. 25 at the Chicago campus. All sessions conclude the week of April 16 (there is no class the week of April 2).

Registration is now open and will continue until each session has 20 participants. For more information, please contact the Health Center at Saint Xavier University at (773) 298-3914 or visit www.sxu/health_center.

Southwest Area Obituaries

Elmer L. Anderson

Private Services were held for Elmer L. Anderson. He was a decorated WWII Army Veteran.

He is survived by his wife LaVerne; his daughter Ardyth (Dwight) Dennison; two grandchildren; his brother Robert (Mary) Anderson and his sister Eleanor (John) Lubben.

Carol A. Brown

Mass was held at Christ the King Church, Evergreen Park, on Wednesday, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Carol A. Brown, 58. She was an Investment Advisor at Chesley, Taft and Associates.

She is survived by her husband Gerald W.; her children Elizabeth (Matthew) Zakaras, Meghan and Kevin Brown; her mother Elizabeth; her brothers William (Cynthia and Robert Atzhom.

Hilding V. Bucht

Services were held at the Andrew J. McGann & Son Funeral Home, Chicago, on Friday, with interment at St. Casimir Cemetery, for Hilding V. Bucht.

He is survived by his wife Marion, the business manager at the Alsip Park District and his son Jon H. (Rose) Bucht.

Ruth E. Carlson

Services were held at the Krueger Funeral Home, Blue Island, on Wednesday, with interment at Oak Hill Cemetery, for Ruth E. Carlson, 78.

She is survived by her children Susan (Michael) Glim and Candace (Michael) Brenner, six grandchildren and her sister Erna Jungblut and her brother Ronald (Annette) Lenz.

Carl W. Ceretto

Services were held at the Andrew J. McGann & sons Funeral Home, Chicago, on Friday, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Carl W. Ceretto. Mr. Ceretto was a teacher and administrator for the Chicago Public Schools for 34 years. He was also a member of the Alsip Village Board of Trustees for 13 years. He was also a member of the Alsip Planning Commission. Ceretto was also very active in local sports for children. He was the founder of Alsip Summerfest and was very involved in the Alsip Park District's youth sports programs, including basketball.

He is survived by his wife Sandra; his children (Matthew (Traci), Mike and Jeff Ceretto; two grandchildren and his sister Cynthia LaGreco.

William A. Chladek

A memorial Service was held at the Colonial Chapel, Orland Park, on Wednesday, with a private interment, for William A. Chladek, 67.

He is survived by his wife Rose; his children William E. (Barbara) and Brian (Wendy); six grandchildren; his sister Carolyn Roettger, Irene Davies and Patricia Krainas; and his brothers Harry & Jack.

Stephen Chlapecka

Services were held at the Brady-Gill Funeral Home, Evergreen Park, on Tuesday, with interment at Fairmount Willow Hills Cemetery, for Stephen Chlapecka, 85. He was a US Army Veteran of WWII

He is survived by his children Paul, Annette (Richard) Frost, his sisters Elizabeth Grebben and Natalie Paljieg.

Katherine E. "Kitty" Clark

Services were held at the Edgar Funeral Home, Oak Lawn, on Tuesday, with interment at Chapel Hill Gardens South Cemetery, for Katherine E. "Kitty" Clark, 69, late of Alsip.

She is survived by her husband John A.; her children Alex (Laura) Clark and John (Laura) Clark; six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Mary E. Clisham

Mass was said at Queen of Martyrs Church, Evergreen Park, on Monday, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Mary E. Clisham, 89.

She is survived by her children Patricia Allen, Thomas (Judy), John (Janet), Kathleen (Robert) Thompson, eighteen grandchildren and 33 great grandchildren and her brother Michael.

Anthony J. Dioguardi

Mass was said at St. Cajetan Church, Chicago, on Tuesday, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Anthony J. Dioguardi, 35. He was a member of local 63 – Ironworkers.

He is survived by his wife Maureen; his parents Eileen and David Dioguardi; his sisters Eileen (Edward Murray, Denise (Thomas) Hollowed, Margaret (Timothy) McNally, Domani (Joseph) Tripam, Mary (Christopher) Howicz, Eleanor (Richard Rochowicz, Suzanne (David) Czaplewski and Sarah Dioguardi.

Sophia Florence Fanello

Mass was said at Sacred Heart Church, Palos Hills, on Thursday, with interment at Good Shepherd Cemetery, for Sophia Florence Fanello, 10 months old.

She is survived by her parents Bob and Meg, her grandparents Frank and Maryann Conros and Tony and Evelyn Fanello.

Dominick Gallo

Mass was said at Our Lady of the Ridge Church, Chicago Ridge, on Thursday, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Dominick Gallo, 82. He was a WWII Army War Veteran.

He is survived by his children Vincent (Bonita Hyland), Robert (Susan Fletcher), Mark (Beverly and Angelica Gallo; eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; and his brother Vincent J. (Phyllis) Gallo.

Nora P. Hand

Mass was said at St. Linus Church, Oak Lawn, on Monday, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Nora P. Hand, a native of County Mayo, Ireland.

She is survived by her children Eileen (Dan) Reardon, Michael (Nora) Hand, Rose (Greg) Conroy, Mary (James) Fialkowski and Joan (Don) Finn; thirteen grandchildren; her sisters Mary, Kathleen; and her brothers John, Patrick, Joseph and Vincent.

Daniel F. Laughlin

Mass was said at St. Alexander Church, Palos Heights, on Tuesday, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Daniel F. Laughlin 88, a US Naval Intelligence Veteran of WWII. He was a 1940 Alumnus of the University of Notre Dame. He was a past member of the Funeral Directors Services Association of Chicago, the Beverly Ridge Lions Club and the St. James Council #1650 Knights of Columbus.

He is survived by his wife Mary Ellen; his children Daniel F., Jr. (Mary), Paul J. (Michelle), Mary Ellen "Maudie" (Marty CFD) Wirtz, Janet (Mark) Hogan and Vincent (Lori) Laughlin; and sixteen grandchildren.

Carol R. Lawler

Mass was said at Sacred Heart Church, Palos Hills, on Tuesday, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Carol R. Lawler, 69.

She is survived by her husband Patrick' her children Cindy Lawler, William (Michelle) Lawler, Lora (Daniel) Graham and Patrick "Mike" (Susan) Lawler; her mother Ruth; and her brothers John (Carol, Daniel (Sheila) and Thomas (Kathy) Laverty.

Betty R. McHugh

Mass was said at St. Christopher, Midlothian, Thursday, Jan. 11, with interment at Mt. Olivet Cemetery, for Betty R. McHugh of Monee, formerly of Midlothian.

He is survived by her children Patricia (Glen) Huggens, Marian Cosgrove, and Margie (Sean) Larmon, three grandchildren and her sisters Mary (Tom) Neal Adams and Louise (Harold) Scruggs.

David H. Muys

Services were said at the Colonial Chapel, Orland Park on Wednesday, with interment at Beverly Cemetery, for David H. Muys, 71.

He is survived by his wife Jacqueline; his children David Jr. (Cynthia), Bonnie (Anthony) Malzone, and Robert (Tina); seven grandchildren; and his sister Phyllis Paxton and his brother William.

Deborah A. Smith

Services were held at the Thompson and Kuenster Funeral Home, Oak Lawn, on Sunday, with a private interment, for Deborah A. Smith.

She is survived by her son Bruce Smith Jr; her mother Janet; and her sister Dianne (Richard) Anders; and her brothers Don (Mary) Biscan and Dave (Janet Kosonen) Biscan.

William J. Wiest

Services were held at the Palos Park Presbyterian Community Church, Palos Park, on Monday, with interment at Oak Hill Cemetery, for William J. Wiest, 62. He was the owner operator of Arch Top Mouldings and PSI Carpentry. He was an Elder at Palos Park Presbyterian Community Church and Stephen Minister. He was the Past Master of Kenwood Masonic Lodge A.F. and A.M., Past Worthy Patron of OES and a member of Wyners Street Rodders Club. He was also a former Board Member of Burbank School District #111.

He is survived by his wife Lois; his children Curt (Amy) Wiest and Cynthia (Tony) Salamone; four grandchildren and his sister Sharon (Chuck) Wilke.

Rosalie White

Mass was said at Our Lady of the Woods Church, Orland Park, on Monday, with interment at St. Casimir Cemetery, for Rosalie White, 64, of Palos Park. She was a member of the Phi-Dels and the former co-owner of Honda-Yamaha of River Oak and a former employee of Darvin Furniture and Heritage Builders.

She is survived by her husband Warren White, her children Suzanne and Christopher White, two grandchildren, her sister Marie (Donald) Sims and her brother James (Kathy) Cavaretta.

Brian A. Williquette

Services were held at the Mt. Greenwood Evangelical Lutheran Church, Mt. Greenwood, on Thursday, Jan. 11th, with interment at Beverly Cemetery, for Brian A. Williquette, 50.

He is survived by his wife Sarah, his children Mary, Max and Maggie, and his brothers Bruce (Bernie) Williquette and Bill (Judy) Anderson.

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Address	City	Amount	Old	New
9819 WARREN AVE	OAK LAWN	$275,000	KURTYKA ANDRZEJ	KENT EILEEN M
10404 S PARKSIDE AVE	OAK LAWN	UNKNOWN	WAGNER GALE C	WAGNER GALE C TR
9801 MAYFIELD AVE	OAK LAWN	$265,000	ELLISON MICHAEL TR 1	STACHNIK DARIUSZ
8701 NEW ENGLAND AVE	OAK LAWN	UNKNOWN	BERLANGA JUAN	NUNEZ LUIS C
5200 98TH ST	OAK LAWN	UNKNOWN	CALDWELL TERRY L TR	CALDWELL TERRY L
5200 98TH ST	OAK LAWN	UNKNOWN	CALDWELL TERRY L	CALDWELL TERRY L TR
5225 OAK CENTER DR	OAK LAWN	UNKNOWN	MEINSTEIN SIEGFRIED	MEINSTEIN SIEGFRIED TR
6304 92ND PL	OAK LAWN	UNKNOWN	KOEPPEN KEITH S	KOEPPEN KEITH S TR
4560 W 93RD ST	OAK LAWN	$180,000	FRIEDLI BEVERLY	SMILEY TYRONE
4208 W 99TH ST	OAK LAWN	$267,000	SERAPIO M A CECILIA D	GONZALEZ ARMANDO
10745 LAPORTE AVE	OAK LAWN	UNKNOWN	EGAN DONALD G	EGAN DONALD G TR
4643 W 95TH ST	OAK LAWN	$95,000	TRESCH MICHAEL K	COLLINS JOHN J
10129 BUELL CT	OAK LAWN	$253,000	WADDELL ROBERT L	BERG JOHN JR
8824 49TH CT	OAK LAWN	$287,000	STANDARD B&T CO TR	MATA MIGUEL
10836 LOREL AVE	OAK LAWN	$390,000	HUSSEIN KHALED A	AHMED ABAS S
5116 W 91ST ST	OAK LAWN	$228,000	MULLEN THOMAS J TR	HAJMOHAMAD ABDELHAFIZ
10100 52ND AVE	OAK LAWN	UNKNOWN	PETROMANEANTU MARIA	PETROMANEANTU SAMUIL
8832 MELVINA AVE	OAK LAWN	$310,000	RAFF FREDERICK L	CHAVEZ JUAN
5141 OAK CENTER DR	OAK LAWN	$167,000	SCHERECK LORRAINE M	VASSILAKIS JOANNA
6000 W 99TH ST	OAK LAWN	UNKNOWN	JACKSON WILLIAM A	CAZARES ANGELINA P
6000 W 99TH ST	OAK LAWN	$396,000	CAZARES-JACKSON ANGELINA P	SIGNORELLI PAUL J
10001 MULBERRY AVE	OAK LAWN	UNKNOWN	SEEHOFER KURT L SR	SEEHOFER KURT L SR
9616 KARLOV AVE	OAK LAWN	UNKNOWN	DICOLA CAROL	DICOLA CAROL TR
10544 KARLOV AVE	OAK LAWN	UNKNOWN	COGLIANESE JOSEPH J	COGLIANESE JOSEPH J
10710 CENTRAL AVE	OAK LAWN	$170,000	GRALAK JAMIE L	IGLESIA ANA C
5101 W DEBLIN CT	OAK LAWN	UNKNOWN	WOJCIK JOZEF M	WOJCIK JOZEF M
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9252 54TH PL	OAK LAWN	$225,000	VITTORI JUDITH	BOGGESS JUDY
10221 S KOMENSKY AVE	OAK LAWN	$178,000	TREVOR JAMES M	MOY KING
10400 S KOLIN AVE	OAK LAWN	UNKNOWN	HYNES FRANCIS P	HYNES FRANCIS P
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9427 TULLEY AVE	OAK LAWN	$220,000	RTG-OAK LAWN LLC	MARISCAL EDGAR
4347 108TH PL	OAK LAWN	$240,000	STANDARD B&T CO TR	WILLIAMS LIZETTE R
4901 SPRING RD	OAK LAWN	$204,000	GAYNOR MICHAEL J	MEHRING KIP K
9151 MELVINA AVE	OAK LAWN	$423,500	ALNAS GLENN B	KELLY KEVIN
9538 S MELVINA AVE	OAK LAWN	$180,000	WALSH VICKI L	PACHECO GERARDO
4305 FAIRFAX ST	OAK LAWN	$275,000	GRANT TERRY A	SMITH MICHAEL D
10411 MASON AVE	OAK LAWN	$89,000	STATE BK COUNTRYSIDE TR	REDLICH BRIAN
4109 98TH ST	OAK LAWN	$160,000	FUSTICH ANDY	GANSEL KYLE W
10700 S WASHINGTON AVE	OAK LAWN	UNKNOWN	TERRAZAS ANITA	ANITA TERRAZAS TRUST
9116 S RIDGELAND AVE	OAK LAWN	UNKNOWN	CZECKOWSKI WOJCIECH	CZECHOWSKI WOJIECH
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9534 S RUTHERFORD AVE	OAK LAWN	UNKNOWN	BAK STANLEY	BAK CONST INC
9534 S RUTHERFORD AVE	OAK LAWN	$515,000	BAK CONST INC	SCHMIDT THOMAS P
8701 S OAK PARK AVE	OAK LAWN	$224,000	MORRAR RAJAE	QANDIL KHALIL
9805 MINNICK AVE	OAK LAWN	$320,000	MAGANA IGNACIO JR	KALETA MARY G
9525 S KILDARE AVE	OAK LAWN	$365,500	BURCIAGA MARCELO	BARCENAS MARIA
10035 S CICERO AVE	OAK LAWN	UNKNOWN	WIDEIKIS JOHN R	WIDEIKIS JOHN R
10036 S KEELER AVE	OAK LAWN	$210,000	STANDARD B&T CO TR	RITCHEY DONALD J JR
9929 HARNEW ROAD EAST	OAK LAWN	$219,000	PECK BERNARD W	LESKO RICHARD D
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4829 109TH ST	OAK LAWN	$123,500	JOHNSON EMILY M	GILLIAM PEARLINE
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10405 TRIPP AVE	OAK LAWN	UNKNOWN	ROBERTS VERONICA M	ROBERTS VERONICA M TR
4211 91ST PL	OAK LAWN	UNKNOWN	RUSCAK JOHN	RUSCAK JOHN TR
4233 99TH PL	OAK LAWN	UNKNOWN	WHITE JOHN T	WHITE CELINE M
10940 KILPATRICK AVE	OAK LAWN	$98,000	MCGUIRE WILLIAM	NOONAN JAMES
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4601 98TH ST	OAK LAWN	UNKNOWN	HAND BERNARD SR	H&G BLDRS INC
10820 KILPATRICK AVE	OAK LAWN	$100,000	DUNDAS SHIRLEY G	KARNO EARLE S TR
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9610 50TH CT	OAK LAWN	UNKNOWN	LIPINSKI KATHLEEN L	LIPINSKI WILLIAM G
4005 W 93RD ST	OAK LAWN	UNKNOWN	JAMES SADIE	ATG TRUST CO TR
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9211 KARLOV AVE	OAK LAWN	$270,000	STEWART PAMELA TR	NORENA VALERIO A
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6825 111TH ST	OAK LAWN	$288,000	FOUNDERS BK	SRD BUILDING MGR LLC
6124 W 99TH ST	OAK LAWN	$229,000	KNAFL ALAN D	DIHONOV J
9601 MENARD AVE	OAK LAWN	$257,500	MCNULTY EUGENE J	KNAFL ALAN D
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5640 W 103RD ST	OAK LAWN	$165,000	KNIGHT KATHLEEN EXTR	MCGUIRE ERIN
10041 MINNICK AVE	OAK LAWN	UNKNOWN	KESTIAN KRIS	KESTIAN CHRISTINE
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10360 CENTRAL AVE	OAK LAWN	$195,000	PELLEGRINO JAMES V	SCHAFFER JACQUELINE
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10939 S CICERO AVE	OAK LAWN	UNKNOWN	STEARNS GAIL	STEARNS GAIL
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9531 S MCVICKER AVE	OAK LAWN	UNKNOWN	KOMENDA MICHAEL	KOMENDA CASSANDRA
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9243 50TH AVE	OAK LAWN	$210,000	FINN WALTER C JR	BARRIGA JOSE J
9840 PULASKI RD	OAK LAWN	$96,000	ADAMOVITZ JAMES M	PELLEGRINO JAMES V
5017 HARNEW ROAD SOUTH	OAK LAWN	UNKNOWN	VOYTYSHYN GENE	VOYTYSHYN GENE
4541 100TH PL	OAK LAWN	UNKNOWN	SLOWEK STELLA M	SLOWEK STELLA M

Oak Lawn Senior Happenings

It is at this time the Oak Lawn Senior Center would like to thank the Village of Oak Lawn. The recent changes at the Senior Center have made life a little easier for those showing the signs of aging. By recent changes, we are speaking of much more accessible curbs, more handicap parking and automatic doors to the Senior Center. When using a walker, wheelchair or cane, the little things seem to turn into huge issues. Every advantage helps those with a disadvantage. Special thanks go out to Village Clerk Jane Quinlan for her endless efforts; Lynn Krauss, Public Works Director, for his implementation of the projects; and Roger Minnis, also of the Public Works Dept., who follows through with every project that is tossed his way.

The Oak Lawn Senior Center is located in the heart of town. The many recreational activities include Bridge, Canasta, Movies, Pinochle, Rummikub, Line Dancing and day trips. Health screenings and exercise programs are also available. Monthly, a variety of additional programs are added. It is also a resource center for the many needs of our seniors. The Center is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and located at 5330 W. 95th St.

UPCOMING SPECIAL ACTIVITIES:

INCOME TAX PREPARATION

Beginning Jan. 29th the Center will offer income tax assistance for Oak Lawn seniors. Before calling for an appointment be sure to have all pertinent information. Documents needed would be your Social Security statement, interest and dividend statements, Real Estate property tax bill for 2006 and last year's tax return. Our volunteers are trained by the IRS and can prepare simple tax forms. Call 499-0240 for an appointment.

Monday, Jan. 22nd at 10 a.m.

A speaker from the Cook County State's Attorney's Office will present a short seminar. Senior citizens are extremely vulnerable to specific types of criminal activity. The audience will be made aware of the many ways that they can avoid victimization of crime. By giving the seniors the knowledge to protect themselves, they will have the tools to live a more productive life.

Thursday, Jan. 25th at 10:30 a.m.

The last Thursday of every month is designated Box Lunch Day. The sponsor of this lunch will be the Morningside Group. They create premier residential and mixed-use communities in urban locations throughout the Midwest. Long recognized as a leader in the design and construction of highly acclaimed condominiums, Morningside excels at both attending to homeowners' needs and gloriously fulfilling their dreams. Following the success of Arbor Court on 96th St., Morningside is pleased to announce their newest condo development, Prairie Town Center, which will be located at 9530 S. Cook Ave. Morningside will be at the Center for the Box Lunch Day with further information. Thanks to our sponsor, the cost of the lunch is only $3 for the senior. Space is limited and a ticket may be purchased at the Center by Jan. 15th. Along with lunch, bingo will be played. Lunch will consist of baked ham, potatoes au gratin, corn and a roll.

For further details or assistance, you may call 499-0240 or drop by to pick up a schedule of events and activities and monthly movie schedule.

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AMBER Alert Awareness Day

Governor Rod R. Blagojevich announced that Illinois joined several other states across the nation to recognize Jan. 13th as AMBER Alert Awareness Day. The day marked the 11th anniversary of the abduction and brutal murder of Amber Hagerman, who was kidnapped while riding her bicycle in Arlington, Texas. As a tribute to her, the AMBER Alert System began in 1997 and today is in place in all 50 states to help find abducted children.

To mark the anniversary in Illinois, a poster contest for grades K-12 is being sponsored by the Illinois AMBER Alert Task Force. The contest will conclude on May 25 (Missing Children's Day). This year's poster theme is "Bringing Our Missing Children Home," with a fifth-grade winner's entry being submitted in the National Missing Children's Day Poster Contest. The competition will also provide teachers with an additional resource to teach students about safety issues. Information relating to the contest can be found on the Illinois AMBER Alert Task Force website, www.amberillinois.org.

Gov. Blagojevich created the Illinois AMBER Task Force in April 2003. At that time, Illinois was one of only two states in the nation to create a partnership with the National Weather Service and the Broadcasters Association. Through the partnership, the Illinois State Police have been able to send information on abducted children to radio and television outlets throughout the state for immediate broadcast.

"The response to a tragedy 11 years ago has become one of law enforcement's most valuable tools when a child has been abducted," said Illinois State Police Director Larry G. Trent. "The concept has grown from media alerts, to highway message boards, and most recently, to text messages on cell phones. The number of children recovered through the use of the AMBER Alert is remarkable."

The Illinois AMBER Alert Notification Plan is a voluntary partnership between law-enforcement agencies, broadcasters, and the National Weather Service designed to assist children under the age of 16 who have been abducted and are at risk. It does not apply to missing children in general and specific criteria must be met for activation by the local police agency. There must be enough information available about the kidnapper or the child, such as appearance or vehicle description which could potentially lead to apprehension of the suspect and recovery of the child.

"As first responders, Illinois' broadcasters welcome their critical role as members of the AMBER Alert team and applaud the professionalism of the rest of the team represented by the Illinois State Police and the National Weather Service," remarked Dennis Lyle, President and CEO of the Illinois Broadcasters Association. "Clearly, every AMBER Alert activation in Illinois illustrates the importance and effectiveness of local broadcasters and the Illinois Emergency Alert System."

The Governor's announcement will help educate the general public about AMBER Alert. AMBER stands for America's Missing: Broadcast Emergency Response. It is a tool used by law enforcement, in combination with other means, to bring about the safe return of an abducted child. The goal of the AMBER Alert is to instantly notify an entire community to assist in the search for and safe return of the child. According to the U.S. Department of Justice, the AMBER Alert system, is a proven success and has helped rescue more than 308 children nationwide.

"What's great about the AMBER Alert system is that through coordination of existing resources we are able to make a difference," said IDOT Secretary Timothy W. Martin. "We have our changeable message boards in place to assist travelers, but through coordination with our AMBER partners, we are able to turn them into a valuable tool to assist law enforcement in a moment."

In the event a child, adult, or vehicle fitting the AMBER Alert description is spotted, immediately call the telephone number given in the AMBER Alert and provide authorities with as much information as possible.

If you would like to have additional information on AMBER, visit the Department of Justice website: www.ojp.usdoj.gov/amberalert/home.html.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

JANUARY 20 – Saturday – Chamber of Commerce Installation and Dinner, Oak Lawn Hilton, 6 p.m.

DECEMBER 23 – Tuesday – OL Village Board Meeting, Municipal Building, 9446 Raymond, 8 p.m.

DECEMBER 23 – Tuesday – Village Hall open to 8 p.m.

DECEMBER 25 – Thursday – OL Senior Citizens Commission, 5330 W. 95th St., 10 a.m.

DECEMBER 25 – Thursday – Worth Township Regular Board Meeting, 11601 S. Pulaski, 7:30 p.m.

FEBRUARY 2 – Friday – Chamber Golf Outing Committee Meeting, Stony Creek Golf Complex, 8 a.m.

Oak Lawn Library Book Sale Donations

The Friends of the Oak Lawn Library are now accepting donations of "gently used" books, magazines and audio visual material to sell at their Ongoing Book Sale located within the library, 5300 W. 95th St.

Patrons may drop off donations on a designated table near the library's Cook Ave. entrance. In addition to books, the Friends welcome CDs, records, audio cassettes, DVDs, VHS tapes and other forms of media. Due to space limitations, the Friends will not accept Readers Digest Condensed Books, encyclopedias and out-of-date textbooks. Patrons may fill out a form at the Reception Booth to receive a tax letter in the mail to acknowledge their donation.

The Friends Ongoing Book Sale provides an ever-changing variety of books, magazines and audio visual material at bargain prices. Hardcover books cost 50 cents each, paperbacks are 25 cents, and magazines cost five cents each. Other items are priced as marked. Funds collected by the book sale support library programming and purchases that are beyond the library's budget. Since 1978, the Friends have provided more than $250,000 in gifts to the library.

For more information, call (708) 422-4990.

Cardinal George Honors Influential Residents

Hundreds gathered at the recent St. Joseph College Seminary's 16th Annual Seminary Salutes Dinner which featured the presentation of the 2006 Rerum Novarum Awards. Relishing in the evening's festivities were (left to right) Justice resident Elizabeth Drea, Cardinal Francis George, OMi, and Elizabeth Drea's husband Tim from U.F.C.W. Local 181.

The 16th Annual Seminary Salute to Labor, Business and Government featured the presentation of the Rerum Novarum awards by Cardinal George, to honor men and women in labor, business, and government who have proven outstanding in their support of the following ideals: respect for the dignity of the human being and human labor, the right to organize and the right to a living wage. The 2006 recipients are: labor recipient Frank Harmon, a principal account executive at Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois; Charles P. Carey, Chairman of the Chicago Board of Trade and partner in the commodity trading firm Henning and Carey, representing the business sector and Terrence J. O'Brien, President/Commissioner of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRDGC), representing government. These individuals were selected based on their outstanding contributions to the community and demonstrated devotion to social responsibility and justice.

The "Seminary Salutes" dinner benefited St. Joseph College Seminary at Loyola University of Chicago, with all proceeds supporting the St. Joseph College Seminary Scholarship Funds and Programs.

For further information, call Diane Kozojed at (773) 973-9720.

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Here are a few ideas to help you get started. Take your lunch to work and have more meals at home. Shop around for a free checking account or one with no minimum balance requirement. Use coupons when you shop, compare unit prices, and always grocery shop with a list. And ask your physician about switching to generic drugs.

With all of your savings, you need to make sure you choose the best savings and investment options. That's why the Financial Planning kit features useful information on certificates of deposit (CDs), stocks, bonds, mutual funds, and more. This informative kit also gives you the facts on the different types of retirement savings accounts, such as 401(k) plans, and how to make the most out of your contributions.

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Increase Environmental Performance

Building on his efforts to support Illinois farmers and expand the use of clean and renewable energy, Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich recently signed legislation requiring state agencies to purchase Flexible Fuel Vehicles (FFVs) that can run on E-85, an 85 percent blend of ethanol and gasoline, and diesel-powered vehicles that run on B-5, a blend of 5 percent biodiesel and regular diesel fuel.

House Bill 4137 will increase the number of fleet vehicles that can run on environmentally friendly fuels so that Illinois government will continue to serve as a national model for "green" fleet operations. The bill also encourages state agencies to purchase fuel-efficient hybrid vehicles.

To increase the number of large vehicles on Illinois roads powered by biofuels, this bill also allows consumers to purchase large alternative fuel vehicles out of state, if not available in-state, and be able to qualify for a rebate program administered by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency. The rebate program offers up to $4,000 per vehicle to convert a conventional vehicle to a vehicle using alternative fuels, such as natural gas or propane. Current law requires that vehicles over 8,500 pounds must be purchased in Illinois to be eligible. Details on this rebate program can be found at www.illinoisgreenfleets.org.

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Energy Hog Efficiency Campaign

With electricity efficiency education a growing priority, the Illinois Electric Council (IEC) is pleased to announce its partnership in the national "Energy Hog" Campaign. IEC is the first Illinois partner of the national program.

The Alliance to Save Energy's collaboration with the Ad Council raises awareness of the benefits of energy efficiency and conservation through the use of a dastardly spokes-villain – the energy wasting Energy Hog. The Energy Hog illustrates the acts of wasting energy and is designed to have broad appeal to youth audiences aged eight to thirteen years old, as well as adults who pay the energy bills and are decision-makers for home efficiency improvements.

IEC is listed as a campaign partner on the Energy Hog Web site, www.energyhog.org, with a link to the IEC site. Likewise, IEC provides a link from the IEC Web site, www.IECouncil.org, home page and Efficiency section. IEC will also use the traveling Energy Hog mascot costume for two events in 2007. Having the Energy Hog make appearances at the Illinois State Fair and Farm Progress Show will be great additions to the other IEC educational activities at the events.

Compelling TV and radio public service announcements (PSAs) were recently distributed by the Ad Council. An array of available print materials include classroom guides for teachers, activity books for students, bookmarks, tattoos and more. A cornerstone of the campaign is the Energy Hog Web site, www.Energyhog.org.

The Energy Hog Web site, which is aimed at children, also includes resources for parents and teachers, as well as Internet versions of the Energy Hog ads. The Web site's main attractions are the Energy Hog Training Camp and its five training games, where children can train to become Energy Hog Busters and learn fun and simple ways to use energy more efficiently.

To learn more about the Illinois Electric Council and its many educational activities and programs, visit www.IECouncil.org.

CAGW's Analysis Of Earmark Reforms

Citizens Against Government Waste (CAGW) recently released *Guide to Earmark Reform*. The report evaluates the recently passed House ethics package (H. Res. 6) and the president's proposal for earmark reforms, and compares each with CAGW's recommendations.

Proposed by the new Democratic majority and approved on Jan. 4th, the House ethics rules will be in effect for the duration of the 110th Congress. The earmark restrictions go much further than the rules change passed by the Republican-led House in September 2006. In an editorial and speech on Jan. 3rd, President Bush offered his own ideas for earmark reforms.

Guide to Earmark Reform gauges the new measures against ten "gold standard" recommendations long favored by CAGW, covering details such as the definition of an "earmark," the extent of transparency, and the practice of "air-dropping" earmarks into conference reports.

Guide to Earmark Reform is available at www.cagw.org. The Senate plans to take up its ethics reform legislation this week. The report will be updated with Senate provisions as they are proposed and approved.

Citizens Against Government Waste is a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization dedicated to eliminating waste, fraud, mismanagement and abuse in government.

Mayor Stranczek Dinner Dance

Final preparation for the 37th Annual Dinner Dance honoring Crest wood Mayor Chester Stranczek are being made by the dinner dance committee.

This event is being held Friday, Jan. 26th at the Double Tree Hotel, 5000 W. 127th St. The evening will begin with cocktails at 7 p.m. followed by dinner. The entertainment for the evening is comedian, Mike Toomey, with pleasurable listening and dancing music to follow.

Tickets are still available through Nancy Benedetto at $60 per person, including open bar.

Healthcare Refunds

Mark Donahue, President of the Fraternal Order of Police, Chicago Lodge #7, recently presented refund checks to retirees who overpaid their healthcare contributions. When President Donahue saw the substantial increases in contributions for retired Chicago Police Officers that were to take effect in March of 2005 he knew something was amiss. The Fraternal Order of Police had just recently completed bargaining on a new work agreement with the City and being aware that the City healthcare costs had not increased dramatically in Chicago as they had elsewhere across the country, the F.O.P. dispatched their lawyers and accountant to investigate the City's rate hikes that went into effect in September of 2003.

To date, more than $15,000,000 has been returned to City of Chicago retirees because of the F.O.P.'s actions.

Pictured (left to right) President Mark Donahue, Carl Caver, retiree, and Bill Dougherty, F.O.P. 1st Vice-President.

Applications For Summer Internships

Students enrolled in college or business technology schools and in good academic standing are encouraged to apply for summer internships with City Clerk Miguel del Valle's office. Applications for student internships with the Clerk's Office will be accepted online only at www.cityofchicago.org/careerworks now through Feb. 9th.

"Student interns will gain valuable work experience in my office performing various administrative functions and assisting with vehicle sticker sales," said del Valle. "We are accepting applications now so that students can apply during their winter break."

The paid internship is a temporary position for full-time employment during the summer. There are 3 eight-week programs during the time periods of May 16th through July 15th, June 1st through July 31st, and June 16th through Aug. 15th. The entry rate is $7.50 per hour. The position will be listed as "Student Intern – City Clerk" on the City of Chicago's Human Resources web page at www.cityofchicago.org/careerworks.

Selection for employment will be based on information provided on the application. Qualified applicants will be placed on an employment list and names will be drawn from the list through a lottery drawing conducted by the Chicago Dept. of Human Resources. Student applicants must be actual residents of Chicago; however, those attending colleges or business schools outside the city are still eligible to apply. Please note that applicants must be available to work for the entire 8-week program.

Proceed With U.S. Bid For 2016 Games

Following an 18-month evaluation process that has involved five United States cities and in-person interviews with more than 100 leaders in international sport, the United States Olympic Committee (USOC) announced today that it intends to proceed with a U.S. bid for the 2016 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

Later this year, the USOC will formally nominate either Chicago or Los Angeles to the International Olympic Committee (IOC) as the United States Applicant City for the 2016 Games.

"We began our evaluation process 18 months ago with one specific goal in mind, which was to assess whether or not a U.S. bid for the 2016 Games could be competitive internationally," said USOC Chairman Peter Ueberroth. "Based on our analysis, we believe the time is right for a U.S. city to bid, and we fully intend to proceed with a unified, national effort to bring the Games back to America in 2016.

"In Chicago and Los Angeles, we have two outstanding cities that are working every day in partnership with the USOC to develop bids that are of the highest technical merit," added Ueberroth. "These cities understand that, if chosen as the U.S. Applicant City, the competitiveness of the international process will be beyond anything they have ever experienced. The unprecedented global competition to host the Games is a reflection of how far-reaching and important the Olympic Movement is to our world today."

USOC Vice President, International Bob Ctvrtlik (stuh-vert-lick), who is guiding the domestic bid process, lauded the decision as another example of how the United States Olympic Committee has become a more active and engaged partner in the world of international sport.

"Our decision to bid is just one aspect of a much larger international relations strategy designed to create more meaningful partnerships and a greater level of engagement with the worldwide Olympic Family," said Ctvrtlik. "The Chicago and Los Angeles bids are led by passionate teams who believe, as do we, that the Olympic Movement holds more hope and promise for the future than any other international movement at work today. It is active 365 days a year in more than 200 countries around the world, instilling the values of fair play, mutual respect, friendship and peace through sport in millions of young people – young people whose values will shape our world tomorrow. From our collective perspective, that is something worth campaigning for."

The USOC evaluation process began in July 2005 shortly after the 117th International Olympic Committee (IOC) Session in Singapore, at which London was selected to host the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games. Domestically, the USOC has pared a field of five candidate cities to two – Chicago and Los Angeles – in order to select the one U.S. city that has the best chance of succeeding in the increasingly competitive global competition to host the Games. Internationally, the USOC has surveyed IOC members and other influential sport leaders to determine 1) how a U.S. bid for the 2016 Games would be received and 2) voters' impressions of the U.S. cities under consideration.

"Our process, which is patterned directly after the process the International Olympic Committee employs in its assessment of bid cities, has been effective in driving our cities toward plans that specifically address the full scope of requirements measured by the IOC," said USOC Chief Executive Officer Jim Scherr. "I believe that when our domestic process is complete, America will have a bid for the 2016 Games that is both technically excellent and visionary in what it offers the Olympic Movement. I am optimistic about our chances in this marathon."

There are four more critical steps in the USOC process: on Jan. 22, Chicago and Los Angeles will submit their domestic bid books to the USOC; at the end of February and the beginning of March, following a comprehensive review of the domestic bid books, a USOC Evaluation Team will conduct a two-day technical evaluation in each city; on April 14, the Evaluation Team will present its findings to the USOC Board of Directors and in addition, the Chicago and Los Angeles 2016 Bid Committees will make their final presentations to the USOC Board of Directors; on April 14, the USOC will select and announce its Applicant City for the 2016 Games.

The deadline by which a National Olympic Committee must nominate its 2016 Applicant City to the IOC is Sept. 15. The international campaign will last two years, concluding in October 2009 at the IOC Session in Copenhagen, Denmark when the 2016 Host City is selected.

SCORE Workshop

Attend a half-day workshop on Tuesday, Jan. 23rd from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., offered by SCORE, Counselors to America's Small Business. Learn to protect yourself and your business from potential damage and lawsuits. You will also learn the basics of record-keeping, federal, state and local taxes. The workshop is one required for a SCORE Workshop Completion Certificate, helpful when seeking a loan. Attendees should be in business or planning to start a business.

Register and pay the $35 fee on line, www.scorechicago.org. Walk-in same-day registration and pay at the door $45. Space is limited. Call (312) 353-7724 any weekday morning with questions.

SCORE is located in the Citicorp Center, Suite 1250, 500 W. Madison St. in downtown Chicago. For more information, call (312) 353-7724 or visit the web site www.scorechicago.org.

New Video Game

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) launched a new Sparky the Fire Dog® game to help children learn about emergency preparedness. The game, "Look and Learn," is now available free online. It stresses the importance of being prepared for an emergency by teaching children about items that should be included in an emergency supplies kit.

Each year natural disasters disrupt the lives of hundreds of thousands of children and their families. NFPA developed Risk Watch®: Natural Disasters to help children and their families deal with disasters before, during and after the event. Sparky's® new game is the latest addition to support this effort and is available by visiting NFPA's Risk Watch® Web site at http://www.riskwatch.org and entering the "Kids Only" section of the site.

"Everyone runs the risk of experiencing a natural disaster and that includes children," said Amy LeBeau, NFPA's communications manager of public education. "Sparky's new game is a great way for parents and teachers to educate children about emergency preparedness with a fun interactive lesson."

Players of Sparky's "Look and Learn" visit six different fun and interactive scenes as they are tasked with assisting Sparky by locating hidden items to complete his emergency supplies kit. During their search for the hidden items, players travel through a Hideaway Island, Campground, Safari, Haunted House, Underwater Adventure and Prehistoric Park to locate things like flashlights, batteries, extra clothing, a whistle, canned food and other items that are often necessities in an emergency. After finding all of the emergency supplies in each section of the game, children will be able to download and print out an emergency supplies checklist that they can use to make their own emergency supplies kit.

Sparky's "Look and Learn" game provides a fun and safe learning experience for kids and there is no advertising on the kids section of the site. The game is most appropriate for children in kindergarten through second grade, but may be of interest to all ages.

Sparky the Fire Dog, recognized the world over for his efforts to educate children and adults about fire prevention and life safety, has been the official spokesdog for the NFPA since 1951. Sparky's award-winning Web site, http://www.sparky.org, gives kids a safe environment to learn about keeping safe from fire and other hazards while at the same time, having fun. Sparky® and Sparky the Fire Dog® are registered trademarks of NFPA.

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Letter To The Editor

Quitclaim Deed, a Trap for the Unwary

The Quitclaim deed is a popular document in real estate parlance. Both lay and professional persons use it for a variety of purposes in the Real Estate Industry. However, in spite of its popularity and its benign appearance, it has an insidious history of abuse and misapplication where the unwary falls victim to its subversive character. To appreciate the character of the quitclaim deed we must compare it to its first and second cousins and its collateral relatives. The first cousin to the quitclaim deed is the Warranty Deed or as it is popularly known "General Warranty Deed." The General Warranty Deed possess all the character traits that a bargained for conveyance of real estate should have, i.e.:

Warranty of seisin. The grantor guarantees the grantee the right of possession.

Quiet enjoyment. The grantor guarantees that no one will encroach upon or challenge his possession.

Defense of Title. The grantor guarantees that he will defend all challenges to the title prior to the grantee's conveyance.

Freedom of encumbrances. The grantor guarantees the property to be free of liens, etc. at the time of conveyance.

Right to convey. The grantor guarantees the grantee the right to convey the property.

And the guarantees are from the beginning of time to current. The Special Warranty Deed is the second cousin. This document differs from the General Warranty Deed in one respect. Its guarantees are limited to the period in which the grantor held title to the property. The quitclaim deed possesses none of the guarantees or warranties of the General Warranty Deed of the Special Warranty Deed. The grantor of a quitclaim deed conveys to the grantee exactly the interest he or she has in the real property; "if he or she has no interest, they convey no interest." The grantor of a quitclaim does not guarantee warranty of seisin, quiet enjoyment, defense of title, freedom of encumbrances or the right to convey. A quitclaim deed is really an instrument of release. An example would be where one spouse disclaims an interest in property of the other spouse, or where in a divorce one spouse releases his or her interest to the other spouse. Or where there is a need to correct title, a quitclaim deed is used. In most common- law jurisdictions, a quitclaim deed is not considered a deed at all. And in some jurisdictions a buyer who receives a quitclaim deed is not considered to be BFP (bona fide purchaser for value). Instead a quitclaim deed is considered to be an instrument of estoppel, which means it estops or prevents the grantor of the quitclaim deed from later claiming that he or she has an interest in the property. Remember, the grantee of a quitclaim deed receives no better title than what the grantor possessed. This is reason enough for cause and concern when executing or receiving a Quitclaim Deed.

Respectfully yours,
S/S Eugene "Gene" Moore
Cook County Recorder of Deeds

Collins Sworn-In

State Senator Jacqueline Y. Collins (D-Chicago) was joined by friends and family as the 95th General Assembly commenced with the beginning of the spring 2007 session. The start of the spring session will mark Senator Collins' second term in office as a representative of the families of the 16th Senate District.

"I am looking forward to beginning my second term in the Illinois State Senate," said Collins. "Having the chance over the past four years to represent the people of the 16th District is something that I am most proud of in my life and I am eager to continue working on issues that will work to better the everyday lives of my constituents."

"Affordable housing and affordable health care for everyone will continue to be issues that I feel strongly about and will work toward making a reality for the citizens of this state," said Collins. "We must also continue to provide safeguards for people in our neighborhoods – whether it is protecting them from fraudulent lenders in the financial arena or it is protecting our children from the drug-dealers on the corner. We must continue to explore these areas and look for more ways to give families peace of mind in their homes."

Collins has been involved with a wide array of issues since joining the Senate in 2003. She fought for improvements to LIHEAP for the benefit of its members, helped more Illinois senior citizens qualify for the Homestead Exemption; imposed stricter regulations on the pay day loan industry; and combated the rising incidence of mortgage rescue fraud where homeowners have been increasingly swindled. Her most prolific accomplishment involved suspending state investment in companies doing business in the Republic of the Sudan – the first of its kind in the nation to pressure Sudan to end its policies of genocide and terrorism in Darfur.

As a former journalist and Emmy-award nominated editor at CBS-TV, Collins has used her journalism experience and communication skills to support progressive agendas in the General Assembly that seek to create economic and social welfare policies that reduce inequality, expand opportunities and strengthen communities.

All Points Southwest

By THOMAS E. GAVIN

Last week Governor Rod R. Blagojevich gave his 2007 inaugural address in which he thanked Illinois voters for the great confidence and honor they have once again bestowed upon him. He highlighted his administrations past four years' successes and offered a vision of future goals and expectations. We will attempt to recap the high points of his speech.

The Governor recognized veterans for their service, past and present, as well as their loving families for their sacrifices both home and abroad. He also thanked the gold star families who have made the ultimate sacrifice in defense of the nation.

He reminded attendees to think back to the workers who built the nation's industrial might, and how much we have inherited from them.

After a series of personal memories Governor Blagojevich chose to remind listeners about the government he inherited four years previously. He cited "a bloated bureaucracy, costing taxpayers millions, showing no results; a pension system built on a foundation of false promises; an educational system, under funded and children under challenged; debt and deficit and the promise of higher taxes. How could a state have been so betrayed, possessing a $5 billion budget deficit and no relief in sight?"

The Governor then offered a variety of positive responses to the above conditions that allowed his administration to balance the budget without raising income taxes or sales taxes. They included: closing corporate loop-holes which increased funding for schools; cutting the state workforce for the first time in modern Illinois history; consolidation of 20 agencies and eliminating 20 commissions, while adding a record $14 billion into the state pension fund; raised the minimum wage twice; and made Illinois the first state in the nation to make health care for every child a right.

Governor Blagojevich views Illinois government as smaller, more efficient, and fairer to the citizenry. He stated, "we changed a system of government that was more interested in serving itself instead of the people it was supposed to serve." And his proudest accomplishment? "Giving every child in Illinois access to health care," stated Blagojevich.

The Governor concluded by pronouncing that his activist government will focus on two challenges. "You will see a continued effort to cut waste and deliver the services our constituents demand and deserve, and since I still find our tax system regressive and unfair, we will do more while not raising taxes on the working people of this state."

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Comprehensive, bi-partisan legislation that would make Illinois workplaces and indoor public places smoke-free has been introduced in the Illinois Senate, by co-sponsor State Senator Christine Radogno (R-Lemont).

Radogno joined a number of Senate and House lawmakers, as well as representatives from more than 400 public health and social service organizations in sponsoring Senate Bill 500, which calls for all indoor public places and workplaces in Illinois, including bars, casinos and restaurants, to be 100 percent smoke-free.

"I don't think that we can dispute that second-hand smoke does have a negative impact on people's health," said Radogno. "At this time, 16 states and hundreds of municipalities have passed comprehensive smoke-free workplace laws. I believe that a state-wide ban is inevitable, and there is popular support for a ban."

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This year's Southside Irish Party at St. Margaret of Scotland will be held on Saturday, Feb. 24th, following the 6 p.m. mass in the Parish Hall. St. Margaret of Scotland Parish is located at 99th and Throop St. in Chicago. Several hundred present and former parishioners will meet, greet and enjoy the camaraderie of old friends and the music and entertainment provided by Frank O'Hara, Sean O'Donnell and O'Loughlin Irish Dancers. A $20 ticket includes all entertainment, corned beef buffet, Budweiser, Pepsi-Cola, and more.

This year's party will be dedicated to the memory of one of the founders of the St. Margaret of Scotland Party, Mrs. Donna Earner. For more information and tickets call Gene Earner at (708) 636-8827.

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The Avon Walk for Breast Cancer Chicago "Great Start Party" will be held Saturday, Jan. 27th, from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Sears Tower – Metropolitan Club, 233 S. Wacker Drive, in Chicago. At the "Great Start Party" individuals and teams can register to walk or crew for the 2007 event, meet other participants, find out about local training walks, learn about the impact of past funds raised and more.

The Avon Walk for Breast Cancer Chicago is an annual noncompetitive event which offers women and men a choice of walking a marathon (26.2 miles) or a marathon and a half (39.3 miles) over the June 2-3 weekend to raise money and awareness to fight breast cancer. For more information call (800) 510-WALK or go to www.avonwalk.org.

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Catholic Charities will join with more than 50 vintners on Sunday, Jan. 28th to host a d'Vine Affairs to bring its guests a sublime wine-tasting experience and raise money for its Self Sufficiency Programs.

The tasting, which begins at 1 p.m. at the Union League Club of Chicago, will feature 200 wines, gourmet hors d'oeuvres and desserts, a silent auction of exemplary wines, distinctive wine accessories and entertainment. Tasting will last until 5 p.m. During this time, guests may also attend a Wine Seminar, which will discuss pairing wine with food and educate attendees on tasting techniques.

For an additional cost, guests can attend a Vintner Dinner, during which they can enjoy specially selected wine paired with each course, in the company of expert vintners.

All proceeds will benefit Catholic Charities Self-Sufficiency Programs in Cook and Lake counties. These programs provide housing for homeless families and assist them in obtaining secure employment. Tickets are $100 per person. To purchase a ticket, or to make a donation, call (312) 655-7907.

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The Jewish United Fund/Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago has relocated its headquarters to 30 S. Wells St., at the northwest corner of Monroe and Wells.

The move was initiated by the need for major renovations at the JUF/Federation facility. The move is projected to save an estimated $18 million over 25 years. JUF/Federation has created a private lobby and entrance on the Wells Street side of the building. All phone numbers and e-mail addresses remain the same. Additionally, the honorary name of Ben Gurion Way has been transferred from the One South block of Franklin St. to the One South block of Wells St.

For more information call (312) 346-6700.

Holiday Debt Tips

Opening gifts during the holidays is fun; opening the resulting bills is no fun at all. Yet every holiday season millions of consumers use their credit cards to finance gifts they don't have the cash to pay for. Around the middle of January, holiday bills start arriving and a strong case of post-holiday remorse sets in.

When faced with the post-holiday blues, debt can seem overwhelming and impossible to handle. If you are feeling sick from your holiday hangover, consider the following advice from the experts at Consumer Credit Counseling Services of Greater Chicago, a division of Money Management International (MMI):

· Create a damage sheet. List the names of your creditors, the amount owed to each and the interest rates, then total it all up. Update your damage sheet monthly and put it in a place where you will see it regularly. A damage sheet will help track the progress you have made towards eliminating your holiday debt.

· Create a budget and a 90-day repayment plan. Track your expenses for two weeks so you can be sure that every expense is included. Look out for unnecessary expenses that can be eliminated and apply the extra funds towards your debt.

· Shelve your credit cards. Take them out of your wallet and leave them at home. In fact, store them with your damage sheet to remind you of your balances. If you have to use credit, avoid charging anything that cannot be paid off in 90 days.

· Remember to pay at least the minimum amount on all accounts each month to avoid costly late charges and damage to your credit report. Send any extra funds to the credit cards with the highest interest rates.

· Establish a 2007 holiday savings account so that relying on credit next year won't be necessary. Take the total amount spent during the holidays in 2006 and divide by twelve months. This is the amount you should save each month.

· Take a good look at your spending habits and create a plan so that all your spending can be accomplished with cash. Remember, credit is not an extension of your income!

· If you feel overwhelmed, or don't have the resources to handle your post-holiday debt, consider credit counseling from a reputable source such as Money Management International (www.moneymanagement.org). A credit counselor can help you develop a plan to pay off your current debt and build savings to help cover future expenses.

"Treat this year's holiday charges as a learning experience and resolve to do better next year," said Cate Williams, vice president of financial literacy for CCCS of Greater Chicago. "Make certain that in January 2008, you can focus on starting the New Year debt free."

Consumer Credit Counseling Services (CCCS) is a non-profit, full-service credit-counseling agency, providing confidential financial guidance, counseling and debt management assistance to consumers since 1958. CCCS helps consumers trim their expenses, develop a spending plan and repay debts. Counseling is available by appointment in branch offices and 24/7 by telephone and Internet. Services are available in English or Spanish. To learn more, call 800-762-2271 or visit their Web site at www.moneymanagement.org.

Expands Emerald Ash Borer Quarantine

The Illinois Dept. of Agriculture has expanded its emerald ash borer quarantine to include all of Kane County.

Detection of the tree-killing beetle outside the boundaries of the original quarantine prompted the expansion. The detection occurred in Hampshire, Elgin, Plato and Blackberry Townships and resulted from tree surveys to determine the extent of the Kane County beetle infestation.

"The surveys, which involved the inspection of ash trees throughout the county, were a collaborative effort of local, state and federal partners," Agriculture Director Chuck Hartke said. "While we were hoping the results would show the infestation was contained to the area where it was first discovered, the exhaustive work of survey participants will help us to develop a strategy to manage this destructive pest."

The quarantine was established after the emerald ash borer was discovered in Campton Township last June and originally encompassed 51 square miles, a territory that included the rural subdivision west of St. Charles where the beetle was first found in Illinois.

It prohibits the removal of the following items from the county:

- The emerald ash borer in any living stage of development.
- Ash trees of any size.
- Ash limbs and branches.
- Any cut, non-coniferous firewood.
- Bark from ash trees and wood chips larger than one inch from ash trees.
- Ash logs and lumber with either the bark or the outer one inch of sapwood, or both, attached.
- Any item made from or containing the wood of the ash tree that is capable of spreading the emerald ash borer.
- Any other article, product or means of conveyance determined by the Illinois Dept. of Agriculture to present a risk of spreading the beetle infestation.

Anyone convicted of moving prohibited items from the quarantine area without prior certification by an Illinois Dept. of Agriculture nursery inspector may be fined up to $500.

Forty-one trees in Kane County are confirmed to be infested with the beetle, including 31 in Campton Township. Seven of the 41 were identified through a survey method known as bark peeling. After a tree is removed, inspectors using this technique strip the bark from its trunk or branches and examine the bare wood for beetle larvae. Three infestations were detected using trap trees, a survey method where a ring of bark is removed from a tree to distress it, which makes the tree more attractive to the ash borer beetle. The rest were identified through visual inspections.

In addition to Kane County, the beetle, which has killed more than 20 million ash trees in North America, also has been found in the Cook County communities of Wilmette, Evanston and Winnetka.

"Tree surveys are underway to determine the extent of the infestation in Cook County," Warren Goetsch, bureau chief of Environmental Programs, said. "Significant progress has been made, but because the beetle was discovered there in July, a month after the detection in Kane County, the work will take longer to complete."

A beetle quarantine also is in effect in northern Cook County. Its boundaries extend north to south from the Lake County line to the northernmost city limit of Chicago and east to west from Lake Michigan to Interstate 294.

The Kane and Cook county quarantines regulate the intrastate movement of potentially contaminated wood products. The states of Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and Michigan have been placed under a federal quarantine. It prohibits the interstate movement of these same products.

How the emerald ash borer arrived in Illinois is unknown, but the department suspects it may have been transported here in contaminated firewood. To avoid the accidental introduction of the beetle to new areas, the department encourages Illinoisans to purchase only locally grown nursery stock and locally cut firewood.

Anyone who suspects a tree has been infested is urged to contact their county Extension office or their village forester for a consultation.

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ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

Strictly Sail® Chicago Docks

The largest annual gathering of sailors in the Midwest will be held Feb. 1st to 4th in Chicago at Navy Pier, 600 E. Grand Ave. Hours are 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Thursday and Friday, Feb. 1st and 2nd; Saturday, Feb. 3rd from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sunday, Feb. 4th from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The show expects more than 20,000 sailing enthusiasts of all skill levels to attend, in addition to over 250 exhibitors on-hand to showcase the latest sailboats and sailing accessories on the market.

Launched in 1996, Strictly Sail Chicago has become an annual tradition for the local and regional sailing community to discuss the upcoming season, as well as view, board and buy the newest sailboats, gear and accessories.

"Strictly Sail Chicago is the largest indoor sailboat show in the country and has become a highly anticipated gathering place for sailors around the country in the middle of winter," says Kevin Murphy, show manager. "This show has grown considerably in exhibitors and attendees over the course of eleven years and prides itself on offering sailing enthusiasts of all skill levels the opportunity to enjoy the sport."

The latest 2007 sailboat models will be one of the hottest tickets at this year's show. In addition to access to the latest sailboats, accessories and gear, attendees will have the opportunity to attend more than 200 educational seminars.

Strictly Sail Chicago's comprehensive seminar series has become one of the show's top features. Seminars allow sailing novices to learn the basics, while seasoned seafarers can discover new techniques. Sailing celebrities will also be available to share tales of their experiences at sea.

Some symposia require enrollment to attend, including:

Marine Weather Workshop: Part 1, Feb. 1st, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Part 2, Feb. 2nd 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Learn to make informed weather decisions for safer, self-reliant offshore voyaging in this 2-day workshop led by marine meteorologist, Lee Chesneau. Limited enrollment through strictly sail.com. You must complete part one before signing up for part two.

Ultimate Sailing: Feb. 1st, 1:30 to 2 p.m., Feb. 2nd. 12 to 12:30 p.m. & 1:30 to 2 p.m. This is a series of seven topics highlighting the most dramatic moments in sailing, which includes Newport-Bermuda Race, The Olympic Games, 2005 Rolex Transatlantic Challenge, 2006 College Sailing Nationals, Paradise Found: Sailing the BVI, The America's Cup and the Volvo Ocean Race. Sponsored by Jobson Sailing and conducted by Gary Jobson. Call 1-800-221-4326 or e-mail sail@offshore-sailing.com.

Coastal Navigation: Feb. 1st to 4th. If you're new to sailing and want to learn more about navigation, if you already have the basics down and want to become a skilled navigator, an exciting opportunity awaits you this winter – at the best all-sail boat shows held in the United States. Sign up for our four-day US SAILING Coastal Navigation course and immerse yourself in sailing. Call 1-800-221-4326 or e-mail sail@offshore-sailing.com.

Learn to Sail in a Day: Saturday Feb. 3rd, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Top-notch learning experience for sailors of all levels with five hours of professional classroom instruction, including content and visuals from Offshore Sailing School's highly respected Learn to Sail program. Sponsored by Hunter Marine and conducted by Kevin Wensley, Steve and Doris Colgate. Call 1-800-221-4326 or e-mail sail@offshore-sailing.com.

Show attendees are also encouraged to bring the kids along and enjoy the Kids' Club, an activity center designed for junior sailors. Children will have the opportunity to build their own sailboat models, draw "sailboats of the future," learn knot tying and race boats in the makeshift "lake" on the show floor. Strictly Sail Chicago is designed to accommodate families and children, especially those that are newcomers to sailing looking to be introduced to the sport.

Admission: is $12 on Thursday and Friday (Adults); $15 on Saturday and Sunday (Adults); $24 for a Two-Day Adult Pass; $25 for a Family Pack (2 Adult, 2 Child Tickets) – available online only; free for children 15 years and under (when accompanied by an adult); and $75 for VIP Club (4-day pass; exclusive member benefits) – available online only.

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Chicago Neighborhood Tours

The Chicago Office of Tourism is proud to announce its 2007 season of Chicago Neighborhood Tours with motor coach tours departing from the Chicago Cultural Center, 77 E. Randolph St. at Michigan Ave., on Saturday mornings throughout the year. With its core Neighborhood Tour series, its popular Special Interest Tours, along with the new Summertime Sampler Tours, the Chicago Neighborhood Tours calendar offers more in-depth perspectives of the city's neighborhoods and cultural offerings than ever.

The heart of the program is the Neighborhood Tour series. Here guests have a chance to take an insider's look at Chicago's neighborhoods and communities with local residents as tour guides. Each tour takes visitors off the beaten path and provides a look at the traditions, stories and people of the city.

The Special Interest Tours are better than ever as visitors venture into a specific topic of interest. New this year is the Chicago's Magnificent Churches Special Interest Tour. Tour goers gain insight into the city's past and present at great historic churches, led by architectural expert Thomas O'Gorman. Other Special Interest Tours explore the Great Chicago Fire, historic cemeteries, Literary Chicago, and the history of Greek, Polish and Irish culture in Chicago. Returning this year is The White City Tour, where once a month beginning in February and continuing through November, visitors travel to the original site of the 1893 World's Columbian Exposition.

The Summertime Sampler Tours are a way to spice up your summer. Taking place every Thursday from May 31st through Aug. 30th, each three-hour tour visits three neighborhoods.

The great flavors of the city have not been forgotten. Guests can taste their way through Chicago's neighborhoods on a mouthwatering Taste of the Neighborhoods Tour. Formerly known as Neighborhood Sampling, this popular Special Interest Tour takes place every month except December as guests go on a culinary safari to numerous ethnic restaurants throughout the city.

To make reservations for Chicago Neighborhood Tours or to receive a 2007 calendar of upcoming Chicago Neighborhood Tours, call (312) 742-1190 or visit www.ChicagoNeighborhoodTours.com.

Night On The Town

Tickets are now on sale for the sixth annual "A Night on the Town" Dinner Dance/Silent Auction benefiting Together We Cope, an agency that serves families in crisis.

The event will be held Friday, Feb. 9th at the Odyssey Country Club and will include dinner, an open bar, and dancing to the music of "Connextion." This year's honorees are The Star Newspapers and The Daily Southtown for outstanding mission support of Together We Cope.

Tickets are $70 per person; for more information, call (708) 633-5040.

Class Reunion

DuSable High School class of 1951 will hold a 55th-year reunion from Sept. 15th to 17th at the Hilton Oak Lawn Hotel. Call (708) 206-0468.

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Harrison High School - Class of 1973 to 1960 Reunion on Sept. 24th from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at The Abbington, 3 South 002, Route 53, Glen Ellyn. Call (708) 366-3423.

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New Trier class of 1986 20th reunion will be held on Nov. 4th at the North Shore Skokie Hotel. Visit www.1986.com.

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St. Florian School – An All-School Reunion, celebrating 100 years, will be held Nov. 17th. Organizers are looking for all alumni names, addresses and the year they graduated. Call (773) 646-2868 or visit www.florian.hegewisch.net.

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Harrison High School, classes of 1965-1969, looking for classmates. Call (773) 507-4669 or (773) 600-8669.

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Farragut High School, classes of 1952-1954, looking for classmates. Call Carolee (Fotka) Michalek at (815) 407-1934.

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Lourdes High School class of 1978 is looking for classmates. Call (708) 258-9096.

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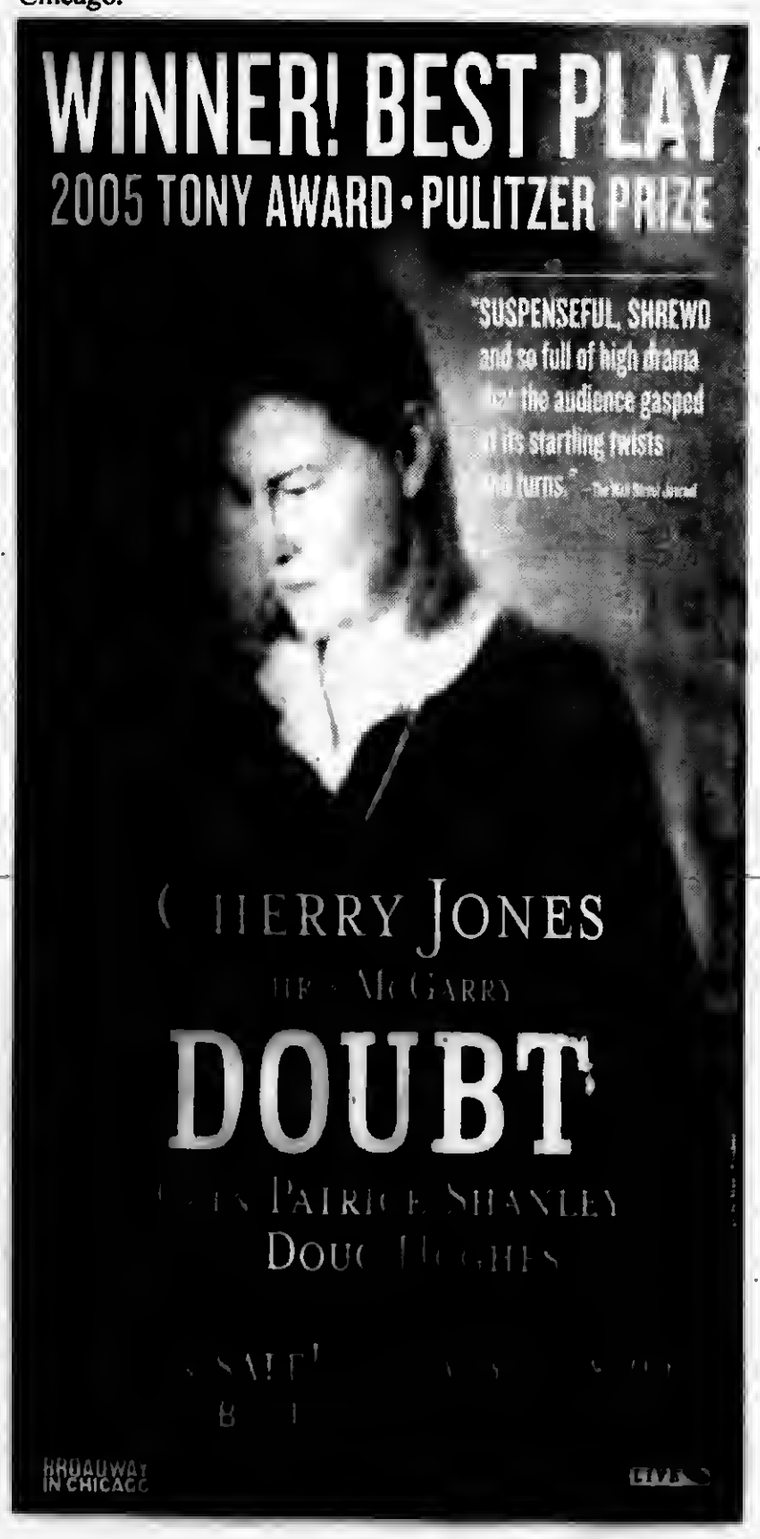
Morton East High School class of 1987 is planning a 20th reunion. Contact Kathy Tokarczyk at imqueenmom@sbcglobal.net or Barb Biman at joyride7207@aol.com.

Free Concert

The Civic Orchestra of Chicago, the Chicago Symphony Orchestra's training orchestra for young, pre-professional musicians, will perform a free concert at Symphony Center on Sunday, Jan. 14 at 7 p.m. Conductor Larry Rachleff will lead the orchestra in Vaughan Williams' Fantasia on a Theme by Thomas Tallis and Shostakovich's Symphony No. 15.

These performances are free, but tickets are required. For more information or for tickets, call Phone/Charge at (312) 294-3000, or visit either the CSO's Web site at www.cso.org or the Symphony Center Box Office at 220 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago.



ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

Beverly Theatre Guild Presents 'The Rainmaker'

The Beverly Theatre Guild (BTG) presents "The Rainmaker," written by N. Richard Nash and directed by Amanda Barclay of Evergreen Park, at the Beverly Arts Center, 2407 W. 111th St., Chicago, Jan. 19, 20 and 21.

The cast includes Brian Leo (left) of Mokena as Noah Curry; Phil Carlin (center) of Beverly as HC Curry; Jason Murphy (right) of Evergreen Park as Jimmy Curry; also Cathy Kennerk of LaGrange Park as Lizzie Curry; Gil Oiiva of Burbank as File; John Neumann of Beverly as Sheriff Thomas and Dan Murphy of Darlen as Starbuck.

"The Rainmaker" is the story of Lizzie Curry who learns that love is there only if you believe and Starbuck the con man who finds magic when he least expects it. It is an optimistic romantic comedy about miracles, drought, family and love. Performances are Friday, Jan. 19, 8 p.m.; Saturday, Jan. 20, 8 p.m., and Sunday, Jan. 21, 2 p.m. Tickets are $16. For tickets call (773) 445-3838; for more information, call (312) 409-2705 or go to www.beverlytheatreguild.org.

The Beverly Theatre Guild is a not-for-profit community theatre belonging to the League of Chicago Theatres. Members volunteer their talents and services in many areas of each production. BTG has been performing on the southwest side of Chicago for over 40 years, though its roots can be traced back to 1929 making BTG Chicago's oldest community theatre group in existence.

'Bassprov' Angles For Laughs

Saturday Night Live alum and former Second City troop member Tim Kazurinsky joins Chicago improvisers Joe Bill and Mark Sutton for Bassprov, an original comedy improv show set in a fishing boat, at the Beverly Arts Center, 2407 W. 111th St., Chicago, Saturday, Feb. 3, 8 p.m. Mission Improvable, the nation's fasted and funniest touring improv show, will open.

A hilarious show that spins off two simple audience suggestions, Bassprov was originally created by Bill and Sutton on the stage of the 2001 Chicago Improv Festival. The bit was so successful, the pair keeps getting reeled back on stage to fish for more laughs. From their seats in the bass boat, best friends Donny and Earl find refuge from the chaos of the world and discuss the issues of our time, based on audience suggestions. Their motto: Solving life's problems, one beer at a time.

Tim Kazurinsky is a former cast member of Saturday Night Live and Second City comedy troupe (1978). He played Officer Sweetchuck in the Police Academy films, and had a guest role on two episodes of "Curb Your Enthusiasm."Kazurinsky appeared in the John Belushi/Dan Aykroyd movie "Neighbors" and the cult classic "Shakes the Clown."

Should you choose to accept it, the audience will find Mission Improvable a hilarious opening act for the show. One of the most popular comedy acts appearing on college campuses, the Mission improvable touring company hit the road in 1999 and has entertained at hundreds of campuses and corporate events throughout the US. The five member east specializes in short-form improv, engaging the audience for ideas throughout the always changing show.

Bassprov, which was described in the Chicago Reader as "a show in the tradition of Mark Twain," is long form improv, which works audience suggestions into one comic scenario. "There was just something about those characters that the audience loved," said Bassprov's Sutton, a founding member of the Annoyance Theater and longime comedy performer, teacher, writer and director. "No matter what they did, or what they talked about, the audience went along for the ride."

Sutton and fishing partner Bill, also a founding member of The Annoynance Theater and a comedy performer since 1977, have been peforming Bassprov on tour and at festivals around the United States ever since they originated it in 2001.

Tickets to this evening of improv at the Beverly Arts Center are $15 in advance or $20 at the door and available from the box office, (773) 445-3838 or online at www.beverlyartcenter.org.

"The Best Of Dance Chicago"

World-renowned professional dancers will return to Orland Park when the Village of Orland Park Arts Commission presents "The Best of Dance Chicago" at the Carl Sandburg High School Performing Arts Center, 13100 S. LaGrange Road (US Route 45), in Orland Park.

Representatives from the best dance companies in the Chicago area will perform on Saturday, Jan. 27 beginning at 8 p.m. Founded by Fred Solari and John Schmitz, "Dance Chicago" celebrated its tenth anniversary in 2004. "Dance Chicago" has become the most diverse and comprehensive exposition of dance in the history of Chicago and is the only festival of its kind in the nation.

Schmitz, who serves as artistic director and curator for "Dance Chicago," explained, "With each show, we tailor it for what the audience enjoys." Schmitz added, "This is a completely different show than what we presented last year," noting that the Orland Park show will feature a range of genres.

"We are very fortunate to have a number of different genres performing on Jan. 27," said Orland Park Arts Commission Chair Colleen Panega, who is again coordinating the village's dance event. "This is a magnificent collection that will appeal to all ages, from the very young on up to our seniors," she added.

A dance veteran, Panega has taught and performed all types of dance for more than twenty years. She has been teaching dance for the village's Recreation and Parks Department since 1991.

"Students in Carl Sandburg High School's dance group, Orchesis, will share the stage with talent from throughout the world," she noted.

Reserved seating tickets are available at Orland Park's Frederick T. Owens Village Hall, 14700 South Ravinia Avenue. The cost is $15 for adults, $10 for seniors/students. The Cashier's Office at the Village Hall is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. and on Saturday from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. A limited number of tickets may be available at the door. For more information, call the Village of Orland Park at (708) 403-6140.

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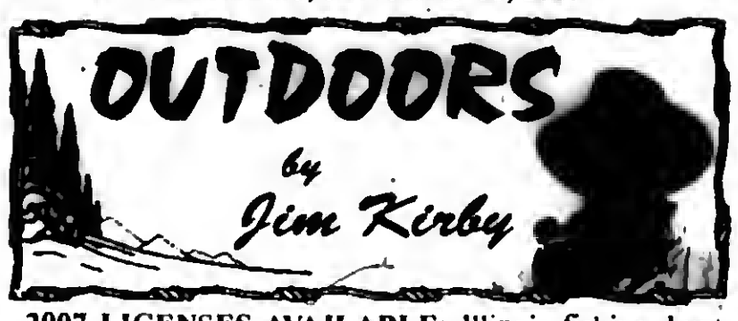

2007 LICENSES AVAILABLE: Illinois fishing, hunting and sportsmen combination licenses for 2007 are available starting Jan. 15th from DNR Direct license and permit vendors, online through the IDNR web site at http://dnr.state.il.us and by calling 1(888) 673-7648. DNR Direct makes buying licenses, habitat stamps and waterfowl stamps convenient and easy. By going online, license buyers can use a credit card and print the license or receipt – and the system is available 24 hours a day. The new IDNR license year begins April 1, 2007. The 2007 licenses purchased beginning Jan. 15th will be valid through March 31, 2008.

■**TURKEY BANQUET:** The 'Illinois Grand Slam Long Beard' chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation will hold their annual banquet-fundraiser on Feb. 2nd at Chef Klas Der Bier Stube Restaurant, 679 LaGrange Rd. in Frankfort, Illinois.

Cocktails and product review begins at 5:30. Dinner is at 7 p.m. Tickets are only $55 each or $80 a couple. For more information or tickets, call **Freddie Bear Sports**, 17250 S. Oak Park Ave. in Tinley Park, (708) 532-4133.

■**EAGLE WATCH WEEKEND:** Bald eagles are the attraction on the Illinois River in LaSalle County during Bald Eagle Watch Weekend, Jan. 27th and 28th, at Starved Rock State Park and the Illinois Waterway Visitor Center near Utica. Enjoy eagle watching and birds of prey programs at the Starved Rock Lodge. For information: (815) 667-4906.

■**FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT OF WILL COUNTY:** "Planning a trip to Monee Reservoir? Don't just consider the weather outside; consider the weather of the water. To elevate your 'angling game,' add a temperature gauge to your tackle box. Crappies spawn at temperatures between 60 and 65 degrees. Bass spawn in warmer water, entering shallow beds with water temperatures between 65 and 70 degrees."

This great tip from the Winter Edition of the Will County Forest Preserve Citizen publication targeting fishing on the Monee Reservoir applies to all waters in the Midwest.

The Monee Reservoir is located on Ridgeland Ave., west of Route 50 and south of Pauling Road, 2.0 miles south of Monee. For more information on programs offered at the Monee Reservoir, and there are many, call (708) 534-8499.

■**OUTDOOR HAPPENINGS:** *Jan. 20: Red fox, gray fox, badger, coyote, raccoon, opossum, skunk, weasel, mink and muskrat trapping season closes in the North Zone. *Jan. 21: Duck season closes in South Zone. *Jan. 22: Rabbit season closes in the South Zone. *Jan. 25: Red and gray fox, etc. season closes in South Zone. *Jan. 17-21: Chicago Boat, RV & Outdoors Show, McCormick Place, (312) 946-6242.

■**ANOTHER EUROPEAN INVADES THE GREAT LAKES:** A species of shrimp previously found only in the seas of Eastern Europe has now been discovered in the Muskegon, Michigan channel of Lake Michigan.

The mysid, Hemimysis anomala, was discovered in the channel in November. It is the most recent addition to the list of Great Lakes invader species that now number 183. Researchers at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Great Lakes Environmental Research Lab who found swarms of bloody red mysid said the half-inch-long shrimp were likely brought into the Great Lakes in the ballast water of an oceangoing freighter. "It came from the Ponto-Caspian region – the same area that gave us zebra mussels, quaga mussels and the goby," said Steve Pothoven, a NOAA fisheries biologist who documented its presence here.

■**SAFARI CLUB INTERNATIONAL BANQUET:** The SCI Chicago Chapter will hold its 35th Annual Banquet and Fund Raiser on Sunday, March 3rd at Lexington House, 7717 W. 95th St. in Hickory Hills.

Doors open at 5 p.m. Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres 6 p.m. and dinner 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Silent and live auctions – hunting trips – sporting equipment & art items. For information and tickets, contact **Kathy Klimes** at (708) 425-3552 or *www.scichicago.com*.

■**TRIGGER FINGERS WEARING NAIL POLISH:** In 2006, NSSF's Scholastic Clay Target Program, in its sixth season, broke records in participation, continuing an annual pattern of growth. In fact, the number of shooters this past year exceeded the record-breaking crop of 2005 participants by 41 percent.

More than 8,000 young shooters in 41 states, high school-age and younger, now enjoy the camaraderie of being on a team with coaches, scheduled practice and challenging competition.

Of those, a higher percentage of trigger fingers were wearing *nail polish* in 2006. Participation among young women rose about 50 percent last year. More than 1,600 young trapshooters from 26 states, along with parents and supporters, converged on the World Shooting and Recreational Complex in Sparta, Illinois to compete in this year's SCTP championships. It was the largest infusion of youth in the event's history, accounting for 27 percent of the total participation.

Alliance To Promote Amateur Sports

The City of Chicago and Chicago 2016 announced the formation of World Sport Chicago, a long-term alliance that will promote the development of amateur sport and international competition in the Chicagoland area. The announcement was made at a press conference by Mayor Richard M. Daley and Chicago 2016 Chairman Patrick G. Ryan, who were joined by area student-athletes, Olympians and local partner organizations.

"As we have said all along, Chicagoans are passionate about amateur and international sports, and World Sport Chicago will display this passion for all to see," said Mayor Daley. "This organization demonstrates that the city's commitment to sports and the Olympic Movement will continue well past 2016."

"World Sport Chicago was formed when we realized the need for a more coordinated effort to promote the development of amateur sport across Chicago," added Pat Ryan. "We intend to provide to this organization, and its leadership, the resources and expertise to show the world how passionate Chicago is about supporting, and hosting, international sport."

World Sport Chicago will work to enhance the image, awareness and participation in Olympic and amateur sports across Chicago with the goal of giving athletes the opportunity to see and experience sport across all levels. Michael Conley, former Olympic and world champion in the triple jump, who most recently has been serving as the Executive Director of Elite Athlete Programs for USA Track & Field, has been named the executive director of the organization.

"The formation of World Sport Chicago displays the city's long-term commitment to international and domestic amateur sports, both before and after the 2016 Olympic Games," said Conley. "As an Olympian, I will ensure this organization strives to abide by the Olympic Movement and spirit while promoting sport at all levels throughout the Chicagoland area."

Through strategic partnerships with organizations such as the United States Olympic Committee, International Olympic Committee, National Collegiate Athletic Association and other national governing bodies, World Sport Chicago will work to promote the development of recreational and competitive sports throughout the region.

A major component of the organization's programs will be hosting clinics that provide kids the opportunity to train with world-class athletes.

The organization will be established as an independent 501(c)3 corporation, and the Athlete's Advisory Council (AAC) of Chicago 2016 will provide strategic counsel, as appropriate. Conley will manage the day-to-day operations of the organization. Wrestling world champion and Olympic Medalist Bill Scherr will serve as chairman of the board.

The first major event hosted by World Sport Chicago will be the "Chicago Cup," an exhibition wrestling match between the U.S. national team and Russia, the defending world champions. The event, which is in partnership with USA Wrestling, will take place at 7:15 p.m. on February 6th at the Welsh-Ryan Arena on the campus of Northwestern University in Evanston.

The event will also include four exhibition matches featuring world-class athletes in Greco-Roman and women's freestyle. Two U.S. Greco-Roman wrestlers will face opponents from China with two American women battling top opponents from Canada.

"The USA vs. Russia wrestling match is a great example of the type of event World Sport Chicago will bring to the area," said Scherr. "Fans will have the chance to see our national team take on the very best wrestlers in the world in a major international competition that will make for a historic day in Chicago sports."

For more information on World Sport Chicago and Chicago's bid for the 2016 Olympics, visit www.Chicago2016.org. For more information on the "Chicago Cup: USA vs. Russian World Champions," visit www.themat.com.

United Way Nights With The Chicago Bulls

Discount Tickets are available on two special nights for everyone to join the United Way at the Bulls Games at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesdays, Feb. 20 vs. Atlanta Hawks and Feb. 28 vs. Golden State.

Tickets regularly priced at $40, are available at $25 and a portion of the proceeds will benefit the South-Southwest Suburban United Way.

Tickets must be ordered three weeks in advance and purchased with a special designated form.

For an order form contact: Karen Leluga, South-Southwest Suburban United Way, 4711 Midlothian Turnpike, Suite 17 Crestwood, IL 60445, or call (708) 371-1328 ext. 11.

Indoor Duathlon

Both experienced and non-experienced athletes are invited to participate in the Village of Orland Park Recreation and Parks Department's Fifth Annual Indoor Duathlon on Saturday, March 3. The competition will begin at 8 a.m. at the Village of Orland Park Sportsplex, 11351 West 159th St., in Orland Park.

The 13-mile duathlon consists of a 1.5-mile run, a 10-mile stationary bike ride, and ends with a second 1.5-mile run. Prizes will be awarded to the first and second place finishers, both men and women. Each participant will receive a long sleeve T-shirt.

"Each year, we have more and more people registering for the village's duathlon," said Village of Orland Park Fitness Manager Deborah Graham. "It's a great way to stay competitive and fit during the winter months," she added.

Pre-registration is required for the event before Feb. 14 and includes a fee of $15 for Sportsplex members, $20 for Village of Orland Park residents and $35 for non-residents.

"We've had people from all over the Chicago area and some from Michigan and Indiana come to Orland Park to compete in our duathlon," Graham said. "One year, we had a number of Navy Seals from the Great Lakes Naval Base travel to Orland Park to compete. They were looking for something unusual to do indoors and Orland Park's duathlon was just right for them," she added.

Registration for Orland Park's Indoor Duathlon is available at the Loebe Recreation Center, 14650 South Ravinia or at the village's Sportsplex, 11351 West 159th St. For more information, call the Village of Orland Park Sportsplex at (708) 645-PLAY

Women's Boating Survey

A recent online survey of over 400 women by BoatU.S. shows that parents play an important role in teaching their daughters recreational boating skills. But when girls grow up, many women believe there aren't enough boating educational opportunities, especially those that are tailored for women.

The newly released results of the BoatU.S. "Boating Learning and Education Survey for Women" showed that nearly half of all women respondents (47%) said it was a parent who they first remember teaching them boating skills, and 47% also said they had first gone boating before age 10.

"What the survey essentially tells us is that families play an important part in introducing boating to young girls, but as adults they want to learn more in relaxed settings, perhaps away from a well-meaning spouse," said Elaine Dickinson, Executive Editor of DIY Boat Owner magazine (a BoatU.S. publication for do-it-yourself boaters) and the leader of the BoatU.S. Women in Boating initiative.

Over two-thirds (67%) of women said they had taken some type of formal classroom boating training and 73% had some hands-on instruction, but there was clear support for more all-women courses (59%). Forty-two percent said that there aren't enough opportunities for girls and women to learn how to operate a boat, and when asked what kind of learning opportunities are needed, 80% said more hands-on events for women.

Also of interest was that three times as many women found a women-only course, seminar or training "effective" as those who didn't (33% to 11% respectively). "While there is much debate on whether women-only instruction is better, there is no doubt that women boaters prefer to learn in an environment that doesn't have the pressure associated with co-ed instruction," said Dickinson.

The topics that female respondents said they want instruction in include boat systems such as engines or electrical (71%); navigation (62%) and upgrading boat-handling skills (52%).

The respondents to the survey were not just first mates. Over three-quarters (78%) currently own either a powerboat (55%) or sailboat (53%). To see full survey results, go to BoatUS.com/women.

BoatU.S. - Boat Owners Association of The United States sponsors two annual women's sailing conventions that teach a variety of boating skills in women-only settings. For information on the next one, the 18th Annual Women's Sailing Convention presented by the Southern California Yachting Association (SCYA) on Saturday, Feb. 3 at the Bahia Corinthian Yacht Club in Corona del Mar, CA, go to go to http://www.BoatUS.com/women The other event is held annually in early June at the Corinthian Yacht Club in Marblehead, MA.

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Beware Of Credit Scams

Senior adults are unfortunate targets of easy-credit offers which can trap them into mounting debt, according to Comcor Mortgage.

It is not uncommon for seniors to receive 30 or more pre-approved credit card solicitations through the mail each year. Some include a check for $5,000 to $10,000 as an advance against their credit limit. All that is required is to deposit or cash the check. Simple enough until the payments are due.

"For many senior adults living on a fixed income with little savings and the need to pay medical expenses for an ailing spouse, higher housing costs, or rising day-to-day expenses, an offer of instant cash can seem like a blessing," Mary Pat Legler, Director Reverse Mortgage, Comcor Mortgage, said. "But it can lead to big trouble!"

These offers take advantage of seniors by promoting a low introductory rate and then in the hard-to-read small print disclose that the rate will adjust up as high as 24%. All that most seniors can afford to pay each month is the minimum payment, with very little going to reduce the balance. Seniors can find themselves making payments the rest of their lives. So, what started off as a blessing quickly turns into a nightmare.

Households headed by someone 75 or older, with debt, increased substantially in 2004 to 40.3 percent from 29.0 percent in 2001, according to a recent study by the Employee Benefit Research Institute. This mounting debt is putting their ability to finance their remaining retirement at risk.

For many seniors, there is another option. A Federally-Insured Reverse Mortgage enables homeowners 62 and older to turn part of their home's value into immediate cash for any purpose and with no repayment for as long as they live in their home: a program designed to help seniors maintain their independence and stay in their home. Since there are no monthly payments, there is never any risk of losing the home.With five plans to select from, senior homeowners may customize their reverse mortgage to best meet their needs.

Unlike high-interest credit cards or consolidation loans, the reverse mortgage program offers a low interest rate. Past credit history and income are not used in qualifying for the program, and the money received is tax-free and does not affect Social Security or Medicare benefits. Seniors may use this money to pay off debts or an existing mortgage to eliminate the payments. Also, they may receive extra money they need for medical expenses, home repairs, or unexpected financial needs.

"Once senior adults start taking on credit card debt they quickly find themselves trapped. Their monthly payments decrease the money they have to live on, causing them to fall deeper and deeper into debt. Some even find themselves using one credit card to make the payments on another. With a reverse mortgage they have no monthly payments to worry with, so they are able to get the money they need without falling into a trap. Plus, seniors retain ownership and control of their home. It's smart money for many senior homeowners!" Legler said.

For a free informational package on the reverse mortgage program, call Comcor Mortgage toll-free at (877) 370-7533.

Moments In Photography

Exploitative, beautiful and provocative: exposed film captures it all. The Museum of Contemporary Art (MCA), 220 E. Chicago Ave. in Chicago, presents *MCA Exposed: Defining Moments in Photography, 1967-2007* on view Feb. 24th to July 29th. This is the first of several collection exhibitions leading up to the MCA's 40th anniversary in the fall. The exhibition, comprised mostly of conceptual photographic works from the strong holdings in the MCA collection, documents how photography came into its own as a fine art medium over the last forty years.

When photography started to become accepted as an art form equal to that of painting and sculpture in the mid-twentieth century, artists began to explore it in ways that diverged greatly from photography's documentary tradition. The function of photographs was examined within a larger cultural and social context. Photographers questioned the truth of images in the mass media; juxtaposed text and image; manipulated the photographic process; and greatly enlarged the scale of printed photographs. The result was prolific conceptually based images and the introduction of new digital technologies.

MCA Exposed occupies the entire fourth floor of the MCA and begins with an early work by Dan Graham, *Bedroom/Dining Room Model Home* (1967), to mark the year the MCA was founded. The exhibition is not arranged chronologically; rather it is divided into three thematic sections: appropriated images, staged photographs, and the figure and portrait, with an emphasis on the conceptual thread that runs throughout the works.

South African Choreographer

As part of its ongoing commitment to presenting the work of African artists, The Dance Center of Columbia College Chicago, 1306 S. Michigan Ave., presents the Chicago debut of Association NOA/Company Vincent Mantsoe from South Africa from March 8th to 10th at 8 p.m. The company also will participate in The Dance Center's eighth annual FamilyDance Matinee Series, presenting a family-oriented performance on Saturday, March 10th, preceded by a free movement workshop for children and their families.

Vincent Mantsoe, award-winning dancer and one of South Africa's premier choreographers, shares the stage with an international ensemble of dancers in the Chicago premiere of Men-Jaro (township slang for "friendship"). Drawing upon the unique heritage of the French, American, Japanese and South African performers, Men-Jaro explores relationships between cultures and dance forms, infusing contemporary dance with traditional tribal movement, ritual and music. With sinuous delicacy, the ensemble performs to music by composer Anthony Caplan, performed live by the African Music Workshop Ensemble playing indigenous South African instruments.

As part of Association NOA/Company Vincent Mantsoe's residency, Mantsoe will teach a DanceMasters class in Afro-Fusion on Tuesday, March 6th from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Dance Studio at the Cultural Center, 78 E. Washington St. Mantsoe will use his cross-cultural dance form to explore the process of translating ritual into performance, helping to create a deeper connection to one's inner energy, personal rhythms, body, spirit and soul. DanceMasters is a series of community master classes presented by The Dance Center's Community Outreach and Education office in collaboration with the Dept. of Cultural Affairs in partnership with Hedwig Dances; Links Hall; and Lou Conte Dance Studio, studio of Hubbard Street Dance Chicago and Hubbard Street 2. Classes are for dancers at the intermediate level or higher. The registration fee is $15.

On Thursday, March 8th, there will be a post-performance discussion with the artists.

Tickets are $22-$26. Subscription discounts of 20 percent are available when ordering tickets for three or more performances during The Dance Center's 2006-07 season. The FamilyDance Matinee takes place on Saturday, March 10th at 3 p.m. with the free movement workshop at 2:15. Tickets are $6 for children 12 and younger, $10 for adults. For tickets and more information, call (312) 344-8300 or visit dancecenter.org.

Presents Snow White

The Chicago Kids Company, Theatre for Children presents Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs at St. Patrick Performing Arts Center, 5900 W. Belmont Ave. in Chicago. This modernized, musical version of the classic children's story features sing-along songs and brightly colored sets and costumes. The show is geared for children ages two to twelve. St. Patrick Performing Arts Center is wheelchair accessible and parking is free.

The performance opens on Jan. 17th and closes April 14th. Weekday shows are at 10:30 a.m. and Saturday matinees begin at 12:30 p.m.

Cast includes Cheyenne Pinson, Loren Connell, Sharon Carr, Matt Rudy, Kelley Addis, Ray Brazaski, Kate Brown, Chad, Marquecia Jordan and Lauren Wolf. Writer/director is Jesus Perez: composer/musical director is Paige Coffman and stage manager is Rainbow Weldon.

Single Tickets are $8 and group rates range from $6.25 to $7 with one free ticket with every 25 purchased. For more information, call (773) 205-9600 or visit www.ChicagoKidsCompany.com.

Coming To Beverly Arts Center

Off Broadway and Dirty Dan Buck of The Boyzz, popular Chicago rock bands, will perform Saturday, Jan. 27, 8 p.m. at the Beverly Arts Center, 2407 W. 111th St., Chicago. Coming up to the BAC stage in February are Blues legend Lonnie Brooks and rock pioneer Alejandro Escovedo.

Off Broadway gained popularity in the 1970s with music that mixed Beatles-style melodies with rock in hits like "Stay in Time" and "Full Moon Turn Your Head Around." Opening for Off Broadway at the BAC are rough and tumble rockers Dirty Dan Buck of The Boyzz. Buck's riveting stage presence and energy have won him audience and critical acclaim throughout the heartland. He has toured with Aerosmith, The J Geils Band, Meatloaf, Cheap Trick, Reo Speedwagon and others. Tickets for Off Broadway and Dirty Dan Buck of the Boyzz are $20.

Lonnie Brooks combines Louisiana blues, Texas swing and Chicago blues for a dynamic performance at the BAC on Fri., Feb. 2, 8 p.m. Brooks began performing in the 1950s, recording a string of popular singles including "Family Rules" and "The Crawl." On tour with Sam Cooke in 1959, Brooks landed in Chicago, was swept away by the blues here and stayed. Brooks has toured with blues legends Buddy Guy, BB King, Koko Taylor, Junior Wells and others. He also headlined at the Chicago Blues Festival. Tickets are $25 in advance ($30 for seating in first four rows), and $30 at the door.

One of contemporary music's true originals, Alejandro Escovedo puts on an unbeatable show of rock n' roll, folk-blues, and ballads on Friday, Feb. 9, 8 p.m. After a stint as lead guitarist for country-punk pioneers Rank and File, he started The True Believers, a guitar-driven roots rock band. In the early 1990s, Escovedo embarked on his successful solo career. He has released eight albums, all of them praised by critics. Opening for Escovedo is evocative singer, composer, and violinist Carrie Rodriguez. Tickets are $25 in advance ($30 for seating in first four rows), and $30 at the door.

For tickets and information, call the Beverly Arts Center box office, (773) 445-3838 or buy tickets online at www.beverlyartcenter.org.

Thoughts On Health & Nutrition

by
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DRY MOUTH CARE

Have you ever awakened to "cotton mouth", or spend your days reaching for water and other beverages to moisten your tonsils? Many of us have this problem, and can't seem to get rid of it. Over time, this can become very detrimental to your teeth and gums. Most people don't know how to treat this, or what the consequences can be.

Dry mouth is a serious problem, because it happens gradually, and often goes unnoticed. If left alone, dry mouth may lead to:

*Rampant bacteria growth

*Oral infection and ulcers

*Increased tooth decay

*Bad breath and dryness discomfort

Your mouth is an open gateway to your body and vital to your overall good health. Without saliva's natural protection, you could lose your teeth at a young age, and hurt your ability to maintain necessary nutrition intake. And harmful bacteria can go unchecked and lead to common illnesses.

Did You Know

*The saliva that normally lubricates, cleanses and neutralizes acids in the mouth, comes from three pairs of glands.

*There is also a naturally occurring antibacterial system in saliva that protects the mouth day and night against harmful amounts of bacteria associated with yeast and fungi infection, and tooth decay.

*Over 400 commonly used medications often cause dry mouth. Some examples include: allergy medicines, inhalers, chemotherapy drugs, and diuretics, which are taken alone or as part of a medication for heart disease or high blood pressure.

Fortunately there are now products on the market which can combat the side effects of dry mouth. Both toothpastes and mouthwashes are among them. One such example which I have found effective is Biotene. There are other products on the market as well.

Since there are good bacteria and bad bacteria in your mouth, you will want to make certain you choose a product which selectively kills the bacteria that you do not want. Regular mouthwash products on the market burn and contain alcohol which kills both, so you will want to avoid them. Sodium Laurel Sulfate, found in regular toothpastes, is another culprit of problems such as canker sores and mouth ulcers. These special products have eliminated this as well.

If you are looking for a product to deal with your dry mouth issues, the simplest thing to do is to ask your dentist or pharmacist to direct you to the right shelf in the market!

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Manage Diabetes

St. Francis Hospital & Health Center will offer a free program for managing diabetes on Tuesday, Jan. 23, from 8 to 11 a.m.

Learn self-care techniques, including signs and symptoms of high and low blood sugar, food choices and dining out, and more. Registration is required. Call 708-385-4433.

St. Francis Hospital is located at 12935 S. Gregory Street, Blue Island.

For a complete listing of programs and events at St. Francis Hospital & Health Center, visit its Calendar of Events link at www.stfrancisblueisland.com.

Making Heart Health A Priority

February is generally thought of as the month of romance...The American Heart Assn. (AHA) along with the Cook County Dept. of Public Health (CCDPH) is hoping that the heart you romance will be your own.

For the third year the AHA February campaign is "Go Red for Women," a nationwide initiative to encourage women to love – and save – their hearts by making their health a top priority. Red is the symbol for women and heart disease.

"We are encouraging women to take heart health seriously," said CCDPH chief operating officer Stephen A. Martin, Jr., Ph.D., M.P.H. "This advice bears repeating: lose a few pounds, get some regular exercise, quit smoking and see a doctor on an annual basis. These few steps can make a significant difference in the quality of a woman's life."

According to the AHA:

- Annually, heart disease claims the lives of women more often than breast cancer – about 500,000 women.
- The death rate due to cardiovascular disease is substantially higher in black women than in white women.

Risk factors that contribute to heart disease include:

- Cigarette and tobacco smoke
- High blood cholesterol levels
- High blood pressure
- Physical inactivity
- Obesity and overweight
- Diabetes

Other risk factors include age; about four out of five people who die of coronary heart disease are 65 or older. Heredity also plays a crucial role in heart disease. Children of parents with heart disease are more likely to develop it themselves. African-Americans have a higher percentage of high blood pressure than whites, putting them at greater risk of heart disease.

The AHA recommends women:

- Celebrate life with a checkup. Let each birthday remind you that it's time for your yearly checkup and a talk with your doctor about how you can reduce your risk for heart disease.
- Get off the couch. Step, march or jog in place for at least 30 minutes most days of the week – you can even do it while watching TV.
- Quit smoking in four steps. Can't go "cold turkey"? Cut the number of cigarettes you smoke each day in half; then cut that number in half; cut it in half again; finally, cut down to zero!
- Drop a pound or two. Cutting out just 200 to 300 calories a day – about one candy bar's worth – can help you lose up to two pounds per week and gradually bring you closer to a heart-healthy weight.
- Become a salt detective. Check out the Nutrition Facts panel on packaged foods to see how much sodium (salt) they contain. Aim for a total intake of no more than 2,300 milligrams (about a teaspoon of salt) per day.

CCDPH has asked local beauty shops and churches in suburban Cook County to display "Go Red for Women" posters and distribute educational information to raise heart health awareness. The health department is also encouraging employees at participating businesses to wear red to show their support of the movement.

Women's Wellness Weekend

Get in touch with your heart and--- soul by attending the Little Company of Mary Hospital Women's Wellness Weekend to be held on Jan. 26th, 27th and 28th. From motivation to education to fascination to sensation, this weekend vows to be the best ever. What an opportunity to discover new ways of living that special life you deserve!

Little Company's 22nd Annual Women's Wellness Weekend, Heart and Soul, will be a wonderful event. Experience fun, joy and laughter while learning the secrets for designing a life filled with harmony, happiness, energy and health. Take time out of your life, for your life, and tell your family and friends about it too. The weekend includes a two-night stay at the beautiful Marriott Oak Brook Hotel, fabulous meals, chair massage, exciting programs and informative workshops, exercise, a Borders book room, vendor displays, a special gift, relaxation and much more!

Some of the weekend's highlights include "Dancing with Life" with keynote speaker, Joan Murphy, R.N., Ph.D.; "Out of a Rut and Into a Groove" with Anne Bartolotta, R.N., M.S.; "A Current View of Breast Health" with Olga Ivanov, M.D.; "Getting to the Guts of the Matter" with Michael D'Astice, M.D.; and a very special Liturgy celebrated by Fr. William Malloy.

This time away from home will enhance your life, restore your energy and allow you to experience the peace within. Rates are based on the number of people in the room. The per person rate for each person in a double room is $290. The single room rate is $320. Roommate arrangements must be made in advance. For more information, call (708) 423-5774 or to register for this event online, visit and click on Heart & Soul.2007.

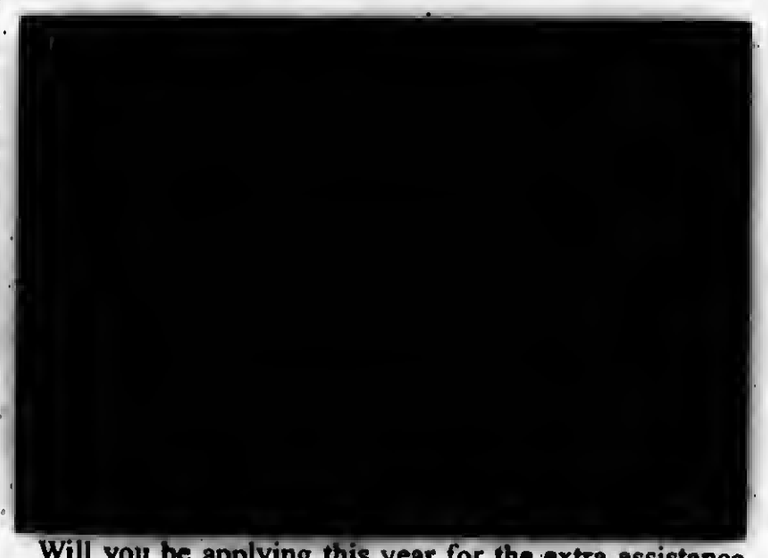
Non-Surgical Options For Prostate Cancer

There are many decisions to be made when faced with a prostate cancer diagnosis, including which treatment option is best for them. Many men do not realize that there are non-surgical options available. Join Dr. Paul Y. Song, radiation oncologist at Little Company of Mary.

Dr. Song came to Little Company of Mary from the Center for Prostate Disease Research at Walter Reed Army Medical Center where he was the chief of the brachytherapy service. He was named one of the top doctors in Washington, D.C. by both Washington Magazine and Consumer Checkbook. Dr. Song attended George Washington University School of Medicine and completed his residency at the University of Chicago.

Non-Surgical Options for Prostate Cancer will take place in Café 95 at Little Company of Mary on Wednesday, Jan. 24th. Dinner is served from 5 to 6 p.m. followed by Dr. Song's presentation at 6 p.m.

Anyone interested in knowing more about available treatment options for men diagnosed with prostate cancer is welcome. For reservations, call (708) 229-6001. This free program is co-sponsored by Astra Zeneca and the Cancer Center at Little Company of Mary.



Will you be applying this year for the extra assistance available to help pay premiums, deductibles and co-pays under the Medicare Prescription Drug Program? If you are a Medicare beneficiary with limited income and resources, you should consider it – you may be able to get extra help paying for prescription drugs.

If your annual income is below $14,700 for an individual ($19,800 for a married couple living together) and your resources are limited to $11,710 for an individual ($23,410 for a married couple living together), you may qualify for extra help with your monthly premiums and deductibles. Keep in mind that a slightly higher income limit will be determined in early 2007.

If you plan to apply for the extra help, the easiest and most convenient way is to go online. Just visit http://www.socialsecurity.gov/prescriptionhelp/ and select the "Apply for help" link. You also can apply over the phone by calling us at 1(800) 772-1213, TTY 1(800) 325-0778. Or if you prefer to complete the paper application yourself, you can call the same number to request one to be mailed to you, or stop by your local Social Security office to pick one up. If you already received an application in the mail more than a few months ago, you should request a new form.

It is important to make sure you correctly complete the application. If there are any mistakes in the application, it could cause delays while we contact you to get an answer.

The handy "tips" below can help make sure that you complete the application correctly and get a response as quickly as possible.

You must include your Social Security number or Railroad Retirement Board number on the application. And please be sure that you have written these numbers correctly.

Many questions on the application ask you to mark an "X" in a Yes or No box. Please remember that you cannot mark both Yes and No.

Because computers will scan your application when you send it back to Social Security, it is important to use a pen with black ink or a #2 pencil. Pens with blue or red ink, or pencils with lead other than #2, will not be read by the computer.

Remember to send the entire application package back to us – not just the page that you signed.

Do not send us anything except your application. We do not need to see doctor bills, prescription lists, IRS forms or other documents.

You can find more information about the extra help online at www.socialsecurity.gov and more information about the Medicare Prescription Drug Program at www.medicare.gov. If you do not have access to the Internet, you can call Social Security at 1(800) 772-1213 and ask for more information.

Should You Consolidate Your Debt?

In a nation where consumers have accumulated more than $800 billion in high-interest credit card debt, it would be safe to say that Americans are obsessed with plastic.

Tack credit card debt onto mortgages, auto loans and student loans, and it's easy to see how regular monthly bills can become overwhelming. One solution: debt consolidation.

In an effort to reduce or eliminate debt, a consumer takes out a debt consolidation loan at a low or fixed rate in order to pay off additional forms of debt at higher interest rates. The loan used to consolidate debt is often a home equity loan; however, any loan or line of credit can be used, including credit cards.

"Debt consolidation may help some individuals and families get a grip on their daily finances, but it's certainly not for everyone," said Mike Sullivan, director of education for Take Charge America, a national non-profit credit counseling company. "If you have a friend or family member that has successfully consolidated debt, it doesn't mean the same process will work for you. Cookie-cutter solutions don't work when it comes to finances."

Sullivan examines the pros the cons of debt consolidation:

PRO: Take Control of Temporary Debt – Debt issues are not always associated with over-charging credit cards. A debt consolidation loan can help financially stable consumers who have acquired a large amount of debt that is associated with a temporary issue; like an illness, accident or job loss.

PRO: Opportunity to Save – As long as the monthly payment on your debt consolidation loan is less than the sum of the monthly payments on your individual loans, debt consolidation can help you take control of your daily finances. Making one lower payment can help a consumer get a reality check on the extent of his or her credit problem. If the payment is lower than the sum of the payments on the consolidated bills, it may free up extra money in the monthly budget to purchase necessities, start an emergency fund or contribute to a college fund, among other money-saving moves.

PRO: Tax Advantages – Consumers who take out home equity loans can reap advantages at tax time. Some or all of the interest on the loan may be deductible. However, individuals and families with poor credit histories or a track record of overcharging are generally advised to avoid home equity loans.

CON: You Can Get Deeper in Debt – Paying off your credit cards means you have credit available. If you keep charging, you'll just have more debt and fewer options for dealing with it. Consolidation only works if you stop charging.

CON: Lower Rate Doesn't Mean You Will Pay Less – Don't be fooled by low interest rates. If the term of your debt consolidation loan is longer than the terms of your smaller existing loans, you may end up paying more in total interest, even if the interest rate on your consolidation loan is lower. You won't be saving money in the long run, even though your monthly payments will be less.

CON: You Can Lose Your Home – If you use a home equity loan to consolidate your debts, the loan is secured by a lien on your home. That means the lender can foreclose on your home if you default on the loan.

Before consolidating debt, Sullivan suggests talking with a credit counselor.

"There is no magic formula when it comes to debt consolidation. Every financial situation is unique, and a credit counselor has the tools to help you decide which path is right for you," he said.

Visit the Better Business Bureau at www.bbb.org to check out reputable credit counselors.

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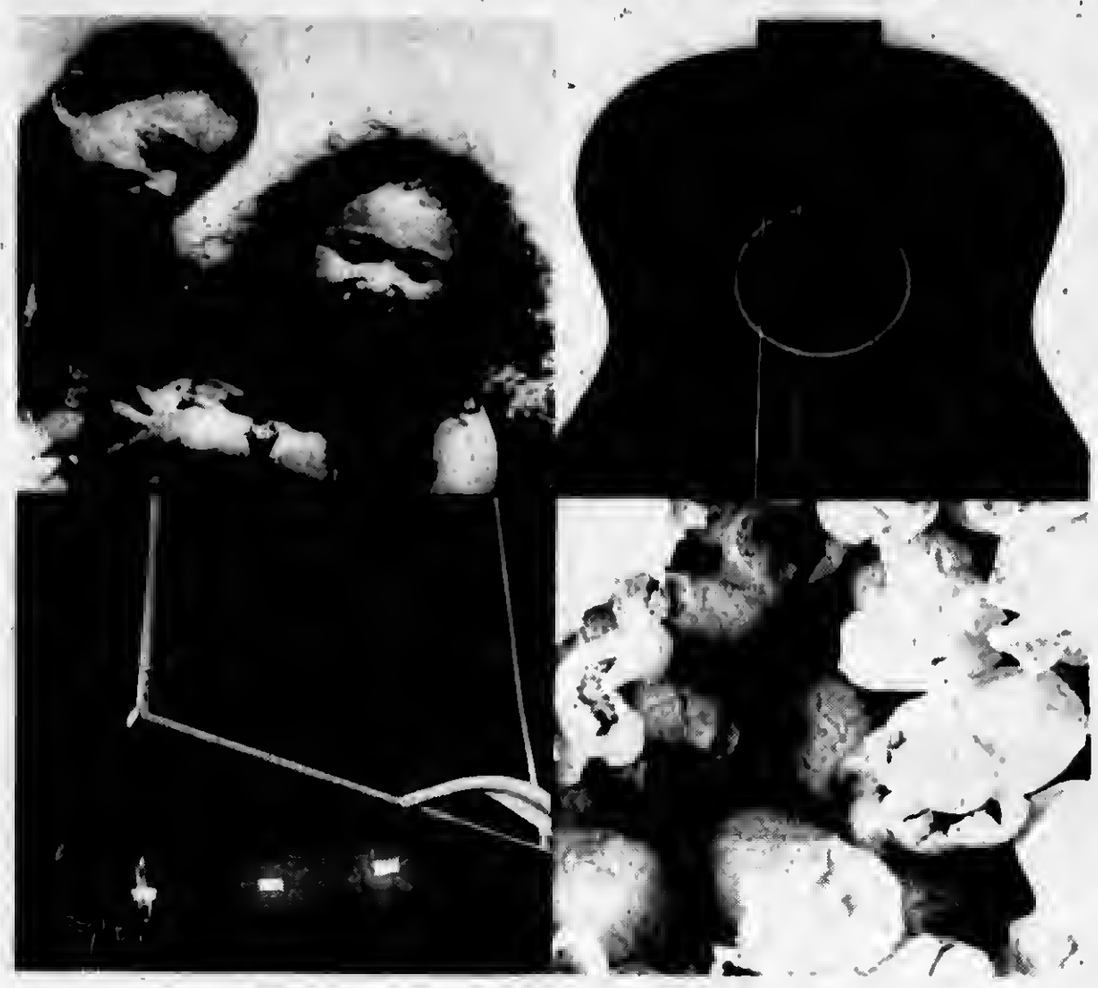

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Computer Courses

District 218 will offer 19 computer courses to community members from Feb. through May. Registration begins immediately and classes start Jan. 23. The district also will offer open lab sessions, where residents may utilize computers at no charge, on several dates.

Courses are open to anyone age 18 or older. All courses are 10 classroom hours in length. Tuition is $30 per class for senior citizens who live in District 218 (age 62 and older); $40 per class for other residents of District 218; $60 for senior citizens (62 and older) who live outside District 218; and, $80 for other non to District 218 residents.

Course schedules and registration forms are available at the main offices of District 218 schools, the district Administrative Center, and at all public libraries in District 218. District 218 schools include Eisenhower High School, 12700 S. Sacramento in Blue Island; Richards High School, 10601 S. Central in Oak Lawn; and, Shepard High School, 13049 S. Ridgeland in Palos Heights. The Administrative Center is located at 10701 S. Kilpatrick in Oak Lawn.

Residents may register in person in the school main offices and Administrative Center or by mail. To register by mail, residents need to obtain a registration form and mail it to: District 218, Attention: Judi Keigher, Instructional Services/Adult Education, 10701 S. Kilpatrick, Oak Lawn, IL 60453. Payment by check or money order payable to District 218 must accompany registration forms.

Residents also may acquire a registration form and view the course schedule and course descriptions at www.chsd218.org by clicking "Community Information" on the home page.

The course schedule for spring 2007 includes the following:

Richards High School, Room 142:

Computer Basics/Windows XP, Jan. 30, Feb. 1, 6, 8, 6 to 8:30 p.m.; Advanced Word 2003, Feb. 13, 14, 20, 21, 6 to 8:30 p.m.; Introduction to Outlook (e to mail), Feb. 27, March 1, 6, 8, 6 to 8:30 p.m.; Introduction to PowerPoint, March 13, 20, 22, 6 to 9:20 p.m.; Introduction to Excel, April 10, 12, 17, 19, 6 to 8:30 p.m.; Intermediate Excel, April 24, 26, May 1, 3, 6 to 8:30 p.m.; Introduction to Access, May 8, 10, 15, 17, 6 to 8:30 p.m., and OPEN LAB, May 9, 6 to 8 p.m.

Shepard High School, Learning Resource Center:

Computer Basics/Windows XP for Seniors Jan. 29, 31, Feb. 5, 7 6 to 8:30 p.m.; Introduction to the Internet, Feb. 19, 21, 26, 28, 6 to 8:30 p.m.; Introduction to Word , March 5, 7, 12, 14, 6 to 8:30 p.m.; Introduction to Publisher, April 16, 18, 23, 25, 6 to 8:30 p.m.; Computer Basics/Windows XP for Seniors, April 30, May 2, 7, 9, 6 to 8:30 p.m.; Introduction to Scanning/PhotoMontage, May 14, 16, 21, 23, 6 to 8:30 p.m.; and OPEN LAB, March 21, 6 to 8 p.m.

Eisenhower High School, Room 313:

Office Overview, Jan. 23, 25, 30, Feb. 1 6 to 8:30 p.m.; Computer Basics/Windows XP, Feb. 20, 22, 27, March 1 6 to 8:30 p.m.; Introduction to the Internet, April 3, 5, 10, 12, 6 to 8:30 p.m.; and OPEN LAB, March 20, 5 to 7 p.m.

Administrative Center, Room 145:

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Abuelita Clotilde Turns 100

Mrs. Clotilde Gonzalez was born in Peru, South America, on Jan. 25, 1907. She was the 13th of 18 children in her family. On Aug. 8, 1930 she married her beloved spouse, Isaias, whom she called "chollto." They had three children: Herman, Coty, and Fahlola.

Abuelita Clotilde came to the United States in 1965 with her husband and their loyal companion, Nico. She became a citizen of this country at the age of 92, and still resides at home with her daughter, Coty, and her son-in-law, Florian.

She has 11 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren, including the late Francis Steiner. Abuelita enjoys watching TV, particularly the daily Mass on EWTN. She also likes to share Peruvian recipes with her caregivers. She still does her daily exercises and socializes with visitors that remember her.

There will be a Celebration and Thanksgiving for Abuelita Clotilde at St. Fabian Church on Jan. 27th at 12 noon.

Pasta Dinner

The Christian Women's Fellowship (CWF) of the Hometown Christian Church, 4340 W. 87th St., will host their Annual Spaghetti Dinner on Friday, Jan. 26th at 5:30 p.m.

The meal, prepared by Hometown chef Sylvia Barnes, her family and others, will be followed by a bingo game. Bingo prizes will be provided by various CWF members.

The cost is $7 for adults, $3 for children ages 6-12, and under 6 are free. Tickets can be purchased at the door.

Flu-Like Illness On The Rise

Cook County Commissioner Joan Patricia Murphy and the Cook County Department of Public Health (CCDPH) once again is recommending that people who have not rolled up their sleeves to receive their shot should act now to prevent the flu.

"The health department is seeing a jump in the rate of flu-like illnesses that are being seen in suburban Cook County hospitals," said Stephen A. Martin, Jr., Ph.D, M.P.H., chief operating officer of CCDPH. "The information is received through an electronic reporting system that tracks illness patterns in emergency rooms. We know that influenza rates typically go up after the holidays and peak in February. When we see the numbers of flu-like illness begin to rise through our reporting streams, we begin to be concerned about people getting seriously ill from the flu."

Typically, flu shots are given in the autumn months so that protection can last during an entire season. But getting a shot now will offer protection throughout the season which generally ends in April.

The vaccines are available immediately (while supplies last) at immunization clinics in Rolling Meadows, Maywood, Bridgeview, Markham, and South Holland and are provided at no-cost to suburban Cook County residents by calling (708) 492-2185 to set up an appointment. Persons who are allergic to eggs or are sick with an infection or fever on the day of their appointment will not be immunized.

Influenza, commonly called the flu, is caused by a virus that infects the nose, throat and lungs. Generally, the flu includes symptoms such as fever, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, headache, muscle aches and fatigue. Flu is highly contagious and spreads easily from person to person, primarily when an infected person coughs or sneezes. The flu kills almost 36,000 people yearly in the United States, 90% of them age 65 and older.

Call for an appointment, (708) 492-2185; TDD, (708) 492-2002, or log on to www.cookcountypublichealth.org.

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SHOP AND SAVE IN OAK LAWN

Relay For Life Of Oak Lawn

Because they can, friends, neighbors and cancer survivors are coming together on Feb. 2nd, for an energizing celebration to raise awareness of the American Cancer Society Relay For Life of Oak Lawn and answer questions about the event to take place on July 28-29. Anyone that would like more information about the event is encouraged to attend.

The Relay Kick Off will be held at 7 p.m. at St. Gerald located at 9310 S. 55th Court. Event plans and fundraising ideas for the American Cancer Society's 4th Annual Relay For Life of Oak Lawn will be discussed. This is also an opportunity to register as a cancer survivor for special recognition during the event, and register your Relay teams for free.

Relay For Life is a fun, family focused event where the community comes together in the fight against cancer. Anyone interested in learning about Relay is welcomed to attend the kick off.

Relay For Life is an overnight event where teams of local businesses, schools, churches, community groups and families raise funds - prior to and at the event - to fight cancer as well as designate at least one team member at a time to walk or run on a track throughout the night. The Relay For Life of Oak Lawn will take place on July 28-29, at the Oak Lawn Pavilion.

Volunteers are needed to organize and recruit teams, secure community support, coordinate logistics, obtain refreshments and prizes and plan entertainment activities for this exciting and energizing event, which celebrates cancer survivors while honoring those in the community who have lost their battle with cancer. This year, Relay For Life celebrates 15 years of advancing the fight against cancer throughout Illinois one Relay at a time.

The American Cancer Society is dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by saving lives, diminishing suffering and preventing cancer through research, education, advocacy and service. The Illinois Division has more than 120,000 volunteers and staff fighting cancer in the state. For the most up-to-date cancer related information and to join the fight against cancer, call 800-ACS-2345 or visit www.cancer.org.

For more information on the Relay For Life of Oak Lawn Kick Off, contact the American Cancer Society at (708) 633-7770.

Hit-And-Run Charges Expect To Be Upgraded

According to police reports, on Dec. 12th, John Mancuso, 47, of Oak Lawn was fleeing the scene of a minor traffic accident at 135th and Cicero, when he ran a stoplight near the Calumet Sag Road and stuck another car. Police caught Mancuso trying to walk away from the scene of the accident.

According to police reports, the driver of the second car, Armando Chico, 30, of Harvey was severely injured in that crash. On Sunday, Jan. 14. Chico was pronounced dead at Christ Hospital and Medical Center.

According to authorities, Mancuso was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol and driving with a revoked license. It was said that the charges are expected to be upgraded because of the fatality.

Grandmothers' Meeting

The Evergreen Park Grandmother Club #423 will hold its first meeting of the new year on Wednesday, Jan. 24th at 1 p.m. in the Hamilton B. Maher Community Center, 3450 W. 97th St., in Evergreen Park. Refreshments will be served.

Club officers are Lois Musselman, president; Sharon Horn, vice president; Josephine Greswood, treasurer and Maggie Donahue, secretary.

Charter #423 recently celebrated its 50th anniversary and is a member of the National Federation of Grandmother Clubs of America.

For more information about the club, call (708) 860-1531.

Card & Bunco Social

The South Suburban Salon 480 is planning a Bunco and Card Social on Saturday, Jan. 27th, to be held at the Mt. Greenwood Park Field House, 3721 W. 111th St. Doors open at Noon.

All proceeds will benefit children in hospitals being treated for cystic fibrosis, tuberculosis, lung and other respiratory diseases. Funds will also support Camp Super Kids for lung treatment patients.

Donation at the door is $3. Raffles will be held. There will be free coffee and cake. Lunch is available at a nominal cost. Everyone is invited, bring a friend.

OAK LAWN PARK DISTRICT NOTE

The Oak Lawn Park District offers the following programs and events. Visit www.olparks.com for more information on upcoming programs and events!!

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Outdoor Ice Rink at Stony Creek - The outdoor ice rink at Stony Creek, 5850 W. 103rd, is open. The hours of operation are 8 a.m. until dark, and depend on daily weather conditions. Skating is free. Please bring your own skates and skate at your own risk. Skaters can call the pro shop for more information and daily conditions at 857-2433.

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Friday Night Fun: Odyssey Fun World – Join the Oak Lawn Park District's Special Recreation Department for another Friday Night Fun activity on Friday, Jan. 26. Participants will depart the Oak View Center, 4625 W. 110th St., at 6:30 pm for Odyssey Fun World in Tinley Park. The evening will include the latest video games, rides, and attractions as well as dinner. This program is open to those ages 13 and up with disabilities. Fee is $25 for Oak Lawn residents and coop members and $38 for non-residents and includes dinner. Registration deadline is Jan. 16. For more information, call Todd Mallo at (708) 857-2200.

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Special Recreation Animals and Arts – The Oak Lawn Park District's Special Recreation Department is offering a new program, Animals and Arts. This program is designed for children ages 3 – 12 with disabilities. Each week a different animal will be featured. Each class will consist of a story about the animal featured, a discussion, an animal-themed snack and craft. Classes will be held at the Oak View Center, 4625 W. 110th St., on Saturday mornings from 11 a.m. – 12 noon. This new program will begin on Jan. 20 and run through Feb. 17. Program fee is $25 for Oak Lawn residents and coop members and $38 for non-residents. For more information, call Todd Mallo at (708) 857-2200.

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"Sweets & Treats" - A Valentine's Day Family Event - The Oak Lawn Park District is hosting a Valentine's Day Ice Cream Social and Ice Skating Party on Sunday, Feb. 4 at the Oak Lawn Ice Arena, 9320 S. Kenton. Participants will receive two scoops of vanilla ice cream with a variety of toppings to choose from. There will also be time to create a Valentine's Day craft (one craft per child). The ice cream social & craft begin at 12:30 pm. Skating is from 1:30 - 2:50 pm. Fee for skating participants is $10 and $5 for non-skating participants. (Admission to the open skate is included in skating participant's fee). Skate rental is an additional $2.50 per pair. Children must be accompanied by an adult in order to participate. Registration deadline is Jan. 26 at the Ice Arena. For more information call (708) 857-5173.

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Teen Trip: Snow Tubing - Join the Oak Lawn Park District and teens from neighboring park districts as we journey to Sunburst Ski Resort in Kewaskum, Wisconsin on Saturday, Feb. 10. Feel the thrill as you tube down one of the 900-foot long chutes, each with a 10-story drop, and reaching speeds in excess of 40 miles per hour. Participants will enjoy 3 hours of fun in the snow. Water resistant clothing, hat, gloves and boots are recommended also bring a dry set of clothes for the ride home. Fee for this trip is $43 per participant. Bus will depart from the Oak View Center (4625 W. 110th St.) at 7:30 a.m. and return at 5:30 p.m. For information, call the Oak View Center at (708) 857-2200.

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Greenhouse Groupies - The Oak Lawn Park District's new horticulturist, Dolly Foster, will be conducting an information meeting on Monday, Feb. 12 at 10 a.m. The topic of this meeting will be the Greenhouse Groupies program at the Stony Creek Golf Course Greenhouse. Participants will learn planting, propagation and care skills. The greenhouse is located at 5850 W. 103rd St. For more information and to register for this meeting, call (708) 857-2225.

District 218 Saves Money

High School District 218 recently completed the transition of its group health and dental program to Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Illinois. Based on the district's prior claim history, the change in provider will yield an annual savings of about $1.8 million.

Mesirow Financial's Insurance Services Division approached District 218 with the proposal to change to Blue Cross/Blue Shield. The program matched the existing benefits program and increased network access to healthcare providers while offering a deeper provider discount on health insurance claims.

The approximate provider discount under the district's prior insurance program was 35 percent. The approximate provider discount under the new program is 60 percent.

District 218's business office and Mesirow Financial worked diligently over the past few months to both enroll and educate the population of 762 employees and retirees.

"Mesirow is delighted to have the opportunity to partner with District 218. Our team of insurance professionals worked with the administration and board members to implement a more comprehensive program that will be beneficial to all," said Patrick Sheahan, Senior Vice President of Mesirow Financial.

"This change in the medical coverage to Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois will benefit all of the district's employees at substantial savings to the community," said Ron Pratl, secretary of the Board of Education. "The district seriously considered three different options to maximize service while minimizing costs for the district. The district hopes this new association with Mesirow Financial's Insurance Division and Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois will continue to benefit both the community and the schools."

Free Sunday Family Program

Young children and their families are invited to experience Dave DiNaso's Traveling World of Reptiles from 3 to 4:15 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 28th at the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St.

Have you ever felt the sharp spines of an iguana or stared into the eyes of an alligator? Join in an up-close, hands-on exhibit and educational experience about reptiles and amphibians from around the world. No advance registration required. Parents are welcome to accompany their child to this program.For more information, call (708) 422-4990.

Welcomes First Baby Of 2007

One lucky mom and her family are beaming with pride today. Their baby boy has the designation of being the first baby of 2007 born at Little Company of Mary Hospital, the Chicago area hospital known as "The Baby Hospital." Parents, Willie and Keisha of Chicago welcomed baby boy, Willie James Peoples, III on Monday, Jan. 1, at 8:45 a.m. Little Company of Mary holds the honor of welcoming more newborns into the world than any other area hospital in the southwest suburbs. Pictured: Mom, Keisha stands next to her newborn, Willie James in Little Company of Mary's Neonatal Intensive Care Unit.

Veterans And Soldiers News

By Lori Taylor Ph: 708.388.2425

I feel like a broadcaster – "Good morning, I'm Lori Taylor broadcasting from (some foreign land)..." Well, I am writing this Sunday morning, Jan. 14th, from Rest Haven Central, 133rd and Central Ave., where I am undergoing rehab with Marianjoy Rehabilitation. Marianjoy is fantastic and I have a wonderful therapist; her name is Bridget. I'm using this same opening paragraph in all three of my columns so mention of the special people I have met from this area will follow in the next paragraph.

I want to thank Mary Lou Haimann, our Messenger typist, because I'm writing longhand on the arm of my wheelchair and she graciously offered to type the columns for me. I also thank my son Dan Hansen for delivering them to the Messenger and for everything he is doing to speed my rehab along (he's been wonderful as always).

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Being here for therapy and wanting to get home reminds me of a visit I made in 1990 during my year as state VFW auxiliary president. During that year I made an official visit to every hospital where we have volunteers assigned, including the ones in St. Louis, Wisconsin and Iowa where we have Illinois vets. I was walking through the hall at Hines VA toward the director's meeting room on my visit there when I saw a vet with a huge smile. I stopped to speak to him. He asked me to wheel him out onto a patio. This vet could not move and his head was in a brace to hold it up. I will never forget. He said something to this effect: "I am so happy to be alive and able to go out and see the beautiful sky, experience the wind on my face, enjoy the sunshine and rain. I make sure I at least get out once each day." He was so happy and positive even though my heart ached for him. We talked awhile (I didn't care if I was a little late for the meeting). He said, "Thank you, young lady, next to appreciating God's wonders I enjoy visiting with people."

This memory will stay with me forever, and it came to mind as I have watched people receive visitors and their families here at Rest Haven and the joy the visits bring when days become long and lonely. So many of our veterans have no family and the hospital is their permanent home. I know it's not everyone's thing or "cup of tea" but if we each visited a lonely hospitalized or homebound vet, I'm sure it would brighten up their day. They would love a visit from you vets to swap war stories or just to reminisce over old times. Every time I meet someone anywhere who seems to talk a lot (not those born that way) I know I have met a lonely person looking for someone to share their thoughts with.

Don Dalton of Midlothian is writing a book about veterans during World War II, which should come out soon. It is just such stories as Don tells that the lonely vet would like to hear.

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Every time we go to the dining room for meals with all of the wheelchairs in a row it reminds me of a cartoon my late husband, George Taylor, enjoyed. There are no words on the caption – just a sign saying RESTAURANT SPECIAL and a whole line of frogs in wheelchairs coming out of the kitchen door.

George was a submarine veteran who served in World War II. He also had a sense of humor and a wonderful positive attitude toward life in spite of his serious dis abilities. George was a past commander of Midlothian VFW 2580 and of the 16th District. He also served as Life Membership Director and was an assistant Judge Advocate on the state level for several years. George died Feb. 23, 1996.

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If you have anything to share – such as anniversary, birthday, birth – you can call me here at (708) 239-6014. It's a direct line so if I don't answer I'm out, so call back (however, if I have my way I'm going to beat the record and have this artificial hip working correctly as soon as possible, so pray for me).

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Good-bye until next week. God bless you and your family and God bless America.

Extraordinary Students Contest

Schools and individuals that have yet to submit nominations for the Kemps "Extraordinary Students" award have a little more time to send in their entries. Kemps, Minnesota's leading dairy company, has announced that it is extending the deadline for accepting nominations from Jan. 15 to Feb. 15.

Adults age 18 years and older can nominate an outstanding student for the opportunity to be selected as a Kemps 2006-07 "Extraordinary Student." Three grand prize student winners – one each from elementary school, middle/junior high school and high school – will receive $5,000 in cash from Kemps for their schools. The winners' photos also will be featured on special edition Kemps plastic gallon milk labels. Additionally, 15 student runners-up will each earn $500 to donate to their schools. All winners will receive a year's supply of Kemps milk.

"We are proud this year to recognize students who are performing extraordinary volunteer acts on behalf of their schools, community, family or friends," says Rachel Kyllo, Kemps marketing vice president. "By honoring the contributions of these giving students, the Nickels for Schools 'Extraordinary Student' program illustrates Kemps' ongoing support for education and community spirit."

Students nominated for the Kemps "Extraordinary Student" recognition must attend a school that is enrolled in Kemps Nickels for Schools. Nomination essays should consist of 750 words or less that describe the student's volunteer efforts, which can encompass any facet of the student's life, and how the student's volunteer efforts make him/her a better student or the school or classroom a better place. Up to three supporting documents including photos, letters of gratitude or news articles can be submitted along with an essay nomination.

Nominations for Kemps "Extraordinary Student" can be sent by U.S. mail to Kemps Nickels for Schools "Extraordinary Student" Program, c/o Maccabee Group, 211 N. First Street, Suite 425, Minneapolis, MN 55401, or by email to NickelsforSchools@Kemps.com.

All nominations must be received by Feb. 15. Winners will be notified by March 15. For a complete list of Nickels for Schools "Extraordinary Student" nomination guidelines, visit www.kemps.com.

Since its launch in April 2002, Kemps has given $2.5 million to more than 4,000 schools throughout the Upper Midwest, enabling schools to better support their students and staff. Schools can raise up to $10,000 in cash, and Nickels for Schools allows educators to use proceeds to pay for anything that the school decides.

Participation in the program is easy: Consumers save specially-marked caps from Kemps plastic gallon and half-gallon milk containers, and the proofs of purchase symbols from Kemps cottage cheese, sour cream and paper milk containers, and turn them in to their local school. Schools redeem the caps and proofs of purchase for cash. For more information, visit www.kemps.com.

Coloring Contest Held

The 16th annual National Children's Dental Health Month Coloring Contest sponsored by the Illinois State Dental Society is currently under way. The contest is open to children in kindergarten through third grades and several prizes will be awarded in each category. Entry forms are now available from participating members of the Illinois Dental Society, and no purchase is necessary to be eligible to participate or win.

This year's contest features the theme "Fight Tooth Decay 24/7!" The Illinois State Dental Society sponsors the coloring contest to remind children about the importance of oral health as a contributor to overall health. The coloring sheet features "Flossie," the Illinois State Dental Society mascot. Participants may use any medium they like to complete the entry form, including crayons, markers, paint and/or pencils.

Entry forms must be returned to the Illinois State Dental Society at P.O. Box 276, Springfield, Illinois, 62705 and postmarked by Feb. 28th. Winners will be notified by April 15.

For a list of Illinois State Dental Society member dentists in your area or for additional information about the contest, check its website at or call (217) 525-1406.

Animal Welfare League Tag Day

The Animal Welfare League will be holding AVID Microchip Tag Day on Saturday, Feb. 24th from 1 to 5 p.m. at its facility, 10305 Southwest Highway in Chicago Ridge. No appointment needed.

For only $15, pet owners can protect their pets by having an identifying microchip administered. This procedure, normally priced $30.75, is quick and harmless to the animal.

A.V.I.D. stands for American Veterinary Identification Devices. The AVID microchip is a tiny computer chip which has an identification number programmed into it. The chip is encased in a smooth, strong biocompatible glass, and is small enough to fit into a hypodermic needle. Once an animal is injected with the chip, he can be identified throughout his life by this one-of-a-kind number. His identification cannot be lost, altered or intentionally removed.

The microchip is generally injected deeply under the skin. It sits safely there, totally inert. A special scanner is used to send a radio signal through the skin of the animal to read the chip. The animal feels nothing as the scanner is passed over him. The microchip sends its number back to the scanner. It appears in the viewing window as, for example, AVID 220*609*321.

The microchip has no power supply, battery or moving parts. It is designed with an operating life of over 25 years and is guaranteed for the life of the animal. Once injected, the microchip is anchored in place as a thin layer of connective tissue forms around it. The chip requires no care. It does not pass through or out of the body.

For more information, contact Terri Sparks at (708) 636-8586, ext. 227.

AARP Meeting

The AARP Oak Lawn Chapter 3558 will meet on Monday, Feb. 12th at 1 p.m. at the Johnson-Phelps VFW Hall, 9514 S. 52nd Ave. in Oak Lawn.

If you are a paid-up member of AARP, you are invited to join the Chapter, you do not have to live in Oak Lawn. Members are from Chicago and other suburbs. Dues for the year are $5.

For the meeting, Janet Moss, a nurse from Christ Medical Center, will give a talk on "Pain Mana gement."

Refreshments will be served after the meeting.

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Great Skate 2007 will take place at the Daley Bicentennial Plaza Ice Rink, 337 E. Randolph St. On Saturday, Feb. 17th from 1 to 4 p.m.

Cost of an afternoon of skating, skate rental, lessons, food and beverages are $25 per person or $80 per family. For More Information call (312) 742-4808; tickets can be purchased onsite.

Ladies Auxiliary Awaits State Presidential Visit

Linda Meader, National President of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars will make her official visit to Illinois on Feb. 8th through 11th in Springfield. State President Maureen Hayden of the VFW Auxiliary Department of Illinois and the visit committee have planned special events for the weekend.

The Department of Illinois Ladies Auxiliary will host a reception in her honor Friday, Feb. 9th from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Diamond Room of the Crown Plaza. Members and guests are invited to attend to meet the National President.

Friday evening President Meader will join the District Presidents who reached 85% in membership at their special "Night on the Town."

Saturday morning President Hayden will conduct the Council of Administration Meeting. Following the council meeting the Past District Presidents Club luncheon will take place. The annual Pilgrimage to Lincoln's Tomb will be held Saturday afternoon.

Linda Meader, Concord, New Hampshire, was elected National President of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States at its 93rd National Convention in Reno, Nev., on Aug. 31, 2006.

In accepting the position, Linda introduced her theme, In the Spirit of America–We are the Champions of America's Cherished Heroes, which she developed to honor her late father, Edward C. Colby, who served in the U.S. Army in the South Pacific during World War II. She honors his service to our country as well as that of all other veterans and the national heroes from her area, such as Christa McAuliffe.

With the sacrifices of America's Cherished Heroes as their inspiration, she hopes Auxiliaries will achieve 100% in membership for the first time in 14 years and top previous program records.

She brings a wealth of experience to her new position including leading her Auxiliary as President at the young age of 19. As District and Department President, she was named Outstanding President of the Year. She served as Captain of Alliance State Color Guard and three terms each as Department Secretary and Chief of Staff.

During the last five years, she has served in the offices leading to the National Presidency and represented the National Organization at events throughout the country. Prior to that she was National Americanism & Loyalty Day Director and Junior Girls Units Director, and was elected as National District Council Member #1 to serve on the National Council of Administration which runs the Auxiliary between National Conventions.

The Auxiliary has always played an important role in her life. Her parents joined when she was an infant and before she was old enough to join, she worked on Buddy Poppy drives, suppers, bake sales and marched in parades carrying the name banner for the Auxiliary.

With a Bachelor of Arts degree in paralegal studies and a minor in business, after graduating magna cum laude from Notre Dame College, she is the Legal Administrator of a two-office law firm, performing both paralegal and managerial duties.

She and husband, David, have a daughter, Bridget, who is the 4th generation of her family to serve as Concord Auxiliary President and the mom of Linda and David's first grandson Alan.

Education Scholarships

In the spring of 2007, the Will-South Cook Soil and Water Conservation District will be awarding three $1,000 scholarships to Will and South Cook County students who expect to major in Agriculture or a Natural Resource field at any accredited college or accredited school of higher learning. One of the scholarships, the Allan May Memorial Scholarship, will be awarded for the first time this year. Allan, who passed away this past summer, served both Will and Cook Counties as the District Conservationist for 30 years.

The purpose of the scholarships is to further the cause of soil, water and natural resources conservation by helping a deserving student pursue the subject at an advanced educational level.

Application forms may be picked up at the local high school guidance offices in Will and South Cook Counties, and are also available at the District office located at 1201 S. Gougar Road in New Lenox. The application form may be picked up during normal business hours, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or the application can be sent by request by calling (815) 462-3106, ext. 3.

To be considered, the completed application form must be submitted by April 1st. The letters of recommendation, which are to be sent directly to the District by their writers, must also be received by April 1st.

Application guidelines:

- Applicant must live within the boundaries of the District (i.e. in Will County or in South Cook County, south of 22nd St.). See the map at the District office if in doubt.
- Applicant must be a high school senior or graduate (diploma or GED certificate).
- Applicant must attend an accredited college or accredited school of higher learning in the 2007-08 school year.
- Applicant will be expected to be interested in environmental science, horticulture, wildlife, soil, water, or other natural resources.
- There is no requirement to substantiate financial need.
- Successful candidates will be announced in May. The decision of the Will-South Cook Soil and Water Conservation District's Board of Directors will be final.
- Scholarship money will be paid directly to the institution for the second term of the 2007-08 school year.
- It is the recipient's responsibility to inform the District on the details of how to make the scholarship payment.
- Incomplete applications may be disqualified.

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Blagojevich Lauded For Healthcare Programs

The Kaiser Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured, one of the nation's most respected independent health policy research organizations, released a new report recently crediting Gov. Blagojevich's administration for sparking a national movement to provide healthcare to all children. Over the last year, Pennsylvania and Massachusetts have moved to provide healthcare to all uninsured children, and California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger announced his proposal to do the same. The Kaiser Commission also found that Illinois, for the third year in a row, ranks #1 in the nation for providing healthcare to working parents who need it. Illinois' ranking comes as a result of Gov. Blagojevich's continued efforts to expand access to affordable, comprehensive healthcare to working men and women and their children.

In the report released, "Resuming the Path to Health Coverage for Children and Parents: A 50 State Update on Eligibility Rules, Enrollment and Renewal Procedures, and Cost-Saving Practices in Medicaid and SCHIP in 2006," Illinois is recognized as a national leader in providing healthcare to children. The report wrote, "The Illinois *All Kids* program has sparked what appears to be a new movement to provide universal health coverage for children. Either independently or inspired by the bold step in Illinois, a number of other states, including Massachusetts and Pennsylvania, also have embarked on their own brands of health coverage expansions."

The "SCHIP Program Enrollment: June 2005 Update" report, released in December, shows that between June 2004 and June 2005, Illinois led the nation in enrolling parents in FamilyCare. The report wrote, "From June 2004 to June 2005, adult enrollment in SCHIP more than doubled in Illinois." During that time, Illinois saw a 102 percent increase in adult enrollment. In addition, Illinois had the 3rd largest increase in the number of children enrolled in the State Children's Health Insurance Program.

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Lincoln's 200th Birthday

Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich recently announced that the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum (ALPLM) hired a Lincoln Bicentennial Coordinator who will be responsible for overseeing Illinois' efforts to celebrate Lincoln's 200th birthday in February 2009. The ALPLM tapped Kay Smith, who has vast experience in management, event planning, and serving as a liaison between large and diverse groups.

"This milestone is 200 years in the making. Lincoln's Birthday in 2009 will be a national celebration, and it's extremely important to have the right person coordinating our efforts on the state level. I'm confident Kay Smith and the Bicentennial Commission will work very hard to make Illinois proud as we pay tribute to our favorite son," said Gov. Blagojevich.

"We are very pleased to have someone of Kay Smith's talents coordinating the planning efforts for the Lincoln Bicentennial in Illinois," said Rick Beard, ALPLM Executive Director. "Although we have a lot of work to do in the next several months. I am confident that Kay is going to provide the leadership and energy we need to assure that Illinois' celebration of our greatest president will be second to none."

The Illinois Lincoln Bicentennial Commission serves to promote a deeper knowledge, understanding and engagement in the life and times of Abraham Lincoln through conferences, publications, preservation of Lincoln sites, and local, statewide and national observances commemorating Abraham Lincoln's birthday on Feb. 12th, 2009.

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To Chair New Subcommittee

A restructuring of the Senate Appropriations Committee will place U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin (D-IL) in the position of overseeing much of the funding for the nation's financial services, as well as oversight of the U.S. Treasury Dept. The new subcommittee, announced by Senate Appropriations Chairman Sen. Robert C. Byrd (D-WV), will be known as the Financial Services and General Government Subcommittee.

Durbin will be the Chairman of the new subcommittee, which will have jurisdiction over the U.S. Treasury Dept., Internal Revenue Service, the Federal Trade Commission, the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Small Business Administration, the Commodities Futures Trading Commission, GSA, the U.S. Mint and the Bureau of Printing and Engraving, among others. Sen. Sam Brownback (R-KS) will serve as Ranking Member of the subcommittee.

The subcommittee will also have jurisdiction over the federal courts system, including the issue of judicial security, which Durbin has worked on since the tragic shooting of the family of a federal judge in Chicago two years ago.

Additionally, the subcommittee will have jurisdiction over the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) which regulates both the Chicago Mercantile Exchange and the Chicago Board of Trade.

Durbin has served on the Appropriations Committees in the House and Senate for the past 20 years.

Inter-city Train Travel

Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich recently signed legislation to add Illinois to the Midwest Interstate Passenger Rail Compact (MIPRC), a regional association that promotes the development of inter-city rail. House Bill 4344 adds Illinois to the number of Midwestern states working to promote and advocate for passenger rail service on a federal, regional and local level. Last year, Gov. Blagojevich doubled funding for state-sponsored passenger rail in Illinois' partnership with Amtrak, more than doubling the number of daily round-trips on downstate routes.

For fiscal year 2006, which ended last June, a total of 955,529 passengers took state-sponsored trains, an increase of more than 11 percent from the previous year, also marking the second year in a row in which all state-sponsored routes set ridership records.

HB 4344 allows Illinois to join the MIPRC, an association of member states that works to promote improvements and long-range planning for interstate passenger rail, as well as to coordinate interaction between Midwestern state officials and the public and private sectors. Currently, seven other states are members of the Compact, including Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota and Ohio.

In 2006, Gov. Blagojevich and members of the Illinois General Assembly doubled the state funding to Amtrak for passenger rail service in Illinois to $24 million, second only to California. The increase more than doubled the state-sponsored rail service on downstate routes. The expanded service, starting Oct. 30th, comes after news that all four of the state-sponsored Amtrak routes posted record ridership levels for state fiscal year 2006.

By Rail Or By River

The construction of the Illinois Central Railroad in the mid-1800s and the replica riverboat *Talisman* that delighted thousands of Lincoln's New Salem visitors for nearly 40 years are featured in the latest issue of *Historic Illinois*, a publication of the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency (IHPA).

The 150th anniversary of the completion of the Illinois Central Railroad, which connected the northern and southern parts of the state, was observed during 2006. The 705-mile railroad set the stage for Illinois' tremendous growth in the 1800s and the Illinois Central, now with 11,500 miles of track, remains one of the five largest railroads in the United States. The Illinois Legislature in 1851 gave a charter to the Illinois Central Railroad Company to build the line stretching from Cairo to Galena, with a branch line from Centralia to Chicago. However, the charter demanded that the railroad be completed in six years, a daunting task at the time. Bonds were sold, mainly to investors in England, to raise the $10 million needed for construction. Ten thousand workers, many of them German and Irish immigrants, were hired for the job, many of whom ended up purchasing land along the railroad and settling there. When the Illinois Central was completed in 1856, a full year ahead of the deadline, it was the longest railroad in the world. The article was written by Stanley Changnon, a semi-retired professor at the University of Illinois at Urbana who has authored numerous books and articles about Illinois railroads.

The steamboat *Talisman*, a replica of the riverboat copiloted in the 1830s on the Sangamon River by Abraham Lincoln, is the subject of another article. Brothers Dennis and Robert Trone, natives of Schuyler County along the Illinois River, grew up hearing the fascinating tales of Lincoln's river exploits. In 1958 Dennis got the idea to build a *Talisman* replica and enlisted his brother's help, and in 1962 the completed steamboat made its maiden voyage, a 530-mile trek from Dubuque, Iowa where it was built to Petersburg, Illinois. The journey was fraught with many of the perils Lincoln faced in his day, including obstacles, low water levels and emergency repairs. After its much-heralded arrival in Petersburg, the Trone family offered authentic steamboat rides for nearly 40 years on the *Talisman* for visitors to nearly Lincoln's New Salem, the reconstructed log village where Abraham Lincoln lived for six years. Permanent declines in the water level of the Sangamon River forced the operation to cease in 1998. The article was written by Keith A. Sculle, head of Research and Education for IHPA.

Historic Illinois is a bimonthly IHPA publication that features historically significant sites in Illinois. Subscriptions are $10 per year, which includes six issues of *Historic Illinois* and one full-color *Historic Illinois Calendar*. For more information, call (217) 524-6045, visit www.Illinois-History.gov, or write: Historic Illinois, Illinois Historic Preservation Agency, 1 Old State Capitol Plaza, Springfield, IL 62701-1507.

Celebrate Mardi Gras

Queen of Peace's Parent Association invites parents, alumnae, and friends to its Mardi Gras Party on Saturday, Feb. 17, at 7 p.m. at the high school, 7659 S. Linder in Burbank. Tickets are $20 per person, $100 for a table of 6, or $180 for a table of 12. Gather your friends for a night of fun, festivity, and food. Guests must be at least 21 years old. For more information or to purchase tickets, contact Chairperson Sandy Vrkljan at (708) 599-5581 or email parent@queenofpeacehs.org.

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Inequity In Healthcare Access In Illinois

On Martin Luther King Jr. Day (Jan. 15th), and speaking before hundreds of African American community leaders and elected and appointed officials, Governor Rod R. Blagojevich urged for a grassroots movement to continue expanding access to healthcare to everyone in Illinois.

"One of Dr. King's most inspirational quotes is that 'Of all the forms of inequality, injustice in healthcare is the most shocking and inhumane.' Unfortunately, inequality in healthcare is still one of the greatest injustices we face," said the Governor who addressed the 17th Annual PUSH-Excel Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship Breakfast.

"Here in Illinois, we've made great strides towards the goal of making healthcare for all a fundamental right. We've made sure uninsured children have access to affordable health insurance. We've extended affordable healthcare for hundreds of thousands of working parents. We're helping our seniors save money on prescription drugs. But we must do more. There are 1.4 million adults in Illinois who do not have health insurance, nearly a quarter of them African Americans, and those who do have insurance are worried about the cost. But while Washington does nothing to help people, we are not going to sit on our laurels. I want everyone to have access to good, quality healthcare," the Governor added.

According to Milliman's 2006 Medical Cost Index Report in the U.S., a family of four spend $5,020 in total health care costs – including both premiums and co-pays/deductibles. With the rising cost of healthcare across the nation in Illinois, Governor Blagojevich emphasized that Illinois can do more for working men and women and their children by expanding access to health care so that not just children get coverage, but every family member has access to affordable, quality health care.

According to U.S. Census figures, 46 million Americans currently do not have health insurance. In Illinois, 20 percent of adults – 1.4 million people – are uninsured, and nearly a quarter of them are African American.

Governor Blagojevich has made expanding access to affordable healthcare his top priority since 2003. Recently, the Kaiser Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured, one of the nation's most respected independent health policy research organizations, released a report crediting Governor Blagojevich's administration for sparking a national movement to provide healthcare to all children. The Kaiser Commission also found that Illinois, for the third year in a row, ranks #1 in the nation providing healthcare to working parents who need it.

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Additionally: nearly a quarter million low-income seniors and disabled individuals have been helped by the State through our "Illinois Cares RX" program, which also fills the "donut hole" in the Medicare Part D program; tens of thousands of people have saved more than $10 million thanks to the "Illinois RX Buying Club," which helps seniors, the disabled and the uninsured save an average of nearly 30% on hundreds of the most popular prescription drugs; the recently launched "Veterans Care" program is providing uninsured Illinois veterans access to the comprehensive and affordable healthcare coverage they have bravely earned.

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2007 Small Business Expo

Chicago City Treasurer Stephanie D. Neely official announced the date for the 2007 City Treasurer's free Small Business Expo and a major change in the venue.

This year's expo will be held on Friday, Aug. 3rd, and will be held in expanded facilities at McCormick Place. Neely said. "This office remains committed to helping small business grow and thrive in Chicago, and after record attendance and capacity crowds at our workshops it was time for us to grow to meet the demand. The decision to move to McCormick Place gives us additional room and the opportunity for the biggest and best expo yet." The 2007 event will be the 6th annual Treasurers Small Business Expo.

The City Treasurer also announced that some of the materials from key marketing and business development workshops from the 2006 Expo this past August are now posted on the internet. Valuable content from the free business plan and marketing workshops are available by clicking the Small Business Expo icon on www.chicagocitytreasurer.com.

Filipino-Motif Tree For Holidays

Cook County Treasurer Maria Pappas and Estrella Ravelo Alamar, of the Filipino American Historical Society, stand before a Christmas tree decorated to reflect the culture of the Philippines. More than 90 trees and other holiday displays decorated by different ethnic groups were shown in Pappas' downtown Chicago office in "Holiday Trees From Around the World," an exhibit that recognized the diverse cultures of Cook County. From left: Pat Michalski, assistant to Pappas on ethnic affairs; Ms. Alamar and Treasurer Pappas.

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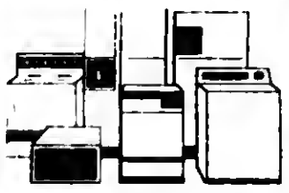

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION BANK OF NEW YORK AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATE HOLDERS OF CWABS 0203-05, Plaintiff V. LATINA TERRY; TROVOY TERRY, Defendants 06 CH 10371 NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE Fisher and Shapiro file #06-6241D (It is advised that interested parties consult with their own attorneys before bidding at mortgage foreclosure sales.)
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered on November 20, 2006, Kallen Realty Services, Inc., successor to Kallen Financial & Capital Services, Inc., es Selling Official will at 12:30 p.m. on February 21, 2007, at 205 W. Randolph Street, Suite 1200, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real property: C/K/A 2836 W. 102ND STREET, EVERGREEN PARK, IL 60805 TAX ID# 24-12-312-026 AND 24-12-326-027 The mortgaged real estate is improved with a dwelling. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
The judgment amount was $220,063.36. Sale terms: 10% of successful bid immediately at conclusion of auction, balance by noon the next business day, both by cashier's checks; and no refunds. The sale shall be subject to general real estate taxes, special taxes, special assessments, special taxes levied, and superior liens, if any. The property is offered "as is," with no express or implied warranties and without any representation as to the quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to review the court file to verify all information.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION US BANK, INC.; Plaintiff, vs. URSULA MARTIN; FORD CITY CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR HOME LOAN CORPORATION DBA EXPANDED MORTGAGE CREDIT; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF URSULA MARTIN, IF ANY; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants, 06 CH 14705
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on 9/13/2006, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, February 6, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property: Commonly known as 4351 W. 76th St., #C-1/202, Chicago, IL 60652. P.I.N. 19-27-401-038-1220. The improvement on the property consists of a condominium residence. The purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by subdivisions (g)(1) and (g)(4) of Section 9 of the Condominium Property Act.
Sale terms: 25% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.
For information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com. Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602. Tel.No. (312) 476-5500. Refer to File Number PA0608146. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department, Chancery Division. Everhome Mortgage Company, Plaintiff, vs. Gary R. Dukes, Defendant. Case No. 06Ch-12987.
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
Fisher and Shapiro
file #06-70490
(It is advised that interested parties consult with their own attorneys before bidding at mortgage foreclosure sales.)
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered on August 29, 2006, Kallen Realty Services, Inc., successor to Kallen Financial & Capital Services, Inc. as Selling Official will at 12:30 p.m. on February 20, 2007, at 205 W. Randolph St., Suite 1200, Chicago, IL, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real property:
Commonly known as: 3732 W. 153rd St., Midlothian, IL 60445.
The mortgaged real estate is improved with a dwelling. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
The judgment amount was $142,320.19. Sale terms: 10% of successful bid immediately at conclusion of auction, balance by noon the next business day, both by cashier's checks; and no refunds. The sale shall be subject to general real estate taxes, special taxes, special assessments, special taxes levied, and superior liens, if any. The property is offered "as is," with no express or implied warranties and without any representation as to the quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to review the court file to verify all information.
For information: Sale Clerk, Fisher and Shapiro, 4201 Lake Cook Rd., 1st Floor, Northbrook, IL 60062, (847) 498-9990, between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. weekdays only.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT CHANCERY DIVISION AMCORE BANK, N.A., Plaintiff V. SAULIUS STIRBYS; WELLS FARGO FINANCIAL ILLINOIS, INC., WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK F/K/A WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, FA, MIDAMERICA BANK, FSB; BANCO POPULAR NORTH AMERICA; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants 06 CH 17412 NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE Fisher and Shapiro file #06-7978D (It is advised that interested parties consult with their own attorneys before bidding at mortgage foreclosure sales.)
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered on December 18, 2006, Kallen Realty Services, Inc., successor to Kallen Financial & Capital Services, Inc., as Selling Official will at 12:30 p.m. on February 7, 2007, at 205 W. Randolph Street, Suite 1200, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real property: COMMONLY KNOWN AS 9211 S. 88TH AVENUE, HICKORY HILLS, IL 60457 TAX ID# 23-02-310-006 The mortgaged real estate is improved with a dwelling. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
The judgment amount was $44,826.55. Sale terms: 10% of successful bid immediately at conclusion of auction, balance by noon the next business day, both by cashier's checks; and no refunds. The sale shall be subject to general real estate taxes, special taxes, special assessments, special taxes levied, and superior liens, if any. The property is offered "as is," with no express or implied warranties and without any representation as to the quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to review the court file to verify all information.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION HSBC BANK USA, N.A., AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE FOR THE REGISTERED HOLDERS OF THE RENAISSANCE HOME EQUITY LOAN ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-1, Plaintiff V. WILBUR P. PELT; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants 05 CH 22002 NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE Fisher and Shapiro file # 05-2477D (It is advised that interested parties consult with their own attorneys before bidding at mortgage foreclosure sales.)
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered on June 14, 2006, Kallen Realty Services, Inc., successor to Kallen Financial & Capital Services, Inc. as Selling Official will at 12:30 p.m. on February 7, 2007, at 205 W. Randolph Street, Suite 1200, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real property: COMMONLY KNOWN AS 14046 SOUTH LYDIA AVENUE, ROBBINS, ILLINOIS 60472. TAX ID# 28-02-426-012 The mortgaged real estate is improved with a dwelling. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
The judgment amount was $55,757.16. Sale terms: 10% of successful bid immediately at conclusion of auction, balance by noon the next business day, both by cashier's checks; and no refunds. The sale shall be subject to general real estate taxes, special taxes, special assessments, special taxes levied, and superior liens, if any. The property is offered "as is," with no express or implied warranties and without any representation as to the quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to review the court file to verify all information.
For information: Sale Clerk, Fisher and Shapiro, 4201 Lake Cook Rd., 1st floor, Northbrook, Illinois 60062, (847) 498-9990, between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. weekdays only.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION MORTGAGE CLEARING CORPORATION, Plaintiff V. WAYNE COOK; VANESSA COOK A/K/A VANESSA I. COOK A/K/A VANESSA COOK SR.; THE ILLINOIS DEVELOPMENT FINANCE AUTHORITY; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; SHERMAN ACQUISITION L.P. AS ASSIGNEE; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants 06 CH 1819 NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE Fisher and Shapiro file #00-5804D (It is advised that interested parties consult with their own attorneys before bidding at mortgage foreclosure sales.)
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered on November 6, 2006, Kallen Realty Services, Inc., successor to Kallen Financial & Capital Services, Inc., as Selling Official will at 12:30 p.m. on February 7, 2007, at 205 W. Randolph Street, Suite 1200, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real property: COMMONLY KNOWN AS 3137 WEST 101ST PLACE, EVERGREEN PARK, ILLINOIS 60805. Permanent Index No.: 24-12-321-008 The mortgaged real estate is improved with a dwelling. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
The judgment amount was $163,582.45. Sale terms: 10% of successful bid immediately at conclusion of auction, balance by noon the next business day, both by cashier's checks; and no refunds. The sale shall be subject to general real estate taxes, special taxes, special assessments, special taxes levied, and superior liens, if any. The property is offered "as is," with no express or implied warranties and without any representation as to the quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to review the court file to verify all information. For information: Sale Clerk, Fisher and Shapiro, 4201 Lake Cook Rd., 1st floor, Northbrook, Illinois 60062, (847) 498-9990, between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. weekdays only.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION TAYLOR, BEAN & WHITAKER MORTGAGE CORPORATION Plaintiff, -v.- CHARLES N. BYRD, et al Defendant 06 CH 13196 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 17, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on February 13, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 9215 S. TROY AVENUE, Evergreen Park, IL 60805 Property Index No. 24-01-308-027 The real estate is improved with a single family residence.
The judgment amount was $190,446.91. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit and the foreclosure sale takes place after 1/1/2007, the purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale
The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department.. Please refer to file number 14-06-7726. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION Plaintiff, -v.- RICHARD LOPEZ, et al Defendants 06 CH 13587 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on September 19, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on February 20, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 2615 WEST 97TH PLACE, Evergreen Park, IL 60805 Property Index No. 24-12-121-015-0000 The real estate is improved with a brick 2 story house with a 2 car detached garage.
The judgment amount was $215,954.87. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If this property is a condominium unit and the foreclosure sale takes place after 1/1/2007, the purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale
The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. For information: Visit our website at http:\\service.atty-pierce.com. between the hours of 3 and 5 pm. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602. Tel No. (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number PA06063387. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE PIERCE & ASSOCIATES One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300 CHICAGO, IL 60602 (312) 476-5500 Attorney File No.: PA06063387 Attorney Code. 91220

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, AS TRUSTEE ON BEHALF OF THE REGISTERED CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF GSAMP TRUST 2004-SEA2, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2004-SEA2 Plaintiff, -v.- DAWN ROLLO A/K/A DAWN D. ROLLO A/K/A DAWN DENYSE LENOX A/K/A DAWN DENYSE ROLLO, et al Defendants 05 CH 12856 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on November 6, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on February 8, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 3824 148TH PLACE, Midlothian, IL 60445 Property Index No. 28-11-306-016-0000 The real estate is improved with a vacant lot, only 2 car garage left.
The judgment amount was $146,436.41. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If this property is a condominium unit and the foreclosure sale takes place after 1/1/2007, the purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale
The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. For information: Visit our website at http:\\service.atty-pierce.com. between the hours of 3 and 5 pm. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602. Tel No. (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number PA0409218. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE PIERCE & ASSOCIATES One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300 CHICAGO, IL 60602 (312) 476-5500 Attorney File No.: PA0409218

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE Plaintiff, vs. ROBERT PATRICK, JR. A/K/A ROBERT PATRICK; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR FREMONT INVESTMENT & LOAN OR ITS SUCCESSORS OR ASSIGNS; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF ROBERT PATRICK, JR., IF ANY, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants, 06 CH 15447
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on 9/26/2006, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, February 13, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property: P.I.N. 28-12-441-031. Commonly known as 14906 South Cleveland Avenue, Posen, Illinois 60469. The improvement on the property consists of a 2-story, brick house with detached 2-car garage. Sale terms: 25% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.
For Information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com. Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602. Tel No. (312) 476-5500. Refer to File Number PA0607570. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department, Chancery Division. Washington Mutual Bank f/k/a Washington Mutual Bank, F.A., Plaintiff, vs. Cesar Marinelarena, et al., Defendants. Case No. 06Ch-13506.
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
Fisher and Shapiro
file #05-8703D
(It is advised that interested parties consult with their own attorneys before bidding at mortgage foreclosure sales.)
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered on August 30, 2006, Kallen Realty Services, Inc., successor to Kallen Financial & Capital Services, Inc. as Selling Officiel will et 12:30 p.m. on February 20, 2007, et 205 W. Randolph St., Suite 1200, Chicago, IL, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real property:
Commonly known es: 7809 Newcastle Ave., Burbank, IL 60459.
The mortgaged real estate is improved with a dwelling. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
The judgment amount was $221,441.63. Sale terms: 10% of successful bid immediately et conclusion of auction, balence by noon the next business day, both by cashier's checks; and no refunds. The sale shall be subject to general real estate taxes, speciel taxes, special assessments, special taxes levied, end superior liens, if any. The property is offered "as is," with no express or implied warranties end without any representation as to the quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to review the court file to verify all Information.
For information: Sale Clerk, Fisher and Shapiro, 4201 Lake Cook Rd., 1st Floor, Northbrook, IL 60062, (847) 498-999, between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. weekdays only.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION HSBC BANK, USA Plaintiff, -v.- SAMANTHA SPOON, et al Defendants 06 CH 13519 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on September 18, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on February 19, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 5120 137TH STREET, Crestwood, IL 60445 Property Index No. 28-04-203-041-0000 The real estate is improved with a brick 2 story house with a 2 car detached garage.
The judgment amount was $211,378.20. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If this property is a condominium unit and the foreclosure sale takes place after 1/1/2007, the purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale
The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. For information: Visit our website at http:\\service.atty-pierce.com. between the hours of 3 and 5 pm. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602. Tel No. (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number PA0606328. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE PIERCE & ASSOCIATES One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300 CHICAGO, IL 60602 (312) 476-5500 Attorney File No.: PA0606328

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION M & T MORTGAGE CORPORATION; Plaintiff, vs. JUANITA WATTS A/K/A JUANITA DAVIS A/K/A JUANITA HOUSTON; LORIA WATTS; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants, 05 CH 6272
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on 12/26/2006, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, February 12, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property: P.I.N. 19-35-302-062. Commonly known as 3738 West 83rd Place, Chicago, IL 60652. The improvement on the property consists of a brick, single family residence with garage.
Sale terms: 25% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.
For information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com. Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602. Tel.No. (312) 476-5500. Refer to File Number 0502998. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122

REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS, INC. Plaintiff, -v.- PATRICIA L. RYAN A/K/A PATRICIA RYAN, et al Defendants 06 CH 12810 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on August 22, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on February 8, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 14608 KEYSTONE AVENUE, Midlothian, IL 60445 Property Index No. 28-10-408-014 The real estate is improved with a single family residence.
The judgment amount was $160,337.36. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit and the foreclosure sale takes place after 1/1/2007, the purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.
The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department.. Please refer to file number 14-06-7456. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE, IL 60527 (630) 794-9876 Attorney File No.: 14-06-7456 ARDC# 00468002 Attorney Code. 21762 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS, INC. Plaintiff, -v.-CLARENCE HARRIS, et al Defendant 06 CH 12244 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on September 8, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on February 6, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 8041 SOUTH RICHMOND STREET, Chicago, IL 60652 Property Index No. 19-36-113-014-0000
The real estate is improved with a 1.5 story red brick single family w/unattached garage. The judgment amount was $211,056.24. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If this property is a condominium unit and the foreclosure sale takes place after 1/1/2007, the purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale
The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. For information: Visit our website at http:\\service.atty-pierce.com. between the hours of 3 and 5 pm. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602. Tel No. (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number PA0605988. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION WELLS FARGO BANK, NA; Plaintiff, vs. JACQUELINE HILL; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF JACQUELINE HILL, IF ANY; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants, 06 CH 10117
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on 8/31/2006, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Friday, February 9, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property: Commonly known as 3553 W. 78th St., Chicago, IL 60652. P.I.N. 19-26-414-037. The improvement on the property consists of a one story single family residence with an unattached garage. Sale terms: 25% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.
For information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com. Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602. Tel.No. (312) 476-5500. Refer to File Number PA0604950. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122

REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION ARGENT MORTGAGE COMPANY, LLC; Plaintiff, vs. HILARIO REYES; Defendants, 06 CH 14228 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on September 28, 2006, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, February 13, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 8016 Lavergne Ave., Burbank, IL 60459. P.I.N. 19-33-211-029. The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
For information call Sales Clerk at Plaintiff's Attorney, Law Offices of Ira T. Nevel, 175 North Franklin Street, Chicago, Illinois 60606. (312) 357-1125. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION HOMECOMINGS FINANCIAL NETWORK, INC.; Plaintiff, vs. RONALD WALS; KATHY WALS; Defendants, 05 CH 21043 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on June 20, 2006 Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, February 12, 2007 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 9146 S. 50th Ave., Oak Lawn, IL 60453. P.I.N. 24-04-423-010. The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection For information call William E. Dutton, Jr./Barbara J. Dutton at Plaintiff's Attorney, DUTTON & DUTTON, P.C., 10325 West Lincoln Highway, Frankfort, Illinois 60423. (815) 806-8200. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE OF ARGENT SECURITIES, INC., ASSET- BACKED PASS - THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 2004- W8 UNDER THE POOLING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT DATED AS OF MAY 1, 2004, WITHOUT RECOURSE, ASSIGNEE OF ARGENT MORTGAGE COMPANY, LLC; Plaintiff, vs. GRAZYNA TYLKA AKA GRACE TYLKA; CASEY TYLKA AKA KAZIMIERZ TYLKA; Defendants, 06 CH 13251 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on August 29, 2006, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Wednesday, February 14, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 8017 Nordica Ave., Burbank, IL 60459. P.I.N. 19-31-101-081. The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
For information call Mr. Ira T. Nevel at Plaintiff's Attorney, Law Offices of Ira T. Nevel, 175 North Franklin Street, Chicago, Illinois 60606. (312) 357-1125. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK F/K/A WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, FA Plaintiff, -v.-JUAN G. IBARRA A/K/A JUAN IBARRA, et al Defendants 06 CH 14877 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 2, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on February 20, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 14416 PALMER AVENUE, Posen, IL 60469 Property Index No. 28-12-211-049 The real estate is improved with a single family residence.
The judgment amount was $87,099.76. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit and the foreclosure sale takes place after 1/1/2007, the purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale
The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department.. Please refer to file number 14-06-8786. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE, IL 60527 (630) 794-9876 Attorney File No.: 14-06-8786 ARDC# 00468002 Attorney Code. 21762 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION CHEVY CHASE BANK, F.S.B. Plaintiff, vs. RONALD S. MACEK; PATRICKA A. MACEK; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants,
06 CH 15559
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on 9/26/2006, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, February 13, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property: P.I.N. 28-21-109-016. Commonly known as 16119 Long Avenue, Oak Forest, Illinois 60452. The improvement on the property consists of a 2-story brick house with attached 2-cra garage. THE SALE SHALL BE SUBJECT TO GENERAL TAXES, SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS AND TO A PRIOR RECORDED FIRST MORTGAGE. Sale terms: 25% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.
For Information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com. Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602. Tel.No. (312) 476-5500. Refer to File Number PA0607607. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS, INC.; Plaintiff, vs. WILLIAM A. LOCKWOOD; SHASTA LOCKWOOD; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC AS NOMINEE FOR AEGIS FUNDING DBA AEGIS HOME EQUITY; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants, 06 CH 12752
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on 9/7/2006, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Friday, February 9, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property: P.I.N. 24-26-301-006. Commonly known as 3637 W. 123rd St., Alsip, IL 60803.
The improvement on the property consists of a brick two story single family residence with a detached garage. Sale terms: 25% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.
For Information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com. Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602. Tel.No. (312) 476-5500. Refer to File Number PA0606354. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION LASALLE BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE MLMI TRUST SERIES 2006-HE2 Plaintiff, -v.- TODD CAUSLEY, et al Defendant 06 CH 15284
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 30, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on February 9, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 7421 CLARIDGE LANE UNIT 1, Bridgeview, IL 60455 Property Index No. 23-12-400-035/027 The real estate is improved with a tan brick white vinyl 1 family 2 story townhouse with an attached 1 car garage.
The judgment amount was $212,555.70. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If this property is a condominium unit and the foreclosure sale takes place after 1/1/2007, the purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale
The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information: Visit our website at http:\\service.atty-pierce.com. between the hours of 3 and 5 pm. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602. Tel No. (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number PA0608481. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE

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Fire Risks Of Home Heating

As temperatures drop outdoors and people take steps to warm their homes, the National Fire Protection Assn. (NFPA) urges the public to be mindful of the risks associated with home heating which is second only to cooking when it comes to causes of home fires. Along with the colder temperatures that accompany winter, there is an elevated risk of dying from fire during this season with January and February general ly being the deadliest months for fires.

According to a newly released NFPA study, heating equipment was involved in an estimated 53,000 reported home structure fires in the United States in 2003.

The study includes fires associated with chimneys and chimney connectors, space heaters, central heating, fireplaces, water heaters and heat tape. These fires accounted for 14% of all home fires and were responsible for an estimated 260 deaths, roughly 1,300 injuries and $500 million in direct property damage.

Although space heaters, excluding fireplaces and chimneys, were responsible for one-fourth (26%) of home heating fires in 2003, they were the most deadly, accounting for three-fourths (73%) of the fire deaths related to home heating. Space heaters also were responsible for three out of every five injuries (58%) in home heating fires in 2003 and half (51%) of the associated property damage.

According to the report, space heaters present a greater fire risk than central heating systems. Space heaters tend to be closer to household combustibles and the people occupying the home, and they tend to require a more direct role by occupants in fueling, maintenance and operation.

Even so, any widely used heating device can be used safely, if the rules of safety are followed.

For more information or a copy of the report, Home Heating Fire Patterns and Trends, visit NFPA's Web site, http://www.nfpa.org.

NFPA suggests the following for safe heating:

- Maintain a 3 feet (or 1 meter) separation between things that can burn and heating equipment.
- When buying a new space heater, make sure it carries the mark of an independent testing laboratory and is legal for use in your community. (Some communities do not permit portable kerosene heaters, for example.)
- Install your stationary (fixed) space heater according to manufacturer's instructions or applicable codes or better yet, have it installed by a professional.
- Plug your electric-powered space heater into an outlet with sufficient capacity and never into an extension cord.
- Use the proper grade of the proper fuel for your liquid-fueled space heater, and never use gasoline in any heater not approved for gasoline use. Refuel only in a well-ventilated area and when the equipment is cool.
- In your fireplace or wood stove, use only dry, seasoned wood to avoid the buildup of creosote, an oily deposit that easily catches fire and accounts for most chimney fires and the largest share of home heating fires generally. Use only paper or kindling wood, not a flammable liquid, to start the fire. Do not use artificial logs in wood stoves.
- Make sure your fireplace has a sturdy screen to prevent sparks from flying into the room. Allow fireplace and wood stove ashes to cool before disposing in a metal container, which is kept a safe distance from your home.
- Turn off space heaters whenever the room they are in is unoccupied or under circumstances when manufacturer's instructions say they should be turned off. Portable space heaters are so easy to knock over in the dark that they should be turned off when you go to bed, but make sure your primary heating equipment for bedrooms is sufficient to avoid risks to residents from severe cold.
- Do not use your oven to heat your home.
- Make sure fuel-burning equipment is vented to the outside, that the venting is kept clear and unobstructed, and that the exit point is properly sealed around the vent, all of which is to make sure deadly carbon monoxide does not build up in the home.
- Inspect all heating equipment annually, and clean as necessary.
- Test smoke alarms monthly; install a carbon monoxide alarm in a central location outside each sleeping area.

NFPA has been a worldwide leader in providing fire, electrical, building and life safety to the public since 1896. The mission of the international nonprofit organization is to reduce the worldwide burden of fire and other hazards on the quality of life by providing and advocating consensus codes and standards, research, training and education. Visit NFPA's Web site at http://www.nfpa.org.

Hometown Airline Wins Bid

U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin (D-IL) recently announced that the Dept. of Transportation has selected United Airlines to be the first airline to offer direct daily service between Dulles International Airport, outside Washington, DC, and Beijing Capital International Airport. Several major airlines, including American, Continental and Northwest airlines, were in competition for the rights to the new service, which is expected to generate $100 million annually in revenue for United Airlines.

"China is emerging as one of the strongest markets for U.S. businesses in the world. The airline that provides the connection between U.S. business travelers and this emerging market will reap tremendous rewards," said Durbin. "This service is also important for improving U.S.-China relations. As China grows in global importance, face-to-face communications between our public leaders will become increasingly critical."

In September, Durbin and U.S. Sen. Barack Obama (D-IL) wrote a letter to the Acting Secretary of the DOT, Maria Cino, supporting United's application. In the letter, the Senators stressed that the new service would benefit local airline passengers. With the recently approved service between Springfield and Washington Dulles, many business and government leaders in Springfield will be able to utilize the capital to capital to capital service, creating and strengthening important ties between the State of Illinois, Washington and China.

United will operate this route using a 347-seat Boeing 747-400a jet. Service will begin March 27th with one daily roundtrip between Dulles and Beijing. The service will allow Washington, DC to join 28 other world capitals in offering nonstop service to Beijing.

Community Award Recipient

AT&T Illinois recently announced that Elim Christian Services has earned special recognition for making a difference in improving the quality of life in the Chicago area. For their outstanding efforts, they are a recipient of an AT&T Illinois "Beyond the Call Community Award." AT&T Illinois executives presented a $2,500 stipend to Elim Christian Services for outstanding local community commitment and service programs.

The AT&T Illinois "Beyond the Call Community Awards" was created to provide special recognition to organizations that are expanding economic development opportunities and providing essential community service programs to improve the quality of life in Illinois.

Local leaders and elected officials assisted AT&T Illinois in nominating recipients for "Beyond the Call Community Awards." Among those involved in the selection process was State Rep. James Brosnahan.

Pediatrics Unit Re-dedication

Children and families will be whisked away to a gentle jungle in the newly renovated Pediatrics Unit at Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care Center, unveiled in a recent blessing and re-dedication. On hand to commemorate the occasion was State Representative James Brosnahan (D-36th District). The renovations were made possible through a $200,000 state grant made available to Little Company of Mary with his assistance.

Little Company of Mary transformed the nurses' station into a friendly jungle and carried the whimsical characters into the unit. "Now the children will be soothed by the whimsical animals that spring out from the walls throughout the unit," said Pediatric Department Chairperson, Dr. Jean Schied.

The unit also features an updated Pediatric Critical Care Unit as well as a new family lounge complete with educational Internet access, microwave and a refrigerator to make visitor stays more comfortable.

Little Company of Mary's Pediatric Department is well suited to treat childhood ailments and diseases. To provide the most complete service to our pediatric patients, Little Company of Mary has a Pediatric Hospitalist available 24 hours, seven days a week in affiliation with the University of Chicago Hospitals.

Little Company of Mary not only cares for children's physical health. It also offers support groups that assist with a child's emotional and spiritual well-being.

Pictured: President and Chief Executive Officer Dennis Reilly presents a plaque in recognition of State Representative Jim Brosnahan for his assistance in securing funding for the Pediatric Unit renovations at Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care Centers.

Earn More & Not Lose Health Benefits

A state insurance program that helps individuals with disabilities retain health care services while increasing earnings will be discussed at the Thursday, Jan. 25th educational meeting of NAMI South Suburbs of Chicago at 7 p.m. in the Church of Christ, 206th St. and Crawford Ave. in Matteson.

John Spears, a representative of Health Benefits for Workers with Disabilities (HBWD), will explain the eligibility requirement for and benefits of the program as well as how individuals can apply. A Q&A session will follow the presentation.

"Working is considered one of the best activities in a recovery program for people with mental illnesses," said NAMI president John Rowley. "But they can face a limit on earnings if they have Medicaid coverage. With HBWD they get a so-called 'Medicaid Buy-In' and keep their critically needed coverage. It is a program of which individuals with mental illnesses and their families should be aware. In Illinois, whose with mental illnesses are the largest group utilizing this program."

He added that currently there is advocacy in Illinois for increasing the income eligibility level, which here is one of the lowest in the U.S., an action that would allow individuals to earn more money and therefore become more self-sufficient.

There are no fees for NAMI meetings. For further information about the meeting or NAMI programs, call John Rowley at (708) 798-3862.

Landfill Capacity In Illinois Remains High

Disposal capacity available statewide at landfills in Illinois is sufficient for the next 19 years, according to recently released data from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency contained in the annual Nonhazardous Solid Waste and Landfill Capacity Report. This level is considered very good by national standards.

The remaining landfill capacity is calculated by dividing the volume of wastes disposed during 2005 (52.3 million gate cubic yards) by the capacity remaining on Jan. 1, 2006 (980.4 million gate cubic yards).

This information, along with detailed statistics by region on landscape waste compost facilities, waste transfer stations, waste generation and recycling and solid waste planning efforts are provided in Illinois EPA's 19th annual report, "Nonhazardous Solid Waste Management and Landfill Capacity in Illinois," for 2005.

The report shows that overall the number of active landfills was 51. One new landfill opened in Region 3: Indian Creek Landfill #2, in Hopedale. Kankakee RDF, Chebanse closed in Nov. 2005, and expansions were approved at Lee County Landfill, Dixon and Roxana Landfill, Inc., Roxana.

While the number of active landfills in Illinois accepting waste remains good overall, regional capacity estimates vary significantly. Illinois EPA's Region 2, the Chicago Metropolitan region, has about nine remaining years, with the use transfer stations allowing much of the solid waste in the Chicago region to be sent to facilities outside the region. This contrasts with Region 7: Southern Illinois, which has a calculated remaining capacity of 51 years.

In addition, the report notes that citizens throughout the state continue recycling efforts to stretch out disposal capacity. Local recycling coordinators in Illinois report that nearly 9.6 million tons of municipal waste was recycled in 2005. Total municipal waste generation rate of 25.3 million tons equate to nearly 38 percent recycling in the state, a slight improvement from previous years. Although parts of Illinois are rural and far from recycling markets, many local governments continue their recycling education efforts, and collect recycling data from haulers as a necessary public service.

Additionally, in 2005 there were 102 active transfer stations and 40 active compost facilities that help manage the waste generated in Illinois.

Only 13 percent of solid wastes deposited in landfills in Illinois in 2005 came from 10 other states, with over 75 percent of that amount generated in Missouri. Although Illinois haulers also transported solid wastes to other states, they are not required to report this to the state of Illinois; therefore, the Illinois EPA cannot provide the volume exported.

Illinois EPA's seven regional offices, 18 delegated counties, the Ambraw Valley Solid Waste Agency and the City of Chicago have been given the authority to inspect landfills, transfer stations and compost sites in their jurisdictions, providing a needed service to the citizens of Illinois.

Additionally, through the Agency's new I-RID (Illinois Removes Illegal Dumps) program, the Regional offices have the added mission of cleaning up illegal dump sites across the state. This program is also charged with shutting down these dumps, and cracking down on violators. The staff also inspects clean construction and demolition debris sites to ensure compliance.

The new report is available for viewing or downloading on the Illinois EPA web site at: http://www.epa.state.il.us/land/landfill-capacity/2005/index.html. You may also request a printed copy by writing to the Illinois EPA Waste Reduction and Compliance Section, P.O. Box 19276, Springfield, IL 62794-9276, or by calling (217) 785-8604 and Compliance Section, P.O. Box 19276, Springfield, IL 62794-9276, or by calling (217) 785-8604; or send an email request to Ellen.Robinson@Illinois.gov.

Annual Benefit Auction

The 36th annual Beverly Arts Center Auction will be held on Saturday, Feb. 24, at the Center, 2407 W. 111th St., Chicago. ArtSide of the Box is the theme for the event, which will feature original boxes and artwork inspired by boxes created for the event by Chicago artists.

The BAC Auxiliary plans and presents the auction, which is its biggest fund raiser to benefit the Center.

Chicago artists who have promised to donate original works to be auctioned are Laurie Ach, Mathias Schergen, Judy Sullivan, Rebecca Healy, Kanani Caauwe, Mark Vancura, Mary Lenzini, Alice McMahon White, Nancy Plax, Susan Larsen, Ericka Turkes, Billi Traynor, Joe Leamanezyk, Abra Macellaio, Ericka Swift, Meribeth Wulff, Cathy Shepherd, James Filut, Scott Jordan, Cyn Fielding, Meg Simmerling-Fach, Dale Vanderbloomen, Dionne Harrell, Jen Hall, Monica Bale, Nicole Marie Dudik, Thom Cicchelli, Victoria Sobscak, Penny Golden, Jo Marie Fleming, Paul "Woody" Bauer, Karen Clodfelter, Kellogg School students, Trinity United Methodist Church, and the Keller School Art Club.

Girls Nite Out Pre-Auction Acquisition Party will be held Thurs., Jan. 18, 7 p.m., at Beverly's Pantry, 1907 W. 103rd St. Admission is $25 or the donation of an auctionable item of equal or lesser value at the door. An auction preview party hosted by the Morgan Park Junior Woman's Club, will be held Sunday, Feb. 11, 3 to 5 p.m., in the BAC Atrium. The event is open to the public.

Persons wishing to donate fine art, antiques, collectibles, furniture, and service and entertainment packages to the auction can drop off items during BAC business hours (Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday, noon to 5 p.m.) or call Nora Ferstead, Beverly Arts Center, (773) 445-3838, ext. 213, for additional information.

The Beverly Arts Center Auction features silent and live auctions, and is the Center's major annual fund raiser. The Center is a not-for-profit, regional facility that provides fine arts programming and education for children through adults. Donations to the auction are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. For more information, visit www.beverlyartcenter.org or call (773) 445-3838.

Lawsuit Alleges Consumers Were Misled

Attorney General Lisa Madigan recently filed a lawsuit alleging that Paul Kocourek and Progressive Care of Illinois, Inc. misled consumers at county fairs and local senior health fairs into undergoing blood tests to determine if they suffered from allergies.

Madigan's lawsuit, filed in Cook County Circuit Court, charges Paul Kocourek, doing business as American Institute of Allergy, a dissolved Arizona corporation, and Progressive Care of Illinois, Inc., an Illinois corporation, with multiple violations of the Illinois Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Business Practices Act.

Specifically, the lawsuit alleges that Kocourek and Progressive Care of Illinois set up booths at local county and senior health fairs and urged consumers to have their blood tested to determine if they suffer from allergies. The lawsuit alleges that Kocourek and Progressive Care of Illinois failed to inform consumers about the true cost of the allergy tests, which range from $1,568 to $1,681. The lawsuit further alleges that the defendants made misrepresentations to consumers that Progressive Care of Illinois would (1) only charge the cost of the test to the consumers' insurance companies, (2) accept the consumers' insurance companies' payments as payment in full, and (3) mail the allergy test results directly to the consumers' homes within 4-6 weeks.

However, according to the complaint, after drawing blood from consumers and billing their insurance companies, Kocourek and Progressive Care of Illinois never provided consumers with allergy test results. Additionally, the lawsuit alleges that in one instance, the defendants represented to a consumer that they would not bill her insurance, but did so anyway.

The lawsuit asks the court to prohibit the defendants from selling allergy tests and failing to provide test results, in violation of Illinois' consumer protection laws. In addition, the lawsuit asks the court to assess a civil penalty for each violation of the law and an additional penalty for each violation found to have been committed with the intent to defraud.

More Federal SCHIP Funding To Illinois

Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich recently called on Illinois' Congressional Delegation to work with his Administration to bring more federal funding to state healthcare programs by revising the formulas used to allocate the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) funds. The current formulas punish states like Illinois that have worked aggressively to expand access to healthcare to more citizens, and instead prioritize funding based on which states have the highest uninsured populations. The governor's announcement came as healthcare leaders and state officials around the nation discussed the importance of the SCHIP program during the Campaign for Children's Health Care's National Town Hall Meeting on Children's Health Coverage, held at 35 locations nationwide, including Springfield and Chicago in Illinois.

The current SCHIP formula, which is partially based on the number of low-income children who do not have healthcare, penalizes Illinois for taking action to provide healthcare to more children. Gov. Blagojevich called on the Illinois Congressional Delegation and the U.S. Congress to revise the formula to be based on the total number of low-income children in the state and number of children and parents covered.

The Campaign for Children's Health Care organized the National Town Hall Meeting on Children's Health Coverage to raise awareness about the SCHIP program and to draw attention to children who are still uninsured and need access to quality health care coverage.

Deceptive Check Solicitations

Attorney General Lisa Madigan recently announced separate settlements totaling $14.5 million, with 16 states and Chase Bank and Trilegiant Corp., to resolve allegations that the companies unlawfully deceived consumers into paying for membership programs for discounts on car and home repair, shopping, and other goods and services. Joining Illinois in the settlements are the Attorneys General of Alaska, California, Connecticut, Iowa, Maine, Michigan, Missouri, North Carolina, New Jersey, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Vermont and Washington. The settlements also involve Chase Home Finance and TRL Group, Inc.

Under the settlements with Chase and Trilegiant, Trilegiant must pay $8.325 million in restitution to all consumers in the 16 states who either have complained to Trilegiant or the State Attorney General's Office, or who complain in writing within the next nine months. Of the 16 states involved in the settlement, approximately eight percent of the impacted consumers live in Illinois. Trilegiant and Chase also will pay $6.175 million to the settling states for consumer education and enforcement. Illinois' share of payment for consumer education and enforcement is $652,128.

The settlements resolve claims that Trilegiant, through a partnership with Chase, solicited consumers with offers of "free" trials in membership programs without adequately informing the consumers that Trilegiant would charge their Chase credit cards or Chase mortgage accounts if the consumers did not take action to cancel the "free" trial within a specific period of time. As part of their partnership, Chase and Trilegiant entered into agreements under which Trilegiant gained access to Chase's customers for the purpose of marketing the membership programs. In soliciting Chase customers, Trilegiant used Chase's name and provided Chase with the right to review and approve the marketing materials.

Under this settlement, consumers who (1) signed up for membership in a Trilegiant club through any bank or other company with which they did business and (2) were first charged membership fees on or after July 1, 2001 are eligible to receive a refund of membership fees they have paid. The settlement does not constitute an admission of wrongdoing by Chase or Trilegiant.

The names of the membership programs involved in these solicitations include, but are not limited to, AutoVantage Gold Service, AutoVantage Service, Buyers Advantage Service, CompleteHome Service, Just for Me, Pet Privileges Service, Shoppers Advantage Service and Travelers Advantage Service.

Consumers who are concerned that they may have unknowingly paid for a membership program, regardless of their bank, should carefully examine their credit card or mortgage statements for any of the program names listed and should also monitor their mail for any notices from Trilegiant. Consumers can also contact Trilegiant electronically at www.trilegiant.com or by mail at Trilegiant Corporation, 100 Connecticut Ave., Norwalk, CT 06850, Attn: K. Buonagurato.

Illinois consumers who would like to submit written complaints requesting restitution for unauthorized charges must submit those complaints to: Illinois Attorney General's Office, Consumer Fraud Bureau, 500 S. Second St., Springfield, IL 62706.

Illinois Fails Tobacco Control Report Card

Once again Illinois received failing grades in the 2006 annual tobacco control report card issued by the American Lung Association. Although the state was cited for minimal spending on tobacco education and a failure to prevent youth to tobacco, Illinois received positive comments for passing legislation that allows municipalities to go smoke-free.

"We're grateful that policymakers in Chicago, Cook County, Springfield and other municipalities passed smoke-free laws last year. But we need to save more lives and reduce health care costs by making Illinois a smoke-free state," said Joel J Africk, President and CEO of the American Lung Association of Metropolitan Chicago.

The American Lung Association State of Tobacco Control 2006 report graded the 50 states, District of Columbia and Puerto Rico in four categories: smoke-free air, tobacco taxes, prevention funding and restrictions on youth access to tobacco products.

The report gave Illinois the following grades: Smoke-free air, Grade: F; Tobacco taxes, Grade: D; Tobacco prevention and control spending, Grade: F; and Youth access to tobacco products, Grade: F.

Despite these failing numbers there were positive moves made in 2006. Thanks to a law passed in 2005, as of Jan. 1, 2006 municipalities in Illinois were allowed to regulate smoking in public places. Springfield started the year by adopting a 100% smoke-free law on Jan. 17th. The momentum has continued, with 28 other cities approving new smoke-free laws and another 50 to 60 cities, towns, villages and counties in the process. In March, Cook County passed a 100% smoke-free law (effective March 2007). Two of the largest municipalities surrounding Chicago, Evanston and Oak Park, passed comprehensive smoke-free air ordinances that took effect July 1, 2006.

The Lung Association report found the following: A record 26 states and the District of Columbia earned passing grades ("C" or better) for having laws that make workplaces free of tobacco smoke, unfortunately, another 23 states received "F" grades in that category; cigarette taxes rose in eight states in 2006, New Jersey now has the highest tax at $2.575 per pack and the national average has risen to $1 per pack: and while overall funding for tobacco prevention and cessation programs increased in 2006, 34 states, including Illinois, received "F" grades for the amount they spend to help people avoid smoking or quit. Only nine states received "A" grades for spending a significant amount on smoking prevention and cessation, up from six states in 2005.

Southwest Area Obituaries

Henry W. Bentel IV

Services were held at the Robert J. Sheehy and Sons Funeral Home, Orland Park, on Tuesday with a private interment for Henry W. Bentel IV, 22. He was a student at UIC and one semester away fro pursuing a career in the medical field. He worked as a lifeguard at UICC.

He is survived by his parents Henry and Marianne Bentel III, his sisters Mary Pat and Joan Bental and his grandparents Joan Wentland and Walter C. Neel and Mary Woods Neel.

Joseph J. Chibe

Services were held at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Evergreen Park, on Monday, with interment at Chapel Hill Gardens South, for Joseph J. Chibe.

He is survived by his wife Joyce; his children Russell (Nancy), Joseph, Edward (Jeanna), Charles and Scott; three grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; his brothers George, William, Michael, Elias and Robert; and his sisters Elaine Franko and Anne Johnston.

Colleen M. Daley

Mass was said at St. Alexander Church, Palos Heights, on Saturday, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Colleen M. Daley.

She is survived by her husband Paul; her children Cara, Mary Therese and Joseph; one grandchild; her mother Mary Bennet and her brother Thomas Reily.

Ryan Timothy Doherty

Mass was said at Most Holy Redeemer Church, Evergreen Park, on Saturday, with interment at St. Mary Cemetery, for Ryan Timothy Doherty, 24, formerly of Evergreen Park.

He is survived by his parents Timothy Doherty and Susan Doherty, his son Corbyn Ryan Doherty and his grandmother Mary Alice Doherty.

Tim E. Driscoll

Services were held at the Lawn Funeral Home, Orland Park, on Tuesday, with interment at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, for Tim E. Driscoll, 82, a Purple Heart Recipient and veteran of WWII serving with the Army. He was a retired Ironworker of Local #1, Chicago, for 42 years.

He is survived by his wife Nancy; his children John Poole, Tim Jr., Denise, Marie and Michael Driscoll; one grandchild; his brothers Richard (Barbara), Gordon (Eileen) and Ken.

Betty Gross

Mass was said at St. Linus Church, Oak Lawn, on Monday, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Betty K. Gross, 92.

She is survived by her children Michael J. (Connie), Thomas S. (Beverly); two grandchildren; her sister Elsie Matthys; and her brothers James and Charles (Dorothy) Kozumplik.

Jennie Gustafson

Services will be said on Jan. 20th at All Saints Lutheran Church, Orland Park, at 1 p.m., for Jennie H. Gustafson, formerly of Florida, previously of Chicago and late of Midlothian. She was a retired baker for Johnson's Bakery. She lived in the Grand Crossing Area before moving to the East Side of Chicago where she worked in many restaurants. She was a major league bowler in the Chicago area. She move to Florida with her husband Clarence for nearly 20 years. When Clarence died in 1975, Jennie returned to Midlothian and after 12 years, she moved into the Lexington Home in Orland Park where she died.

She is survived by her daughter Mavis (Rey) Carlberg and three grandchildren.

Frank Carl Hartmann

Mass was said at Sacred Heart Church, Palos Hills, on Monday, with interment at St. Mary Cemetery, for Frank Carl Hartmann, Jr., 86. He was retired from U.S. Gypsum and was a former St. Turibius Church Usher and Holy Name Society Member. He was a founding member of the Paramount Tall Club of Chicago; an Elk Club Member; a 50-year member of Moose Lodge 44 and a member of the Sacred Heart Parish Fun Club.

He is survived by his children Thomas (Margaret) Sister Leanne, CSSF, Robert (Ida) and Carol (John) DeBold, six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Roy W. Hempel

Services were held at the Zimmerman and Sandeman Funeral Home, Oak Lawn, on Saturday, with interment at Oak Hill Cemetery, for Roy W. Hempel, a veteran of WWII

He is survived by his brother William (Rosemary) Hempel.

Jeanne M. Hermanson

Mass was said at Sacred Heart Church, Palos Hills, on Monday, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Jeanne M. Hermanson.

She is survived by her husband William R. Sr.; her children William R. Jr. (Patricia), Mark (Kathy), Paul (Carol), Carol (Steve) Karlicek; fourteen grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; her brother Raymond (Marjorie) Carroll, Bemard Carroll,; and her sisters Elizabeth Giltmier, Madelyn Byrne, Shirlee Carroll and Patricia Husar.

Dr. John J. "Doc John" Klabacha

Mass was said at Sacred Heart Church, Palos Hills, on Wednesday, with interment at St. Mary Cemetery, for Dr. John J. "Doc John" Klabacha, 85. He was a WWII veteran serving with the Army Air Corp, as a 1st Lt. B-24 Bomber Pilot, Physician at Holy Cross Hospital, Little Company of Mary Hospital and Minociqua, Wisconsin Hospital with offices on the Southwest side of Chicago.

He is survived by his wife Audrey; his son John "JJ" (June); four grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; his sisters Helen Moeller and Cecelia (Ernest) Sakowicz; and his brother Dr. Thaddeus (Stella), Benedict and Dr. Mitchell (Doris) Klabacha.

Joselyn D. Levin

Mass was said at St. Stephen Church, Tinley Park, on Tuesday, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Joselyn D. Levin, 84.

She is survived by her son Charles (Patricia) Potocki; four grandchildren; five great-grandchildren, and her brother Joseph Harrell.

Elizabeth Lindquist

Memorial service was held at the Palos Gaidas Funeral Home, Palos Hills, on Saturday.

She is survived by her husband Gary P., her children Adam and Mary Gerlich, and her sister Deborah (Thomas) Gilbert.

Dorothy S. Lueman

Services were held at the Thompson Kuenster Funeral Home, Oak Lawn, on Tuesday, with a private interment, for Dorothy S. Lueman, a WWII Marine Veteran. She was a member of the Marine Corps League; American Legion Post, and she was a Johnson Phelps VFW bingo player.

She is survived by her son Richard, retired CPC (Maureen) Luemen, two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Bernard C. Maze

Services were held at the First Church of God, Oak Lawn, on Monday, with interment at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, for Bemard C. Maze, 71, a veteran of the US Army.

He is survived by his wife Eunice; his children Paul (Cheryl) and Valerie; three grandchildren, and his sister Barbara (Ted) Bernstein.

Owen P. McGrath

Mass was said at St. Gerald Church, Oak Lawn, on Wednesday, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Owen P. McGrath, 71, native of Aghadowey, County Derry, Ireland. He was a member of and past president of the County Down Assn. He was a retired police officer from the University of Illinois and a real estate agent for the past 17 years.

He is survived by his wife Bridget F.; his children Jane, Ann (Thomas) Harty and Patricia (Christopher) Plorek; four grandchildren; his sisters Marie (Joseph) Pudlo, Ann (Desmond) Elliott, Eileen (Vincent) Reid and Kathleen (Kevin) Green.

Warren E. McLaughlin

Mass was said at St. Christina church, Chicago, on Monday, with a private interment for Warren E. McLaughlin, 55, CPD Ret.

He is survived by his wife Eileen McLaughlin; his children Thomas, Maureen and Ryan; his mother Margaret; his brother Thomas (Donna and Kevin (Lisa) McLaughlin and his sister Mary.

Sylvia Pacocha

Mass was said at St. Albert the Great Church, Burbank, on Monday, with interment at Resurrection Cemetery, for Sylvia Pacocha.

She is survived by her children Virginia (Bruce) Charvat, Thomas (Teresa); five grandchildren two great-grandchildren; her sisters Estelle Gubbins, Jacqueline Schau, Bernice and Renee O'Niel; and her brothers Stanley, Robert Liss and Casmir Liss.

Edna Patnode

Mass was said at St. Catherine of Alexandria Church, Oak Lawn, on Saturday, with interment at St. Mary Cemetery, for Edna Patnode.

She is survived by her son Robert A. (Lois) Patnodc; three grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; her brother Stephan (Betty) Kubicki and Butch Kubicki; and her sister Florence Anicich.

Gerald R. Smith

Services were held at the Colonial Chapel, Orland Park, on Saturday, with interment at Mt. Vernon Memorial Estates, for Gerald R. Smith, 58. He was the president and publisher of the Liberty Group Suburban Newspapers. He was also a former executive of the Daily Southtown. Smith joined the Liberty Group in 1999 where he headed a chain of 39 publications. Prior to that, Smith joined the Southtown in 1985 as a controller and treasurer. He was soon promoted to vice president of operations and general manager in 1994.

Smith was a native of Burbank. He was a 1970 graduate of the Walton School of Commerce and worked for Arco Industries in Burr Ridge.

Smith died of lymphoma, which he had been battling since October 2005.

He is survived by his wife Aimee; his children Jodi, Kim and Dan; four grandchildren; his sister Marilyn (Chuck) Gagnon and his brother Glenn (Audrey) Smith.

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Richards H. S. Honor Roll

Harold L. Richards High School announces that the students listed below earned honor roll status for the second quarter of the 2006-2007 school year. Students with a grade point average between 3 and 3.49 qualified for Honor Roll; between 3.5 and 3.99 for High Honors; and, 4.0 or above earned for Honors With Distinction. It is possible to exceed a GPA of 4.0 with weighted grades offered in honors and Advanced Placement courses.

Honors with Distinction

Freshmen – Brian Greco, Rebecca Brown, Jaclyn Louis, James Palarczyk, Gregory Pohrebny, Scott Zacek, Marta Bednarz, Terrence Casey, Jessica Norris, Lauren O'Boyle, Matthew Taylor, Hilary Wind, Julia Boecker, Isadora Calma, Emily Gesell, Steven Kupcikevicius, David Conroy, Natalie Maka, Carletta Traylor, Samantha Wozniak, Timothy Lee, Ana Micu, Veronica Popp, Kelly Neven, Timothy Cosman, Kristen Efantis, Alice Fitting, Eric Ladwig, Michael Schmitz, Ingrid Trimakas, Vincent Williamson, Amanda Wrazien, Catlyn Hicks, Megan Nagy, Raia Hamad, Michael Hudson, Keith Jenkins, Annie Nguyen, Bryan Chiaramonte, Joseph Kelly, Thomas March, Daniel Okreglak, Matthew Pacella, Vikas Patel, Brittany Rucin, Kevin Solava, Jennifer Alafnan, Michelle McCurrie, Leslie Miller, David Strahorn, Kevin Vandyke and Timothy Villeroz.

Sophomores - Daphne Vargas, Deania Macak, Rebecca Calvillo, Lindsey Skala, Priya Patel, Katherine Brett, Holly Hansen, Kyle Renken, Daniel Tocila, Mary McMillin, James Nowak, Hugh Vondracek, David Cyze, Emily Dvoracek, Emily Larson, Marissa Golliday, Carly Lerner, Jeff Petrick, Firras Al-Taher, Lizabeth Richardson, Claire Sereiko, Meredith Skala, Samantha Murphy, Maha Barakat, Emma Newman, Kaitlyn O'Dekirk, Isabel Ojeda, Natalia Poniatowska, Clare Smith, Steven Denison, Theodore Kuba, Amber Omiecinski, Amanda Pohrebny, Ewa Ryzewska, Patrick Rylko, Peter Danos, Brittany Schleyer, Jonathon Hill and Lindsay McCool.

Juniors - Devin Flores, Thomas Klis, Jasser Khairallah, M Roepke, Elizabeth Betsanes, Lauren Holtz, Colleen Hennigan, Joseph Klis, Stephen McDermott, Maribeth Karr, Jessica Palarczyk, Ashley Rampick, Lanita Warner, Nathan Martin, Thomas Crivellone, Michael Dvoracek, Amanda McCurrie, Michael Keeney, Krystian Chmiel, Jordan Reyes, Rocio Clara, Paris Flores, Christina Rook, Danica Dzipkovic, Eileen Kennedy, Victor Ojeda, Aaron Weibel, Samantha Gierut, Eliud Gonzalez, Jessica Thiel, Chau Truong, Erika Flores, Lara Jafilan, Adam Lindquist, Ann Paolisso, Krystal Kobylarczyk, Brian Leicht, Stephen Galdek, Artur Lach, Thomas Quinlan, and Benjamin Szafoni.

Seniors - Sarah Brett, Stacy March, Daniel Spedale, Elizabeth Hudson, Jennifer Collins, Ryan McMillin, Lina Bourjas, Kathleen Biernaciak, Sonam Tanna, Melissa Taylor, Matthew Erickson, Amanda Hankes, Gabriela Maka, Jonathan Dove, Bart Wdowka, Mateusz Machaj, Brittany LeBeau, Jaclyn Kaczmarek, Kevin Lee, Nicole Lesh, Sarah Zahlmann, Eugenia Gavrilos, Mentor Shala, Timothy Morrissey, Matthew Mudon, Nikolas Koulogeorge, Katherine Druktenis, Michael Piane, Liz Gonzalez, Brian Dennis, Egle Bucinskaite, Stephanie Busch, Kassandra McNeilly, Kathryn Miller, Sarah Quintos, Kaycee Sakal, Katherine Kennedy, Ramzi Jafilan, Aurora Melnyk, Scott Hankes, Brian Hankes, Jeffrey Wycislak, Adrian Zolkos, Natalija Dzipkovic, Erica Bartley, Kyle Ryan, Nicole Barrett, Katy Short, Jennifer Thiel, Jose Medina, Ashley Taylor, Adam Newman, Jonathon Radecki, Rebecca Garner, Matthew Weibel, Justin Petrick, Michael Machen, Brendan Styler, Bassam Assaf, Emily Brankin, Justyna Ryzewska, Alexandra Moreno, Ashley Szykowny, Jonathan Basinski, Brian Valenti, Shoshan Handy, Mike Lubinski, Jennifer Galvan, Sueha Marou, Bryan Roberts and Sierra Shelby.

High Honors

Freshmen – Laurynas Berzonskis, Harry Gatton, Sabrina Said, Amanda Copps, Joseph Hennigan, Veroniea Ledesma, Denis Mitchell, Candace Rores, Karly Haseltine, Rebecca Leslie, Courtney Rogers, Matthew Balouris, Dana Bickham, Martasia Jones, Nicole Jones, Atif Mirza, Majdi Razick, Amy Cwiklinski, Sabrina Jawan, Michael Jensen, Haleema Ahmad, Carolyn Clifford, Molly Flynn, John Hannah, Bartlomiej Hera, Youngjin Kim, Sven Pearson, David Stepanek, Clinton Johnson, Zaid Joudeh, Stephen Merva, Allison Misale, Jesus Perez, and Jonathan Ryan.

Sophomores - Feras Alhourani, Mike Gacek, Carli Immordino, Jessica Mazur, Justin Merkys, Ashley Tenerelli, Amani Assria, Robert Bandemer, Rosario Clara, Danielle Dace, John Francis, Randell Hartell, Patricia Loher, Islam Jaber, Sarah Louis, Megan Moss, Nathaniel Smith, Carl Busch, Sarah Cartagena, Carlie O'Toole, Sylvia Roberson, Katie Schwarz and James Wallace.

Juniors - David Byczek, Marco Hernandez, Amanda Jones, Salah Khazneh, Melanie Melendez, Ellen Miller, Eric Munoz, Ashley Edwards, Julio Villafuerte, Joshua Hardie, Molly Ruthenberg, Roberto Frias, Courtney Dickens, Matthew Herbold, Rachel Mills, James Murray, Brittney Riley, Christian Roque, Jasmine Simmons, Alan Siska, Christina Zloza, Monica Startek, Amber Atkinson, Tenisha Freeman, Carly Heiser, Bianca Marcell, Keydra McKnight, Bryn Sabadosa, Markie Walztoni, Drew Ward, Desiree Williams, David Hettiger, and Rabi Tadros.

Seniors - Tom Gacek, Rachel Corwin, Ashley Sorensen, Aurimas Vilkas, Daniel Siss, Atieh Elbu, Kelly Ross, Josephine Caplinger, Colleen Francis, Michaela Gilboy, Erin Dugan, Jasmine Jamerson, Agne Mickute, Melissa Tapia, Timothy McCracken, Cynovia Potts, Ta'Queenia Spruiell, Kristen White, James Dynes, Michalina Hawryla, Samantha Teoro, Alynn White, Jessica Greene, Daniel Flood, Elvia Rubio, Lukasz Wojnicz, Michal Ogrodnik, Rebecca Duran, Brianna Johnson, Aleksandra Gacek, Nicole Hagen, Marisa Isaacs, Ashley Bogard, Amy Boyer, Abigail Brooks, Steve Crowe, Gregory Fusco, Jason O'Boyle, Dominic Ortigara, Lina Rackauskaite, Scott Rendell, Christina Rogers, Nalisa Suksombuti, Joseph Vitek, and Vytaute Zubavicius.

Honor Roll

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The Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St., will host an AARP 55 Alive driver safety program on Thursday and Friday, Feb. 1st and 2nd from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. requiring advance in-person registration at the Reception Booth and a $10 fee. Limited to 24 participants. Light refreshments will be provided. This two-day classroom refresher course is designed to meet the needs of drivers age 50 and up. Many insurance companies offer reduced rates to drivers who attend both sessions and receive a certificate of completion.

Open Mic Nite

Budding wordsmiths and people who enjoy listening to original creative works are invited to attend an Open Mic Short Story and Poetry Reading program at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 27th at the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St. Bring your best piece and register at the door. There is a five-minute time limit for all readers. Coffee and light refreshments. Admission is free.

If you would like to have additional information, please feel free to call (708) 422-4990.

Garden Club

The Oak Lawn Garden Club will hold its January meeting on Thursday, Jan. 25th at Oakview Center, 4625 W. 110th St., from 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon. Attendees will make bookmarks with flowers from their gardens.

For more information, call (773) 779-5685 or e-mail LTerri@comcast.com. Guests are welcome.

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Families who wish to become better acquainted with the materials and services available in the Youth Services Dept. of the library are invited to take a brief tour of that area on Saturday, Feb. 3rd from 10:30 to 11 a.m. Learn about the Youth collection, computer resources and program offerings. Explore special areas created for specific age groups. Afterwards, parents and children ages three to eight may attend a drop-in story time for families from 11 to 11:30 in the Youth Services Program Room. Tours are offered every first Saturday of the month.

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The library will host an art exhibit of works created by grammar school students from St. Catherine of Alexandria School. Members of the community are invited to stop by the Youth Services Dept. to view dozens of pieces on display through Feb. 15th.

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The Oak Lawn Village Board Discusses

Smoking Ban Options

The Oak Lawn Village Board of Trustees visited its options for a community smoking ban at its Tuesday night meeting. The village attorney advised the board that the village will need to vote on the issue before the county or state implements their version of the smoking ban which would then have to be followed. The board reviewed several points of the proposed ordinance noting that the ban would effect establishments that earn 65 percent of their income from liquor sales whether they are restaurants or bar and grills.

The board explored whether they can exempt establishments like taverns and bars. Part of the proposed ordinance on the state level says that bars and taverns would have to install air purifiers that would rid the premises of smoke. However, it was noted again that people who go to bars and taverns know that when they walk into the establishment, there will probably be smoke and they choose to be there. In a restaurant, there is no choice if you want to eat there. The proposed ordinance will have the bar facilities in any restaurant be separated from the main eating area.

Consensus of opinion on the board is that trustees do not want the same situation as happened in Orland Park, Tinley Park and Oak Forest, who recently rescinded their smoking ban after reports of eating and drinking establishments losing business because of the ban. Trustees wanted to study the effects of the ban on business.

Mostly, trustees echoed the sentiment that it was not right for Government to tell business owners how to conduct their business. The smoking ban creates a lot of issues and they don't want to handicap businesses. It was reported that several community taverns have already complied with the proposed ordinance and many want to be able to take care of the situation on their own.

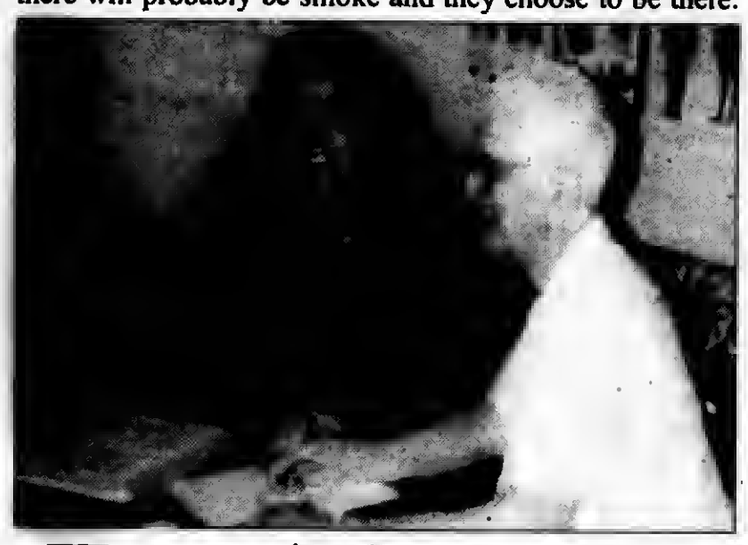
It was suggested that the board continue to study the issue. Mayor Dave Heilmann said that several versions of the ordinance would be presented to the board that would try to be fair to the village's businesses as a whole. It was also suggested by the village attorney that the board could vote to postpone the issue until 2008 and go with the state's program. Trustee Streit stated that the board should continue to review this issue with logic and common sense.

In other business, it was announced that Trustee Tom Phelan and his wife, Sue, had just had their baby, Matthew who was six weeks premature. Both mom and son were doing well. Matthew was 5 lbs. at birth.

Trustee Hurckes reported on reports he received from residents concerning phone calls for donations from the fire department and the VFW. He said that the calls were not scams, but that most of the money collected from these calls went to administration and not to the programs that they were collecting for. He suggested that residents be wary of these calls.

Trustee Olejniczak reported that the village had met with the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District regarding the Stony Creek and Melvina Ditch and the flooding problems that the village experienced during the summer and fall. The MWRD said that they would help the village clean up both sites, but they would not dredge the Stony Creek. It was reported that the village and the MWRD took a 'field trip' to both sites. They found much debris and even a beaver dam which contributed to the drainage problems.

Olejniczak said that this was a small accomplishment with the MWRD, but it was a beginning. There will be several more meetings with water reclamation representatives in the near future to address the Melvina Ditch. It was also stated that the MWRD suggested that part of the problem was due to illegal hook ups to the sewer system. The village will look into proposing inspections when a home is sold to see if there were any hook ups in place.



Free Training

Corazon a Corazon (Heart to Heart) is bursting at the seams with adults who want to learn English. If you speak English, you can help by offering your time and talent (just one hour a week) for a rewarding opportunity to serve the community. Helping an adult learn English opens up job opportunities, helps people provide for their families, and become an active member of the community.

Volunteers are offered an expanded free training program from ProLiteracy America to tutor an Adult in English as a Second Language. Participants will become certified in only two days. This certification has been used toward study/work/travel abroad.

Training will take place at Corazon a Corazon (Heart to Heart), 9525 S. Commercial Ave. on Friday, Jan. 26 from 6 to 9 p.m. and Saturday, Jan. 27th from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Those interested but can't make these times, call or e-mail for other accommodations. For information call (773) 221-0620 or e-mail akcorazon@lycos.com to learn more and sign up. Materials, coffee and donuts will be provided.

Corazon a Corazon partners with Literacy Works, Hispanic Literacy Council, Southside Literacy Council, and Citywide Literacy Council to provide free and low cost educational opportunities throughout Chicago. The programs are funded by the Secretary of State, Springboard Foundation, Hispanics in Philanthropy, & Individual donors.

Neighborhood Meeting

Residents of the 4th District of Oak Lawn are invited to attend a Town Hall Neighborhood Meeting to be held at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 6th. The meeting will be held at Salem United Church, 9717 S. Kostner Ave., and is hosted by Trustee Steve Rosenbaum.

The meeting will feature a presentation by Adam Woodworth, executive director of The Children's Museum in Oak Lawn. Refreshments will be served following the meeting.

Record Breaking Year

In another record-setting year for consumer service the BBB of Northern Illinois has seen the number of complaints closed increase by over 13% from the previous year.

With over 47,000 complaints filed in 2006 the services provided by the BBB are more critical than ever to help maintain a level playing field in the marketplace. Those consumers and businesses put their trust in the BBB to help resolve their disputes in an equitable manner. Businesses and consumers working in concert with the BBB resolved over 78% of the complaints.

Steve J. Bernas, president & CEO of the BBB, says, "It has been an unbelievably busy year with an over six-fold increase in instances of service in the same number of years. BBB member companies make these services possible with their execution of best practices with each customer. BBB members must resolve complaints to retain their membership and customers recognize that this membership is the mark of integrity and is a factor in their purchasing decisions."

Pre-purchase information has been another huge growth area for the BBB with over 80,000 reports on companies in northern Illinois and linked to the national BBB database with over 2 million Reliability Reports, the BBB is the clear leader with information resources.

Bernas says, "The empowerment of consumers has been helped substantially by the Internet and more sophisticated consumers know the BBB has the information to educate them in decisions before they make a purchase or sign a contract."

The 2.9 million instances of service were delivered during 2006 as compared to 2005, which reflected 2.6 million. The enhanced usage of BBB shows that about 70% of visitors to the BBB site, www.chicago.bbb.org, are seeking information prior to making a purchase.

The Internet is revolutionizing the way we gather information, shop and do business, and with it how consumers view the marketplace. Consumers have this advantage available to them through the BBB every day.

The top ten types of businesses subject to complaints for northern Illinois in 2006 were: Movers, Construction and Remodeling Services and Roofing Contractors, Contractors (General), Mortgages, Financial Services, New Car Auto Dealers, Heating & Air Conditioning Contractors, Windows-Installation/Service, and Insurance Companies.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

FEBRUARY 1 – Thursday – Alzheimer Support Group, Christ Hospital, 4440 W. 95th St., 6 p.m.

FEBRUARY 1 – Thursday – Historic Preservation Commission, 9446 S. Raymond, 7 p.m.

FEBRUARY 1 – Thursday – Athletic Club Meeting, VFW Hall, 9514 S. 52nd Ave., 8 p.m.

FEBRUARY 1 – Thursday – Traffic Review Committee Meeting, Municipal Center auditorium, 9446 S. Raymond, 8 p.m.

FEBRUARY 2 – Friday – Chamber Golf Outing Committee Meeting, Stony Creek Golf Complex, 8 a.m.

FEBRUARY 2 – Friday – Worth Township Senior Citizens Org. Meeting, Worth Township Center, 11601 Pulaski Rd., 12:30 p.m.

FEBRUARY 3 – Saturday – District II "Trustee Is In," Municipal Center, 9446 Raymond, 9 a.m. to noon.

FEBRUARY 6 – Tuesday – Civil Service Commission, 9446 Raymond, 5:30 p.m.

FEBRUARY 7 – Wednesday – Appeals Board, 9446 Raymond Ave., 8 p.m.

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"The Great Garden Debate"

Horticulture magazine, together with The Chicago Botanic Garden, will host a special symposium, "The Great Garden Debate: When Collector Meets Designer Can They Find Common Ground" on Thursday, Feb. 1st at the Chicago Botanic Garden. Registration for the day-long event is available online at www.hortprograms.com or by calling toll-free (877) GDN-PROG (877-436-7764).

For 15 years, *Horticulture* has delivered a series of prestigious gardening symposia, in collaboration with leading botanic gardens and plant groups, to garden enthusiasts around the country. Thousands of participants have benefited from *Horticulture's* tradition of bringing together an international panel of experts to address the newest design ideas, the most exciting plants, and the best in international trends in garden making.

The 2007 program promises to be livelier than ever. Speakers at the "Great Debate" include Joe Eck and Wayne Winterrowd, garden designers, authors and makers of the famous garden North Hill in Vermont; Mat Reese, Assistant Head Gardener at Great Dixter, the renowned English garden created by the late Christopher Lloyd; ornamental horticulture specialist, lecturer and photographer Carol Reese who has recently been appointed *Horticulture* magazine's Q&A expert; and Nan Sinton, director of programs for *Horticulture* magazine.

"It's the classic dilemma faced by every gardener, whether they've been gardening for years or are starting their first garden," said Sinton, who is herself a hands on gardener and experienced designer. "You'll learn how our speakers deal with the problem, and where their priorities lie when they discuss, declaim, and debate which comes first, the plants or the design – and show you how to put their ideas into practice in your own garden."

Registration for the symposium is available online at www.hortprograms.com, along with complete details about the program, speakers, and co-sponsors. Registration is also available by calling toll-free (877) 436-7764. Space is limited.

Now celebrating more than 100 years in print, *Horticulture* magazine, a division of F+W Publications, Inc., is the premier source of ideas and information about gardening for active, sophisticated gardeners seeking information and inspiration on plants and design. The world's top gardeners provide authoritative information in lively text and stunning photographs. Each issue contains the latest gardening news and discoveries, regional planting secrets, and designs and techniques to help make garden experiences as rewarding as possible. *Horticulture* magazine can be found online at www.hortmag.com.

Chicago Botanic Garden features 23 display gardens and three native habitats, set on nine islands surrounded by lakes in a 385 acre site in Glencoe. Chicago Botanic Garden can be found online at www.chicagobotanic.org.

SCORE Workshop

Attend a half-day workshop on Tuesday, Jan. 30th from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., offered by SCORE, Counselors to America's Small Business. You will learn to write a solid business plan, necessary when seeking a loan and for starting and maintaining your business. The workshop is required for a SCORE Workshop Completion Certificate, which will enhance your business plan if a loan is needed. Attendees should be in business or planning to start a business.

Register and pay the $35 fee on line, www.scorechicago.org. Walk-in same-day registration and pay at the door $45. Space is limited. Call (312) 353-7724 any weekday morning with questions.

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Brookfield Zoo's Benefit Auction

It isn't every day you see a dolphin out of water, but on Sunday, Jan. 28th 21 of the marine mammals can be seen at Brookfield Zoo's Discovery Center. They are not actually real dolphins, but rather fiberglass statues that will be up for auction at the zoo from 2 to 4 p.m. Proceeds from the silent auction will go toward the care and feeding of the zoo's animals, including the Atlantic bottlenose dolphins that reside at the Seven Seas exhibit.

Measuring 5 feet, 2 inches tall and weighing approximately 70 pounds, the statues were on display in and around the village of Hinsdale from Nov. 24 through mid-January for the Chamber of Commerce's holiday promotion – "Dolphins on Parade." Now each of the highest bidders at the upcoming auction can be the proud owner of one of these colorful dolphins.

Where does one put such a unique piece of art? It could be displayed on a front lawn, by a pool, at a summer home, in an office, or even in a child's bedroom. The possibilities are endless.

The figures, created by Cowpainters Inc. of Chicago, were sponsored by Hinsdale companies and stores and painted by local school groups, artists, and businesses. Each is distinctively themed such as a pirate named "One-Eyed Jack"; "I Spy....," named after the popular board game; and "Steve DAHL Fin," named after WCKG-FM's radio personality.

Those unable to attend the silent auction can place a bid on eBay for the fiberglass figure titled "Monster of the Midway" sporting number 54 of the Chicago Bears, beginning Jan. 28th at 4 p.m. The highest bidder at the conclusion of the online auction on Sunday, Feb. 4th at 4 p.m. can add the dolphin statue to his or her Chicago Bears memorabilia.

Admission to Brookfield Zoo is free on Sunday, Jan. 28th. Those attending the auction will also receive free parking. For further information about the auction or to view images of the 21 fiberglass dolphins, visit www.BrookfieldZoo.org.

The mission of the Chicago Zoological Society, which manages Brookfield Zoo, is to inspire conservation leadership by connecting people with wildlife and nature. Open every day of the year, the zoo is located off First Ave. between the Stevenson (I-55) and Eisenhower (I-290) expressways and is also accessible via the Tri-State Tollway (I-294), Metra commuter line, CTA, and PACE bus service.

Reauthorizing Amtrak

U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin (D-IL) recently joined a bipartisan group of Senate colleagues in introducing The Passenger Rail Investment and Improvement Act of 2007. The legislation re-authorizes Amtrak funding for 2007 through 2012.

Amtrak's reauthorization expired in 2002. Since that time no consensus has been reached on Amtrak policy and Amtrak reform efforts and funding have stalled while Congress and the Bush Administration decide Amtrak's fate. Passage of an Amtrak Reauthorization measure will help build a consensus around increased Amtrak funding while introducing needed reforms.

Durbin noted that Illinois benefits, both directly and indirectly, from Amtrak jobs and service. An average of 48 Amtrak trains run each day on more than 1,000 miles of track in Illinois. Amtrak employs more than 2,000 Illinois residents and annually spends $56 million for goods and services in the state. Illinois is the central rail hub of the North American continent, bringing 2.5 million passengers through Amtrak's Midwestern hub in Chicago each year.

Heart Of The School

Before the close of the semester last fall, Queen of Peace High School announced the 2006-2007 recipient of the Heart of the School Award. The honor went to English teacher and moderator of the Poverty and Hunger Task Force, Colleen Cichon-Muicrone (pictured).

The Heart of the School Award is given out once a year to an experienced teacher with outstanding creativity and heart. This is Muicrone's 11th year working in Catholic education and fifth year at Peace. She teaches English IV, Women's Psychology and Literature and Advanced Placement Literature and Composition. Muicrone's students admire her teaching style and dedication. "I love her creativity, her patience, and her excitement when it comes to helping students," noted senior Rachel Volk.

The Heart of the School Award is an annual honor, and the winner is nominated and chosen by his or her colleagues. Muicrone's colleagues respect her passion for teaching. Last year's Heart of the School honoree, Joanne Paprocki, had this to say about Muicrone. "She is positive and energetic. She loves to share ideas, and I love the way you can always laugh with her. Colleen uses her voice wisely and strongly to speak out against injustice."

In response to receiving the honor, Muicrone was surprised and deeply humbled to be named Heart of the School. She believes deeply in the importance of women's education in a challenging, nurturing environment that encourages risk-taking, leadership, service and using one's voice and abilities for good. Muicrone hopes to foster the growth of these qualities in Peace students.

Valentines For Seniors

Catholic Charities needs your help to brighten the lives of more than 53,000 seniors in its care this Valentine's Day. The agency is organizing a Valentine drive now through Feb. 14th, Valentine's Day, at its office in Chicago. Individuals – as well as local grade schools and high schools – are asked to create homemade Valentines with a cheerful note inside and deliver them to: Dept. of Communications, Valentine Drive, 721 N. LaSalle St., Chicago, IL 60610.

Catholic Charities will then distribute the Valentines to seniors within its services.

Ends Pay-To-Play

City Clerk Miguel del Valle detailed his strong stand on ethical fundraising that will restore integrity to the City Clerk's office. Del Valle's position ends pay-to-play politics and restores trust after the conviction of the past two City Clerks for using their office for their own personal gain. His pledge mirrors legislation that he championed while serving in the Illinois General Assembly.

Del Valle adopted unprecedented fundraising standards that eliminate donations from current Clerk's office and City of Chicago vendors as well as any contributions from the Clerk's office employees. These restrictions far and away exceed the limits placed on him by city and state law.

"Taking a stand for open and transparent government is nothing new for me – it's the reputation I'm proud to say I've earned," City Clerk del Valle added. "My actions today must restore the broken confidence of the people whose hard earned wages pay our salaries. I've asked my staff to perform an ongoing audit of our contributions to ensure these strict guidelines are met."

City Clerk del Valle, who served more than three untarnished decades as an Illinois State Senator, has a long track record of reducing the influence of money in politics. Of particular note, is the fact that he championed legislation banning campaign contributions to any state constitutional officer as well as to any member of the General Assembly from any vendor with a state contract. The restrictions del Valle placed on himself as City Clerk mirror those restrictions he fought for in Springfield.

The City Clerk is the second highest-ranking official and the most visited office in City Hall. A victory in the Feb. 27th municipal elections would make Miguel del Valle Chicago's first elected Latino Clerk in a career which began with the independent, reform movement of the Harold Washington administration.

State To Use Electronic Hiring System To Expand Access To Employment

Top officials from Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich's office and the state's Dept. of Central Management Services (CMS) announced the State will move to a web-based electronic hiring system that will significantly expand access to state employment while increasing transparency and consistency in the state hiring process. Upon completion, all state agencies under the governor's authority will convert to a centralized, electronic system for posting job openings, accepting applications and tracking status. Processing all job applications through a uniform electronic system will reduce the potential for human error as well as intentional manipulation.

At a recent press conference, Administration officials provided a demonstration of the concept, which was developed in coordination with Deloitte Consulting and the law firm Schiff Hardin after an extensive review of the state's hiring systems as well as best practices across both public and private sectors.

EXPANDING ACCESS TO STATE EMPLOYMENT

Under the new system, the state will provide a single online repository of all open state positions. Interested candidates will be able to browse openings and apply online. Those without home access to the Internet will be able to visit dozens of state facilities across Illinois to apply on-line, or submit a paper application that will then be entered into the electronic system by a data entry group separate from the personnel department. Currently, the state accepts only paper applications for most positions.

If an interested candidate does not find a specific position they wish to apply for, they have the option of submitting a profile with their professional background and interests. As openings become available that meet their criteria, the system will send a message notifying the candidate about the opening and how to apply. The application will contain questions and fields for information specifically required for the position that is open.

REDUCING POTENTIAL FOR ERROR OR MANIPULATION

An electronic system will help ensure that hiring decisions are based only on qualifications and other required considerations like veterans' status. When applicant information is forwarded to the CMS Examination group to be graded, the system will conceal personally identifiable information and only provide information required for assessing a candidate's background and experience in relation to the specific requirements of the open position.

In addition, when state agencies request an "eligibility list" of all candidates who meet the requirements for a specific position, the list will not include any personally identifiable information about candidates.

Under the existing paper-based system, the entire application, including the candidate's name and referral information, is forwarded to graders. Eligibility lists generated for agencies contain candidates' names.

STRENGTHENING TRACKING AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Converting to an electronic hiring system will make it easier for candidates to track their progress. Once a person has applied for a specific position, he or she will be able to log on to a secure section of the system at any time to check the status of his or her application.

In addition, having a central database of all job candidates, grades, eligibility lists, interview results and selections will make it easier for auditors to review the fairness and effectiveness of the hiring process.

Job applicants will enjoy a higher level of security as their personal information is stored in a secure electronic database rather than paper files.

IMPROVING EFFICIENCY AND REDUCING REDUNDANCY

Using an electronic hiring system will help reduce redundancy for CMS as well as for candidates and – as a result – reduce delays or backlogs in the input and grading processes.

Job-seekers will be able to register their personal profile and basic professional background in one place, and each time they apply for an open position, the previously-entered profile information will automatically be included in the application, eliminating the need to re-enter the same information in every application. The change cuts down on the time needed to fill out an application and improves accuracy. Last month, CMS had to return more than 500 applications to job seekers because they were incomplete or illegible.

By only accepting applications for open positions, rather than the longstanding practice of accepting applications for all titles regardless of whether positions are actually open, CMS will dramatically reduce the demand on its grading division. Since January 2003, CMS has received and graded approximately 550,000 applications – many came in for titles or positions that were not open. Only about 9,400 people, or less than 2% of all applicants, were hired.

CMS posted a Request for Information (RFI) inviting interested vendors to provide information about their electronic recruiting and application-tracking products. A Request for Proposals is expected to be posted early this spring, after RFI responses have been reviewed. CMS' goal will be to have the new system in place by the end of 2007.

While the new electronic system is being developed, the state is taking steps in the interim to expand access to state jobs. Beginning Feb. 15th, all open state jobs will be posted at www.cms.illinois.gov. Applications for high-demand, high-turnover positions will be available online. Also beginning in mid-February, all lists CMS generates for eligible external candidates will not contain the name or identifying information about the candidates.

The new electronic hiring system is the latest and most comprehensive step in the Blagojevich Administration's effort to improve the integrity and fairness of the state hiring process.

McAuley Principal Announces Retirement

Sister Rose Wiorek, RSM, who for the past decade has served as president and principal of Mother McAuley Liberal Arts High School, 3737 W. 99th St., formally notified the school and the Sisters of Mercy she will not seek reappointment for the coming academic year.

According to Sister Rose, "I've considered this for more than two years and postponed making my decision until after we celebrated the school's 50th anniversary last year." In a letter being sent to the Mother McAuley community, she explains she plans to "take some personal time, upgrade my skills and explore what new ministerial path I will take."

"It's going to be a challenge to find her successor," said Laura Shallow, chair of the school's board of trustees. "Sister Rose has made so many significant contributions to our school and its academic standing and mission during the 31 years she has been there." Sister Rose earlier served as a counselor and junior and senior-level dean.

Shallow has formed a search committee of board members to seek out and interview qualified candidates. "Sister Rose has assured us she will remain in her position until her successor is hired and takes office," said Shallow.

The Catholic liberal arts school is noted for its students' high scores on SAT and ACT; they surpass national levels for students in coeducational schools. In fact, 99 percent of its graduates continue their education. The school's strong community service component also prepares students for their roles as adults.

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CCAGW To Senate: Include Line-Item Veto In Ethnics Reform

Recently the Council for Citizens Against Government Waste (CCAGW) urged the Senate to pass Sen. Judd Gregg's (R-N.H.) amendment to The Legislative Transparency and Accountability Act of 2007 (S. 1). The amendment, called "A Second Look at Wasteful Spending," would give the President a modified form of the line-item veto without usurping congressional spending authority.

"Of the budget reforms now being debated in Congress, the line-item veto is the only proposal that has the potential to actually reduce the number and cost of earmarks," CCAGW President Tom Schatz said. "The line-item veto is a proven tool for eliminating waste and saving taxpayer dollars."

The amendment would allow the President to propose the elimination of individual expenditures and special tax breaks in legislation without having to veto the entire bill. For any such rescission package to become law, both chambers of Congress would have to approve it without amendment by majority vote. Any member of Congress could fast-track consideration of the rescissions for a vote in that chamber within eight days.

The House approved a line-item veto bill last year. Sen. Gregg was able to pass a bill similar to his amendment out of the Budget Committee last summer, but it was never brought to the Senate floor for a vote despite the more than 20,000 petitions and 13,000 e-mails from CCAGW members and supporters sent to the Senate in favor of the line-item veto. Before it was struck down by the Supreme Court in 1998, President Clinton was able to use the line-item veto to cut 82 items to save $2 billion over five years. Sen. Gregg's version would be constitutional.

The 2006 Congressional Pig Book identified 9,963 pork projects costing a record $29 billion in the fiscal 2006 appropriations bills. These projects included $1 million for the Waterfree Urinal conservation Initiative and $500,000 for the Sparta Teapot Museum in Sparta, North Carolina. Earmarks have also played a central role in a wave of ethics and lobbying scandals on Capitol Hill.

"The jury is still out on whether Congress will pass genuine reform or window dressing. The line-item veto would be a significant check against wasteful and egregious pork-barrel spending," Schatz concluded.

The Guide to Earmark Reform, which compares reform proposals of the House, Senate, and Administration, is available at www.ccagw.org.

The Council for Citizens Against Government Waste is the lobbying arm of Citizens Against Government Waste, a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization dedicated to eliminating waste, fraud, mismanagement and abuse in government.

Safest Year On Illinois Roadways

Governor Rod R. Blagojevich announced that 2006 was the safest year on Illinois roadways in more than 80 years as traffic fatality numbers dropped below 1,300 for the first time since 1924. Nearly 100 fewer people were killed on Illinois highways during 2006 than 2005, while at the same time safety belt usage neared 90 percent.

"We had one primary goal in mind when we signed a law giving police the power to pull drivers over for not wearing safety belts – saving lives. Now, only three and a half years later, we recorded the fewest fatalities on Illinois roadways since 1924. These numbers represent clear and convincing evidence to us that the law is working and seat belts really do save lives," said Gov. Blagojevich.

Preliminary data shows 1,267 traffic deaths on Illinois roadways in 2006, the lowest total since 1,065 deaths recorded in 1924. Since 2003, traffic fatalities have dropped from 1,454 to 1,355 in 2004 and 1,363 in 2005. During the same timeframe safety belt usage has increased each year from 76 percent usage in 2003 to 88 percent usage in 2006.

"While increased safety belt usage is certainly a key to saving lives on our highways, it's not a magic bullet. That's why we're working closely with the Illinois State Police and local agencies for increased enforcement and motorist education," said Timothy W. Martin, Secretary of the Illinois Department of Transportation. "Gov. Blagojevich challenged us to try new things aimed at saving lives and for the first time we now have a Comprehensive Hig hway Safety Program, we've added a new Motorcycle Enfor cement Bureau, photo radar and aggressive enforcement and public information campaigns to get motorists to buckle up, slow down and not drive impaired."

Illinois State Police have aggressively been targeting what are known as the "Fatal Five" violations in an effort to reduce highway fatalities. The "Fatal Five" include: speeding, safety belts, improper lane usage, following too closely and driving under the influence.

Recently, Illinois was named by Advocates for Highway and Auto Safety as one of the four "Best Performance States" in its fourth annual highway safety report. The Governor has made improving traffic safety issues a top priority for his administration and has actively supported legislation to reduce fatalities on the state's highways.

All Points Southwest

By THOMAS E. GAVIN

Governor Rod Blagojevich has appointed John Filan as Chief Operating Officer, completing his new senior management team, which includes Deputy Governors Sheila Nix, Louanner Peters and Chief of Staff John Harris. Filan, who served as director of the Governor's Office of Management and Budget (GOMB) throughout the Governor's first term, will oversee economic development, infrastructure, business regulation, and environment agencies, as well as government operations, capital planning and public finance.

Filan joined the administration in January 2003 after serving as co-chair of the Governor's budget transition team. He helped spearhead several key management and budget initiatives including the sale of the state's $10 billion pension obligation bond, the elimination of 13,000 positions in the state's workforce, the consolidation of 19 state agencies and commissions; the restructuring of nearly 100 duplicated accounting, personnel and payroll systems, maintained the state's AA rating with bond agencies, despite a historic fiscal crisis, and managed the state's $22 billion debt portfolio, all of which enabled historic investments in health care and education.

Prior to joining the Blagojevich administration, Filan served as the managing partner of an Illinois-based accounting and consulting firm. He began his career at Price Waterhouse, later IBM. Filan earned an MBA from the University of Chicago and served as a member of the Chicago Board of Education.

The Governor also announced that Ginger Ostro will replace Filan as his new budget director. Prior to her appointment, Ostro served as Deputy Director for GOMB. She had also served as GOMB's Education and Child Welfare Director. She has two decades of experience in public policy and state government, which includes budget director for Governors State University, budget director for Chicago Metropolis 2020 and positions with the Department of Children and Family Services and Public Aid (now Healthcare and Family Services).

Ostro was born and raised in the Chicago area and received a bachelor's degree from the University of Chicago and a master's degree in Public Policy from Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government.

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Last week Cook County Board President Todd Stroger announced the release of a $3 billion budget which included no tax increases. The tentative budget reflected on elimination of 1,492 County jobs, many of which are presently unfilled. Also included were some $70 million in cuts at county hospitals and outreach facilities, $31 million in public safety cuts, and the privatization of services at Oak Forest Hospital and the juvenile detention center. The cuts are necessary to address a projected $500 million budget shortfall in fiscal 2007.

The Cook County Board of Commissioners has until Feb. 28th to approve a budget. We'll keep you posted.

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This Friday, Jan. 26th, the 37th Annual Dinner Dance honoring Crestwood Mayor Chester Stranczek will take place at the Double Tree Hotel, 5000 W. 127th St. in Alsip Program for the evening includes 7 p.m. cocktails (open bar) and sumptuous dinner to follow. Comedian Mike Toomey will entertain dinner guests, with dance music after dinner. For tickets at $60 per person, contact Nancy Benedetto.

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Enjoy college basketball? How about an opportunity to attend an NAIA collegiate contest between Saint Xavier University and the University of St. Francis free this Saturday, Jan. 27th at Saint Xavier at 3 p.m. Interested? Get them while supplies last.

Prospect Federal Savings Bank is providing up to four free tickets per family for its customers and other southwest metropolitan Chicago residents for the men's basketball game on "Prospect Federal Day," according to bank Chairman and President Steven F. Rosenbaum. This special day was made possible by the university to thank Prospect Federal Savings Bank for their sponsorship of Saint Xavier's fall and winter sports programs. The game will be held at the university's Athletic Center, 3700 W. 103rd St. in Chicago.

Additionally, Prospect Federal will conduct drawings for free prizes during the game. Any attendee can register to win with no obligation.

According to Rosenbaum, "Those wanting tickets can get them at our Oak Lawn office (4646 W. 103rd St.), Worth office (11139 S. Harlem Ave.) and our Chicago location (6858 S. Pulaski Road). For more information, call Prospect Federal at: Oak Lawn, (708) 425-9100; Worth, (708) 361-8000; or Chicago, (773) 581-6500."

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Earned Income Tax Credit

As workers prepare for the April 15 income tax return deadline, Governor Rod R. Blagojevich and Carol L. Adams, Ph.D., Secretary of the Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS) are reminding workers to see if they qualify for the Earned Income Tax Credit, which can help boost their take-home pay, and to take advantage of newly-expanded tax preparation services being offered for free through the state. This year the state will offer free tax counseling at 60 locations across the state, the most ever.

"The Earned Income Tax Credit, the major federal benefit for low and moderate-income families, can be worth as much as $4,536 to a family with two or more children," Gov. Blagojevich said. "In addition, the state ETTC can provide up to $226 in state income tax relief. Together, these benefits put money back into the pockets of Illinois' working families."

Secretary Adams said IDHS is reaching out to the people it serves, as well as those who have left DHS programs for jobs. IDHS is encouraging these individuals to take advantage of the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) and free tax counseling provided by the Tax Counseling Project and the Tax Assistance Program. Most sites will open on Jan. 27th and provide services through April 14.

IDHS provides funding to the Tax Assistance Program and the Tax Counseling Project, which is administered by the Center for Economic Progress. These programs offer free tax assistance and promote the EITC to low-income workers. The services are provided free of charge to families with incomes less than $40,000 and to individuals with incomes under $15,000.

Low-income working families, many of whom may be new to the workforce, often do not have access to affordable, professional tax preparation. Many taxpayers use tax preparation services that charge high fees. Some are also persuaded to apply for "rapid refund" loans with high interest rates and fees which can greatly reduce their actual benefits.

The Tax Counseling Project trains volunteers to provide free tax services to families and individuals at 15 locations in Chicago and 19 other sites throughout Illinois. DHS also funds the Tax Assistance Program (TAP), which has 25 locations in Chicago and the suburbs. TAP recruits tax professionals to volunteer to assist low-income families.

Volunteers will prepare federal and state returns, for the current year and, if necessary, for the past tax years. Volunteers also provide counseling and advise workers bout withholding allowances, filing status, and other tax benefits (such as Child Credit and Child Care Credit) for which they may qualify.

For more information on the Tax Counseling Project, contact the Center for Economic Progress in Chicago at (312) 630-0273. Outside Chicago call (217) 753-1641, or call the toll-free statewide number at (888) 827-8511. For information on the Tax Assistance Program call (312) 409-1555. Details are also available on the IDHS website at www.dhs.state.il.us and the Department of Revenue site at www.revenue.state.il.us.

Field Museum's African Heritage Festival

Explore the community and culture of Africa through The Field Museum's African Heritage Festival from Feb. 3rd through 24th. The annual festival is part of the museum's mission to educate visitors about Africa and its people. This year, guests will experience the amazingly diverse cultures of Africa through song, speech and film.

Families will enjoy West African drumming while watching and joining in with the Muntu Drumming Masters on Saturday, Feb. 3rd at 12 noon. Learn how this evocative art form is connected to Chicago and its communities. This performance is free with museum admission.

The John Work Chorale will wow visitors when these vibrant singers demonstrate "Sorrow Songs" of early 19th century African-American literature on Saturday, Feb. 10th at 12 noon. Listen and learn more about the importance of Negro Spirituals in literature. Free with museum admission.

Professor William W. Cook of Dartmouth College will trace the history of "Sorrow Songs" in early African-American literature on Saturday, Feb. 10th at 2 p.m. Drawing on works by Frederick Douglass and other former slaves, Cook will explore musical tradition as it relates to the issues of bondage and freedom, literacy and illiteracy. Free with museum admission.

The Field Museum offers the unique opportunity to screen the fascinating film, "Music is My Life, Politics My Mistress: The Oscar Brown Jr. Story," on Saturday, Feb. 17th at 1:30 p.m. The movie follows the life of political activist Oscar Brown Jr. Following the film, director Donnie L. Betts and performer Maggie Brown, daughter of Oscar, will discuss Oscar Brown Jr.'s contributions to blues, jazz, politics, black theater and the African-American struggle and experience in Chicago. Free with museum admission.

Visitors will take in the dynamic performances of Kwame Steve Cobb and Chavunduka and Maggic Brown as they blend jazz, blues and neo-soul with history, politics and social commentary on Saturday, Feb. 24th at 7 p.m. The eclectic mix can only be described as a cross-cultural fusion of all things spiritual and funk-ridden. The cost is $15, members $10.

Visitors can also explore African culture in both the past and present by visiting the museum's permanent Africa exhibit. Visitors can have a taste of multiple regions of Africa as they go from Dakar, Senegal, to a Cameroon palace, cross the Sahara and sail to America through the eyes of Africans sold into slavery. The exhibit's highlights feature a diverse collection of artifacts, video and hands-on activities.

The Field Museum is also offering a special exhibition, Impressions of Tsavo, from now until July 7th. The exhibition presents the remarkable wildlife, landscape and people of the Tsavo region in the East African country of Kenya. Dazzling color photographs by The Field Museum's own scientists and resident photographer expose viewers to the breathtaking variety of life in the Tsavo region in East Africa. The exhibition presents a close encounter with the famed wildlife of Tsavo, while also providing a glimpse into the lives of the region's human residents. This exhibition is free with general admission to the muscum.

General admission is $12 for adults, $7 for children 4-11, seniors and students with ID.

For more information, call (312) 922-9410 or visit www.fieldmuseum.org.

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Disney On Ice Princess Wishes

Disney On Ice presents Princess Wishes which tells the timeless tales of seven beloved Disney princesses and their wishes coming true. The all-new skating spectacular is scheduled to appear Jan. 24-28 at the Allstate Arena in Rosemont and Jan. 30-Feb. 11 at Chicago's United Center. For information and tickets call (312) 559-1212.

Chinese Golden Acrobats

The Center for Performing Arts welcomes the Chinese Golden Dragon Acrobats back to its stage for two spectacular performances on Saturday, Jan. 27th at 1 and 5 p.m. The family-friendly performances feature tumblers, acrobats and jugglers as they astound audiences of all ages with spellbinding feats and spectacular costumes. Representing the best of a time-honored cultural tradition, the Golden Dragon Acrobats present the unique art form as it has never been seen before.

Tickets are $25/$29/$34 for adults; $20/$24/$29 for children 16 and under. Space permitting, half-price tickets are available two hours prior to the show for one hour only. For tickets, call the box office at (708) 235-2222.

Continental Crossroads

The Southwest Symphony Orchestra is excited to announce its concert "Continental Crossroads" on Saturday, Feb. 10th at 8 p.m. in the Ozinga Chapel Auditorium at Trinity Christian College, 6601 W. College Drive (Rt. 83) in Palos Heights. The theme of the evening reflects the vast cross-cultural influences on music in which composers borrow from distant lands.

East meets West in Saint Saens rarely performed *Orient et Occident*. Glinka departs from his Russian nationalist roots to create the sprightly *Summer Night in Madrid*. In the Afro-American Symphony, the black composer Grant Still traces his roots across the Atlantic for inspiration. Concluding the concert is Tchaikovsky's enrapturing *Capriccio Italian*, the result of the composer's month-long vacation in Italy.

Tickets may be purchased in advance, (708) 802-0686, or at the door. Adults $20-$25, seniors $16-$20, students $5, children under 12 are free. Groups of 10 or more may purchase tickets for $10 per person.

For more information, call (708) 424-2083.

Crystal Heart Ball

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Class Reunion

St. Bernadette School class of 1972 is looking for classmates for a reunion on Saturday, Feb. 10th at Palermo's on 95th. If you are a graduate or know anyone that is, send your information to class72reunion@yahoo.com.

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DuSable High School class of 1951 will hold a 55th-year reunion from Sept. 15th to 17th at the Hilton Oak Lawn Hotel. Call (708) 206-0468.

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Harrison High School - Classes of 1931 to 1960 Reunion on Sept. 24th from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at The Abbington, 3 South 002, Route 53, Glen Ellyn. Call (708) 366-3423.

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New Trier class of 1986 20th reunion will be held on Nov. 4th at the North Shore Skokie Hotel. Visit www.1986.com.

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St. Florian School – An All-School Reunion, celebrating 100 years, will be held Nov. 17th. Organizers are looking for all alumni names, addresses and the year they graduated. Call (773) 646-2868 or visit www.florian.hegewisch.net.

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Chicago Vocational High School class of 1981 is looking for classmates. Email cvs1981@aol.com.

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Farragut High School, classes of 1952-1954, looking for classmates. Call Carolee (Fotka) Michalek at (815) 407-1934.

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Harrison High School, classes of 1965-1969, looking for classmates. Call (773) 507-4669 or (773) 600-8669.

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Lourdes High School class of 1978 is looking for classmates. Call (708) 258-9096.

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Morton East High School class of 1987 is planning a 20th reunion. Contact Kathy Tokarczyk at imqueenmom@sbcglobal.net or Barb. Biman at joyride7207@aol.com.

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ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

A Long Bridge Over Deep Waters

Students in the Theatre Seminar II class will perform A Long Bridge Over Deep Waters on Friday, Jan. 26 and Saturday, Jan. 27 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, Jan. 28 at 3 p.m. In the McAuley Auditorium. The play is about the various religions in our world today. It deals with faith and how it both unites and divides us. The many characters struggle with finding themselves in their religion and with finding their faith. The religions include Tongva, Catholic, Jewish, Methodist, Buddhist, Atheist, Baha, Hindu, Muslim and Gibt.

In ten different scenes the play attempts to show the relationships found between people of different religions. From astronauts to heart transplants, the play takes real life situations and real life tragedies and tries to make sense of them.

The play is directed by Theatre Department Chairperson, Patricia Haynes. All the performers are students from the Theatre Seminar II class and include students from St. Rita High School and Brother Rice High School. Ticket are $4.

Pictured: McAuley Theatre II Students, (back row) Anne Kellogg (Evergreen Park), Rebecca Pikula (Orland Park), Megan Flynn (Midlothian) Margaret Conway (Beverly); (front row) Anne McCarthy (Beverly) and Ryan Quick (Evergreen Park).

"Wild Angle Photo Contest"

For those who have taken adventurous vacation photographs that turned out good enough to be in a magazine, here's your chance! National Geographic ADVENTURE magazine will once again hold its "Wild Angle Photo Contest," providing amateur photographers the chance to win a fabulous Grand Prize 5-day/4-night trip to Mexico as part of the Adventures in Travel Expo, which is coming to the Donald E. Stephens Convention Center in Rosemont, Jan. 27 & 28.

The contest is co-sponsored by Adventures in Travel Expo – the world's largest active and adventure travel show -- and National Geographic ADVENTURE magazine. The contest has a tremendous success in past years and has secured entries by promising photographers from around the country.

Amateur photographers are invited to submit their best adventure photos to be judged by a panel of award-winning ADVENTURE photographers for the chance to win a 5-day/4-night stay for two at Hotel Las Brisas Huatulco and roundtrip airfare to Mexico connecting through Houston, courtesy of Continental Airlines. The photos are initially judged by an elite panel at each of the individual shows -- NYC/January 13 - 14, Chicago/January 27 - 28, Los Angeles/February 10 – 11 and Washington, DC/March 3 – 4. The winning photos will move on to the finals, with the winner being awarded at the Washington, DC show on March 4. In addition to the Grand Prize, there are 10 runners up, who receive a one-year subscription to National Geographic ADVENTURE magazine.

For more details, visit the Adventures in Travel Expo web site www.adventureexpo.com or the National Geographic ADVENTURE website. www.nationalgeographic.com/adventure.

Girls Nite Out Benefit

Girls Nite Out Pre-Auction Acquisition Party benefiting the Beverly Arts Center's 36th Annual Auction was held Thursday, Jan. 18, at Beverly's Pantry, 1907 W. 103rd St., Chicago. Edris Hoover (left), and Penny Burns, an artist who is contributing the box she is holding to the Auction, both of Chicago (Beverly) were among the nearly 100 women who enjoyed fine food and drinks plus a chance to preview some of the items to be offered at the Auction on Saturday, Feb. 24 at the Beverly Arts Center. Hosted by the Antique Guild of the Beverly Arts Center and Beverly's Pantry, Girls Nite Out raises money, auction items, volunteer support and interest in the BAC's biggest fund raiser of the year. Burns is among more than 30 area artists who are creating and contributing original works on the Auction theme ArtSide of the Box. These works will be offered for bidding in the silent and live auctions. Planned and presented by the BAC Auxiliary, auction tickets are $40 in advance or $50 on the day of the event, and include hors d'ocuvres by Dish Catering, music by Maralyn Gaza's Jazz All Stars, and more. For information or tickets, call (773) 445-3838 or visit www.beverlyartcen ter.org.

The Merry Ploughboys

Direct from Dublin, The Merry Ploughboys will perform Irish rebel songs, ballads and more in a highly anticipated show at Gaelic Park, 6119 W. 147th St. in Oak Forest, on Saturday, Feb. 3rd, with doors opening at 7:30 p.m., show beginning at 8:30. The cost will be $20 per person. The Merry Ploughboys are Irish enthusiasts and enjoy classical as well as contemporary approaches of music making. With the sounds of the fiddle, bluegrass banjo, bodhran, bass guitar, piano accordion, and the distinct sounds of the mandolin, The Merry Ploughboys will definitely rouse the crowd's high spirits with not only music but also a reverence for Ireland. Call Gaelic Park at (708) 687-9323 or visit the web site at www.chicagogaelicpark.org to reserve tickets or for more information.

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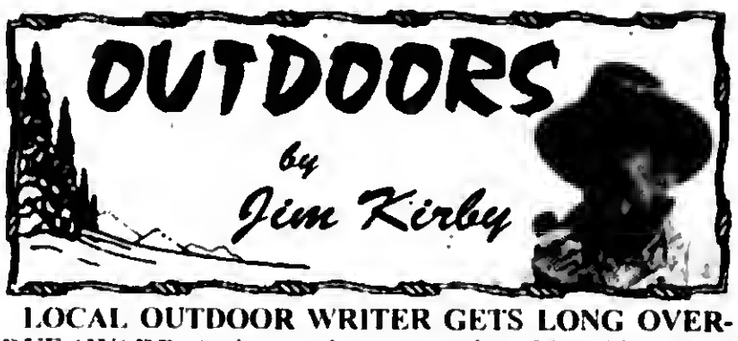

LOCAL OUTDOOR WRITER GETS LONG OVERDUE AWARD: At the opening ceremonies of the Chicagoland Outdoors Show in Rosemont, **Duke O'Malley,** longtime outdoor writer for the *Daily Southtown,* received the coveted **"Youth Mentoring Award."**

Among the many reasons cited for receiving the award were his 20 years of running the **'Duke O'Malley's Free Kids Fishing Derby'** – giving thousands of kids the opportunity to experience the joy of fishing for the first time, while accompanied by their parents and other relatives.

Duke O'Malley (right) receives "Youth Mentoring Award" from Don Dziedzina at opening ceremonies of Chicagoland Outdoors Show.

Every kid is a winner in this derby. They all get a fishing pole, a 'goody bag,' a lucky fishing cap and soft drink. A free raffle takes place with many great prizes including tackle boxes, rods and reels, and even fishing trips awarded.

Over the years I've had the pleasure of hunting and fishing with Duke. I met him in 1995 at an outdoor writer's convention in La Crosse, Wisconsin. After comparing notes we discovered we were raised a half-block apart, he at 63rd Place and St. Louis Ave. and I at 64th and St. Louis. Who said it isn't a small world?

In putting his Free Kids Fishing Derby together, he uses his contacts to get many of the prizes and other necessities to make the event a success for the kids. However, there is always a shortfall to cover so many extras. To solve that problem, Duke puts on his free "Let's Talk Fishing Show" every Saturday, January through March.

The show features fishing pros and prominent outdoor personalities giving very interesting seminars and demonstrations. He ties this in with a voluntary raffle, giving away a variety of outdoor-related prizes. Any profits from the raffles are spent on his Kids Fishing Derby.

Duke's fishing show this coming Saturday, Jan. 27th features outdoor TV and radio personality **Chauncy** and walleye guru **Larry Conn.** The show runs from noon to 3 p.m. at the Evergreen Park American Legion Hall, 9700 S. Kedzie Ave. His next show on Feb. 3rd will showcase Canadian Pike expert **Jim Crowley** and Sun-Times outdoor columnist **Dale Bowman.**

■**OUTDOOR HAPPENINGS:** *Jan. 31: Red and gray fox hunting season closes, statewide. *Feb. 1: Conservation Order light goose season opens south and central zones. *Jan. 27-28: Adventures in Travel Expo, Stephens Convention Center, Rosemont, www.adventure expo.com. *Jan. 27-28: Hammond Outdoor Sports Show, Jean Sheperd Community Center, Hammond, Ind. (219) 554-0155.

■**STOP AQUATIC HITCHHIKERS:** A national campaign that helps recreational users to become part of the solution in stopping the transport and spread of aquatic invasive species. Aquatic hitchhikers can spread in many ways, such as on aquatic plants, recreational equipment and in water.

*Inspect your boat motor, trailer and equipment and remove visible aquatic plants, animals and mud before leaving the water access.

*Drain water from your boat, motor, bilge, live wells and bait containers before leaving the boat ramp.

*Report new sightings. If you suspect a new infestation of an invasive plant or animal, save a specimen and report to a local natural resource agency.

*Spray, rinse or dry boats and recreational equipment to remove or kill species that were not visible when leaving a water body, before transporting to another water.

■**BOOK REPORT:** After nearly a century of record keeping, the Boone and Crocket Club has dug deep into its record archives and produced the ultimate history book for whitetail deer enthusiasts. *A Whitetail Retrospective* is a first-of-its-kind whitetail book that will take you back through the evolution of whitetail deer hunting and big-game record keeping from the late 1880s through 1980 and is packed with amazing photos, historic score charts and portraits of award-winning whitetails.

A Whitetail Retrospective sells for $34.95 ($27.95 for B&C members) and is available at major retailers. Order direct: (888) 840-4868 or www.booneandcrocketclub.com.

Chicago Ridge League Basketball Scores

4th Grade

Lincolnway XPlosion Blue defeated the Will County Wolfpac 18 to 14. Paulie Gossage tallied 10 points for XPlosion Blue. Rob Hoffman and Will McCabe contributed 4 points each for the Wolfpac.

Matt Gungone scored 9 points to lead the Orland Magic to a 26 to 22 victory over the Southside Shooters. Danny Cummings scored 6 points for the Shooters.

Lincolnway XPlosion White Red beat the LAC Indians 11 to 4. Jackson Bax put in 8 points for the XPlosion White. Casey O'Brien and Tim Papiernik scored 2 points apiece for the Indians.

5th Grade

The LAC Indians (1) beat the LAC Indians (2) 24 to 7. Michael Kornaeker was lead-scorer for Indians (1) with 8 points. Indians (2) were led by Matt Monaco with 5 points.

The JJC Jayhawks snuck by the Orland Magic 31 to 30. Nic Weishar tossed in 15 points for the Jayhawks. Bobby Kelly contributed 13 points for Orland.

Brian Kane tallied 10 points leading the Hot Shots to a 34 to 16 victory over Lincolnway XPlosion Blue. Paul Eckel, John Limon and Brad McFarland scored 4 points each for XPlosion Blue.

Riverside-Brookfield Bulldogs took a close one from Lincolnway XPlosion Red 29 to 27. Kevin Copp contributed 12 points for R-B Bulldogs. Tommy DiNeso led XPlosion White with 14 points.

6th Grade

IL Warriors Blue defeated Sutherland (B) 33 to 4. Terron Parham led the Warriors with 8 points. Rasheen Bell and Zak Akers scored 2 points apiece for Sutherland (B).

Zack Cody scored 12 points to lead Sutherland (A) to a 33 to 25 win against the Defenders. Tom Thanasaurus put in 9 points for the Defenders.

Riverside-Brookfield Bulldogs Blue took a close victory from Orland Swish 31 to 28. R-B Bulldogs Blue's Connor Cronin led the way with 11 points. Steven Kubiak and Jim Barista tallied 8 points each for the Swish.

St. Daniel outscored the Seton Saints 26 to 23. Connor Cacciottolo put in 6 points for St. Daniel. Alex Senne led the Saints with 5 points.

The Southwest Sonics beat the Riverside-Brookfield Bulldogs White 39 to 19. Sean Dwyer contributed 10 points for the SW Sonics. Jack Hanse led the R-B Bulldogs White with 7 points.

The LAC Indians (1) took a 35 to 25 victory from the LAC Indians (2). Zach Brosseau led the LAC Indians (1) with 10 points. Ethan Pocic of LAC Indians (2) was lead-scorer with 7 points.

7th Grade

Sutherland snuck by the Lemont Coyotes 24 to 23. Anderson Crump led Sutherland with 7 points. Tony Piazza scored 8 points for the Lemont Coyotes.

IL Warriors defeated the Wildcats 54 to 24. Delvon Rencher was lead-scorer for the Warriors with 16 points. Pat Haynes tallied 8 points for the Wildcats.

Sutherland defeated St. Symphorosa 32 to 16. Jason Ganta led St. Symphorosa with 4 points.

Earns Scholarship

St. Xavier University freshman goalkeeper Danielle Wagner (Worth, University of Illinois) was recently awarded a $1,000 Brine Method and NAIA Champions of Character Scholarship when the honor was announced at the National Soccer Coaches Assn. of America (NSCAA) Convention on Jan. 11th in Indianapolis, Ind. The first-ever award is given to a student-athlete who demonstrates character and dedication both on and off the field.

The NAIA Champions of Character program has established five core values that go well beyond the playing field to the daily decisions of our student-athletes. These character values help young people – and those associated with their development – make good choices in all aspects of their life and reflect the true spirit of competition. The five core values are respect, responsibility, integrity, servant leadership and sportsmanship.

"I think that when people look at Danielle both on and off the playing field, she displays all five of the Champions of Character core values," said St. Xavier women's soccer coach Derek Begich. "She is a born leader with tremendous character and a commitment to excellence. I think it is a great honor for both Danielle and our program to have her as the award's first recipient."

Wagner had a stellar debut season with the Cougars starting 20 of the team's 23 games in goal and posted 104 saves and school-record tying 10 shutouts. She also had a 0.60 goals-against-average, the lowest average ever by an SXU women's soccer goalkeeper. Following the season, she was named a NAIA First Team All-American, a first in the 10-year history of the SXU women's soccer program.

Led by Wagner, St. Xavier earned its first-ever trip to the NAIA National Tournament last fall and finished with a school-record 19-4 overall record.

Coaching Clinic

ASEP Coaching Clinics will be held in Bolingbrook on Feb. 3rd at the La Quinta Inn and in Rockford on Feb. 4th at the Quality Suites for anyone interested in becoming certified to coach middle or high school athletics. The successful completion of the ASEP program is required by the Illinois High School Association for all non-faculty coaches.

To register or for more information about this or future clinics, contact Jeff Kyle at (217) 586-4799.

Gleich Joins Wrestling Team

Tim Gleich of Bridgeview is a new member of the 2006-2007 Elmhurst College wrestling team.

Gleich, a 157-pound freshman, is majoring in economics at Elmhurst. A graduate of Marist High School, he is the son of Timothy and Samette Gleich of Chicago.

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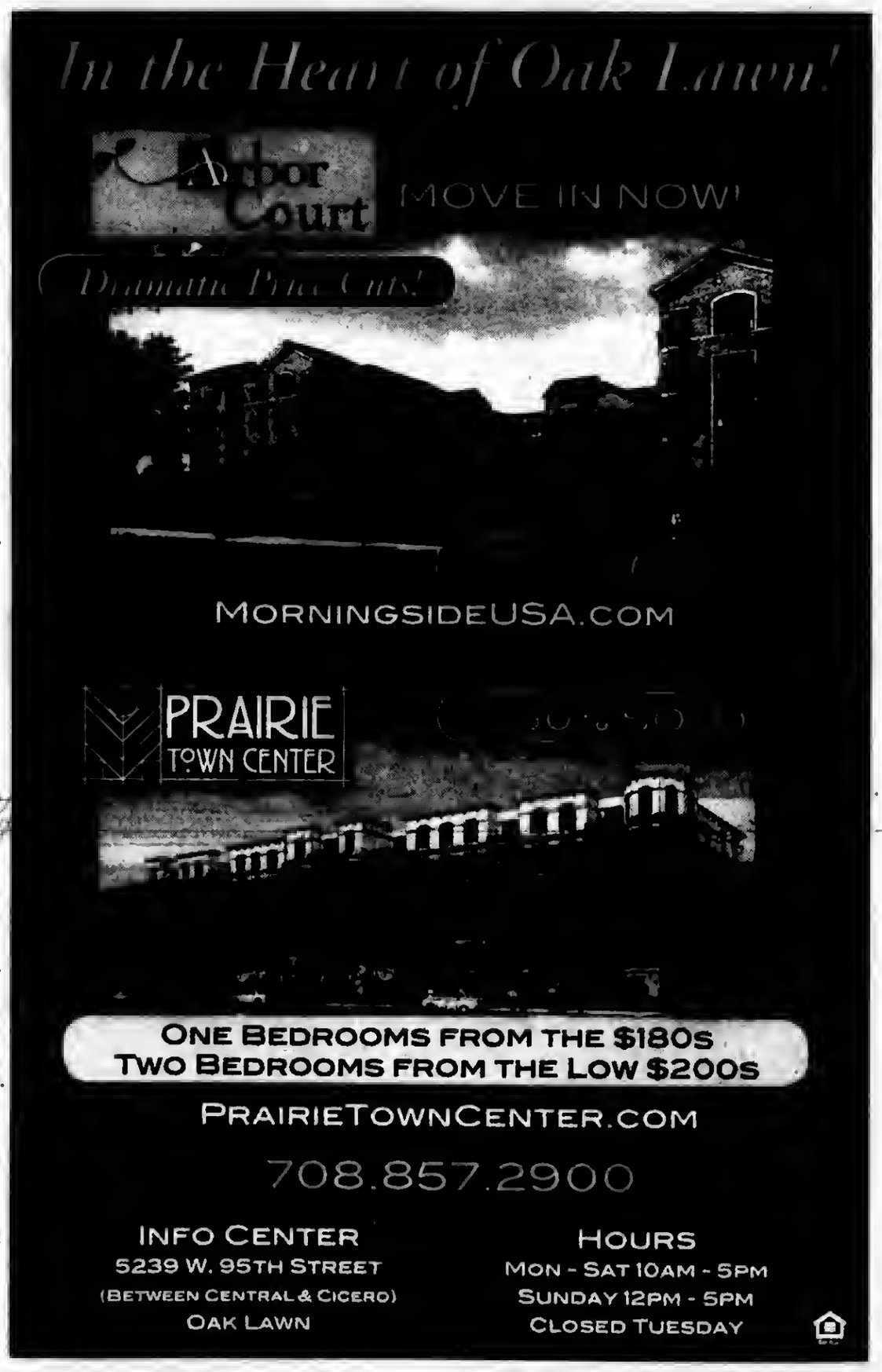

Passport Program Expands

City Clerk Miguel del Valle's office will expand its U.S. Passport application services to the satellite facility located at 5430 W. Gale St. effective Feb. 1st. As an official U.S. Passport acceptance agency, the City Clerk's satellite office will offer passport application services, including passport photos, at the northwest side facility on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Wednesday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Del Valle's office is expanding passport services to accommodate increased demand for U.S. Passports as a result of new federal travel requirements that took effect Jan. 23rd. The new regulations require U.S. citizens to present a valid passport when traveling by air between the United States and Canada, Mexico, Central and South America, the Caribbean, and Bermuda.

In addition to the north side City Clerk satellite office, residents are reminded that there are several locations to apply in person for a new U.S. Passport including the Office of the City Clerk, Room 100, City Hall, 121 N. LaSalle St.; the City Clerk's satellite office located at 5301 S. Cicero Ave.; the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court; and most U.S. post offices.

Passport fees at City Clerk facilities: Regular processing (8-10 weeks), Adults (age 16 & older) $67, Children (under 16) $52; Expedited Processing (2 weeks), Adults (ages 16 & older) $127, Children (under 16) $112.

The passport fee must be in the form of a check or money order only. Cash or credit card will not be accepted for the passport fee. Make check payable to the U.S. Department of State. There is a separate $30 execution fee that can be paid in cash, check or money order payable to the City Clerk.

For information about accepted forms of ID, passport photo requirements and a link to the Passport section of the U.S. Dept. of State's web site, visit the City Clerk online at www.chicityclerk.com. You may also call the Clerk's office at (312) 744-2020 for more information about the City Clerk's U.S. Passport program.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given to all interested persons that a hearing will be held by the Planning and Zoning Commission of the Village of Alsip, Illinois, to consider a comprehensive amendment to the following sections of Article 10 ("B-1 Business District") of the Village of Alsip Zoning Ordinance: (1) to amend Article 10, Section 102(16) ("Prohibited Uses") to further define the massage establishment and massage services prohibited use; (2) to adopt specific permitted uses in the B-1 Business District by establishing a new Section 103 to Article 10; and (3) to establish parking requirements for permitted and special uses in the B-1 Business District by establishing a new Section 109 to Article 10. The public hearing on said comprehensive amendment will be held in the Board Room, Village Hall, 4500 West 123rd Street, Alsip, Illinois, on Wednesday, February 14, 2007, at 7:30 p.m. The Planning and Zoning Commission will hear evidence and testimony presented on this matter, and such other matters as may properly come before the Planning and Zoning Commission. The complete text of the proposed comprehensive amendment may be viewed in the office of the Village Clerk, Village Hall, 4500 West 123rd Street, Alsip, Illinois from 8:00 a.m. through 4:00 p.m. during regular business days. Comments on the comprehensive amendment may be submitted in writing and filed with the office of Village Clerk before the public hearing, or may be offered orally at the public hearing.

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Jack R. Golomb, Chairman
Planning and Zoning Commission

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Saint Xavier University & Prairie State College Agreement

Saint Xavier University and Prairie State College have signed a dual-admission agreement to provide a smoother transfer for nursing students between the two schools.

Under the agreement, Prairie State College students earning an associate in applied science degree in nursing can complete their bachelor of science degree in nursing at Saint Xavier's Orland Park campus. Student progress is facilitated through timely completion of program requirements and improved sequencing of learning experiences.

"With the significant national nursing shortage, our dual-admission agreement with Prairie State College allows students to move quickly into the baccalaureate nursing courses and bring special skills to the patients," said Anne R. Bavier, Ph.D., dean of the School of Nursing at Saint Xavier University.

Receiving guidance from both institutions, students will have access to a wider array of choices for academic planning to meet their personal goals, preferences and needs.

"I am very pleased to have the opportunity to provide the graduates from Prairie State College's nursing program the opportunity to articulate to Saint Xavier University," said Gwen Dean, dean of Health Professions and director of Nursing at Prairie State College.

"The faculty and I continue to encourage our graduates to advance their education beyond the associate's degree level. Saint Xavier's fine reputation for the delivery of nursing education at both the bachelor's and master's degree level is the type of educational experience we hope many of our graduates will seriously consider," Dean said.

Saint Xavier University President Judith A. Dwyer, Ph.D., said the agreement benefits all involved. "Saint Xavier is delighted to enhance the ability of nurses from Prairie State College's fine associate's degree program to complete Saint Xavier University's baccalaureate program," Dwyer said. "It reinforces one of our key values of lifelong learning by guiding students into SXU prerequisites while they complete their PSC nursing courses."

Prairie State College President Paul J. McCarthy agreed. "By expanding an already beneficial association with Saint Xavier, we can bring this wonderful opportunity to our students."

Students in Prairie State's nursing program interested in participating in the partnership program are encouraged to take prescribed "bridge" courses in preparation for the RN-BSN program. Courses can be taken either at PSC or Saint Xavier prior to or concurrently with their enrollment in the RN-BSN program.

Students who successfully complete the associate of applied science degree in nursing with a cumulative grade-point average of at least 2.5 out of a possible 4.0 from Prairie State and have passed the NCLEX-RN exam will be fully admitted into Saint Xavier's RN-BSN program at the Orland Park campus. Application fees will be waived for participants in this program.

For more information, contact Saint Xavier University's Robert Weierman at (708) 802-6200 or Carol Yukich at yukich@sxu.edu.

Saint Xavier University and Prairie State College officials signing the agreement are Saint Xavier University President Judith A. Dwyer, Ph.D., and Prairie State College President Paul J. McCarthy, Ph.D. (both seated). Joining them for the event are (left to right) Carol Yukich, associate professor of nursing, Saint Xavier; Richard Venneri, associate provost at Saint Xavier; Dominick Hart, provost, Saint Xavier; Anne Bavier, dean of the School of Nursing, Saint Xavier; Sister Ida M. Green, chair of nursing, Prairie State; Linda Uzureau, vice president of academic affairs, Prairie State; Gwen Dean, dean of health professions and director of nursing, Prairie State; and Michaeline Reinke, transfer coordinator and chair of counseling and instructional services, Prairie State.

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Thoughts On Health & Nutrition

by
Lucinda K. Lysen, RD, RN, BSN

Ms. Lysen will be attending the American Society for Parenteral and Enteral Nutrition Clinical Nutrition Conference in Phoenix, Arizona this week, to sign the second edition of her medical text, ***Quick Reference to Clinical Dietetics*** published by Jones and Barlett Publishers, Gaithersburg, Maryland. The annual meeting will be attended by over 4,000 doctors, nurses, pharmacists, and dietitians from around the world. Her column will resume upon her return.

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Womantalk Luncheon

The Center, 12700 Southwest Highway in Palos Park, will host its monthly Womantalk Luncheon program on Tuesday, Jan. 30th.

The program will begin with a noon luncheon, followed by a 1 p.m. discussion. Womantalk leader MaryAnn Grzych of Palos Heights invites ladies to join the discussion of the readings of Sarah Ban Breathnach's "Simple Abundance," "Romancing the Ordinary" and "Moving On" books.

The luncheon cost is $14 per person and requires advance reservations. For further information, call (708) 361-3650.

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Oral Healthcare Strives To Keep Up

With age comes wisdom and, hopefully, good oral health.

Unfortunately, there are serious hurdles to overcome in protecting the oral health of America's aging population. While research indicates that a greater number of older adults have all or most of their natural teeth than in earlier decades, interrelated health issues, economic changes and barriers to dental care now present our society with important challenges to the oral health of seniors.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the National Institutes for Health (NIH) recently reported a nearly 29 percent reduction in the number of adults who had lost all of their teeth. Their research found improved oral health in all age groups, even though the time periods compared were recent history: 1999-2002 and 1988-1994.

People, governments and the oral healthcare industry have adopted disease prevention and health promotion strategies that helped create this success. Today, more people also understand their oral health can be associated with, and reflect on, conditions elsewhere in their bodies.

Most people connect regular check-ups and preventive maintenance with preventing the need for more extensive and expensive treatments later. The word is out that in many cases oral health problems typically associated with getting older – chronic pain, disability, disfigurement and inadequate nutrition – can be prevented or overcome. Enter economic issues to complicate the oral health of our seniors. Many people retire with no dental benefits. To cut costs, companies are cutting or eliminating benefits to retirees. Access to primary dental services is becoming an increasing challenge to the oral health of senior citizens.

Drawing attention to the plight of Americans without dental and other health coverage is a first step. The American Dental Association and other organizations recently conducted a series of activities, "Cover the Uninsured Week," as a national call for steps to help the millions of Americans who lack adequate access to health care.

Some seniors have found a solution through dental coverage recently introduced by AARP, a nonprofit organization for people age 50 and over with over 35 million members. Provided by the Delta Dental Insurance Company, the AARP Dental Insurance Plan offers seniors dental insurance with reduced out-of-pocket costs, the freedom to choose their dentists and claims convenience, among other benefits.

Participating AARP members in many parts of the country can receive immediate coverage for most preventive, diagnostic and basic restorative services, root canal treatments and oral surgeries. After the first year, coverage expands to include major restorations, gum treatments and dentures.

But challenges to improving the oral health of seniors remain. In addition to economically disadvantaged seniors, seniors from minority groups and people residing in rural communities and nursing homes remain at risk from poor oral health and untreated dental problems.

Access To Care Completely Eliminated

Access to Care is a charitable program that provides a delivery system for primary health care to the medically indigent of suburban Cook County and northwest Chicago. **The proposed Cook County budget completely eliminated funding for Access to Care.** In 2006 the program served nearly 14,000 individuals with an average of 10,000 per month. This vital health program is designed for low income, uninsured residents of suburban Cook County and northwest Chicago.

- Access to Care provides approximately 10,000 low income, uninsured individuals with affordable primary health care services annually.
- Without Access to Care these people would be thrown to the already over-burdened County Health system by the end of the year.
- Access to Care has nearly 700 participating physicians who donate an estimated $3 million worth of in-kind services.
- Does the County want to eliminate a $3 million contribution?
- Access to Care doctors are in local communities throughout Cook County. Many patients are unable to travel the long distances to go downtown to Stroger Hospital.

If the Access to Care program is not in the County budget, communities will suffer. People unable to afford a private doctor will take time off from their jobs to spend a day at Stroger Hospital. They may lose their jobs. Employers suffer when people are not at work and ultimately the public loses, as they are not able to get service from their local merchants.

In order to be eligible for Access to Care, an individual must provide proof of address and proof of income. Eligibility guidelines are 1) live in suburban Cook County; and 2) family income below 200% of the federal poverty level (an example is $40,000 or less for a family of four). The individual must have no health insurance (or a per person deductible of $500 or more) and be ineligible for Medicaid or Medicare.

Access to Care provides the opportunity for low-income individuals to see a local primary care doctor in their private office for $5. Other services include prescription medication for $10 (generic), $20 (preferred-brand name) or $30 (non-preferred brand name) and basic lab and X-ray services for $5. Patients develop a relationship with their Access to Care doctor and report increased peace of mind.

Funded by both public and private sources, the program had received its primary source of funding from the Cook County Board of Commissioners and the State of Illinois. Townships and municipalities as well as private foundations, corporations, service organizations and individual donors also fund Access to Care. The Access to Care physicians annually donate services worth an estimated $3 million.

For more information about the Access to Care program, call (708) 531-0680.

Asthma Facts

Almost 20 million Americans are living with asthma, a lung disease that causes the airways to become restricted, making it difficult to breathe. Asthma attacks are often triggered by smoke, pollen, and allergens such as dust mites and animal dandruff. Learn more about this chronic disease, including the symptoms and available treatment options with Asthma, an informative fact sheet from the FDA's Office of Women's Health.

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Conduct Major Study

If it is true that knowledge is power, the South Suburban Council on Homelessness will soon have the power to engage the community in crafting solutions to homelessness as a benefit of a $50,000 grant recently awarded to the organization.

The Chicago Community Trust recently announced the award to the Council to assist in the development of a comprehensive report on the causes, conditions and trends existing in the south and southwest suburbs that have an impact on families and individuals facing homelessness.

"The support of The Chicago Community Trust will allow us to accurately document why more people are confronted by homelessness each year and what we can do to stem that tide. By understanding how regional factors such as economic growth, education and population trends lead to homelessness we can start determining ways to combat this growing problem," Fred Shannon, President of the South Suburban Council on Homelessness, said.

The South Suburban Council on Homelessness, established in 1995, is a coalition of 41 social service organizations serving people who are homeless. The Council began gathering information in October, 2006 when it held its first "Summit on Homelessness."

At that time over 70 different entities representing elected officials, municipalities, townships, libraries, police departments, businesses, social service organizations and community residents came together to share their insights on homelessness.

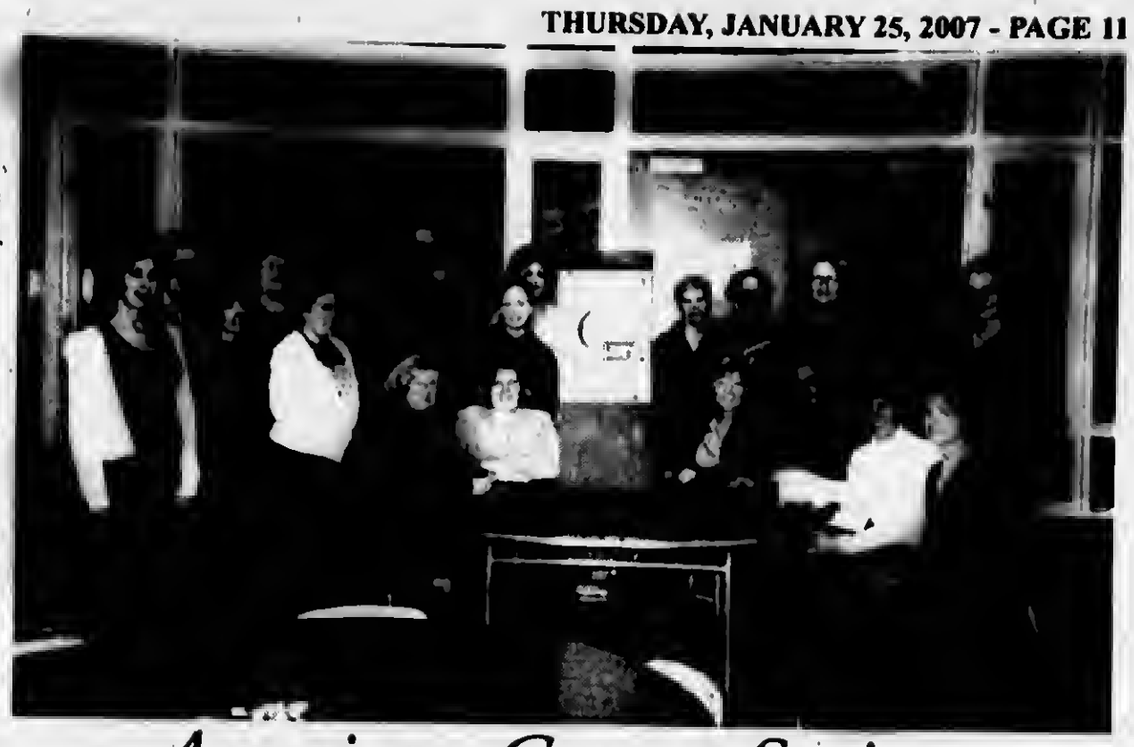
The first step of the project being underwritten by The Chicago Community Trust involves the gathering of existing research on the south suburbs which has been developed over the years. Dr. James Lewis, Director of the Metropolitan Institute at Roosevelt University, and Dr. Larry McClellan, Director of South Chicago, Inc., and well known as a former professor of Sociology and Community Studies at Governors State University, will head up the research team.

The information gathered by the research team will be compiled into a comprehensive report which will fuel the planning work of the Regional Advisory Group. "The foundation of the Regional Advisory Group will be those people who participated in the Summit on Homelessness. However, the Council is certain that the group will grow when the community understands the importance of their involvement," Shannon added.

Estimates predict that annually between 5,000 and 7,500 men, women and children become homeless in the communities which comprise the south and southwest suburbs. Homelessness is not limited to any race, age group, sex, ethnic group or community.

The South Suburban Council on Homelessness' effort is part of a large planning process being coordinated by the Alliance to End Homelessness in Suburban Cook County. Representing 125 suburban communities, the Alliance is working to develop an area wide 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness. To date communities across the United States have developed similar plans which seek to convert community resources into solutions. These plans include strategies to prevent homelessness, ways to house individuals and families who become homeless and concepts to rapidly re-establish people in permanent housing.

For more than 90 years, The Chicago Community Trust has connected the generosity of donors with the needs of the community by supporting organizations working to improve our community. With assets of $1.5 billion, the Trust gave its billionth dollar in grants in 2006. Last year, it made more than $81 million in grants. From strengthening community schools to assisting local art programs, from building health centers to helping lives affected by violence, the Trust continues to enhance our region. To learn more, visit the Trust online at www.cct.org.



American Cancer Society Hosts Relay Kickoff

The committee for the relay for life of Evergreen Park is hosting the annual kickoff for the event on Thursday, Jan. 25, beginning at 5:30 p.m., in the cafeteria of Evergreen Park Community High School. Committee members, team captains, and relayers from past years are invited to attend. Individuals who have not participated in the past, but are interested in learning more about this all-community event, are also invited.

The planning committee will be introduced. Honorary chairman Mayor James Sexton of the Village of Evergreen Park, event chairman Laura Shallow of Fifth Third Bank, and other sub-committee chairmen, will present the highlights of the relay. This event provides an opportunity to raise money for the dreaded disease, while enjoying a night of fun with family, friends, neighbors, and others from the community. Last year, members of the steering committee, including (left to right, seated) chairman Laura Shallow and Sharon Dineen-Holland of Fifth Third Bank, Serene Rademaker and William McGuire of Evergreen Park Community High School, Chris Oilenburger of H & R Johnson Brothers, Inc., Ellie Ryan of Little Company of Mary Hospital, (back row, standing, sixth from left) and Peter Nielsen of Evergreen Benefit Brokerage, gathered with interested participants. They again encourage people to attend this year's kickoff, and to become involved.

The fourth annual relay is scheduled for the third weekend in July. A special dinner for cancer survivors begins the festivities at 6 p.m., and is followed by an opening ceremony at 7 p.m. Survivors are honored in the initial lap around the track, and are followed by relayers, who take turns representing their teams in walking the track throughout the night, to symbolize that cancer never sleeps.

Make-Up High School Entrance Exam

The chance to become a Pioneer is still available. St. Francis de Sales High School is hosting a make-up scholarship and entrance exam on Jan. 27th for 8th grade students who were unable to attend the first test date.

There is a $25 test fee for the exam which begins at 8 a.m. Students need to bring their test fee and a #2 pencil on the morning of the test.

Contact Meganne Britton with questions by phone or email at (773) 731-7272, ext. 239, mbritton@sfdshs.org.

Letter To The Editor

Editor:

Imagine if, after ignoring your mortgage payments, you convinced your bank to renegotiate the terms of your loan, dropping the interest rate and giving you more time to pay it off.

Then imagine that despite making only two payments in nearly a decade, you still owned your home. If you're an average homeowner, you're probably thinking "dream on."

But this scenario is very real for a particular group of influential investors who received a state-backed loan two decades ago and now owe more than $28 million after failing to pay up.

As Illinois' new State Treasurer, I serve as the state's banker. It is my job to protect the interests of the state's shareholders, the citizens of Illinois. When it comes to this sweetheart deal, I say enough is enough.

The foreclosure proceedings that are currently underway against the owners of the President Abraham Lincoln Hotel and Conference Center in Springfield will finally bring an end to this ugly chapter in Illinois politics.

In 1982, the hotel investors received $15.5 million from the state to build the hotel. Even after former state powerbrokers let them off easy by twice renegotiating the loan and inking favorable deals for their benefit, the investors have failed to make good on the loan.

The state has only received two payments since 1997 and none since 2002; resulting in $28.4 million owed in unpaid principal and interest.

After all the backroom deals and unfulfilled promises, the best course of action is to pursue foreclosure and receivership proceedings. The hotel owners have failed repeatedly to honor their obligations to the state and do not deserve the opportunity to cut yet another deal at taxpayers' expense.

Placing the hotel in receivership is the equivalent of hiring a new manager. This is the best way to protect the hotel from falling into further disrepair, protect jobs and revive the operations so it can finally turn a profit.

At this point, foreclosure will allow the state to auction off the hotel to the highest bidder, generating the maximum return for taxpayers. The only parties harmed by the foreclosure action are the borrowers, who have to pay taxes on the loan and whom we cannot afford to let off the hook.

Having inherited this financial boondoggle when I took office earlier this month, I will not allow it to fester and cost the state and taxpayers more money than it already has.

Sincerely,
Alexi Giannoulias
Illinois State Treasurer

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Copeland Lecture

M. Shawn Copeland, Ph.D., associate professor of systematic theology at Boston College, will discuss how people react to racial, political and religious differences as part of Saint Xavier University's 160th anniversary Catholic Colloquium lecture series at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 6, in the Butler Reception Room, 3700 W. 103rd St., Chicago.

Titled "Appreciating Difference: The Catholic University in the Formation of Persons," Copeland's lecture will identify and examine the critical contribution that Catholic universities can make to a social aesthetic that does not merely recognize and negotiate difference, but appreciates and values difference as crucial to the flourishing of human life.

Copeland's academic research and publications include the areas of theological and philosophical anthropology, political theology, and embodiment, with special attention to gender and race. She is recognized as one of the most important influences in North America in drawing attention to issues surrounding African-American Catholics.

A graduate of Boston College (Ph.D.), Copeland specializes in systematic theology, with particular attention to theological anthropology, liberation and political theologies, and African-American religious experience and culture.

Copeland also serves as adjunct associate professor of systematic theology at the Institute for Black Catholic Studies at Xavier University of Louisiana in New Orleans and has taught theology at Yale Divinity School as well as Marquette University. She has written more than 70 articles, reviews and book chapters, and along with Elisabeth Schüssler Fiorenza has co-edited two volumes of the international theological journal *Concilium: Violence Against Women* (1994) and *Feminist Theologies in Different Contexts* (1996).

Copeland's lecture is the third in a five-part series that looks at what it means to "be in good standing" with the Catholic Church and the challenges facing Catholic universities since the Second Vatican Council. The lecture is free and open to the public and is supported by a generous contribution from the Lilly Fellows Program.

"In this series, we have invited renowned Catholic scholars to provide theological perspectives that could inform our thinking about social, political and religious issues that did not even exist at the time of the Second Vatican Council in the 1960s," said Sister Susan Sanders, R.S.M., vice president for University Mission and Heritage at Saint Xavier, who organized the event. "As an African-American Catholic and theologian, Dr. Copeland will talk about our differences and the role Catholic universities can play in helping our students and communities understand and celebrate them."

The series, which is funded in part by Saint Xavier's Office for University Mission and Heritage, is one of many events to celebrate Saint Xavier University's 160th anniversary. The series also celebrates the 175th anniversary of the founding of the Sisters of Mercy by Mother Catherine McAuley in Dublin, Ireland, in 1831.

If you would like to have more information about the lecture series, please feel free to contact Kathy Mareska at (773) 298-3981 or mareska@sxu.edu.

Teen Game Night

The Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St., will host a Teen Game Night featuring Dance Dance Revolution (DDR) from 7 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 31st for students in grades six through ten. Teens are also invited to bring their favorite board or card games to play with others. Prizes will be awarded for the top scores in DDR. Free snacks for all.

For more information, call the Youth Service Dept. at (708) 422-4990.

Seniors Meeting

The Worth Township Seniors' General Meeting will be on Friday, Feb. 2nd. The meeting starts at 12:30 p.m. and will be held in the gym of the Worth Township Center, 11601 S. Pulaski Rd. in Alsip.

If you have any questions, call (708) 371-2900, ext. 28.

Take Time for Fun Update:

• **Outdoor Ice Rink at Stony Creek** - The outdoor ice rink at Stony Creek, 5850 W. 103rd, is open. The hours of operation are 8 a.m. until dark, and depend on daily weather conditions. Skating is free. Bring your own skates and skate at your own risk. Skaters can call the pro shop for more information and daily conditions at 857-2433.

• **Special Recreation Animals & Arts** – The park district's Special Recreation Department is offering a new program, Animals and Arts. This program is designed for children ages 3-12 with disabilities. Each week a different animal will be featured. Each class will consist of a story about the animal featured, discussion, an animal-themed snack and craft. Classes will be held at the Oak View Center, 4625 W. 110th St., on Saturday mornings from 11 a.m. to 12 noon. This new program will run through Feb. 17th. Program fee is $25 for Oak Lawn residents and coop members and $38 for non-residents. For more information, call Todd Mallo at (708) 857-2200.

• **"Sweets & Treats"** - A Valentine's Day Family Event - The park district is hosting a Valentine's Day Ice Cream Social and Ice Skating Party on Sunday, Feb. 4th at the Oak Lawn Ice Arena, 9320 S. Kenton. Participants will receive two scoops of vanilla ice cream with a variety of toppings to choose from. There will also be time to create a Valentine's Day craft (one craft per child). The ice cream social & craft begin at 12:30 p.m. Skating is from 1:30 - 2:50. Fee for skating participants is $10 and $5 for non-skating participants. (Admission to the open skate is included in skating participant's fee.) Skate rental is an additional $2.50 per pair. Children must be accompanied by an adult in order to participate. Registration deadline is Jan. 26th at the Ice Arena. For more information, call (708) 857-5173.

• **Teen Trip: Snow Tubing** - Join the park district and teens from neighboring park districts as we journey to Sunburst Ski Resort in Kewaskum, Wisconsin on Saturday, Feb. 10th. Feel the thrill as you tube down one of the 900-foot-long chutes each with a 10-story drop and reaching speeds in excess of 40 miles per hour. Participants will enjoy 3 hours of fun in the snow. Water-resistant clothing, hat, gloves and boots are recommended; also bring a dry set of clothes for the ride home. Fee for this trip is $43 per participant. Bus will depart from the Oak View Center at 7:30 a.m. and return at 5:30 p.m. For information, call the Oak View Center at (708) 857-2200.

• **Greenhouse Groupies** - The park district's new horticulturist, Dolly Foster, will be conducting an information meeting on Monday, Feb. 12th at 10 a.m. The topic of this meeting will be the Greenhouse Groupies program, at the Stony Creek Golf Course Greenhouse. Participants will learn planting, propagation and care skills. The greenhouse is located at 5850 W. 103rd St. For more information and to register for this meeting, call (708) 857-2225.

Giovanni Speaks On Racial Diversity

World-renowned poet, writer and activist Nikki Giovanni will speak about racial diversity at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 8, in the Butler Reception Room at Saint Xavier University's Chicago campus at 3700 W. 103rd St. The lecture is free and open to the public.

Giovanni's lecture is one of several events planned at Saint Xavier University to commemorate Black History Month. Prior to the lecture from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m., Giovanni will be available to sign copies of her book, *The Prosaic Soul of Nikki Giovanni*.

Giovanni will discuss the role a university can play in supporting racial diversity and dispelling racial stereotypes. A daughter, mother and professor of English, Giovanni serves as a strong voice for black Americans and has captured worldwide attention with her writings and lectures on civil rights and equality. She focuses on the individual's power to make a difference in oneself, and thus, the lives of others.

Giovanni has received honors and awards for many of her books. Her autobiography, Gemini, was a finalist for the National Book Award. Her other books – *Love Poems; Blues: For All the Changes; and Quilting the Black-Eyed Pea* – were honored with Image Awards from the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

The lecture is sponsored by Saint Xavier University's African-American Studies Program, Center for Religion and Public Discourse, Division of Student Affairs, and Black Student Union. For more information, contact David Bell at (773) 298-3881.

Other events scheduled at Saint Xavier to celebrate Black History Month include: Feb. 20, 2 to 4 p.m.: Videorama with commentary by culture worker Mansong Kulubally, featuring video clips on great historians, spiritual leaders, reparations, economics, relationships and more, in Room S-101, Warde Academic Center; and Feb. 28, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., Celebration of Music, featuring choirs from the Chicago area. McGuire Hall, Warde Academic Center.

Senior Fellowship Group

The Senior Fellowship Group in Oak Lawn is planning a catered Valentine's Party (buffet style) on Thursday, Feb. 15th. It will be held in the auditorium of Trinity Lutheran Church, 9701 S. Brandt, at 12 noon. Directly after the luncheon, Jacki Mari, psychic and numerastrologer, will be enlightening attendees about senior issues and dreams. She will also take questions from the audience.

For reservations call Mickey at (708) 422-2355 before Thursday, Feb. 1st. The cost is $12 per person.

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Steroids Seminar

Richards High School, 10601 S. Central Ave. in Oak Lawn, will host a seminar detailing the risks of steroid use on Saturday, Feb. 17th. Open to the public and free of charge, the 90-minute program will feature presentations by Dr. Michael Ankin, currently a team physician for the Chicago Bears, and Dr. Julian Bailes, Jr., formerly a team physician for the Pittsburgh Steelers.

The seminar, titled "When Winning Costs Too Much: The Science of Education and Nutrition for the Developing Athlete," will run from 1 to 2:30 p.m. For more information, call the Richards athletic office at (708) 499-2550, ext. 5700. Reservations are not required.

"Steroid abuse represents a grave danger to young people everywhere, not just athletes. We're very lucky to have two experts who have worked with professional athletes speak at Richards. We encourage parents, students and coaches to attend," said Richards athletic director Ken Styler.

Bailes, the chairman of the Department of Neurosurgery at the University of West Virginia, will open the seminar by discussing how students need better mentors.

Ankin, a pulmonary specialist, will continue with a presentation that addresses the hypocrisies that sometimes pervade professional athletics. Ankin's key discussion points will include:

- Athletes to students: Do as we say, not as we do.
- Truths and lies behind the NFL's Drug Testing Ban.
- Steroids and designer drugs.
- Solutions to the out-of-control drug problem in sports.

Finally, prior to taking questions from the audience, Bailes will discuss a range of topics relating to young athletes, steroid abuse, and nutritional supplements. His key discussion points will include:

- Caring for youth sports: Are we or are we not?
- Winning at all costs: What we're driven to do and why.
- Who's in charge? Administration and parents are part of the problem.
- The supplement boom: The natural way.
- Solutions: Winning without losing perspective.

Both Ankin and Bailes will allow time for audience members to ask questions.

The Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St., will host a free lecture on the opera "Dialogues of the Carmelites" at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 4. At this informative session, a member of the Lyric Opera Lecture Corps will explain the plot, give background on the composer, Francis Poulenc, and play musical selections. Sponsored by the Friends of the Oak Lawn Library.

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Author John Binder will present a free lecture covering 100 years of organized crime in Chicago at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 6 at the library. Binder is the author of "The Chicago Outfit," a 128-page book exploring the roots of organized crime, from the late 19th century to the present day. At this talk, you will learn about the evolution of Chicago's underworld, including mob business activities, their leadership and the violence and political protection that they employed to become the most successful of the Cosa Nostra crime families. Copies of "The Chicago Outfit" will be available for purchase and autographs.

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The library will host "Guys Read," a free after-school program for boys in third through fifth grade from 4 to 5 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 6. Participants will explore "guy-friendly" subjects and formats, while sharing what they like to read for recreation, not just books. Advance registration required at the Youth Services Desk. Limited to 30 members. Light refreshments will be served.

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The library will host a Teen Chocolate Festival for students in grades six through ten from 7 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 7. Participants will taste, make and enjoy a variety of chocolate treats. Advance registration is required at the Youth Services Desk. There is no charge for this program, but there is a limit of 30 participants.

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Homeschooling families can meet and work together as part of a resource and sharing group sponsored by the library, the second Thursday of each month from 10 a.m. to noon. On Feb. 8, participants will exhibit science experiments that they will share with the group. No registration is required. All ages are welcome.

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The library will host a Yu-Gi-Oh game event from 4 to 5 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 8. Students in grades three and up are invited to bring their won set of Yu-Gi-Oh cards to play with others. No registration is required. This event will take place in the lower level meeting room.

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For information or to register, call the library at (708) 422-4990. Information is also available on the library's web site at www.oaklawnlibrary.org.

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9160 52NO CT	OAK LAWN	$236,000	FENCL WILLIAM J	FENCL PAUL R
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5349 AVERY PL	OAK LAWN	UNKNOWN	LANG JOHN R	LANG JOHN R TR
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9925 HARNEW RD	OAK LAWN	UNKNOWN	CANCHOLA STEVEN A	CANCHOLA MARY A
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9151 53RD PL	OAK LAWN	UNKNOWN	LAMBERGER CHARLES W	LAMBERGER CHARLES
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9528 S KOSTNER AVE	OAK LAWN	$320,000	CRUZ RUBEN	LITTLE MICHAEL C
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Veterans And Soldiers News

By Lori Taylor Ph: 708.388.2425

Hi, I'm still writing (Sunday, Jan. 21st) from the Rehab Center and have a tentative release date of Saturday, Jan. 27th, but it could be sooner. After I get home I'll still have 2 weeks of in-home therapy and 2 more weeks of going for therapy at Palos Hospital.

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Two teenagers started a program called "Cell Phones for Soldiers" to help our soldiers call home. They are collecting old cell phones, prepaid calling cards and cash donations. The cell phones are recycled for cash and the proceeds are used to buy the prepaid calling cards for the soldiers. Daniels Printing and Office Supplies, 14800 Cicero Ave., Oak Forest, IL, is an official sponsor and cell phone collection center. Drop off any make or model cell phone. For further information, visit www.cellphonesforsoldiers.com.

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Army National Guard Pvt. Brittany A. Franson graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, South Carolina. She is the daughter of Tammy Franson of Burbank and niece of Kathy Franson of Evergreen Park. Franson is a 2006 graduate of Reavis High School in Burbank.

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Air Force Airman Michael J. Smith has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. Smith earned distinction as an honor graduate. He is the son of Patti Smith of Chicago. The airman is a 2000 graduate of Mt. Carmel High School in Chicago.

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Army National Guard Pvt. Christopher M. Williams has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Knox, Kentucky. He is the son of Carole Williams of Hometown, Ill.

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Air Force Airman Kyle L. Wlazlo has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. He is the son of Alexander and Yolanda Wlazlo of Worth. Wlazlo is a 2005 graduate of Brother Rice High School in Chicago.

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Army Pvt. Robert W. Jurgensen has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, South Carolina. He is the son of Isabel Satala of Alsip and grandson of Roberto Fonseca of Burbank. Jurgensen is a 2003 graduate of Alan B. Shepard High School in Palos Heights.

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Evergreen Park American Legion Post 854 is asking anyone who has a flag to fly over the post at 97th and Kedzie Ave. in memory of a loved one can drop it off at the post. Also, submit the name of your loved one so they can mention it in the newspaper.

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Hometown-Murray VFW Post 9773 is having a GI Breakfast on Sunday, Feb. 11th from 8 a.m. till noon at the 'Mess Hall,' 9092 Main St. The menu includes scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, pancakes, toast and 'The Soldier's Blue Plate Special'-SOS-Chipped Beef on Toast, coffee and juice. A $5 per person donation benefits veterans, our military, their families and the community. Carry-outs are available. For more information, call (708) 422-9800 after 3 p.m. daily.

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"In the Mood," a 1940s musical revue, will be at the Moraine Valley Fine and Performing Arts Center on the campus, 9000 W. College Parkway, on Feb. 12th at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $25 for adults and $20 for seniors and students. To order tickets, call the Moraine Valley box office at (708) 974-5500. Phone orders are subject to a $1 per order handling fee.

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Quote of the week: "Why is it that the first gray hairs stick straight out?" Ken Hubbard

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My prayer for you today:
I Said a Prayer for You Today
I said a prayer for you today
And know God must have heard.
I felt the answer in my heart
Although He spoke no word!

I didn't ask for wealth or fame
(I knew you wouldn't mind).
I asked Him to send treasures
Of a far more lasting kind!

I asked that He be near you
At the start of each new day:
To grant you health and blessings
And friends to share your way!

I asked for happiness for you
In all things great and small.
But it was for His loving care
I prayed the most of all!

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Good-bye until next week. God bless you and your family and God bless America!

Programs To Reduce Juvenile Recidivism

Governor Rod R. Blagojevich announced a $1.6 million grant from the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority to the Chicago Police Department (CPD) that will help fight recidivism among juvenile delinquents by improving police communication systems and providing community-based programs and services.

The grant will help fund the development of a management information system at the CPD's Juvenile Intervention Support Center to give police the ability to access linked data from multiple agencies regarding juvenile arrestees. The Center deals with offenders below the age of 17 who have been arrested for misdemeanors or lesser felonies. The system will allow police officers to look up the young men and women's records and, based on the seriousness of the offense, work with parents and guardians to help decide which counseling services are necessary to help keep the youth from going back to prison. The system also allows for follow-up and monitoring of each case.

"If we can intervene at the very beginning to give young men and women another chance at having good, productive, and law-abiding lives, we should do it. Funding initiatives like this is crucial to keep juveniles from wasting their lives in crime," said Gov. Blagojevich.

On behalf of the Chicago Police Department, the City of Chicago received Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JABG) funding administered by the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority (ICJIA) for programs intended to hold youth accountable for past criminal behavior and help prevent future arrests. ICJIA is the state agency designated by the Governor to administer JABG funds.

The Juvenile Intervention Support Center is the first of its kind, housing several agencies to allow more efficient coordination of services to at-risk youth. The Cook County Probation Department, Cook County State's Attorney, Illinois Department of Children and Family Services, Chicago Public Schools, and Chicago Department of Children and Youth Services maintain offices within the building. Since 2003, more than $6 million in JABG funding has been allocated to the Chicago Police Department to complete total renovation of, equip, and furnish the structure at 3900 S. California Ave.

The center offers programs targeting three types of juveniles: nonviolent offenders with prior arrests; juveniles at risk for gang involvement or having had contact with the juvenile justice system; and chronic, serious, and violent juvenile offenders. About 300 juveniles will be served monthly.

Juveniles detained for all except the most serious offenses, such as murder and sexual assault, will be screened to determine their risk to re-offend, their needs, and any protective services they may require due to violent situations in their home lives. The screening determines their qualification for station adjustment, detention, and referral to court.

A study conducted by the Chicago Police Department indicated that of 127 juveniles arrested for first or second-degree homicide between 1999 and 2003, only 19 percent had previous serious, violent arrests. Of 6,291 juveniles arrested for aggravated battery or assault were arrested within one year of their first nonviolent offense arrest, and 83 percent were rearrested within two years.

Based on their identified risk factors, needs, and strengths, station adjusted juveniles can be referred to appropriate community organizations providing career counseling and job placement assistance, education and training, mental health and substance abuse counseling, and counseling on violence issues, staying in school, and structuring their activities to stay out of trouble.

Community agencies selected by the Chicago Department of Children and Youth Services through competitive bids to provide intervention assistance include Canaan Community Complex, Institute for Positive Living, St. Paul Church of God, Holy Cross IMH Parish, Our Lady of Good Counsel, Union Avenue Community Church, St. Agnes of Bohemia, and Passages Alternative Living Programs, Inc.

"Programs offered by these agencies have a three-fold purpose—reducing juvenile recidivism, providing early intervention and comprehensive services to at-risk juveniles, and following the restorative justice philosophy that makes youth offenders responsible for their acts," said ICJIA Executive Director Lori G. Levin, who spoke as the Center was being dedicated by Chicago Mayor Richard M. Daley.

Balanced and restorative justice principles encourage offenders, victims, and communities to resolve incidents of criminal behavior with strategies that promote accountability, community safety, and competency.

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Military Personnel

As a way to honor Illinois' military men and women, State Senator Dan Rutherford (R-Pontiac) is inviting Illinois residents to submit original stories, letters, vignettes and photos from any soldier who is serving overseas or away from home.

"I have a great deal of respect for our men and women of the military, and I believe it is important that we acknowledge their strength and commitment," said Rutherford. "This is an opportunity to recognize the soldiers who have sacrificed so much in order to serve this country."

Rutherford said that the messages and photographs can be sent to him at DanRutherford@DanRutherford.com. He will then post them on his Web site at http://www.DanRutherford.com.

The Senator also invites the public to visit the website and read of the experiences shared by the soldiers and view their photos. "It is a fascinating read and one I believe should be shared by many," said Rutherford.

It is requested that all submissions be in "first person," from the soldier personally, and contributors are asked to include the soldier's home town.

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SUPER BOWL PARTY
Sunday, February 4th, 2007
4:30 PM to 9:30 PM
INCLUDES APPETIZERS, DINNER AND OPEN BAR
(Includes Call & Premium Liquors with Domestic Draft & Bottled Beers)
(EXCLUDING SHOTS)
Reservations a Must
Reserve Your Table Today
Payment in Advance
NO WALK-INS ACCEPTED
(708) 396-2333
$38.00 per person inclusive

Lake Michigan Management Grant

Joined by officials with the Illinois Dept. of Natural Resources (IDNR) and the Lake County Forest Preserve District (LCFPD), Lt. Gov. Pat Quinn recently announced the state has secured a $350,000 grant from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS). The National Coastal Wetland Conservation grant will be used for coastal habitat enhancement by targeting the removal of aggressive invasive plant species on 240 acres of permanently protected, high quality natural areas within Adeline Jay Geo-Karis Illinois Beach State Park, IDNR property, and Spring Bluff Nature Preserve, owned by the LCFPD. Following the announcement, the lieutenant governor, state and county officials, and conservation partners met with USFWS Director Dale Hall, who was in Chicago to present the grant award to the state, to discuss various conservation issues in Illinois.

The Illinois Beach – Spring Bluff complex is Illinois' largest protected, undeveloped coastal natural area. The approximately 3,300-acre site contributes significantly to the national and regional biodiversity of the Great Lakes coastal wetland ecosystems. The complex provides habitat for four federally threatened or endangered species and has the highest concentration of state threatened and endangered species, rare community types, and coastal wetlands in the state.

Recovery efforts for rare species are a priority in this coastal area, and have been demonstrated by the successful reintroduction of the federally threatened Pitcher's Thistle at Illinois Beach State Park and ongoing population study of the state-listed Blanding's Turtle at Spring Bluff.

Designation as an Illinois Nature Preserve provides protection for Illinois Beach and Spring Bluff from development under the Illinois Natural Areas Preservation Act, the highest level of natural area protection offered in the state of Illinois. However, these nationally significant resources are not protected from damage caused by invasive species. The funding awarded, in addition to $174,000 in matching funds provided by the IDNR, LCFPD, and local partners, will provide the financial boost necessary to initiate an aggressive and comprehensive attack on invasive species.

The coastal habitat enhancement project is a cooperative effort of the IDNR, LCFPD, Friends of Illinois Beach, Johns-Manville Corp. and the Alliance for the Great Lakes. The Alliance will use the Great Lakes Adopt-a-Beach program to enhance educational offerings and volunteer participation in invasive control at Illinois Beach State Park.

The project supports the goals and objectives of the Illinois Wildlife Action Plan, the Great Lakes Strategy 2002: A Strategic Plan for the Great Lakes Ecosystem, the Chicago Wilderness Biodiversity Recovery Plan, and the Lake Michigan Lakewide Management Plan.

Madigan Joins Suit

Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan recently intervened in a lawsuit against several Chicago-area radiology centers over their payment of illegal kickbacks to referring doctors. The complaint alleges that the radiology centers entered into sham "lease" agreements with doctors under which the doctors pay a reduced rate for MRI and CT scans but charge the patient's insurance a higher rate, and then keep the difference.

In 2006, a private plaintiff, the owner of radiology centers in Illinois, filed the lawsuit in Cook County Circuit Court on behalf of the State. The court maintained the complaint under seal Attorney General Madigan's office investigated the allegations and determined whether to join the case. The complaint names MIDI, LLC, a Virginia-based company that operates 13 Open Advanced MRI facilities in Illinois. The complaint also names several other Chicago-area radiology centers.

The lawsuit claims the defendants' actions violate the Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Business Practices Act, as well as Illinois' anti-kickback law, the Insurance Claims Fraud Prevention Act. It asks the court to order the defendants to stop paying the illegal kickbacks and seeks money damages, restitution and penalties.

"Illinois has a clear policy against kickbacks, and making payments to doctors for referral of patients is illegal, no matter how those payments are disguised," Madigan said. "Our investigation revealed evidence showing that this practice occurs among doctors and radiology centers in Illinois. This is an illegal practice that must stop."

Receives PATH Award

Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich recently named Margaret A. Davis as the latest recipient of the PATH (Peoples Are Today's Heroes) Award, and first recipient of 2007, for her years of work as a registered nurse and health advocate helping to ensure quality health care for thousands of residents in Illinois.

The governor's PATH Award recognizes those groups or individuals who, through their hard work and commitment, have improved the lives of those in their community and have helped Illinois move forward in the areas of health care, public safety, education and economic development.

"Margaret is an example of what makes a hero. She has worked tirelessly as a nurse to help patients and has done even more to ensure that people have access to health care. She saw the need to improve the health care system and has worked very hard for a change," said the governor.

Davis is the Executive Director of the Healthcare Consortium of Illinois, a non-profit community-based health and human service organization that works to improve and enhance the quality of life in Illinois. The Healthcare Consortium of Illinois, and Margaret's work with the agency began in 1991 to address the health care needs of residents on the south side of Chicago, who were receiving fragmented and inadequate medical services.

Margaret Davis is also a member of the Adequate Health Care Task Force, a 29 voting member Board that was established by the Health Care Justice Act. The legislation, which passed in 2004, encourages Illinois to implement a health care plan that provides access to a full range of preventive, acute and long-term health care services, and maintains and improves the quality of health care services. She was appointed by Senate President Emil Jones, Jr.

Illinois Mathematics And Science Academy Campus Visit

The Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy (IMSA) has scheduled an IMSA Preview Day for Sunday, Jan. 28th. IMSA Preview Day is an opportunity for students, their parents and teachers to learn more about the Academy's academic and residential life programs.

IMSA's advanced college preparatory program enrolls 650 students (grades 10-12) who are academically talented and who demonstrate a passion for mathematics and science. All students live on campus. Tuition and most room and board are provided by state funds.

Prospective students and their families can learn about the admission process, take a student-led tour of the IMSA campus, speak with faculty, sit in on a mock class and meet IMSA residential staff, parents and alumni. Preview Day also includes a special segment for parents and students interested in IMSA 2007 summer programs for youths in grades three through nine.

The IMSA Preview Day segment showcasing IMSA's college preparatory program will be held from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. and no advance reservations are needed. These are formal events. Arrive by 10:30 a.m. to take advantage of all offerings.

The IMSA Preview Day segment showcasing IMSA's 2007 summer programs will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. During that time, the IMSA Kids Institute will be presenting "Summer@IMSA Sneak Peek" featuring hands-on science programming for elementary and middle school students and the first opportunity to register for IMSA summer programs.

Preview Day also will include a "First Birthday" celebration of the IMSA-ComEd Cyberquiz 4Kids online math and science brainteasers for Illinois students in grades six through nine. Each student who submits a correct answer to a monthly brainteaser will receive a certificate, an invitation to a recognition ceremony in May and a chance to win an iPod Shuffle.

For more information about the IMSA Preview Day or about applying for IMSA's advanced college preparatory program, contact the IMSA Office of Admissions, 1500 W. Sullivan Road, Aurora, IL 60506-1067, (630) 907-5027, or in Illinois 1(800) 500-IMSA or visit the IMSA Admissions Web site at www.imsa.edu/admissions. Application deadline for the Class of 2010 is March 1st. To learn more about IMSA's summer programs for youth, contact the IMSA Kids Institute at (630) 907-5879 or visit http://www.imsa.edu/programs/kidsinstitute/

Young Abe Look-Alike Contest

The Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum (ALPLM) announced a young Abe look-alike contest for boys and girls ages infant to 18 years. The contest will be held on Feb. 10th at 11 p.m. in Union Theater located inside the museum. The contest is part of the Lincoln birthday weekend events at the ALPLM.

Judging will be based on a young Abraham Lincoln; what he may have looked like between the ages of infant through 18 years – long before top hats and the presidency. Contestants will be admitted to the museum free the day of the contest. Guests accompanying contestants may purchase tickets upon arrival. Registration is not required; however, contestants are asked to present themselves at Union Theater at 10:45 a.m. the morning of the contest. Winners will be selected by a panel of judges, including Illinois State Historian Thomas F. Schwartz. The judging categories are: infants to 2 years, toddlers 3-5 years, children 6-12 years, and junior 13-18 years.

All prizes are donated by the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum Store. The grand prize, a $75 Museum Store gift certificate, will be awarded to the best overall contestant. For more information about the contest, call (217) 558-9016.

Affinity Fraud

Don't let the fancy name confuse you. Affinity fraud is nothing more complicated than investment scams targeted to a specific group of people by someone who claims to be part of that group. Although the returns can sound solid, it pays to be wary. One hundred Texas seniors lost $2.5 million to fraudsters who encouraged them to liquidate their retirement savings and invest them in securities with higher returns. In another scheme, a group of 375 mostly African-American investors were told they could get profits of up to 300 percent with no risk to their principal. They lost at least $2.8 million. This type of fraud is real, and it can happen to you too.

Learn how to avoid becoming a victim with Affinity Fraud from the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. For your free copy, send your name and address to the Federal Citizen Information Center, Dept. 592P, Pueblo, CO 81009. Or call toll-free 1(888) 878-3256 and ask for Item 592P.

Mother McAuley Seniors Named State Scholars

The Illinois Student Assistance Commission recently announced the State Scholars for the year 2007. Of this year's Scholars, 48 are students at Mother McAuley Liberal Arts High School. Although program participation by high schools is voluntary, nearly all schools participate and Illinois top students elect to have test scores and academic information sent to ISAC for consideration in this program. Approximately 10% of Illinois' high school seniors are designated state scholars and receive a Certificate of Achievement for the accomplishment.

In order to enter the competition, high school students must take the ACT and/or SAT1 college entrance examination between September 1 and June 30 of their junior year of high school and have the scores sent to ISAC. Generally, selection of State Scholars is based on a combination of their test scores and their academic achievement

The following McAuley seniors have been recognized as State Scholars: Kathryn Adamonis (Oak Lawn), Julie Adams (Oak Lawn), Margaret Allison (Orland Park), Andrea Augustinas (Evergreen Park), Caitlin Barski (Morgan Park), Jacqueline Bilder (Palos Heights), Sasha Brenecki (Blue Island), Julia Carey(West Beverly), Brittany Cermak (Evergreen Park), Bernadette Chlipala (Archer Heights), Mary Cullina (Beverly), Jessica Doherty (Oak Lawn), Briana Dunne (Evergreen Park), Megan Dunne (Palos Heights), Maura Farrell (Orland Park), Danielle Fleckenstein (Oak Lawn), Megan Flynn (Midlothian), Lauren Garvey (Oak Lawn), Pamela Gronkowski (Beverly), Erin Knightly (Oak Lawn), Karen Kowalcsik, (Oak Lawn), Katherine Latham (Mt. Greenwood), Steffi Leung (West Lawn), Diana Lorenzini (Palos Heights), Joanna Matuszkiewicz (Archer Heights), Anne McCarthy (Beverly), Katie McGowan (Mt. Greenwood), Michele McGuire (Mt. Greenwood), .Eileen Meslar (Chicago Ridge), Maura Moran (Evergreen Park), Kaila Mueller (Beverly), Ellyn Newell (Evergreen Park), Rana Nino (Oak Lawn), Kaleigh Nolan (Lemont), Ashley O'Brien (Oak Lawn), Heather O'Donnell (Midlothian), Danielle O'Meara (Alsip), Amy Paprocki (Evergreen Park), Amanda Pudil (Beverly), Patricia Radecka (Oak Lawn), Bridget Rohan (Mt. Greenwood), Brittany Rollheiser (Palos Park), Bridget Simpson (Evergreen Park), Kelly Stewart (Beverly), Ashley Vacchiano (Clearing), Katie Vanek (Chicago Ridge), Caitlin Walsh (Beverly), and Kathleen Walsh (Oak Lawn).

Wild Horse Adoption

The Department of Interior, Bureau of Land Management–Eastern States (BLM-ES) will hold a Wild Horse and Burro Adoption at the Wild Horse and

Burro Holding Facility in Ewing, Illinois on March 2nd and 3rd.

The adoption will be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday, March 2nd and Saturday, March 3rd. The facility is located 30 minutes from Mt. Vernon, Illinois, just east of I-57 at exit 77. All those who adopt at this event will receive a free halter. Anyone who gets pre-registered and qualified by Feb. 28th and adopts during the event will receive a Special Wild Horse and Burro halter. All other adopters will receive a plain halter.

Yearlings and horses under 5 years old will be available for this event. These horses are noted for their endurance, surefootedness and intelligence. All animals have been examined by a veterinarian, vaccinated, de-wormed, and blood-tested prior to being offered for adoption to good homes.

Since the Adopt-A-Wild Horse & Burro Program began in 1973, over 215,000 animals have been adopted nationwide. Gentled wild horses in the Midwest are used for trail riding, dressage, western events, and other

disciplines. Of those 215,000 horses and burros adopted so far nationwide, 2705 have been adopted in Illinois, 2169 in Indiana, 4923 in Kentucky and 5889 in Missouri.

For applications, facility and trailer requirements, or other information about this event, contact the Bureau of Land Management-Eastern States 1-800-370-3936. Adopters' applications must be approved by a Wild

Horse and Burro Specialist prior to being eligible to adopt.

You may also visit http://www.wildhorseandburro.blm.gov/adoption.org http://www.es.blm.gov/whb/ to get requirement information, download an application to become a qualified adopter, and view/print driving directions.

Prospective adopters must have sturdy corrals, at least 6 feet high for horses and 5 feet for burros and yearlings, shelter, transportation, and the means of caring for the animals. The adoption order will be determined by lottery, with an adoption fee of $125 per animal.

Adopters must provide their own stock-type, step-up trailer. BLM staff will sort, halter and load animals onto the adopters' trailers. Applications to adopt may be screened in advance by mail or fax and will be

reviewed in person starting Friday. Adopters must be approved to adopt animals. To avoid waiting in the lines call early to be pre-approved before you come and get the Special Wild Horse and Burro halter when you adopt.

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Funding For Asian Carp Barrier Projects

U.S. Senator Dick Durbin (D-IL) and Congresswoman Judy Biggert (R-IL) introduced legislation to authorize funding for the Asian Carp barriers in the Chicago Ship and Sanitary Canal.

Asian Carp, an invasive species, threaten the Great Lakes ecosystem by consuming large quantities of phytoplankton and competing with native fish for habitat. Originally, Asian Carp were introduced to the United States as a management tool for aqua culture farms and sewage treatment facilities. The carp have made their way north to the Illinois River after escaping from fish farms during massive flooding along the Mississippi River. Asian Carp can grow to an average of four feet and 60 pounds, and can consume up to 40 percent of their body weight in plankton per day.

The legislation will authorize the Corps of Engineers to: complete construction on a permanent barrier (Barrier II); upgrade and make permanent the original demonstration barrier (Barrier I); operate Barriers I & II simultaneously to optimize effectiveness; and study options and technologies to prevent the spread of this invasive species.

The demonstration barrier in the Chicago Ship and Sanitary Canal was authorized in 1996 under the National Invasive Species Act to prevent non-native species like the Asian Carp from moving between the Mississippi River and the Great Lakes. Since this barrier was designed to be temporary and is close to the end of its expected service life, a second permanent barrier is being constructed.

In June, 2006 Durbin and Obama worked to successfully secure $400,000 to operate the barriers that prevent invasive species from entering the Great Lakes. Twenty-eight other Great Lakes House Members joined Biggert in sending a letter to House appropriators in support of this effort. The funding was included to pay for the operation of Barrier I, a temporary barrier that keeps the invasive species out of the Illinois River and Lake Michigan by emitting an electric current that deters the carp from passing through. Funding to maintain the operation of Barrier I has been almost entirely depleted and the Corps of Engineers indicated that without additional funding they would have to shut down the temporary barrier.

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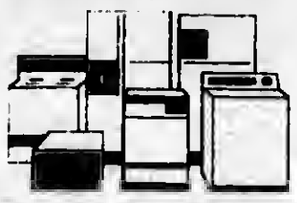

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION HSBC BANK USA, N.A., AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE FOR THE REGISTERED HOLDERS OF THE RENAISSANCE HOME EQUITY LOAN ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-1, Plaintiff V. WILBUR P. PELT; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants 05 CH 22002 NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE Fisher and Shapiro file # 05-2477O (It is advised that interested parties consult with their own attorneys before bidding at mortgage foreclosure sales.)
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered on June 14, 2006, Kallen Realty Services, Inc., successor to Kallen Financial & Capital Services, Inc. as Selling Official will at 12:30 p.m. on February 7, 2007, at 205 W. Randolph Street, Suite 1200, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real property: COMMONLY KNOWN AS 14046 SOUTH LYDIA AVENUE, ROBBINS, ILLINOIS 60472. TAX ID# 28-02-428-012 The mortgaged real estate is improved with a dwelling. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
The judgment amount was $55,757.18. Sale terms: 10% of successful bid immediately at conclusion of auction, balance by noon the next business day, both by cashier's checks; and no refunds. The sale shall be subject to general real estate taxes, special taxes, special assessments, special taxes levied, and superior liens, if any. The property is offered "as is," with no express or implied warranties and without any representation as to the quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to review the court file to verify all information.
For information: Sale Clerk, Fisher and Shapiro, 4201 Lake Cook Rd., 1st floor, Northbrook, Illinois 60062, (847) 498-9990, between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. weekdays only.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION MORTGAGE CLEARING CORPORATION, Plaintiff V. WAYNE COOK; VANESSA COOK A/K/A VANESSA I. COOK A/K/A VANESSA COOK SR.; THE ILLINOIS DEVELOPMENT FINANCE AUTHORITY; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; SHERMAN ACQUISITION L.P. AS ASSIGNEE; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants 05 CH 1610 NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE Fisher and Shapiro file #00-5604O (It is advised that interested parties consult with their own attorneys before bidding at mortgage foreclosure sales.)
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered on November 8, 2006, Kallen Realty Services, Inc., successor to Kallen Financial & Capital Services, Inc., as Selling Official will at 12:30 p.m. on February 7, 2007, at 205 W. Randolph Street, Suite 1200, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real property: COMMONLY KNOWN AS 3137 WEST 101ST PLACE, EVERGREEN PARK, ILLINOIS 60805. Permanent Index No.: 24-12-321-008 The mortgaged real estate is improved with a dwelling. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
The judgment amount was $183,582.45. Sale terms: 10% of successful bid immediately at conclusion of auction, balance by noon the next business day, both by cashier's checks; and no refunds. The sale shall be subject to general real estate taxes, special taxes, special assessments, special taxes levied, and superior liens, if any. The property is offered "as is," with no express or implied warranties and without any representation as to the quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to review the court file to verify all information. For information: Sale Clerk, Fisher and Shapiro, 4201 Lake Cook Rd., 1st floor, Northbrook, Illinois 60062, (847) 498-9990, between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. weekdays only.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION TAYLOR, BEAN & WHITAKER MORTGAGE CORPORATION Plaintiff, -v.- CHARLES N. BYRD, et al Defendant 06 CH 13196 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 17, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on February 13, 2007, , at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 9215 B. TROY AVENUE, Evergreen Park, IL 60805 Property Index No. 24-01-308-027 The real estate is improved with a single family residence.
The judgment amount was $190,446.81. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit and the foreclosure sale takes place after 1/1/2007, the purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale
The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department.. Please refer to file number 14-06-7726. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

REAL ESTATE

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION Plaintiff, -v.- RICHARD LOPEZ, et al Defendants 06 CH 13587 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on September 18, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on February 20, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 2815 WEST 87TH PLACE, Evergreen Park, IL 60805 Property Index No. 24-12-121-015-0000 The real estate is improved with a brick 2 story house with a 2 car detached garage.
The judgment amount was $215,954.87. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If this property is a condominium unit and the foreclosure sale takes place after 1/1/2007, the purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale
The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information: Visit our website at http:\\service.atty-pierce.com, between the hours of 3 and 5 pm. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602. Tel No. (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number PA06063387. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE PIERCE & ASSOCIATES One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300 CHICAGO, IL 60602 (312) 476-5500 Attorney File No.: PA06063387 Attorney Code. 91220

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, AS TRUSTEE ON BEHALF OF THE REGISTERED CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF GSAMP TRUST 2004-SEA2, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2004-SEA2 Plaintiff, -v.- DAWN ROLLO A/K/A DAWN D. ROLLO A/K/A DAWN DENYSE LENOX A/K/A DAWN DENYSE ROLLO, et al Defendants 05 CH 12656 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on November 8, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on February 8, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 3824 148TH PLACE, Midlothian, IL 60445 Property Index No. 28-11-308-016-0000 The real estate is improved with a vacant lot, only 2 car garage left.
The judgment amount was $146,436.41. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If this property is a condominium unit and the foreclosure sale takes place after 1/1/2007, the purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale
The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com. Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602. Tel.No. (312) 476-5500. Refer to File Number PA0607570. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122

REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department, Chancery Division. Washington Mutual Bank f/k/a Washington Mutual Bank, F.A., Plaintiff, vs. Cesar Marinelarena, et al., Defendants. Case No. 06Ch-13506.
NOTICE OF
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Fisher and Shapiro
file #05-8703D
(It is advised that interested parties consult with their own attorneys before bidding at mortgage foreclosure sales.).
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered on August 30, 2006, Kallen Realty Services, Inc., successor to Kallen Financial & Capital Services, Inc. as Selling Official will at 12:30 p.m. on February 20, 2007, at 205 W. Randolph St., Suite 1200, Chicago, IL, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real property:
Commonly known as: 7809 Newcastle Ave., Burbank, IL 60459.
The mortgaged real estate is improved with a dwelling. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
The judgment amount was $221,441.63. Sale terms: 10% of successful bid immediately at conclusion of auction, balance by noon the next business day, both by cashier's checks; and no refunds. The sale shall be subject to general real estate taxes, special taxes, special assessments, special taxes levied, and superior liens, if any. The property is offered "as is," with no express or implied warranties and without any representation as to the quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to review the court file to verify all information.
For Information: Sale Clerk, Fisher and Shapiro, 4201 Lake Cook Rd., 1st Floor, Northbrook, IL 60062, (847) 498-999, between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. weekdays only.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION HSBC BANK, USA Plaintiff, -v.- SAMANTHA SPOON, et al Defendants 06 CH 13519 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on September 18, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on February 18, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 5120 137TH STREET, Crestwood, IL 60445 Property Index No. 28-04-203-041-0000 The real estate is improved with a brick 2 story house with a 2 car detached garage.
The judgment amount was $211,378.20. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If this property is a condominium unit and the foreclosure sale takes place after 1/1/2007, the purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale
The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com. between the hours of 3 and 5 pm. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602. Tel No. (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number PA0606328. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE PIERCE & ASSOCIATES One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300 CHICAGO, IL 60602 (312) 476-5500 Attorney File No.: PA0606328

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION M & T MORTGAGE CORPORATION; Plaintiff, vs. JUANITA WATTS A/K/A JUANITA DAVIS A/K/A JUANITA HOUSTON; LORIA WATTS; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants, 05 CH 6272
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on 12/26/2006, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, February 12, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property: P.I.N. 19-35-302-062. Commonly known as 3738 West 83rd Place, Chicago, IL 60652. The improvement on the property consists of a brick, single family residence with garage.
Sale terms: 25% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.
For information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com. Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602. Tel.No. (312) 476-5500. Refer to File Number 0502998. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122

REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS, INC. Plaintiff, v.- PATRICIA L RYAN A/K/A PATRICIA RYAN, et al Defendants 06 CH 12810 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on August 22, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on February 8, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 14808 KEYSTONE AVENUE, Midlothian, IL 60445 Property Index No. 28-10-408-014 The real estate is improved with a single family residence.
The judgment amount was $160,337.38. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit and the foreclosure sale takes place after 1/1/2007, the purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale
The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department.. Please refer to file number 14-06-7456. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE, IL 60527 (630) 794-9876 Attorney File No.: 14-06-7456 ARDC# 00468002 Attorney Code. 21762 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS, INC. Plaintiff, v.-CLARENCE HARRIS, et al Defendant 06 CH 12244 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on September 6, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on February 8, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 8041 SOUTH RICHMOND STREET, Chicago, IL 60652 Property Index No. 19-36-113-014-0000
The real estate is improved with a 1.5 story red brick single family w/unattached garage.
The judgment amount was $211,058.24. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If this property is a condominium unit and the foreclosure sale takes place after 1/1/2007, the purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale
The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com. between the hours of 3 and 5 pm. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602. Tel No. (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number PA0605968. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION WELLS FARGO BANK, NA; Plaintiff, vs. JACQUELINE HILL; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF JACQUELINE HILL, IF ANY; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants, 06 CH 10117
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on 8/31/2006, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Friday, February 9, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property: Commonly known as 3553 W. 78th St., Chicago, IL 60652. P.I.N. 18-26-414-037.
The improvement on the property consists of a one story single family residence with an unattached garage. Sale terms: 25% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.
For information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com. Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602. Tel No. (312) 476-5500. Refer to File Number PA0604950. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122

REAL ESTATE

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION ARGENT MORTGAGE COMPANY, LLC; Plaintiff, vs. HILARIO REYES; Defendants. 06 CH 14228 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on September 28, 2006, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, February 13, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 8018 Lavergne Ave., Burbank, IL 60459. P.I.N. 19-33-211-029. The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
For information call Sales Clerk at Plaintiff's Attorney, Law Offices of Ira T. Nevel, 175 North Franklin Street, Chicago, Illinois 60606. (312) 357-1125. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION HOMECOMINGS FINANCIAL NETWORK, INC.; Plaintiff, vs. RONALD WALS;. KATHY WALS; Defendants, 05 CH 21043 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on June 20, 2006 Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, February 12, 2007 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 0146 S. 50th Ave., Oak Lawn, IL 60453. P.I.N. 24-04-423-010. The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection
For information call William E. Dutton, Jr./Barbara J. Dutton at Plaintiff's Attorney, DUTTON & DUTTON, P.C., 10325 West Lincoln Highway, Frankfort, Illinois 60423. (815) 806-8200. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE OF ARGENT SECURITIES, INC., ASSET- BACKED PASS THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 2004- W8 UNDER THE POOLING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT DATED AS OF MAY 1, 2004, WITHOUT RECOURSE, ASSIGNEE OF ARGENT MORTGAGE COMPANY, LLC; Plaintiff, vs. GRAZYNA TYLKA AKA GRACE TYLKA; CASEY TYLKA AKA KAZIMIERZ TYLKA; Defendants, 06 CH 13251 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on August 29, 2006, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Wednesday, February 14, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 8017 Nordica Ave., Burbank, IL 60459. P.I.N. 19-31-101-081.
The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
For information call Mr. Ira T. Nevel at Plaintiff's Attorney, Law Offices of Ira T. Nevel, 175 North Franklin Street, Chicago, Illinois 60606. (312) 357-1125. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK F/K/A WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, FA Plaintiff, -v.-JUAN G. IBARRA A/K/A JUAN IBARRA, et al Defendants 06 CH 14877 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 2, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on February 20, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 14415 PALMER AVENUE, Posen, IL 60468 Property Index No. 26-12-211-048 The real estate is improved with a single family residence.
The judgment amount was $87,099.78. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit and the foreclosure sale takes place after 1/1/2007, the purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale
The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information
For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department. Please refer to file number 14-06-8786. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE, IL 60527 (630) 794-9876 Attorney File No.: 14-06-8786 ARDC# 00468002 Attorney Code. 21762 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION CHEVY CHASE BANK, F.S.B. Plaintiff, vs. RONALD S. MACEK; PATRICKA A. MACEK; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants, 06 CH 15559
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on 9/26/2006, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, February 13, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property: P.I.N. 28-21-109-016. Commonly known as 16119 Long Avenue, Oak Forest, Illinois 60452. The improvement on the property consists of a 2-story brick house with attached 2-car garage. THE SALE SHALL BE SUBJECT TO GENERAL TAXES, SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS AND TO A PRIOR RECORDED FIRST MORTGAGE. Sale terms: 25% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.
For information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com. Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602. Tel.No (312) 476-5500. Refer to File Number PA0607807. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS, INC., Plaintiff, vs. WILLIAM A. LOCKWOOD; SHASTA LOCKWOOD, MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC AS NOMINEE FOR AEGIS FUNDING DBA AEGIS HOME EQUITY; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants, 06 CH 12752
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on 9/7/2006, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Friday, February 9, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property: P.I.N. 24-26-301-006. Commonly known as 3637 W. 123rd St., Alsip, IL 60803.
The improvement on the property consists of a brick two story single family residence with a detached garage. Sale terms: 25% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.
For information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com. Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602. Tel.No. (312) 476-5500. Refer to File Number PA0606354. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION US BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR THE STRUCTURED ASSET INVESTMENT LOAN TRUST 2005-8; Plaintiff, vs. HERIBERTO GODINEZ-FLORES, ET. AL.; Defendants, 06 CH 14552 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on October 30, 2006, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Friday, March 2, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 8217 S. Natoma Ave., Burbank, IL 60459. P.I.N 19-31-211-063 The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
For information call Ms. Diane Thomas at Plaintiff's Attorney, Freedman Anselmo Lindberg & Rappe, LLC, 1807 West Diehl Road, Naperville, Illinois 60563-1890. (877) 729-6734. W0607057 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION BANK OF NEW YORK AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATE HOLDERS CWALT, INC. ALTERNATIVE LOAN TRUST 2005-J12 MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-J12, Plaintiff V. PHYLLIS JOLLIFF; FRANKLIN CREDIT MANAGEMENT CORPORATION; RONNE TREE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION #6, Defendants 06 CH 13890 NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE - CONDOMINIUM
Fisher and Shapiro file #06-7269D (It is advised that interested parties consult with their own attorneys before bidding at mortgage foreclosure sales.)
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered on September 6, 2006, Kallen Realty Services, Inc., successor to Kallen Financial & Capital Services, Inc. as Selling Official will at 12:30 p.m. on February 27, 2007, at 205 W. Randolph Street, Suite 1200, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real property: COMMONLY KNOWN AS 12825 SOUTH KENNETH AVENUE, UNIT D-4, ALSIP, ILLINOIS 60803. TAX ID# 24-34-113-024-1022
The mortgaged real estate is improved with a dwelling. The property will NOT be open for inspection. The purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
The judgment amount was $90,350.76. Sale terms: 10% of successful bid immediately at conclusion of auction, balance by noon the next business day, both by cashier's checks; and no refunds. The sale shall be subject to general real estate taxes, special taxes, special assessments, special taxes levied, and superior liens, if any. The property is offered "as is," with no express or implied warranties and without any representation as to the quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to review the court file to verify all information. For information: Sale Clerk, Fisher and Shapiro, 4201 Lake Cook Rd., 1st floor, Northbrook, Illinois 60062, (847) 498-9990, between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. weekdays only.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION LASALLE BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE MLMI TRUST SERIES 2006-HE2 Plaintiff, -v.- TODD CAUSLEY, et al Defendant 06 CH 15264 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HERESY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 30, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on February 9, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 7421 CLARIDGE LANE UNIT 1, Bridgeview, IL 60455 Property Index No. 23-12-400-035/027 The real estate is improved with a tan brick white vinyl 1 family 2 story townhouse with an attached 1 car garage.
The judgment amount was $212,555.70. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If this property is a condominium unit and the foreclosure sale takes place after 1/1/2007, the purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.
The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: YOLANDA MARTINEZ, THE WIRBICKI LAW GROUP, 27 E. MONROE STREET, SUITE 1100, Chicago, IL 60603, (312) 360-9461. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE THE WIRBICKI LAW GROUP 27 E. MONROE STREET, SUITE 1100 Chicago, IL 60603 (312) 360-9461 ARDC# 42463 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC AS NOMINEE FOR FREMONT INVESTMENT & LOAN, OR ITS SUCCESSORS OR ASSIGNS; Plaintiff, vs. ANTHONY WHITE; MERS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR FREMONT INVESTMENT & LOAN; HOUSEHOLD FINANCE CORPORATION III; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF ANTHONY WHITE, IF ANY; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; DENEEN WHITE; Defendants, 05 CH 21092
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on 2/7/2006, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Friday, March 2, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property: P.I.N. 19-36-118-056. Commonly known as 8105 S. Albany Ave., Chicago, IL 60652.
The improvement on the property consists of a ranch brick single family residence with a detached two car garage. Sale terms: 25% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.
For information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com. Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602. Tel.No. (312) 476-5500. Refer to File Number PA0509883. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY Plaintiff, -v.- KURT L. CHRISTIANSON A/K/A JURT CHRISTIANSON A/K/A KURT CHRISTIANSON, et al Defendants 06 CH 12096 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on September 6, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on February 26, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 14733 CENTRAL PARK AVE, Midlothian, IL 60445 Property Index No. 28-11-400-016 The real estate is improved with a single family residence.
The judgment amount was $156,730.98. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.
The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information call Ms. Kathy Hudy at Plaintiff's Attorney, Thompson, Rosenthal & Watts, LLP, 1001 East Chicago Avenue, Naperville, Illinois 60540. (630) 369-3535. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION JP MORGAN CHASE BANK AS TRUSTEE, Plaintiff, vs. JAMES MONTGOMERY; VILLAGE GREENE CONDOMINIUM UNIT NUMBER 2 ASSOCIATION N/K/A 11818 SOUTH KOMENSKY CORPORATION, Defendants, 06 CH 8414 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on July 10, 2006 Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, February 26, 2007 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 11818 S. Komensky Avenue, Unit 302, Alsip, IL 60803. P.I.N. 24-22-413-015-1010.
The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family condominium residence. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection
For information call William E. Dutton, Jr./Barbara J. Dutton at Plaintiff's Attorney, DUTTON & DUTTON, P.C., 10325 West Lincoln Highway, Frankfort, Illinois 60423. (815) 806-8200. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE UNDER THE TRUST AGREEMENT FOR THE STRUCTURED ASSET SECURITIES CORPORATION MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 2005-AR1; Plaintiff, vs. VALERIE BLECHER F/K/A VALERIE BELCHER-NELSON; ET AL; Defendants, 06 CH 12767 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on October 4, 2006, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Friday, February 23, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 3857 West 123rd Street, Alsip, IL 60803. P.I.N. 24-26-304-045-1012. The improvement on the property consists of a condominium residence. The purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by subdivisions (g)(1) and (g)(4) of Section 9 of the Condominium Property Act. Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
For information call Ms. Diane Thomas at Plaintiff's Attorney, Freedman Anselmo Lindberg & Rappe, LLC, 1807 West Diehl Road, Naperville, Illinois 60563-1890. (877) 729-6734. W0606072 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122

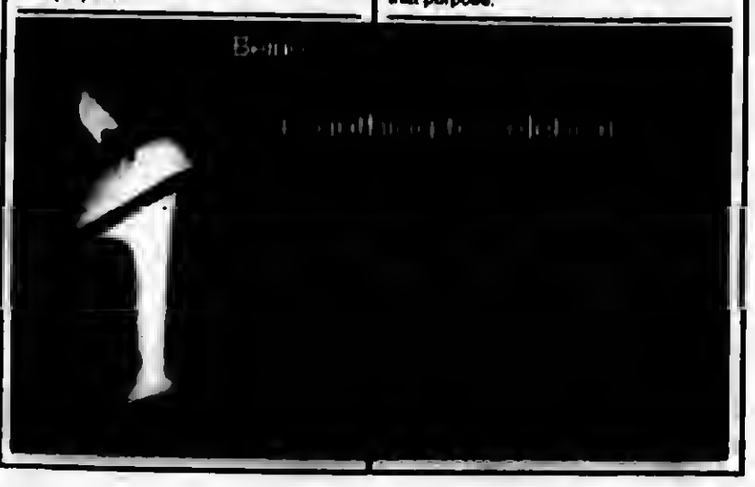
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, TRUSTEE, FOR THE BENEFIT OF SECURITIZED ASSET BACKED RECEIVABLES LLC TRUST 2004-DO2 MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2004-DO2, Plaintiff V. ALEJANDRO BARRERA; VERONICA FLORES; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR INTERVALE MORTGAGE CORPORATION; PRIME ACCEPTANCE CORP., Defendants 06 CH 14345
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
Fisher and Shapiro file #06-7383D (It is advised that interested parties consult with their own attorneys before bidding at mortgage foreclosure sales.)
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered on October 11, 2006, Kallen Realty Services, Inc., successor to Kallen Financial & Capital Services, Inc., as Selling Official will at 12:30 p.m. on February 27, 2007, at 205 W. Randolph Street, Suite 1200, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real property: COMMONLY KNOWN AS 3819 WEST HAYFORD STREET, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60652. TAX ID# 19-26-310-046 The mortgaged real estate is improved with a dwelling. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
The judgment amount was $156,860.35. Sale terms: 10% of successful bid immediately at conclusion of auction, balance by noon the next business day, both by cashier's checks; and no refunds. The sale shall be subject to general real estate taxes, special taxes, special assessments, special taxes levied, and superior liens, if any. The property is offered "as is," with no express or implied warranties and without any representation as to the quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to review the court file to verify all information. For information: Sale Clerk, Fisher and Shapiro, 4201 Lake Cook Rd., 1st floor, Northbrook, Illinois 60062, (847) 498-9990, between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. weekdays only.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION NETBANK, INC Plaintiff, DYEYATE GIVENS, et al Defendants 06 CH 14462 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on September 12, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on March 1, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 3411 W. 84TH STREET, Chicago, IL 60652 Property Index No. 19-36-409-052
The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was $191,769.70. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department. Please refer to file number 14-06-8567. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE, IL 60527 (630) 794-9876 Attorney File No.: 14-06-8567 ARDC# 00468002 Attorney Code. 21762 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION DRAPER AND KRAMER MORTGAGE CORPORATION Plaintiff, -v.- DEBORAH LYNN FLANAGAN A/K/A DEBORAH L. FLANNIGAN A/K/A DEBORAH LYNN FLANNIGAN, et al Defendants 06 CH 5474 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on May 30, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on February 15, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 13952 WATERBURY DRIVE #802, Crestwood, IL 60445 Property Index No. 28-04-301-019-1044 The real estate is improved with a condominium.
The judgment amount was $10,749.63. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department. Please refer to file number 14-06-3348. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE, IL 60527 (630) 794-9876 Attorney File No.: 14-06-3348 ARDC# 00468002 Attorney Code. 21762 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR DECISION ONE MORTGAGE COMPANY, LLC AND/OR ITS SUCCESSORS Plaintiff, -v.- DORIS L. AKINS A/K/A DORIS LEE AKINS LACKLAND, et al Defendant 06 CH 1650 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on November 16, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on February 20, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 14928 S. MOZART AVENUE, Posen, IL 60469 Property Index No. 28-12-314-026 The real estate is improved with a single family residence.
The judgment amount was $164,301.13. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit and the foreclosure sale takes place after 1/1/2007, the purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.
The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department. Please refer to file number 14-06-962. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION BANK OF NEW YORK AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS CWABS, INC. ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-13 Plaintiff, -v.- VICENTE MEDINA, et al Defendants 06 CH 8806 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on August 7, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on February 15, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 7964 S. KNOX AVENUE, Chicago, IL 60652 Property Index No. 19-34-104-020 The real estate is improved with a single family residence.
The judgment amount was $148,185.80. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department. Please refer to file number 14-06-5220. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE, IL 60527 (630) 794-9876 Attorney File No.: 14-06-5220 ARDC# 00468002 Attorney Code. 21762 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.



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Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK F/K/A WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, FA Plaintiff, -v.- WILLIAM J. RIEMENSCHNEIDER, et al Defendants 06 CH 13019 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on September 27, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on February 21, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 8936 WEST 91ST PLACE, Hickory Hills, IL 60457 Property Index No. 23-03-407-016-0000
The real estate is improved with a single family 1 1/2 story home yellow frame and brown brick with attached 1 car garage. The judgment amount was $158,959.87. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. For information: Visit our website at http:\\service.atty-pierce.com. between the hours of 3 and 5 pm. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602. Tel No. (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number PA0607044. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE PIERCE & ASSOCIATES One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300 CHICAGO, IL 60602 (312) 476-5500 Attorney File No.: PA0607044 Attorney Code. 91220

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE FOR ENCORE CREDIT RECEIVABLES TRUST 2005-2 Plaintiff, -v.- JESUS LOPEZ, SR., et al Defendants 06 CH 10244 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on November 20, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on February 22, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 3737 WEST 78TH PLACE, Chicago, IL 60652 Property Index No. 19-26-343-023-0000
The real estate is improved with a brown brick single family one story home with a detached two car garage. The judgment amount was $130,960.11. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale
The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. For information: Visit our website at http:\\service.atty-pierce.com. between the hours of 3 and 5 pm. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602. Tel No. (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number PA0605460. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE PIERCE & ASSOCIATES One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300 CHICAGO, IL 60602 (312) 476-5500 Attorney File No.: PA0605460 Attorney Code. 91220

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE OF AMERIQUEST MORTGAGE SECURITIES, INC., ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2004-R4 UNDER THE POOLING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT DATED AS OF MAY 1, 2004, WITHOUT RECOURSE, ASSIGNEE OF AMERIQUEST MORTGAGE COMPANY; Plaintiff, vs. BRIDGETT Y. SMITH-NILES; JOHN NILES; STATE OF ILLINOIS FOR THE USE OF THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY, UNDER JUDGMENT RECORDED JANUARY 13, 2005 AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 0501340100; Defendants, 05 CH 12760 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on May 3, 2006, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, February 19, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 8105 S. California Ave., Chicago, IL 60652. P.I.N. 19-36-216-085. The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
For information call Sales Clerk at Plaintiff's Attorney, Law Offices of Ira T. Nevel, 175 North Franklin Street, Chicago, Illinois 60606. (312) 357-1125. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION MIDFIRST BANK, Plaintiff V. ROBERT J. JORFE; TCF BANK ILLINOIS FSB; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants 06 CH 10353
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE - CONDOMINIUM Fisher and Shapiro file #06-6266D (It is advised that interested parties consult with their own attorneys before bidding at mortgage foreclosure sales.)
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered on August 29, 2006, Kallen Realty Services, Inc., successor to Kallen Financial & Capital Services, Inc. as Selling Official will at 12:30 p.m. on February 28, 2007, at 205 W. Randolph Street, Suite 1200, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real property: COMMONLY KNOWN AS 13239 SOUTH FORESTVIEW COURT, CRESTWOOD, ILLINOIS 60445. TAX ID# 24-33-301-024
The mortgaged real estate is improved with a dwelling. The property will NOT be open for inspection. The purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
The judgment amount was $68,608.04. Sale terms: 10% of successful bid immediately at conclusion of auction, balance by noon the next business day, both by cashier's checks; and no refunds. The sale shall be subject to general real estate taxes, special taxes, special assessments, special taxes levied, and superior liens, if any. The property is offered "as is," with no express or implied warranties and without any representation as to the quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to review the court file to verify all information. For information: Sale Clerk, Fisher and Shapiro, 4201 Lake Cook Rd., 1st floor, Northbrook, Illinois 60062, (847) 498-9990, between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. weekdays only.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION BANK OF NEW YORK AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATE HOLDERS OF CWABS 2004-01, Plaintiff V. THEOPHIL S. KINNER, Defendant 06 CH 14277 NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE Fisher and Shapiro file # 06-7340D (It is advised that interested parties consult with their own attorneys before bidding at mortgage foreclosure sales.)
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered on November 16, 2006, Kallen Realty Services, Inc., successor to Kallen Financial & Capital Services, Inc., as Selling Official will at 12:30 p.m. on February 27, 2007, at 205 W. Randolph Street, Suite 1200, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real property: C/K/A 15210 South Kilpatrick Avenue, Oak Forest, IL 60452 TAX ID# 26-15-104-027 VOL. 0030
The mortgaged real estate is improved with a dwelling. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
The judgment amount was $174,800.44. Sale terms: 10% of successful bid immediately at conclusion of auction, balance by noon the next business day, both by cashier's checks; and no refunds. The sale shall be subject to general real estate taxes, special taxes, special assessments, special taxes levied, and superior liens, if any. The property is offered "as is," with no express or implied warranties and without any representation as to the quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to review the court file to verify all information. For information: Sale Clerk, Fisher and Shapiro, 4201 Lake Cook Rd., 1st floor, Northbrook, Illinois 60062, (847) 498-9990, between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. weekdays only.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE STRUCTURED ASSET INVESTMENT LOAN TRUST 2005-6 Plaintiff, -v.- DAVID D. LYVERS A/K/A DAVID LYVERS, et al Defendants 06 CH 12941 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on September 6, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on February 23, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 11836 S.SPRINGFIELD AVE, Alsip, IL 60803 Property Index No. 24-23-325-010
The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was $176,552.04. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department.. Please refer to file number 14-06-7590. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE, IL 60527 (630) 794-9876 Attorney File No.: 14-06-7590 ARDC# 00468002 Attorney Code. 21762 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE OF ARGENT MORTGAGE SECURITIES, INC., ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-W3, UNDER THE POOLING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT DATED AS OF MARCH 1, 2006, WITHOUT RECOURSE, ASSIGNEE OF ARGENT MORTGAGE COMPANY, L.L.C., Plaintiff, vs. KARYN RAGLAND, NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, UNKNOWN TENANTS AND UNKNOWN OWNERS, Defendants, 06 CH 12081 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on October 2, 2006, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, February 20, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 7942 South Richmond Street, Chicago, IL 60652. P.I.N. 19-36-104-034. The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
For information call Sales Clerk at Plaintiff's Attorney, Law Offices of Ira T. Nevel, 175 North Franklin Street, Chicago, Illinois 60606. (312) 357-1125. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122

NOTICE

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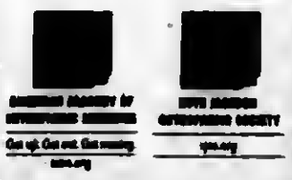
Looking good on the outside begins by being strong on the inside. That's because later in life, especially for women, strong bones help prevent fractures and height loss. Your window to build maximum bone density is now, during your late teens and early twenties. So eat wisely, get plenty of calcium and vitamin D, and do weight-bearing exercises every day. To devise a plan that's right for you, go to aaos.org or rjos.org.



Award Competitive Technology Grants

Celebrating its fifth year, AT&T Accelerator, a competitive technology grant program from the AT&T Foundation – the philanthropic arm of AT&T Inc. – announced it has awarded a $5,000 AT&T Accelerator technology grant to the South West Special Recreation Association.

Since 2002, the AT&T Accelerator program has provided more than 2,500 technology grants equating to over $38.8 million to organizations across the country. In 2006, more than 480 regional and local nonprofit organizations benefited nearly $6 million through the competitive program. The AT&T Accelerator program is a key component of AT&T AccessAll, a three-year, $100 million philanthropic initiative to provide technology access to the organizations that work to strengthen communities.

"The new video camera, digital camera, projector and laptop computer purchased with these funds will enable SWSRA staff to develop a more interactive website there by increasing program enrollment, volunteer recruitment and donor recruitment," said Executive Director Lori Chesna.

"The South West Recreation Association is a leader in providing quality recreation programs and services for individuals with disabilities and special needs. Incorporating new technologies into it's operation will go a long way in better serving their clients and community," said State Senator Ed Maloney.

AT&T Accelerator is a major philanthropic initiative that helps nonprofits fully integrate technology into their ongoing operations and community outreach. AT&T Accelerator grants also help nonprofit organizations put technology tools into the hands of the underserved populations they work with, providing resources such as Internet access, computer training, math and reading programs, and job-skills development.

"For five years, the AT&T Accelerator program has underlined the importance of how technology can benefit communities and organizations," said Jerry Mytych, external affairs director, AT&T Illinois. The South West Special Recreation Association will continue to use technology funded by this program to empower the community and change the lives of those they serve on a day-to-day basis. We commend Senator Ed Maloney for his dedication in assisting nonprofit organizations in the Chicagoland area and understanding the vital role technology plays in their success."

The 2006 grants will help nonprofit organizations across Illinois and the U.S. improve their operations and build stronger communities through: Internet Access, networked, high speed access to the Internet and e-mail; Data Networking, network connectivity enabling easy sharing of database applications and information systems; Online Outreach, Interactive, Web-based applications that support activities such as service delivery, volunteer recruiting and e-fundraising; Staff Technology Capacity, technology-training programs for nonprofit staff members; and Pooled Technology Resources, programs that work to address the technology needs of multiple nonprofits.

Since 1996, AT&T Inc. and the AT&T Foundation have contributed more than $439 million to nonprofit organizations across the country. With its strong giving record, the AT&T Foundation is among the five largest corporate foundations in the United States and was ranked by *Forbes* magazine among the most generous corporate foundations in 2006.

Pictured left to right: Edward Maloney; Lori Chesna, Executive Director SWSRA; Gail DeBella, Director Justice Park District; Evelyn Gleanson, Director Midlothian Park District; Tom Suhs, Director Summit Park District; Alsip Mayor Patrick Kitching; and Jeannette Huber, Director Alsip Park District.

American Cancer Society Seeks Volunteers

The American Cancer Society is seeking volunteers to participate in the Daffodil Days campaign by serving as a sales coordinator for their local business, school, community or religious group.

Volunteers encourage co-workers, friends and community members to purchasedaffodils for themselves or as a gift to honor a cancer patient, survivor or caregiver through the Daffodil Days campaign. Daffodils provide a symbol of hope and new beginnings to those affected by cancer. While the flowers will be distributed the week of March 19th, daffodils can be purchased now through Feb. 28th.

New this year is the Garden of Hope Potted Daffodil Bulbs. Each pot contains three bulbs that can be cultivated into a lasting tribute by planting them after they bloom. Also available for delivery is the second bear in the Boyds Bear collectors series, "Hugh R Hope," designed exclusively for the American Cancer Society. This 10-inch plush bear features the Society logo embroidered on one paw and a bunch of daffodils embroidered on the other. Hugh arrives with an armful of 10 live daffodil stems.

West Cook County hopes to deliver hundreds of daffodils this year, raising $28,000 for cancer research.

"Bear and a Bunch" costs $25. The flowers range in price from $7 for a bunch, consisting of 10 daffodils, to $300 for a case of 50 bunches. For more information on how to volunteer for the campaign or to order daffodils, call Stephanie Russell at the American Cancer Society at (708) 484-8541.

Landfill Capacity In Illinois Remains High

Disposal capacity available statewide at landfills in Illinois is sufficient for the next 19 years, according to recently released data from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency contained in the annual Nonhazardous Solid Waste and Landfill Capacity Report. This level is considered very good by national standards.

The remaining landfill capacity is calculated by dividing the volume of wastes disposed during 2005 (52.3 million gate cubic yards) by the capacity remaining on Jan. 1, 2006 (980.4 million gate cubic yards).

This information, along with detailed statistics by region on landscape waste compost facilities, waste transfer stations, waste generation and recycling and solid waste planning efforts are provided in Illinois EPA's 19th annual report, "Nonhazardous Solid Waste Management and Landfill Capacity in Illinois," for 2005.

The report shows that overall the number of active landfills was 51. One new landfill opened in Region 3: Indian Creek Landfill #2, in Hopedale. Kankakee RDF, Chebanse closed in Nov. 2005, and expansions were approved at Lee County Landfill, Dixon and Roxana Landfill, Inc., Roxana.

While the number of active landfills in Illinois accepting waste remains good overall, regional capacity estimates vary significantly. Illinois EPA's Region 2, the Chicago Metropolitan region, has about nine remaining years, with the use transfer stations allowing much of the solid waste in the Chicago region to be sent to facilities outside the region. This contrasts with Region 7: Southern Illinois, which has a calculated remaining capacity of 51 years.

In addition, the report notes that citizens throughout the state continue recycling efforts to stretch out disposal capacity. Local recycling coordinators in Illinois report that nearly 9.6 million tons of municipal waste was recycled in 2005. Total municipal waste generation rate of 25.3 million tons equate to nearly 38 percent recycling in the state, a slight improvement from previous years. Although parts of Illinois are rural and far from recycling markets, many local governments continue their recycling education efforts, and collect recycling data from haulers as a necessary public service.

Additionally, in 2005 there were 102 active transfer stations and 40 active compost facilities that help manage the waste generated in Illinois.

Only 13 percent of solid wastes deposited in landfills in Illinois in 2005 came from 10 other states, with over 75 percent of that amount generated in Missouri. Although Illinois haulers also transported solid wastes to other states, they are not required to report this to the state of Illinois; therefore, the Illinois EPA cannot provide the volume exported.

Illinois EPA's seven regional offices, 18 delegated counties, the Ambraw Valley Solid Waste Agency and the City of Chicago have been given the authority to inspect landfills, transfer stations and compost sites in their jurisdictions, providing a needed service to the citizens of Illinois.

Additionally, through the Agency's new I-RID (Illinois Removes Illegal Dumps) program, the Regional offices have the added mission of cleaning up illegal dump sites across the state. This program is also charged with shutting down these dumps, and cracking down on violators. The staff also inspects clean construction and demolition debris sites to ensure compliance.

The new report is available for viewing or downloading on the Illinois EPA web site at: http://www.epa.state.il.us/land/landfill-capacity/2005/index.html. You may also request a printed copy by writing to the Illinois EPA Waste Reduction and Compliance Section, P.O. Box 19276, Springfield, IL 62794-9276, or by calling (217) 785-8604 and Compliance Section, P.O. Box 19276, Springfield, IL 62794-9276, or by calling (217) 785-8604; or send an email request to Ellen.Robinson@Illinois.gov.

Annual Benefit Auction

The 36th annual Beverly Arts Center Auction will be held on Saturday, Feb. 24, at the Center, 2407 W. 111th St., Chicago. ArtSide of the Box is the theme for the event, which will feature original boxes and artwork inspired by boxes created for the event by Chicago artists.

The BAC Auxiliary plans and presents the auction, which is its biggest fund raiser to benefit the Center.

Chicago artists who have promised to donate original works to be auctioned are Laurie Ach, Mathias Schergen, Judy Sullivan, Rebecca Healy, Kanani Caauwe, Mark Vancura, Mary Lenzini, Alice McMahon White, Nancy Plax, Susan Larsen, Ericka Turkes, Billi Traynor, Joe Leamanczyk, Abra Macellaio, Ericka Swift, Meribeth Wulff, Cathy Shepherd, James Filut, Scott Jordan, Cyn Fielding, Meg Simmerling-Fach, Dale Vanderbloomen, Dionne Harrell, Jen Hall, Monica Balc, Nicole Marie Dudik, Thom Ciechelli, Victoria Sobscak, Penny Golden, Jo Marie Fleming, Paul "Woody" Bauer, Karen Clodfelter, Kellogg School students, Trinity United Methodist Church, and the Keller School Art Club.

Girls Nite Out Pre-Auction Acquisition Party will be held Thurs., Jan. 18, 7 p.m., at Beverly's Pantry, 1907 W. 103rd St. Admission is $25 or the donation of an auctionable item of equal or lesser value at the door. An auction preview party hosted by the Morgan Park Junior Woman's Club, will be held Sunday, Feb. 11, 3 to 5 p.m., in the BAC Atrium. The event is open to the public.

Persons wishing to donate fine art, antiques, collectibles, furniture, and service and entertainment packages to the auction can drop off items during BAC business hours (Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday, noon to 5 p.m.) or call Nora Ferstead, Beverly Arts Center, (773) 445-3838, ext. 213, for additional information.

The Beverly Arts Center Auction features silent and live auctions, and is the Center's major annual fund raiser. The Center is a not-for-profit, regional facility that provides fine arts programming and education for children through adults. Donations to the auction are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. For more information, visit www.beverlyartcenter.org or call (773) 445-3838.

Lawsuit Alleges Consumers Were Misled

Attorney General Lisa Madigan recently filed a lawsuit alleging that Paul Kocourek and Progressive Care of Illinois, Inc. misled consumers at county fairs and local senior health fairs into undergoing blood tests to determine if they suffered from allergies.

Madigan's lawsuit, filed in Cook County Circuit Court, charges Paul Kocourek, doing business as American Institute of Allergy, a dissolved Arizona corporation, and Progressive Care of Illinois, Inc., an Illinois corporation, with multiple violations of the Illinois Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Business Practices Act.

Specifically, the lawsuit alleges that Kocourek and Progressive Care of Illinois set up booths at local county and senior health fairs and urged consumers to have their blood tested to determine if they suffer from allergies. The lawsuit alleges that Kocourek and Progressive Care of Illinois failed to inform consumers about the true cost of the allergy tests, which range from $1,568 to $1,681. The lawsuit further alleges that the defendants made misrepresentations to consumers that Progressive Care of Illinois would (1) only charge the cost of the test to the consumers' insurance companies, (2) accept the consumers' insurance companies' payments as payment in full, and (3) mail the allergy test results directly to the consumers' homes within 4-6 weeks.

However, according to the complaint, after drawing blood from consumers and billing their insurance companies, Kocourek and Progressive Care of Illinois never provided consumers with allergy test results. Additionally, the lawsuit alleges that in one instance, the defendants represented to a consumer that they would not bill her insurance, but did so anyway.

The lawsuit asks the court to prohibit the defendants from selling allergy tests and failing to provide test results, in violation of Illinois' consumer protection laws. In addition, the lawsuit asks the court to assess a civil penalty for each violation of the law and an additional penalty for each violation found to have been committed with the intent to defraud.

More Federal SCHIP Funding To Illinois

Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich recently called on Illinois' Congressional Delegation to work with his Administration to bring more federal funding to state healthcare programs by revising the formulas used to allocate the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) funds. The current formulas punish states like Illinois that have worked aggressively to expand access to healthcare to more citizens, and instead prioritize funding based on which states have the highest uninsured populations. The governor's announcement came as healthcare leaders and state officials around the nation discussed the importance of the SCHIP program during the Campaign for Children's Health Care's National Town Hall Meeting on Children's Health Coverage, held at 35 locations nationwide, including Springfield and Chicago in Illinois.

The current SCHIP formula, which is partially based on the number of low-income children who do not have healthcare, penalizes Illinois for taking action to provide healthcare to more children. Gov. Blagojevich called on the Illinois Congressional Delegation and the U.S. Congress to revise the formula to be based on the total number of low-income children in the state and number of children and parents covered.

The Campaign for Children's Health Care organized the National Town Hall Meeting on Children's Health Coverage to raise awareness about the SCHIP program and to draw attention to children who are still uninsured and need access to quality health care coverage.

Deceptive Check Solicitations

Attorney General Lisa Madigan recently announced separate settlements totaling $14.5 million, with 16 states and Chase Bank and Trilegiant Corp., to resolve allegations that the companies unlawfully deceived consumers into paying for membership programs for discounts on car and home repair, shopping, and other goods and services. Joining Illinois in the settlements are the Attorneys General of Alaska, California, Connecticut, Iowa, Maine, Michigan, Missouri, North Carolina, New Jersey, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Vermont and Washington. The settlements also involve Chase Home Finance and TRL Group, Inc.

Under the settlements with Chase and Trilegiant, Trilegiant must pay $8.325 million in restitution to all consumers in the 16 states who either have complained to Trilegiant or the State Attorney General's Office, or who complain in writing within the next nine months. Of the 16 states involved in the settlement, approximately eight percent of the impacted consumers live in Illinois. Trilegiant and Chase also will pay $6.175 million to the settling states for consumer education and enforcement. Illinois' share of payment for consumer education and enforcement is $652,128.

The settlements resolve claims that Trilegiant, through a partnership with Chase, solicited consumers with offers of "free" trials in membership programs without adequately informing the consumers that Trilegiant would charge their Chase credit cards or Chase mortgage accounts if the consumers did not take action to cancel the "free" trial within a specific period of time. As part of their partnership, Chase and Trilegiant entered into agreements under which Trilegiant gained access to Chase's customers for the purpose of marketing the membership programs. In soliciting Chase customers, Trilegiant used Chase's name and provided Chase with the right to review and approve the marketing materials.

Under this settlement, consumers who (1) signed up for membership in a Trilegiant club through any bank or other company with which they did business and (2) were first charged membership fees on or after July 1, 2001 are eligible to receive a refund of membership fees they have paid. The settlement does not constitute an admission of wrongdoing by Chase or Trilegiant.

The names of the membership programs involved in these solicitations include, but are not limited to, AutoVantage Gold Service, AutoVantage Service, Buyers Advantage Service, CompleteHome Service, Just for Me, Pet Privileges Service, Shoppers Advantage Service and Travelers Advantage Service.

Consumers who are concerned that they may have unknowingly paid for a membership program, regardless of their bank, should carefully examine their credit card or mortgage statements for any of the program names listed and should also monitor their mail for any notices from Trilegiant. Consumers can also contact Trilegiant electronically at www.trilegiant.com or by mail at Trilegiant Corporation, 100 Connecticut Ave., Norwalk, CT 06850, Attn: K. Buonagurato.

Illinois consumers who would like to submit written complaints requesting restitution for unauthorized charges must submit those complaints to: Illinois Attorney General's Office, Consumer Fraud Bureau, 500 S. Second St., Springfield, IL 62706.

Illinois Fails Tobacco Control Report Card

Once again Illinois received failing grades in the 2006 annual tobacco control report card issued by the American Lung Association. Although the state was cited for minimal spending on tobacco education and a failure to prevent youth to tobacco, Illinois received positive comments for passing legislation that allows municipalities to go smoke-free.

"We're grateful that policymakers in Chicago, Cook County, Springfield and other municipalities passed smoke-free laws last year. But we need to save more lives and reduce health care costs by making Illinois a smoke-free state," said Joel J Africk, President and CEO of the American Lung Association of Metropolitan Chicago.

The American Lung Association State of Tobacco Control 2006 report graded the 50 states, District of Columbia and Puerto Rico in four categories: smoke-free air, tobacco taxes, prevention funding and restrictions on youth access to tobacco products.

The report gave Illinois the following grades: Smoke-free air, Grade: F; Tobacco taxes, Grade: D; Tobacco prevention and control spending, Grade: F; and Youth access to tobacco products, Grade: F.

Despite these failing numbers there were positive moves made in 2006. Thanks to a law passed in 2005, as of Jan. 1, 2006 municipalities in Illinois were allowed to regulate smoking in public places. Springfield started the year by adopting a 100% smoke-free law on Jan. 17th. The momentum has continued, with 28 other cities approving new smoke-free laws and another 50 to 60 cities, towns, villages and counties in the process. In March, Cook County passed a 100% smoke-free law (effective March 2007). Two of the largest municipalities surrounding Chicago, Evanston and Oak Park, passed comprehensive smoke-free air ordinances that took effect July 1, 2006.

The Lung Association report found the following: A record 26 states and the District of Columbia earned passing grades ("C" or better) for having laws that make workplaces free of tobacco smoke, unfortunately, another 23 states received "F" grades in that category; cigarette taxes rose in eight states in 2006, New Jersey now has the highest tax at $2.575 per pack and the national average has risen to $1 per pack: and while overall funding for tobacco prevention and cessation programs increased in 2006, 34 states, including Illinois, received "F" grades for the amount they spend to help people avoid smoking or quit. Only nine states received "A" grades for spending a significant amount on smoking prevention and cessation, up from six states in 2005.

Southwest Area Obituaries

Elizabeth Herta Bakkers

Services were held at the Colonial Chapel, Orland Park, on Monday, with interment at Mt. Hope Cemetery, for Elizabeth Herta, 90. She was the president of the Lady Lions, the West Pullman's Women's Club and the Kenrose Women's Club. She was also a member of the Roseland Community Hospital Auxiliary and a member of the Tinley Park Community Church.

She is survived by ber children Phoebe (Bill) Steinmets and Vernon Bakkers; two grandchildren; one great-grandchild and ber sister Mary Frederick.

Sandra A. Bergman

A Memorial mass was held at St. Patricia Church, Hickory Hills, on Monday, with a private interment, for Sandra a. Bergman, 58. She was an educator with the Chicago Public Schools for 25 years.

She is survived by her children Tracy (John) Jacobs, Tricia (Michael) Doyle, Jennifer, Daniel and Katherine Bergman; five grandchildren; her mother Edna; and her sister Gail (James) Lundstedt; and her brothers Steve (Mary) and John (Kristine) Chikerotis.

Colleen P. Cotter

Services were held at the Trinity Lutheran Church, Oak Lawn, on Thursday, with interment at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, for Colleen P. Cotter.

She is survived by ber husband James L. Cotter; ber son Brandon Cotter; her stepchildren Jennifer Bolan and Brian Cotter; her mother Marguerite; & her sisters Maureen (Thomas) O'Connell and Suzette (Joseph) Stadler.

Lester Doogan

Services were held at the Hickey Memorial Chapel, Midlothian, on Thursday, with interment at the Trinity Lutheran Cemetery, for Lester Doogan, late of Tinley Park. He was a retired officer for the International Union of Operating Engineers Local #150. Mr. Doogan was reelected seven times until his retirement in 1986, making him the local's longest service officer.

He is survived by his children Ruth (Dennis) Trawinski, Linda Doogan, Peggy (Mike) Ralphson, Kenneth (Cynthia, Kevin (Candice and James (Kimberly Doogan; fifteen grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

James J. Etchison

Services were held at the Vandenberg Funeral Home, Tinley Park, on Saturday, with interment in Good Shepherd Cemetery, for James J. Etchison, 64.

He is survived by his wife Carol; his children Eric (Sue) and Shaun Etchison; two grandchildren and his brother Jeff Johnson and his sister Carole Martin.

Geraldine D. Finnegan

Mass was said at St. Albert the Great Church, Burbank, on Tuesday, with interment at St. Mary Cemetery, for Geraldine E. Finnegan.

She is survived by her children Edward (Evelyn, Brian, Cynthia and Nancy Hannan Finnegan; eleven grandcbildren; on great-grandchild; and her sisters Barbara Bradel, Patricia (Herb) Behling, Judy (Tom) Doyle, Betty Lou and Darlene "Sis" Koschorek.

Charles J. Haas

Mass was said at St. Germaine Church, Oak Lawn, on Saturday, with entombment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Charles J. Haas, a WWII Navy Veteran.

He is survived by his wife LaVerne; his brother Ross, Taylor, Edward and Albert; and his sisters Edna Haas and Babe Haas.

Ruth E. Hoving

Funeral Service was beld at the Colonial Chapel, Orland Park, on Monday, with interment at Chapel Hill Gardens South Cemetery, for Ruth E. Hoving, 69.

She is survived by her children Donna, Lorri (Christ) Floros and Lisa (Henry E.) Ipema, six grandchildren and her sister Marge Tibstra.

Kenneth E. Hughes

Mass was said at St. Terrence Church, Alsip, on Tuesday, with interment at St. Mary Cemetery, for Kenneth E. Hughes, a Korean War Army Veteran. He was a 41-year employee of Standard Oil/AAMACO/BP.

He is survived by his children Kenneth F. (Micki) and Donald (Patricia) Hughes; six grandchildren, and bis sisters Eleanor Gessert and Edith Hughes.

Roseanne Hudik

Services were held at the Lawn Funeral Home, Burbank, on Saturday, with a private interment, for Roseanne Hudik.

She is survived by her brother Charles (Pbyllis) and Gene (Diana), and her sisters June Ellen and Susanne Miles (Robin).

Leonard A. Janczak

Mass was said at St. Alexander Church, Palos Heights, on Friday, with interment at Abc Lincoln Cemetery, for Leonard A. Janczak.

He is survived by his brothers Walter D. (Dorinda) and Raymond E. (Violet) Janczak.

Effie M. Kachin

Services were held at the Vandcnberg Funeral Home, Tinley Park, on Tuesday, with a private interment, for Effie M. Kachin.

She is survived by her daughter Susan Jan (Robert) Knight, two grandchildren and her sisters Irene Yourison and Mary Kennedy.

LaVerne Kasmer

Services were held at the United by Faith Lutheran Church, Evergreen Park, on Monday, with interment at Willow Hills-Fairmont Cemetery, for LaVerne Kasmer. She was a longtime active member of United by Faith Lutheran Church, the St. Xavier University Renaissance Group, the Pythian Group and the Red Hat Society.

She is survived by her sister Myrtle (Fred) Krueger and her brother A.W. "Al" (Dolores) Kasmer.

Helen K. Katzmann

Private services and interment were held for Helen K. Katzmann, 87. She was a 1941 graduate of Knox College.

She is survived by ber children Arthur H. "Skip" (Deborah, Anne H. (George) Schlott, Richard H. (Patti) and James H. (Deanne); ten grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Eileen P. Klimowski

Mass was said at St. Catherine of Alexandria Church, Oak Lawn, on Tuesday, with a private interment, for Eileen P. Klimowski.

She is survived by her children Russell (Mary) and Kenneth (Carol) Klimowski; ten grandchildren and three great-grandcbildren; her sister Kathleen Pogwicz; and her brothers Francis (Maureen) Fitzpatrick, Eugene and James Fitzpatrick

Robert C. Klug

Services were held at the Mt. Greenwood Lutheran Church, Chicago, on Monday, with interment at Bethania Cemetery, for Robert C. Klug. He was a WWII tail gunner on B17G "Never Satisfied" 15th 463rd bomb group, Air Force.

He is survived by his wife JoAnn, and his brothers Raymond (Ruth) and Erwin (Shirley).

Helen Jane Lucy

Mass was said at St. Elizabeth Seton Church, Orland Hills, on Saturday, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Helen Jan Lucy, 93, of Tinley Park, formerly of Riverdale. She was a former teacher at St. Helena's in Chicago and District 149 Dolton/Calumet City.

She is survived by her children Marilyn (Rich) Janulis and John R. (Marilyn) Lucy; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Ann Marie McGoldrick

Mass was said at St. Albert thc Great Church, Burbank, on Tuesday, with a private interment, for Ann Marie McGoldrick.

She is survived by her children Nancy (Richard) Bednarek, Michael (Roxanne) and Thomas (Michelle); eight grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and her brothers John and Thomas (Irene) Lynch.

Norma I. Moulton

A memorial service will be held at the Orland Park United Methodist Church, Orland Park, on Saturday, Feb. 10, for Norma I. Moulton, 85. She spent 40 years in the church choir and was the children's music director and longtime church secretary.

She is survived by her husband Bob; her children Jan (Wim) Van Akelijen, Fran (Mike) Martin and Tom (Nancy) Moulton; four grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and her brothers John (Alice and Warren (Gail).

Terry Nakos

Mass was said at SS Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church, on Saturday, with interment at Bethania Cemetery, for Terry Nakos. He was a member of the SS Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church and a member of the Hazel Crest Chamber of Commerce.

He is survived by his wife Jackie; his children Katherine (Chet) Pascual and Dimitrios (Julie); two grandchildren; and his sisters Christine and Yianna; and his brother Peter.

James M. O'Donnell

Mass was said at St. Michael's Church, Orland Park, on Saturday, with a private interment, for James M. O'Donnell, 77, a retired Lieutenant of the Chicago Police Department. He was also the past president of the St. Laurence High School Father's Club and the Queen of Peace Parent's Club.

He is survived by his children Bill (_at), Kathy (Robert) O'Brien and Michael (Jean) O'Donnell; five grandchildren; and his brothers Gene (Sharon), and Bro. Bill O'Donnell, Irish Christian Brothers and his sister Rita (Marty) McGrath.

Raymon V. Parton

Funeral Service was held at the Andrew J. McGann and Son Funeral Home, Chicago, on Wednesday, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Raymon V. Parton, 55.

He is survived by his wife Patricia Parton; his children Rachel (Thomas) St. Paul, Jamie, Raymon III, Mark and Michael Parton; two grandchildren; and his sisters Billie (Joe) Guarascio, Patricia Parton and Mary (Randy) Bultmann..

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Symptoms Of CO Poisoning

Chillier weather in many parts of the country has people turning up the heat and possibly increasing their chances of harming themselves and their families. Emergency physicians are warning the public of the dangers of carbon monoxide, or CO, an odorless and colorless gas found in the emissions of fireplaces, gas stoves, water heaters, kerosene heaters, furnaces and boilers.

"If you get bad headaches or suffer from fatigue, nausea, dizziness or confusion you may easily confuse those symptoms with the flu," said Dr. Brian Keaton, president of the American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP). "So it's very important that people know the symptoms of dangerous levels of gas in their homes and, more importantly, know how to prevent the buildup of CO in their homes in the first place."

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), more than 500 Americans die each year from unintentional CO poisoning. Severe symptoms of CO poisoning include vomiting, loss of consciousness, heart irregularity and breathing difficulties, but these symptoms can vary widely based on the exposure level, duration and the health and age of an individual.

"Every home should have a carbon monoxide detector and you should never ignore the alarm or turn it off without having the sources of CO checked in your home," said Dr. Keaton. "It is much better to be safe than sorry when dealing with CO because it can be very dangerous."

To protect your family this winter, ACEP provides the following safety advice: install a carbon monoxide detector on each level of your home, especially near the sleeping areas; have gas appliances installed by a qualified professional; use only appliances that vent fumes outside; if you choose to use an unvented fuel-burning space heater, only use it while someone is awake to monitor it; never use a gas range or oven to heat a home; never use a charcoal grill inside; never leave the motor running of a vehicle parked in an enclosed garage; turn on the exhaust fan over your gas stove when using it; make certain the fireplace flues are open during use; have gas furnaces, water heaters, clothes dryers, fireplaces and flues inspected annually by a qualified service technician.

ACEP is a national medical specialty society representing emergency medicine with more than 25,000 members. ACEP is committed to advancing emergency care through continuing education, research and public education. Headquartered in Dallas, Texas, ACEP has 53 chapters representing each state, as well as Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia. A Government Services Chapter represents emergency physicians employed by military branches and other government agencies.

Slide Presentation

Professional photo-grapher Paul Berg will present a slide lecture featuring images that capture every-day life in the cities and rural areas of India at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 30th at the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St. Learn what it was like for Berg to travel across the mainland and islands of India for five weeks by car, bicycle, rickshaw, train, camel and ferry transportation. Free admission. Lower level meeting room.

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Friends Of The Library Events

The Friends of the Oak Lawn Library will host a bus trip to the Chicago History Museum on Thursday, March 8. The sign up begins with an in-person registration from 9 to 11 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 3 at the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St.

Take a guided tour of the Chicago History Museum's new "Crossroads of America" exhibit and see how Chicago transformed from a swamp to a thriving metropolis. The cost of this trip, which includes motor coach transportation, admission and a box lunch by Wolfgang Puck Catering, is $42 for Friends members and $47 for others. The bus will depart from the library at 9:30 a.m. and return at 3:30 p.m. Please be advised that this trip is not wheelchair accessible.

After the in-person registration closes, one may call the library at (708) 422-4990 to find out how to purchase tickets.

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The Friends of the Oak Lawn Library sponsor two discussion groups that meet once a month, September through May at the library, 5300 W. 95th St.

Short story discussions are held on the second Wednesday of the month at 1 p.m. They will meet Feb. 14 to discuss "Koolau the Leper" by Jack London and March 14 for "The Necklace" by Guy de Maupassant. Copies of these short stories may be picked up one month in advance at the Readers Advisory Desk.

Book discussions are held on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 1 p.m. They will meet Feb. 28 to discuss "The March" by E. L. Doctorow and March 28 for "Showboat" by Edna Ferber. Copies of these books may be checked out one month in advance at the Circulation Desk.

If you need additional information, call Dorothy Whitney at (708) 422-2390.

College Illinois!

Families interested in investing in their children's future college education at today's prices have until April 24, to participate in the ninth annual enrollment period for College Illinois!, the state's prepaid tuition program, according to State Senator Christine Radogno (R-Lemont).

Radogno explained that College Illinois! was developed to help families afford probable future increases in college tuition and fees.

"The cost of college increases every year, which is why families are encouraged to take steps now to prepare for their child's future," said Radogno. "College Illinois! is a great way to ensure that when your child or grandchild graduates high school, the funds will be available to finance their continuing education."

College Illinois! is completely tax-exempt in Illinois, and various payment options are available, including monthly and annual installments.

Participants can purchase from one semester at a community college, to nine semesters at a university. The benefits can later be used at any community college and university, public and private, in the nation.

Once a plan is purchased, anyone—grandparents, relatives, family friends—can make a payment on behalf of the beneficiary.

Since the program was established in 1997, more than 53,000 contacts representing 168,630 years of prepaid college have been purchased.

Information and applications are available by visiting www.collegeillinois.com or by calling toll-free at 1-877-877-3724.

Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony

New Chamber member MB Financial Bank in Oak Lawn will celebrate the grand opening of its new location at 9701 S. Cicero Ave. with a ribbon-cutting on Friday, Feb. 2nd at 11 a.m. Bank officials, city dignitaries and Chamber members will be on hand for the event. Refreshments will be served.

The new 2,000 square foot MB Financial Banking Center represents an expansion of MB's presence in the south suburbs.

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Leo Club Installs Officers

Lions Club International representatives hosted a ceremony installing the new officers of the Leo Club from Richards High School on Tuesday, Jan. 23rd at the Oak Lawn Hilton.

Lions Club District 1-A Vice Governor John Chisum, Oak Lawn Lions Club President Robin Kirar; Zone Chairman Frank Kirar, and Oak Lawn Lions Club member and Richards Leo Club sponsor Len Pearson presided.

The officers installed include President Sonam Tanna, Vice President Matt Erickson, Treasurer Erika Flores, and Secretary Melissa Taylor. Class representatives who took office include Brian Greco, Rebecca Calvlilo, Lanita Warner, and Amanda Hankes.

Leo Clubs, the high school affiliates of Lions Clubs International, plan, organize and fund a range of service and volunteer projects to help those in need. The Richards club, for example, sponsors a year-round food drive; holiday parties for nursing homes and schools for the developmentally challenged; a pancake breakfast fund raiser; bell ringing for the Salvation Army; and, volunteering for Lions Club Candy Days.

Pearson founded the Leo Club at Richards in 1969. The Richards group, which Pearson has sponsored since its inception, was the first Leo Club formed in Illinois.

Pictured, left to right, are the new officers for the Leo Club from Richards High School: Brian Greco (freshman class representative), Amanda Hankes (senior class representative), Melissa Taylor (secretary), club founder and Oak Lawn Lion Len Pearson, Sonam Tanna (president), Erika Flores (treasurer), and Rebecca Calvillo (sophomore class representative). Not pictured are Vice President Matt Erickson and junior class representative Lanita Warner.

Pryme Tymers Hold Meeting

The Pryme Tymers, a very active fellowship that meets at Trinity Church, 9230 S. Pulaski Rd. in Oak Lawn, invites the entire community to their meeting on Thursday, Feb. 8th at 11 a.m. Entertainment will include a musical presentation by the Evergreen Park Double-Nickel-Plus Chorus, including a few love songs for Valentine's Day. At noon, a roast chicken luncheon, prepared by Chef Pitluck, will be served. The cost is $6 and reservations are required. Call the church office at (708) 422-5111 or Tom Panush at (708) 636-7548 by Friday, Feb. 2nd. Transportation is provided upon request. Canned goods is also collected for the Salvation Army Food Pantry.

Cancellation

"Sweets & Treats" - A Valentine's Day Family Event has been cancelled.

The Oak Lawn Park District's annual Valentine's Day Ice Cream Social and ice Skating Party that was scheduled for Sunday, Feb. 4th at the Oak Lawn Ice Arena (9320 S. Kenton) has been cancelled. For more information, call (708) 857-5173.

File Taxes Online

Nearly 300,000 illinois taxpayers have already simplified their lives this year by filing their state taxes electronically, including more than 21,000 who used the department's free online WebFile program.

"Two out of three taxpayers will get a state tax refund," said Revenue Director Brian Hamer. "The easiest and fastest way for a taxpayer to get that refund is by filing electronically."

Illinois has options for those who use a tax preparer, those who use tax preparation software packages, as well as for those who do their own taxes, Hamer said.

"We built our WebFile system because we think all taxpayers should have a free electronic option," said Hamer. "It requires no special software, and taxpayers who try it tell us they are pleased at how easy it is to use."

Taxpayers who file their tax returns electronically and have their refunds direct deposited into their bank accounts will see their refunds in a week; those who file paper returns will have to wait while their returns are mailed, opened, sorted, and data entered, all manual processes that can take weeks.

So far this year 293,000 Illinoisans have filed their tax returns electronically, an increase of 6.7 percent over the same period last year.

Besides fast refunds, taxpayers who file electronically will make fewer mistakes that delay refunds, will get a confirmation number that proves that they filed, and can enjoy the convenience of filing from home.

Electronic returns and electronic refunds travel over secure connections directly to the Department of Revenue's computers without chance of being lost or misplaced in the mail.

Taxpayers can get more information on electronic filing by visiting www.tax.illinois.gov.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

FEBRUARY 2 – Friday – Chamber Golf Outing Committee Meeting, Stony Creek Golf Complex, 8 a.m.

FEBRUARY 2 – Friday – Worth Township Senior Citizens Org. Meeting, Worth Township Center, 11601 Pulaski Rd., 12:30 p.m.

FEBRUARY 3 – Saturday – District II "Trustee Is In," Municipal Center, 9446 Raymond, 9 a.m. to noon.

FEBRUARY 5 – Monday – Fire Department Club Meeting, VFW, 9514 S. 52nd Ave., 8 p.m.

FEBRUARY 5 – Monday – Planning & Development Commission Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 8 p.m.

FEBRUARY 6 – Tuesday – Civil Service Commission, 9446 Raymond, 5:30 p.m.

FEBRUARY 7 – Wednesday – Appeals Board, 9446 Raymond Ave., 8 p.m.

FEBRUARY 8 – Thursday – Fire & Police Commission Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, Conference Room B, 7:30 p.m.

FEBRUARY 8 – Thursday – Quality Control Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 7:30 p.m.

FEBRUARY 8 – Thursday – Athletic Club Auxiliary Meeting, VFW Hall, 9514 S. 52nd Ave., 8 p.m.

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Top 10 Consumer Complaints

Attorney General Lisa Madigan announced that for the first time in the history of the Illinois Attorney General's Top 10 Consumer Complaint List, identity theft complaints topped the list, exceeding the other categories by far. Madigan attributes the dramatic increase in consumer complaints concerning ID theft to her office's new Identity Theft Hotline, announced in February 2006.

Madigan also announced that her office's Consumer Protection Division received a record number of consumer complaints in the last year. In 2006, the Consumer Protection Division received 32,724 consumer complaints, a more than 18 percent increase over the 26,652 consumer complaints received in 2005. This increase follows a nearly 11 percent increase in consumer complaints in 2005.

In 2006, Madigan's Consumer Protection Division fielded 188,292 calls for assistance and recovered through mediation more than $7.7 million with litigation savings of more than $18 million for a total of more than $26 million in savings to Illinois consumers.

Of the complaints received in 2006, 5,327, or 16 percent, concerned identity theft. Just as in 2005, credit-related complaints ranked second on the Top 10 list, with 3,444 consumer complaints. Coming in third on the list are the 3,204 construction and home improvement complaints that Madigan's office revealed in 2006.

Along with the striking jump in the number of identity theft complaints, Madigan noted that the 2006 statistics reveal another significant new trend in consumer complaints. For the first time, her office received more than 700 complaints from homeowners with mortgage-related problems. Although the number falls just shy of the top ten, it marks a greater than 100 percent increase in mortgage-related complaints since 2005.

In a large number of these complaints, consumers contacted the Attorney General's office seeking help in problems with so-called "mortgage rescuers." In a typical case, the mortgage rescuer promised to help homeowners on the brink of foreclosure to save their home, but, instead, the rescuer purchased the property for a fraction of its value and stripped the equity from the home, leaving the homeowners with nothing.

In response to this disturbing trend, Madigan drafted and worked to pass the Mortgage Rescue Fraud Act in the last legislative session. This Act, which went into effect on Jan. 1, requires that mortgage rescuers either save the home as promised, or pay the homeowner 82 percent of the home's fair market value. Madigan also filed three law suits in 2006 against mortgage rescuers for allegedly engaging in illegal practices to deprive several Illinois homeowners of their homes.

No. 1: Identity Theft Complaints. Consumer complaints regarding identity theft raise a range of issues confronting victims of this rapidly-growing fraud. Specifically, the ID theft consumer complaints involved credit cards, 1,428 complaints; phone, internet, and utility company complaints, 736; bank fraud complaints, 439; collection agency complaints, 202. Consumers brought most of these complaints to Madigan's office by contacting her new Identity Theft Hotline (1-866-999-5630). Through this help line, trained advocates and attorneys have worked with consumer to help them restore their credit.

No. 2: Credit-Related Complaints. Complaints regarding credit came in second place including 2,210 complaints about collection agencies, reflecting consumers' ongoing and significant problems with collection agencies. While complaints regarding credit also came in second place on the 2005 Top 10 List, the 2,210 complaints involving collection agencies in 2006 represents a significant increase from 1,451 collection agency complaints received in 2005.

In addition to collection agency complaints, other credit-related complaints involved: credit cards (907), including complaints about unauthorized membership club charges appearing on credit card accounts, balance transfer and introductory rate problems, higher interest rates than expected, and unexpected fees; and erroneous entries on credit reports (178).

No. 3: Construction and Home Improvement Fraud Complaints. Construction and home improvement fraud came in third on the list and consistently has ranked as one of the top three consumer complaints since 1984. Complaints regarding construction and home improvement in 2006 include those related to remodeling (1,101); roofs and gutters (391), siding, windows, and doors (350); new construction (263); and plumbing and sewers (175). This category also includes 924 complaints about other construction-related issues.

No. 4: Telecommunications Complaints. These complaints included claims regarding wireless service and cellular phones (749), long distance service (394), cable and satellite service (376), do not call (372), Internet service providers and DSL (295), local phone service and repairs (277), and other telecommunications-related complaints (319).

The remainder of the Top Ten List includes: No. 5, Promotions and Schemes 2,261; No. 6, Financial Services, 1,695; No. 7, Motor Vehicles/Used Auto Sales, 1,486; No. 8, Mail Order, 1,475; No. 9 Business to Business Fraud, 815; and No. 10, Motor Vehicle/Non-Warranty Repair, 790.

For all consumer fraud issues, consumers can visit Madigan's website at www.illinoisattorneygeneral.gov or call the Consumer Fraud Hotline: 1-800-386-5438 and 1-800-964-3013 (TTY); Spanish Language Hotline: 1-866-310-8398. The Identity Theft Hotline is 1-866-999-5630 and 1-877-844-5461 (TTY).

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Aggression Awareness

Jan. 16th kicked off Relational Aggression Awareness Week at Queen of Peace High School. At the beginning of the week, students learned the results of their anonymous relational surveys, which were taken earlier in the school year. During the presentation, students discovered that everyone to some extent participates in relationally aggressive behavior, which can range from eye-rolling, to excluding someone on purpose, to gossiping, to sending hurtful messages via the computer. According to Peace's Director of Guidance Counseling, Katherine Walker, girls often use RA as a protective factor in their struggle to find power and a voice in today's world.

Throughout the week, students learned how to avoid engaging in relationally aggressive behavior. In a homeroom activity, students watched video clips from the film "Mean Girls." After viewing the clips, students analyzed the characters' relationally aggressive behaviors and explored the consequences of such behaviors on one's self esteem.

Relational Aggression Awareness Week at Queen of Peace stems from an effort to help students become more conscious of their behaviors and to understand how those behaviors affect others. "It's hard to be nice all of the time and probably not necessary. What we are learning here is how to vocalize our feelings and our needs in appropriate, not hurtful, ways," said sophomore Mollie Heath.

Pictured: Sophomores Mollie Heath (left) of Chicago and Maggie Miller of Burbank hug after discussing the positive affects of clear, direct and thoughtful communication.

Bob West Will Perform

Saturday Feb. 3rd, Elvis Tribute Artist Bob West will perform his award winning show at Barb's Guesthouse, 9848 Southwest Highway in Oak Lawn. Showtime is 9 p.m. There is no cover charge. Reservations are suggested.

For more information and reservations, call 1 (708) 499-0510. Check out Bob's website at www.bobwestelvis.com.

2007 Historic Hotels Of America Directory

The 2007 Historic Hotels of America directory is available and includes enhancements to help people select the ideal historic hotel for their travels.

"Historic Hotels of America offers travelers a sense of place and diversity in experiences," says Thierry Roch, executive director of Historic Hotels of America. "With the 2007 directory, travelers can learn more about the hotels to ensure they select the one that best suits their needs and expectations."

Enhancements allow travelers to determine if the hotel was originally built as a hotel or if it has been converted into a hotel. Identifiers describe the type of hotel (inn, hotel or resort) as well as the style of service (charming, classic or luxurious). Icons showcase the historic charm and character unique to Historic Hotels of America members such as having historic tours, art collections, ghosts, presidential visits or gardens.

The directory highlights an interesting fact about each hotel. Here is a sampling: Cowboy turned artist Lon Megargee's home is now the Hermosa Inn in Paradise Valley, Ariz. Megargee is known for painting the picture, "The Last Drop" that can be seen inside any original Stetson hat; John Rutledge House Inn in Charleston, S.C., is one of only 15 homes of signers of the Constitution that stand to this day; and during the Cold War, The Greenbrier in White Sulphur Springs, W.Va., was home to a secret "bunker" intended to house Congress in the event of an attack.

Historic Hotels of America is a program of the National Trust for Historic Preservation. Historic Hotels has identified 207 hotels in 39 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands that have faithfully maintained their historic integrity, architecture and ambiance.

To receive a copy of the 264-page Historic Hotels of America directory, send a $4 check or money order to National Trust/HHA, P.O. Box 320, Washington, D.C. 20055-0320. Or, request a directory online at www.historichotels.org. Rooms at any of the member hotels can be reserved by visiting www.historichotels.org or by calling (800) 678-8946.

Emotions Anonymous

Emotions Anonymous for emotional health through a twelve-step program will meet Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. and Friday at 7:30 p.m. at the Calvary Lutheran Church, 11249 S. Spaulding Ave. This program formerly met at Christ Hospital in Oak Lawn and the New Spirit Lutheran Church in Chicago.

Calvary Lutheran Church is two blocks west of Kedzie Ave. and a half-block south of 112th Pl., across the street from Cassell Elementary School.

Everyone is welcome. For more information, call the answering service at (708) 383-0200.

Community College Scholarship Fund

As part of its corporate citizenship program, Accenture (NYSE: ACN) will offer a new scholarship program to junior- and community-college students seeking four-year degrees. In addition to the scholarship funds, recipients at the junior-year undergraduate level may be eligible for summer internships at Accenture. Illinois is one of several states in which students are eligible to apply for the national scholarship program.

The Accenture Junior and Community College Scholarship Fund will support community college students entering bachelor's degree programs related to high technology and business. These scholarships are part of the company's commitment to providing access to higher education and developing a competitive U.S. workforce. In 2007, the scholarship fund will award up to 20 scholarships of $5,000 each, renewable up to one year or until a bachelors degree is earned.

Accenture has selected Scholarship America, the nation's largest nonprofit, private-sector scholarship and educational support organization, to administer the scholarship fund.

Commenting on the scholarship program, Dean Teglia, managing director of Accenture's Chicago office, said, "Like their counterparts across the country, the community colleges in the Chicago area are a gateway to the future for first-time students looking for an affordable college education, and for mid-career students seeking to get ahead in the workplace. I'm proud that Accenture has created a program designed to help everyone pursue their dream of completing a college education."

Successful candidates for the Accenture Junior and Community College Scholarship will have excelled academically and demonstrated leadership ability as well as commitment to community. To be eligible, candidates must: be enrolled in a full-time undergraduate course of study at an accredited two-year junior college or community college and plan to transfer to an accredited four-year college or university and pursue a baccalaureate degree; be attending school in one of the following states/regions, California, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Metropolitan New York/New Jersey, Texas or Metropolitan Washington DC/Maryland/Virginia; have a minimum grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale (or its equivalent); and be seeking degrees and careers in the high technology and business fields.

Financial need will also be considered. The application period for the Accenture Junior and Community College Scholarship program begins today. Applications must be received by Feb. 15. Detailed information on the scholarship, including eligibility requirements and an application, can be attained at: www.sms.scholarshipamerica.org/accenturecommunity.

Scholarship America is one of the nation's largest nonprofit, private-sector scholarship and educational support organizations. Its three primary programs – Dollars for Scholars®, Scholarship Management Services and ScholarShop® – are united in the mission to expand access to education. Scholarship America has awarded more than $1 billion to more than one million students since its founding in 1958.

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Aglow International

The Oak Lawn Chapter of Aglow International will meet on Thursday, Feb. 8th at Mama Luigi's Restaurant, 7500 S. Harlem in Bridgeview.

The speakers for February will be Pastors Joy and Scott Howard who serve as youth pastors under the leadership of Pastors Steel at Life Church in Palos Heights. They are also the parents of two children of their own.

In 1997 they dramatically accepted the Lord at Stone Church Assembly of God during extended revival time and became ordained through the Church of God.

Joy and Scott both came from an abusive childhood and turned to drugs to escape the reality of life before God intervened.

They have a special passion to minister to people from similar backgrounds of life struggles that are in need of healing and restoration.

Come and hear their testimony of God's work in their lives.

Dinner tickets are $13, available at 6:30 at the door. Dinner is served promptly at 7 p.m. Reservations are required by Feb. 5th. For additional information and reservations, call June at (708) 424-1656.

Marist State Scholars

The Illinois Student Assistance Commission recently named 76 Marist High School seniors Illinois State Scholars. The Illinois State Scholars Program recognizes the top 10% of the state's high school seniors for outstanding academic achievement.

Additionally, seniors Katie Reilly (left) and Dan Soso, both of Mt. Greenwood, were elevated to the distinction of National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists. Only 16,000 high school students in the country advance to this honor. It recognizes the top scorers in each state in standardized testing. They will be informed in April if they advance to the Finalist level.

In 2006, Marist also improved its average ACT score to 23.7. The state average is 20.5.

Founded by the Marist Brothers in 1963, Marist High School is a private Catholic school serving the young men and women of southwest Chicago and the surrounding suburbs.

Avila To Address O.W.L.S.

Commission Frank Avila, with the Metrpolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, will speak before the O.W.L.S. (Older, Wiser, Lutheran Seniors), Thursday, Feb. 8 at 10:30 a.m. in Christ Lutheran Church, 14700 S. 94th Ave., Orland Park.

Arlette Zimmerman, announced that the commissioner will explain the workings of the MWRD.

Commissioner Avila has over 40 years of experience as an engineer and land surveyor, lending his talent to over 300 engineering projects. He received his Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana and a Master of Science from the University of Arizona.

Governor Blagojevich Promotes Hiring Military Veterans

Building on Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich's commitment to help Illinois' veterans get the opportunities they have bravely earned, the State of Illinois is promoting the hiring of the state's military heroes with a new tax incentive for businesses. Employers can now earn income tax credit of up to $600 for every qualified veteran they hire. The departments of Veterans Affairs, Revenue, Employment Security, Transportation, Central Management Services, and Commerce and Economic Opportunity will promote the tax credit in a variety of ways through their agency services.

Beginning in tax year 2007, Illinois employers can earn tax credits for hiring veterans who have recently been on active duty overseas. Employers can earn the new Veteran's Tax Credit of 5 percent of total wages paid, up to a maximum of $600 annually, for wages paid to each veteran hired after Jan. 1, 2007. The veteran must work at least 185 days during the tax year for the employer to qualify. The credit is available for veterans who were members of the Armed Forces, the Armed Forces reserves, or the Illinois National Guard on active duty in Operation Desert Storm, Operation Enduring Freedom, or Operation Iraqi Freedom.

For more information about the Veteran's Tax Credit, go to the Dept. of Revenue's web site, www.tax.illinois.gov and visit the Taxpayer Answer Center or call the Dept. of Revenue's toll-free assistance line at 1(800) 732-8866.

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Rep. Lipinski Selected As Vice Chair Of House Science Committee

Last week, Rep. Dan Lipinski was selected Vice Chair of the House Committee on Science and Technology for the 110th Congress. In addition, Rep. Lipinski was selected to serve on the Energy and Environment Subcommittee and the Research and Science Education Subcommittee. These subcommittees oversee issues critical to maintaining economic competitiveness, national security, and the environment.

"As an engineer by training and a former university professor, it is a great honor to be selected as Vice Chair of the House Committee on Science and Technology," said Congressman Lipinski. "This position will provide me with a great opportunity to continue my leadership on issues critical to our future including reducing our dependence on foreign fossil fuels, improving math and science education in our schools, protecting the environment, and increasing American economic competitiveness."

Congressman Lipinski has put a tremendous emphasis on improving our economic and national security by investing in energy research and science education. Lipinski is the sponsor of the H-Prize Act of 2007 that establishes competitively awarded cash prizes for scientific breakthroughs in the advancement of hydrogen energy technology. This bill passed the House overwhelmingly last year and was reintroduced this week.

"Scientific advancement is one of the keys to U.S. competitiveness in a global marketplace. If we don't invest in tools that help our businesses and manufacturers compete, they can't create jobs," continued Lipinski. "This committee will remain extremely active throughout this Congress to address our many scientific and technological challenges."

The Research and Science Education Subcommittee has jurisdiction on all matters relating to science policy and science education, and exercises oversight over the Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) and the National Science Foundation (NSF). The Energy and Environment Subcommittee has jurisdiction on all matters relating to energy research and development, and exercises oversight over Dept. of Energy (DOE) research and laboratories, Environmental Protection Ageney (EPA) research and development programs, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) activities, advanced nuclear, solar, and renewable energy technologies, and energy aspects of climate change.

Howard Sworn In

In a ceremony held recently in Springfield marking the beginning of the 95th General Assembly, state Rep. Constance a. "Connie" Howard (D-Chicago), was sworn in for her seventh term representing the 34th District.

First elected in 1994, Howard is one of the leading advocates in the state for assisting ex-offenders. become productive citizens. Her other legislative priorities include: improving education and health care, increasing funding for and awareness of HIV/AIDS in the African American community and closing the digital divide in Illinois.

Over the next two years, Howard will continue to fight for more money for local schools, affordable health care and other programs that assist low-income families. Last year Howard was successful in securing funding for the new All Kids health insurance program, which provides affordable health insurance for uninsured children in Illinois, including children who don't qualify for other state programs.

To ensure all Illinois children receive an excellent education, Howard will continue her fight to increase funding for public schools. Last year, Howard brought home $83 million in new state money for schools in the city of Chicago and fought for a $2.9 million increase in funds for suburban schools in her district.

"My priority again this year will be to ensure state funds are appropriated to programs that stop the spread of HIV/AIDS in the African American community, assist ex-offenders in becoming productive citizens and help more people become computer literate," Howard said. "I am pleased with the progress we have made on all of these issues, but there is still more work to be done and I am eager to make progress in each of these areas during the 95th General Assembly."

Howard represents the 34th Illinois Representative District, which includes all or portions of the Chicago neighborhoods of Pullman, Chatham, Greater Grand Crossing, South Deering and Hegewich, as well as the suburban communities of Burnham, Calumet City and Lansing.

All Points Southwest

By THOMAS E. GAVIN

U.S. Senator Dick Durbin (D-IL) recently joined a bipartisan group of Senate colleagues in introducing the Passenger Rail Investment and Improvement Act of 2007. This legislation reauthorizes Amtrak funding for 2007 through 2012.

For background, Amtrak's reauthorization expired in 2002. Since then no agreement had been reached on Amtrak policy, and Amtrak reform efforts and funding have ground to a halt while Congress and the present administration consider Amtrak's fate. The passage of an Amtrak Reauthorization measure will help build a consensus around increased Amtrak funding while considering needed reforms.

Durbin suggested that Illinois benefits, both directly and indirectly, from Amtrak jobs and service. Amtrak employs over 2,000 Illinoisans and annually spends $56 million for goods and services in the state. Amtrak's Midwestern hub in Chicago brings 2.5 million riders into the city each year. According to Senator Durbin "more than 25 million people rode on Amtrak in 2006, the fourth straight year that ridership has increased. Amtrak has established itself as a vital element in our national transportation system," Durbin concluded.

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Worth Village Mayor Ed Guzdziol and the Worth Integrity Party are hosting the annual "Mardi Gras Celebration" this Friday, Feb. 2nd from 7 p.m. to midnight at the Garden Chalet, 11000 S. Ridgeland Ave., Chicago Ridge. Hors d'oeuvres, appetizers, beer, wine and soft drinks are on tap. GG Productions will provide the music to celebrate New Orleans style. Tickets are $30 per person and are available at the door or you can call Anita at (708) 361-4673 for more information.

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Governors State University is hosting a graduate programs open house on Saturday, Feb. 3rd from 9:30 to 11 a.m. for the College of Business and Public Administration. Faculty, advisors, administrators and current students will be available to discuss master's degree programs in business administration, accounting, management information systems and public administration. This event is open to the public and will be held on the University's main campus located at 1 University Parkway, University Park, Illinois.

For more information or to RSVP, contact Monica Miller at (708) 534-4934 or m-miller@govst.etu.

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The Southwest Symphony Orchestra will offer its concert "Continental Crossroads" on Saturday, Feb. 10th at 8 p.m. in the Ozinga Chapel Auditorium at Trinity Christian College in Palos Heights. The theme of the evening reflects the last cross-cultural influences on music in which composers borrow from distant lands.

Trinity Christian College is located at 6601 W. College Dr. (Rte 83) in Palos Heights. Ticket prices: adults $20-25; seniors $16-$20; students $5; children under 12 are free. Groups of 10 or more may pay $10 per person. For more information, call (708) 424-2083.

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The American Red Cross of Greater Chicago has requested that All Points remind Chicagoland residents to nominate their local heroes for the 2007 Heroes Breakfast to be held on Tuesday, April 10th at the Fairmont, Chicago.

The American Red Cross of Greater Chicago believes outstanding people who present endless valor, compassion and humanity toward their community should be honored and they need the public's help in recognizing them. They will honor people who have demonstrated outstanding community service in nine categories: Citizenship, Community Impact, Disaster Response, EMS, Firefighter, Good Samaritan, Good Samaritan (youth under 21), Law Enforcement and Military.

Candidates must live or work in one of the seven counties that the American Red Cross of Greater Chicago serves (Cook, DuPage, Kane, Kendall, Lake, McHenry, or Will) and their heroic act must have taken place within the last 12 months.

Nominations must be received by Jan. 31st, to be eligible. Nomination forms can be mailed to ARCGC Heroes, 2200 W. Harrison, Chicago, IL 60612 or faxed to (312) 729-6305. Forms can also be submitted online at www.chicagoredcross.org.

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Chicago Gaelic Park, the Irish Cultural Center located at 6119 W. 147th St., Oak Forest, will sponsor an essay contest, open to all students in good standing in the sixth grade through high school. The essay should address the topic "What does it mean to be Irish?"

Requirements for grades six through eight are a maximum of three typed pages (8? x 11) with awards of $1,000, $750, and $500. High school students are required to submit an essay with a maximum of five typed pages (8? x 11) with prizes of $1,000, $750, and $500.

A random draw awarding a $250 prize will reward the efforts of entrants and give recognition to other than the six winners.

Essays must be received at the Gaelic Park front office by Wednesday, Feb. 28th. E-mailed essays will not be accepted. Winners will be announced at Gaelic Park on Sunday, March 11th, at the 9 a.m. mass.

Awards will be presented to the winners on Sunday, March 25th at the Celtic Supper. The essays will not be returned. Winners will be notified by phone, and the awards are issued to both students and parents jointly. Essays will be evaluated by an independent academic committee. Call Gaelic Park at (708) 687-9323 for essay applications and any further information.

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Nominations for the Illinois 2006-2007 "Teacher of the Year" award are now being accepted through March 1st. The announcement came via the award sponsor, Teachers' Insurance Plan™, a car insurance program exclusively for members of the educational community.

This award will include $1,000 to the winning teacher and a $500 grant to the winning teacher's school. The state winner will also be eligible for the National Award that includes a special recognition and a $2,500 travel certificate.

Teachers, students and parents can nominate any of the state's more than 160,000 accredited teachers. Nomination forms are available online at www.teachers.com/toty. To nominate an educator or yourself, explain in 250 words or less why this teacher should be the Teacher of the Year. Nominees will be judged on their ability to motivate students, their special talents, and their contribution to their school. Winners will be announced at the start of the next school year.

Brookfield Zoo To Debut Polar Bear Cub

There's a new bear in town, but you won't find it on a football field. The Chicago Zoological Society (CZS), which manages Brookfield Zoo, announced the birth of a polar bear cub, born Dec. 14th. Since the birth, the cub has been in a maternity den with its mom, Arki, growing by leaps and bounds and exploring its new surroundings. It will make its debut to zoo guests sometime this spring, at which time the public will be invited to help name the cub through a contest. Until then, video of the cub and Arki can be viewed on the zoo's Web site, www.BrookfieldZoo.org.

At birth, polar bear cubs weigh approximately one-and-one-half pounds and are about the size of a newborn puppy that can fit in the palm of a hand. Depending on its gender, when full grown the bear will weigh between 775 to more than 1,500 pounds if it's a male or 330 to 550 pounds if a female. They are blind and deaf for the first three to four weeks of life. Cubs stay in the den with their mother for several months, developing their motor skills and putting on weight nurtured by Mom's milk, which is 33 percent fat—the richest milk of all the bear species.

Arki, 22, born at Brookfield Zoo, has had five successful litters, including her most recent one. Her mate, Aussie, was born in 1985 at Adelaide Zoo in Australia and the following year he came to Brookfield Zoo to be paired with Arki. Polar bears are typically solitary animals, coming together only to breed. Arki and Aussie were reintroduced to each other in February on a recommendation from the coordinator of the Association of Zoos and Aquarium's (AZA) Species Survival Plan (SSP). An SSP is a cooperative population management and conservation program for select species in zoos and aquariums in North America. Each SSP manages the breeding of a species in order to maintain, a healthy and self-sustaining population that is both genetically diverse and demographically stable. Including this cub and two litters being reared at Toledo Zoo in Ohio, there are 96 polar bears in 35 U.S. zoos accredited by AZA. The sire of the three cubs in Ohio is Marty, Arki's first cub. "It's very rewarding for CZS staff to see one of its cubs mature and participate in the managed population," said Dr. Stuart Strahl, CEO and president of CZS.

In mid-summer, the two bears were separated in preparation for denning, a natural behavior for pregnant bears. Females exhibit delayed implantation, meaning the fertilized egg implants about five months after breeding. They stay in the maternity den for three to six months. Cubs are born from November to January and leave the den with their mother in March or April.

CZS has been a leader in successfully breeding polar bears. In the early 1970s, animal care staff researched literature on polar bear dens in the wild and replicated maternity dens in the bears' off-exhibit space. A tunnel leads to a semi-circular inner chamber, and the entrance faces away from service doors to provide the bears privacy. (In the wild, polar bears often den in packed snow or dry streambeds.) Since the dens were created, CZS has seen a dramatic increase in its polar bear cub success rate. In the last 10 years, CZS is one of only nine institutions to raise a cub.

When the cub makes its debut, the exhibit's pool will be drained and lined with bales of straw, as will the moat area. This precaution is only temporary while the cub explores its new environment. After several weeks, water gradually will be added to the pool, at which time Arki will teach her cub to swim.

It is estimated that between 22,000 and 25,000 polar bears are in the wild, though exact numbers are not known in their natural habitat of the circumpolar Arctic: U.S. (Alaska), Canada, Russia, Greenland, and Norway. In February 2005, several conservation organizations petitioned the U.S. Department of the Interior to list polar bears on the "threatened" species list of the Endangered Species Act. In late 2006, the Secretary of the Interior announced that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service would be gathering additional information and scientific data during the next 12 months before making its final decision whether to list the species on the threatened list.

There has been a noticeable warming trend in portions of the polar bears' habitat, threatening the species with extinction by the end of this century. For instance in Canada's Hudson Bay, the ice that polar bears use to hunt seals—the mainstay of their diet—is melting two weeks earlier than it did 20 years ago, which means they have less time to hunt and store up needed fat. This is a particularly serious problem for the females because they use so much energy to nurse their cubs. Researchers report that there has been a 7 percent reduction in ice cover in just 25 years and a 40 percent loss of ice thickness. It is predicted there will be a mostly ice-free Arctic summer by 2080 if present trends continue. Other threats to the bears include pollution, poaching, and industrial disturbances. Also, hunting could become a threat if populations are not well managed.

"Since research shows that polar bears are in trouble in the wild, it is imperative that we at CZS try to make a connection between people and these incredible animals. In this way, people will understand that this species needs to be saved and that they can make a difference," Strahl added.

The mission of the Chicago Zoological Society is to inspire conservation leadership by connecting people with wildlife and nature. Open every day of the year, the zoo is located off First Ave, between the Stevenson (I-55) and Eisenhower (I-290) expressways and is also accessible via the Tri-State Tollway (I-294), Metra commuter line, CTA, and PACE bus service.

Sims Blasts Budget

In a rally recently held, County Commissioner Deborah Sims blasted the proposed budget released by Cook County Board President Todd Stroger, calling the proposed cuts irresponsible and unacceptable. The budget would reduce funding for the Bureau of Health Services by over $100 million, eliminate 16 medical centers, and eliminate over 6,000 county jobs.

Speaking onsite at the Cottage Grove Health Center, one of the centers targeted for closure, Sims was adamant about the importance of the medical center to the community. "Residents depend heavily on this medical center to address real life concerns and medical needs. These aren't statistics we are dealing with, they are people's lives."

A public hearing was overcrowded with concerned citizens voicing their concerns about the budget. The closure of Cottage Grove Health Center and Woody Winston Health Center in Phoenix , which the budget also targets, would leave Robbins Health Center as the county's only clinic in the south suburbs. The proposed budget does not provide new resources for Robbins.

"Without these clinics, residents here would simply have no immediate access to healthcare," continued Sims. "A lot of our residents rely on public transportation – are they supposed to wait for a bus in the event of a medical emergency? This is irresponsible and unacceptable and we are going to do everything we can to keep these clinics here."

The budget goes next to the County Board of Commissioners with a Feb. 28 deadline for passage.

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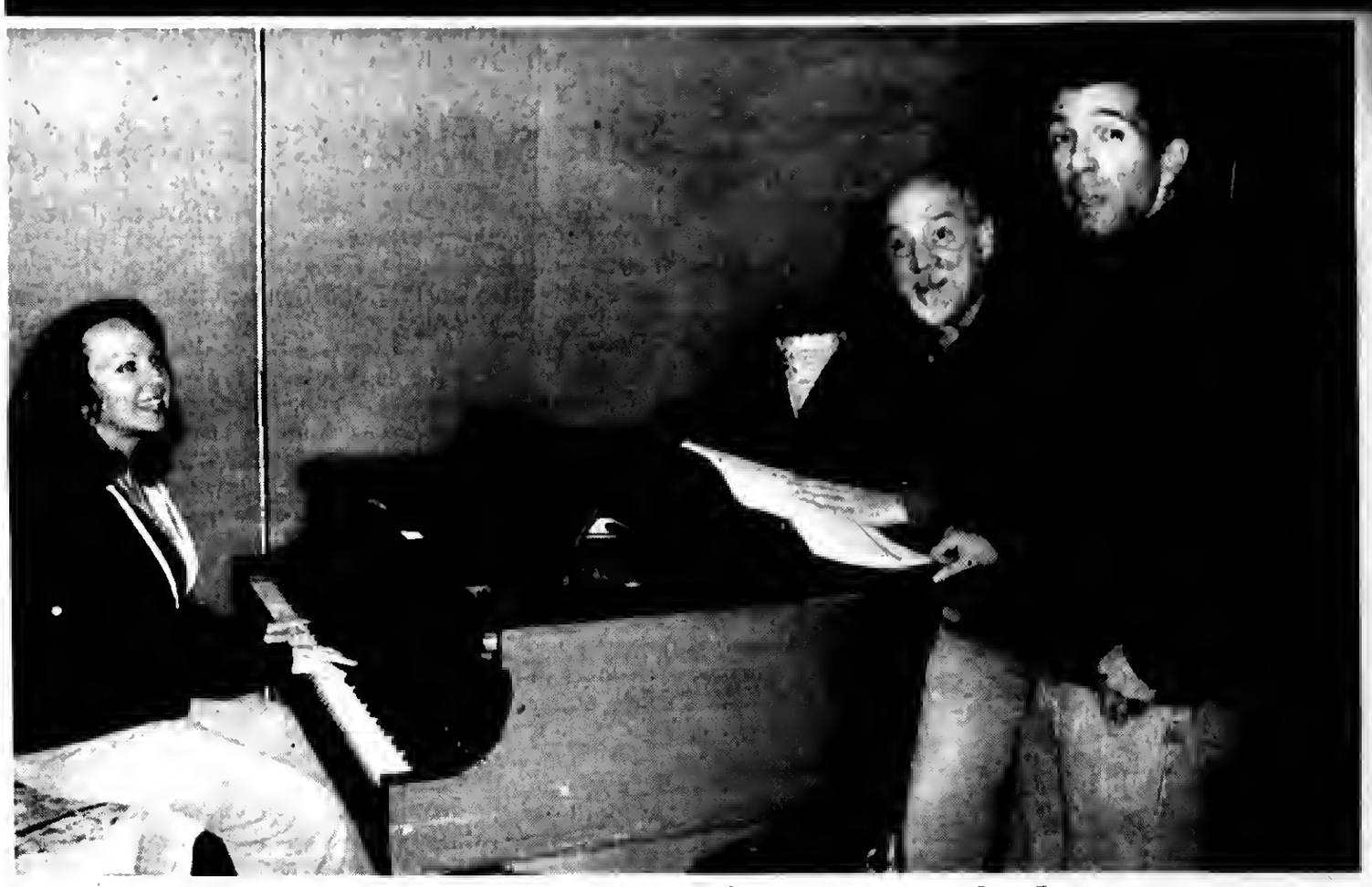

Live From The 59 Club

If you're "In The Mood" for a little "Moonlight Serenade," then ArtCraft Theatre Projects has the answer for you. The theatre company presents "Live From The 59 Club" on Saturday night, Feb. 3 at 8 p.m. in the Performance Hall at Bethany Union Church, 1750 W. 103rd St. in Beverly.

"59 Club" is a big band concert of music of the 1930s and 40s that also features vocals of the classic songs of the era. . .and the program is done in the format of a radio broadcast from those nostalgic days gone by. The dance floor is open at the "59 Club," so bring your swing!

Providing the music is the Evergreen Park High School Jazz Ensemble, led by Ken Kazin. Vocals will be performed by James Dauphin, Marie Mitchell, Monica Moore, Lil O'Donnell (all Chicago); Don Maldonado (Burbank), Tim Broniec (Midlothian), Mary Pniewski (Evergreen Park) and Ellen Villanova (Merrionette Park). The on-stage radio announcer/host will be played by John Madison (Oak Lawn).

Advance tickets are $12 by calling the box office at (708) 841-7396 (otherwise, tickets at the door are $15).

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But don't just come for the music, the Carraig has daily food and drink specials including mouth-watering BBQ ribs on Wednesday, Irish Stew on Thursday and a Fish Fry on Friday. Every Thursday night at 7:30 bring the whole family to hear the traditional music session given by Irish Music School instructors Sean Cleland and Pat Finnegan, their students, friends and families. All ages are welcome. On Super Bowl Sunday the Carraig will be in full swing for the big game, enjoy great food and a wide selection of drinks.

Visit the web site at www.chicagogaelicpark.org for more information and a complete list of specials or call (708) 687-9323.

Musical Luncheon

Gaelic Park, 6119 W. 147th St. in Oak Forest, hosts another popular monthly Musical Luncheon, a great way to enjoy an afternoon. The Musical Luncheon begins at noon on Wednesday, Feb. 7th, with dancing music by Velvet Green until 4 p.m. For the modest cost of $13 the luncheon includes an afternoon of lively entertainment and a delicious sit-down meal with soup, salad, entrée, dessert, tea and coffee. Reservations are required so call (708) 687-9323 to reserve tickets or visit www.chicagogaelicpark.org for more information.

"Occupations From Years Ago"

The Chicago Genealogical Society is presenting "Occupations from Years Ago," a discussion of occupations from years gone by presented by Ginger Frere of the Newberry Library.

The discussion will be held at the Newberry Library, Walton Ave. at Clark St. in Chicago on Saturday, March 3 at 1:30 p.m.

For more information, visit www.chgogs.org.

Class Reunions

St. Bernadette School class of 1972 is looking for classmates for a reunion on Saturday, Feb. 10th at Palermo's on 95th. If you are a graduate or know anyone that is, send your information to class72reunion@yahoo.com.

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DuSable High School class of 1951 will hold a 55th-year reunion from Sept. 15th to 17th at the Hilton Oak Lawn Hotel. Call (708) 206-0468.

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Harrison High School - Classes of 1931 to 1960 Reunion on Sept. 24th from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at The Abbington, 3 South 002, Route 53, Glen Ellyn. Call (708) 366-3423.

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New Trier class of 1986 20th reunion will be held on Nov. 4th at the North Shore Skokie Hotel. Visit www.1986.com.

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St. Florian School – An All-School Reunion, celebrating 100 years, will be held Nov. 17th. Organizers are looking for all alumni names, addresses and the year they graduated. Call (773) 646-2868 or visit www.florian.hegewisch.net.

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Chicago Vocational High School class of 1981 is looking for classmates. Email cvs1981@aol.com.

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Farragut High School, classes of 1952-1954, looking for classmates. Call Carolee (Fotka) Michalek at (815) 407-1934.

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Harrison High School, classes of 1965-1969, looking for classmates. Call (773) 507-4669 or (773) 600-8669.

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Hyde Park High School class of 1996 is looking for classmates. Call (773) 718-1507 or (773) 493-1051.

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Lourdes High School class of 1978 is looking for classmates. Call (708) 258-9096.

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Morton East High School class of 1987 is planning a 20th reunion. Contact Kathy Tokarczyk at imqueenmom@sbcglobal.net or Barb Biman at joyride7207@aol.com.

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Black History Month Events

Moraine Valley will spotlight the African-American culture during its February celebration of Black History Month. Free events will feature food, a steppers workshop, documentaries on civil rights, a service project, and a book discussion and movie showing of *The Pursuit of Happyness*. All events will take place in the Marge and Bob Bobb Student Life Center, Building C, on campus, 9000 W. College Pkwy., Palos Hills, unless otherwise stated.

The celebration will kick off with a Taste of Soul on Feb. 5 from noon to 1 p.m. Enjoy Creole/Cajun food and traditional African-American soul food while quantities last.

Learn a traditional dance style known in Chicago as Steppin' during a MECA Steppers Workshop led by instructor Eric Gordon on Feb. 7 from noon to 2 p.m. The workshop will be in the Café Moraine stage area in Building C.

The Library (Building L) will show two episodes of the documentary *Eyes on the Prize—Mississippi: Is This America?*, will cover the continuing civil rights struggle in Mississippi and will be shown on Feb. 8 at 12:30 p.m. The second film will feature the final year of Martin Luther King's life in *Eyes on the Prize—The Promised Land*, which will play on Feb. 21 at 1 p.m.

Cyndi Vasquez-Barrios, assistant dean of Student Life, will lead a book discussion on *The Pursuit of Happyness*, the tale of a single father who raise his son while homeless in San Francisco and eventually becomes a millionaire stockbroker and business owner, on Feb. 20 from noon to 1 p.m. The movie featuring Will Smith will be repeated all day on Feb. 27.

The Alliance of African-American Students will host Blankets For Seniors on Feb. 22 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. During this service project, participants will make blankets for seniors involved in Robbins Park District programs.

Black History Month is sponsored by the Celebrating Diversity Task Group. All events are open to students, faculty, staff, and the community.

For more information about the events, call Multicultural Student Affairs at (708) 974-5475, or visit www.morainevalley.edu/transfer/events.

Forgotten Genius

A fascinating and largely unknown story of scientific triumph and racial inequality comes to television in NOVA "Forgotten Genius," the extraordinary life journey of Percy Julian – one of the great chemists of the 20th century.

The grandson of Alabama slaves, Julian met with every possible barrier in a deeply segregated America. He was a man of genius, devotion and determination. As a black man, he was also an outsider, fighting to make a place for himself in a profession and country divided by bigotry – a man who would eventually find freedom in the laboratory. By the time of his death, Julian had risen to the highest levels of scientific and personal achievement, overcoming countless obstacles to become a world-class scientist, a self-made millionaire and a civil rights pioneer.

NOVA reveals Julian's remarkable story in a special presentation: "Forgotten Genius" airs on Tuesday, Feb. 6th from 8 to 10 p.m. on WTTW11. Tony Award-winner Ruben Santiago-Hudson stars as Julian; actor Courtney B. Vance narrates. Through period reenactments, archival footage and interviews with those who knew him best, Julian's science and gripping biography come to life onscreen.

Percy Julian won worldwide acclaim for his work in organic chemistry and as the first black director of an industrial chemistry research lab. He broke the color barrier in American science more than a decade before Jackie Robinson did so in Major League Baseball. A brilliant chemist, his career was marked by scientific breakthroughs that improved lives. He converted soybeans into synthetic steroids on an industrial scale, and his innovative approach helped make drugs like cortisone affordable and available to millions.

For all his achievements. Percy Julian's legacy is largely unknown. Scholars have neither studied him nor written his biography. To tell his story, NOVA filmmakers launched one of the most ambitious research projects in the series' 34-year history, poring over thousands of pages of documents from dozens of sources and traveling around the nation to interview more than 60 of Julian's friends, co-workers, family members and former students. The resulting documentary chronicles Julian's life from childhood to his death at age 76 in 1975.

Shoot The Moon

Come and Shoot the Moon! The Chicago Hearts Players League is having a Hearts Tournament Saturday, Feb. 24th at Elks Lodge 296, 250 S.E. Frontage Road, Joliet. Play starts at 9 a.m.

The tournament includes three preliminary games, a semifinal game, and a championship game. Lunch break after preliminary with restaurants available in the area. Trophies will be awarded to finalists and an optional money pool is also available.

Registration is $8 in advance (Gardner Goughlen, 927 Kreis Lane, Cincinnati, OH 45205-2019) or $13 at the door. For information contact Gardner at gardner@cse-ipg.com.

Three Little Pigs

The Chicago Kids Company, Theatre for Children presents a hilarious re-telling of "The Three Little Pigs" at the Beverly Arts Center." This production is a modernized, musical version of the classic tale. The show features sing-a-long songs and brightly colored sets and costumes. It is fun for the whole family and geared for children ages 2 to 12.

The Chicago Kids Company has been producing professional theatre for children in the Chicago area for 15 years. Over 70,000 children see a Chicago Kids Company performance each year.

The Three Little Pigs will be presented at the Beverly Arts Center, 2407 W. 111th Street in Chicago. The center is wheelchair accessible and parking is free. The show opens Feb. 7th and closes May 25th. Shows are Weekdays at 10:30 a.m. and Saturdays at 12:30 p.m.

Ticket prices are single tickets, $8 and group rates range from $6.25 to $7 with one ticket free with every 25 purchased.

Cast for The Three Little Pigs are Jeny Wasilewski, Missy Moreno, Mari Stratton, Steve O'Connell and Katie Justice. The crew includes Writer/Director Jesus Perez; Composer and Musical Director, Paige Coffman; and Stage Manager, Lara Caprini.

For more information, call the Chicago Kids Company at (773) 205-9600 or visit www.chicagokidscompany.com.

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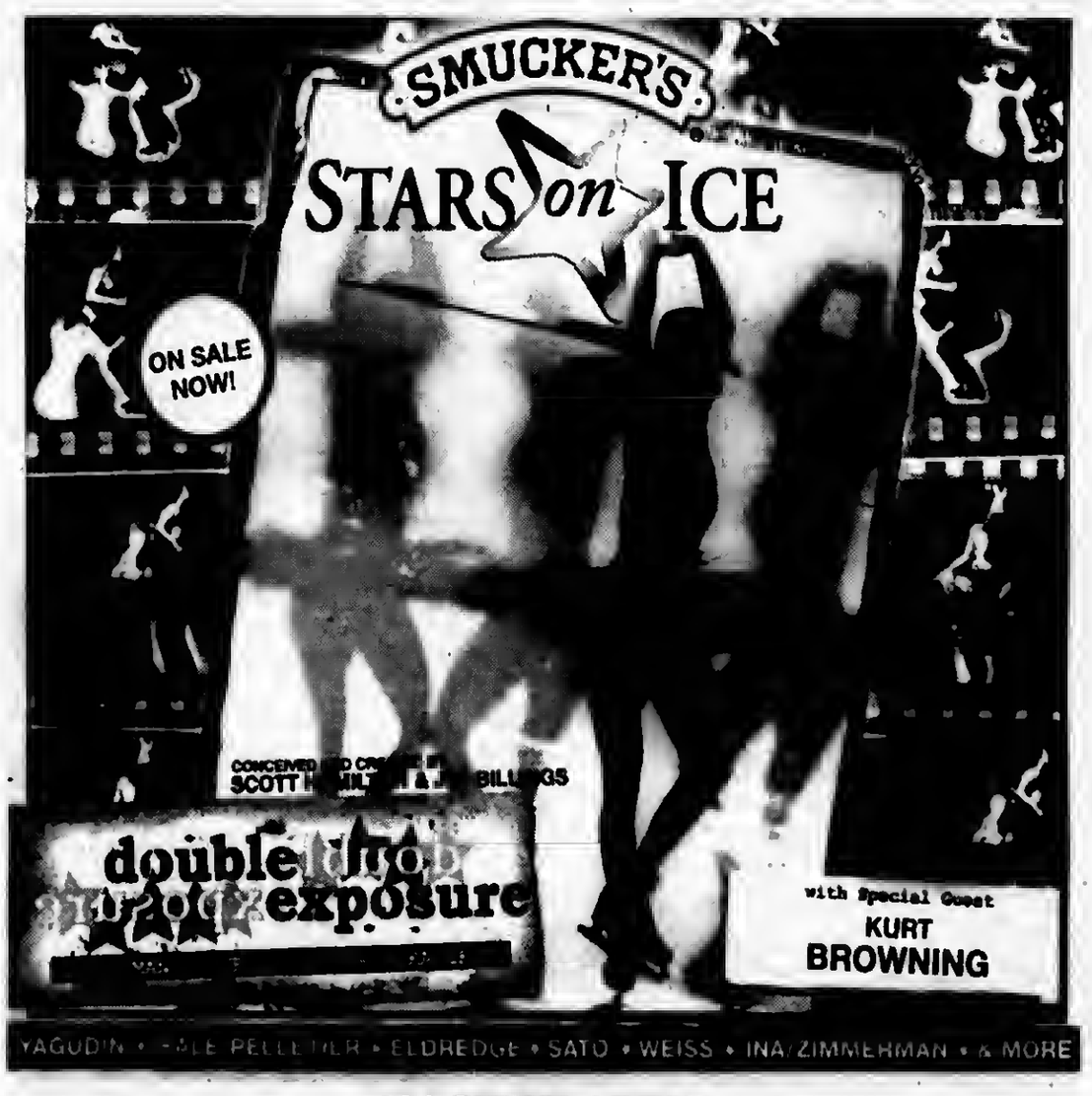

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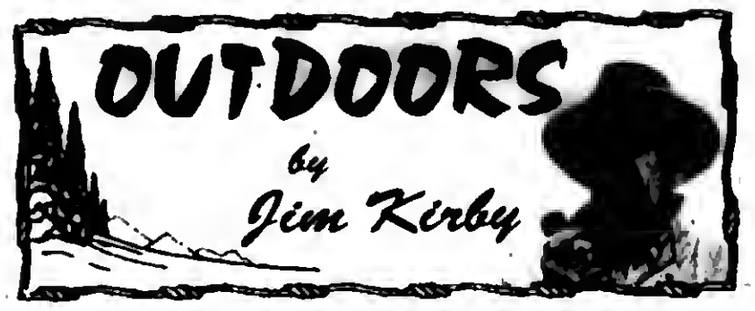

AT LAST – SOME ACTION ON THE BARRIER TO STOP THE ASIAN CARP INVASION OF THE GREAT LAKES: I have been advised that **Senator Durbin** and **Rep. Biggert** have recently introduced new stand-alone bills to authorize funding for the "Asian Carp" dispersal barrier project. I urge the immediate passage of this important legislation; we cannot wait one day longer for this dispersal barrier project to be completed. The **Durbin/Biggert** legislation will:

- Authorize the Corps to make the existing experimental "Barrier I" permanent.
- Authorize the under-construction permanent "Barrier II" as 100% federal.
- Authorize Barriers I and II as a single system.
- Authorize the appropriation of funds for the project.

The Asian Carp Prevention and Control Act (HR-83) also needs your support to prevent interstate transportation that presently provides a different vector for the introduction of Asian Carp into the Great Lakes. (Credit: The Lake Michigan Committee of Advisors)

Asian carp send boaters to the hospital. They have already sent many Illinois boaters to the hospital because they leap into the air at the sound of a passing boat motor. (Kirby comment: I have been knocked to the bottom of a boat by a leaping Asian carp.)

Asian carp are voracious filter feeders that could destroy the $4 billion recreational fishery in the Great Lakes. In the Illinois River, *nine out of ten fish are Asian carp.*

The electric barriers in the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal is the Great Lakes' last line of defense. Unless we invest in a solution today, the price we will pay tomorrow will be much higher and future generations may never experience the Great Lakes as we know them. **Congress must authorize and fully fund the barrier!**

Call your representative today. The capital switchboard will connect you to your member of Congress: (202) 224-3121. Tell him or her, the Asian carp will destroy the Great Lakes and urge them to support the Great Lakes Asian Carp Barrier Act of 2007.

■**SNOWMOBILERS REMINDED TO PUT SAFETY FIRST:** Though significant snowfall has not yet been a constant feature on the Illinois landscape this winter, the IDNR is reminding snowmobile operators to focus on safety when conditions allow for snowmobiling this season and in the years ahead.

According to statistics compiled by the IDNR, there were 14 accidents statewide involving snowmobiles during the winter of 2005-06. Of those accidents last year, five resulted in injuries to snowmobile operators or passengers, including one fatality in Kane County in December 2005.

So far during the winter of 2006-07, there have been six snowmobile accidents reported, one of which resulted in a fatality in McHenry County last month. Factors often cited in snowmobile accidents involve operating at excessive speed, poor visibility, failure to recognize obstructions, and use of alcohol. *"From my own personal experiences, I recommend maintaining at least 10 snowmobile lengths separation between machines."*

The IDNR offers free snowmobile safety education courses. The courses are required of young people ages 12-16 who want to operate a snowmobile alone. Children ages 10-11 may operate a snowmobile only if they are accompanied on the machine by an adult. Children under the age of 10 are prohibited from operating a snowmobile, even if under the supervision of an adult.

For information on safety education classes, contact the IDNR Safety Education Section by calling toll-free 1(800) 832-2599. For more information on snowmobiling in Illi nois, visit the IDNR web site and click on "Snowmobile S afety" at http://dnr.state.il.us/lands/education/safety/ snwmob.htm.

■**SHOW TIME:** Feb. 1-4 – Strictly Sail Chicago, Navy Pier, (401) 841-0900, www.strictlysail.com.

■**ANIMAL RIGHTS EXTREMIST GETS PRISON SENTENCE:** A well-known animal rights extremist was sentenced to eight months in federal prison for interfering with U.S. Forest Service agents who were trying to capture mountain lions in Arizona two years ago.

In the spring of 2004, federal officials were alarmed at a growing number of encounters between mountain lions and humans in Sabino Canyon. The U.S. Forest Service organized a hunt to trap the cats and move them out of the area.

The convicted individual has served prison time for setting fire to a mink researcher's offices at Michigan State University. In public speeches, he has advocated the use of arson and violence against hunters, farmers and demonstrated the proper way to build a firebomb. (Credit: *The Sentry*, publication of the U.S. Sportsmen's Alliance)

St. Rita Football Ranked 34th In The Nation

The St. Rita High School football team has finished 34th nationally for the 2006 season according to MaxPreps, a national high school sports media company.

The once-beaten Mustangs (13-1), who had a number of close calls along the way, beat Lake Zurich, 35-21, on Nov. 25 to claim the Illinois Class 7A state championship. St. Rita is one of 25 high schools nationwide being honored on the MaxPreps Tour of Champions presented by the Army National Guard.

"MaxPreps would like to congratulate St. Rita High School and Coach Todd Kuska on the fine season they enjoyed this year," said Andy Beal, MaxPrep's president. "The MaxPreps Tour of Champions presented by the Army National Guard is about recognizing leadership, success and teamwork as exemplified by St. Rita. The coaching staff, the players, the school administration and the community should be proud of these young men, who are our future leaders."

"This is great. To be honored nationally speaks volumes for the program we've built at St. Rita," said Kuska, who completed his ninth season as the Mustangs' head coach. "Our kids go on the internet all the time to check out the MaxPreps web site to see how they rank and to have MaxPreps come here is even better."

St. Rita, which won its first state title since 1978, held six opponents to eight points or less this season. The Mustangs had some close shaves, though, winning three games by three points or less and the loss to Fenwick of Oak Park (19-17 the third game of the season) was another cliff-hanger.

St. Rita High School football coach Todd Kuska (left) accepts the MaxPreps Tour of Champions national ranking trophy from Steve Spiewak, Midwest territorial representative for the national high school sports media company. St. Rita is one of 25 high schools being honored on the tour.

Playing in one of the strongest conferences in the country, St. Rita's defensive unit was led by linemen Matt Conrath (6-foot-8, 280 pounds), who is headed to the University of Virginia, and junior Darius Fleming, who was a first team Chicago Catholic League performer. Conrath, named to the all state team, had 118 tackles, 24 tackles for loss and 16 quarterback sacks. Fleming recorded 100 tackles including 15 for losses, nine sacks and two fumble recoveries. Senior inside linebacker Matt Murphy, who is a two-time all-conference player, made 105 tackles and doubled as the team's punter.

The Mustangs offensive stalwarts were quarterback Pete Balsam, tailback Darion Hood and running back Cliff Moore. Balsam rushed for 846 yards and 10 touchdowns while passing for another 1,168 yards and 12 TDs. Hood ran for 1,478 and 20 TDs while Moore gained 967 yards and scored 14 times on the ground.

Coach Kuska was presented with the MaxPreps Tour of Champions National Ranking Trophy, an 18-inch tall bronze statue on a wood block base, by Sergeant Ernest Benson of the Illinois Army National Guard.

"The Army National Guard is honored to present the MaxPreps Tour of Champions," said CPT Greg Galligan, National Guard Bureau. "We've partnered with MaxPreps because we believe in recognizing determination and teamwork. The Guard serves the communities in which we live and work, while always maintaining readiness to serve should our nation issue the call to serve."

MaxPreps uses a sophisticated computer program to determine team rank. The system utilizes the huge number of game results stored in the MaxPreps database. Generally, the more a team wins the higher the ranking, but the system takes into account quality wins (against other highly ranked opponents), margin of victory, and strength of schedule.

Founded in 1993, MaxPreps, Inc. is a Sacramento, California area based company, that publishes the most comprehensive sports information Web site in the world; featuring statistics, stories and photos, starring high school athletes and the outstanding men and women who spend countless hours coaching them.

MaxPreps is the first company to track high school football in every state. MaxPreps publishes schedules and standings for all 15,574 varsity high school football teams in America; and scores from each of the 78,750 games. In addition, MaxPreps offers football fans a national power ratings system for every team in the country. For more information, visit www.maxpreps.com.

The Army National Guard is an elite group of warriors who dedicate a portion of their time to serving their nation, state and local community. It is a tradition of American service dating back to 1636. Guard members have a long and noble history of serving at home and abroad to ensure the safety and freedom of their fellow citizens. They have combated natural disasters, supported active duty troops, and when called upon, taken up arms against our nation's enemies. The Army National Guard has more than 3200 units located in more than 2700 communities across 54 states and territories. For more information, visit www.1800goguard.com.

Statewide Mutual Aid System Successfully Assists Area Officials

A statewide mutual aid system designed to strengthen public health efforts during emergencies successfully helped the Kane County Health Department provide medicine to people potentially exposed to hepatitis A at an area restaurant. Health workers through the Illinois Public Health Mutual Aid System (IPHMAS) helped local health department officials distribute immune globulin, a solution to protect against various infectious diseases, to more than 1,700 people. IPHMAS provides equipment, personnel, supplies and services to an area stricken by an emergency through local health departments who joined the mutual aid system.

Under Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich, the state's emergency response capabilities have been bolstered by the formation of statewide mutual aid agreements in public health, law enforcement and emergency management. Along with existing statewide mutual aid in the fire services, these agreements make Illinois the only state in the nation with statewide mutual aid in those four major disciplines. This provides Illinois with a greater ability to respond to acts of terrorism or other disasters anywhere in the state.

Nursing assistance was provided by Boone, Champaign-Urbana, Cook, DeKalb, DuPage, Kendall, Macon, McHEnry, McLean, Vermilion, Whiteside and Will county health departments, along with the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH), East Side Health District and Stickney Municipal Health Department to Kane County as part of the IPHMAS agreement. The assistance was provide at no cost to Kane County.

Immune globulin has been given to more than 1,700 people who may have been exposed to hepatitis A at Houlihan's Restaurant in Geneva from Jan. 8 through 19 due to possible contamination of ice by a restaurant worker. IDPH sent a voice mail message through its Health Alert Network to approximately 160 ice skating teams throughout the country that recently participated in a skating competition in Geneva and may have eaten at the restaurant. The Kane County Health Department currently has a sufficient supply of immune globulin.

In an effort to strengthen the preparedness of the public health system in Illinois, the IPHMAS was created in 2004, and all certified local health departments have signed the agreement. Any local health department in Illinois which has signed the IPHMAS agreement can request assistance from any other local health department in Illinois that has also signed the IPHMAS agreement. Local health departments request IPHMAS assistance from the Illinois Department of Public Health which disseminates the request to health departments around the state using the Health Alert Network.

IPHMAS was previously activated this past July at the request of the East Side Health District, located in St. Clair County, due to storms and power outages. There sanitarians from the St. Clair County Health Department assisted in that event.

Outstanding Contribution

Cardinal Francis George recently honored Commissioner/President Terrence J. O'Brien of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago for his outstanding contribution to the community. O'Brien has demonstrated devotion to social responsibilities and justice over the years as a public official.

The 16th Annual Seminar Salute to Labor, Business and Government featured a presentation of the Rerum Novarum Awards by Cardinal Francis George.

O'Brien expressed his gratitude when accepting the award and was delighted that the proceeds of the event will be given to St. Joseph College Seminary of Loyola University of Chicago for Scholarships.

Pictured with Cardinal Francis George are Commissioner O'Brien and his wife, Julia, with their children, Theresa and Patrick.

Create More Opportunities

Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich announced that the Illinois Dept. of Transportation (IDOT) launched a groundbreaking new Mentor-Protégé Program designed to help disadvantaged business enterprises (DBE), small and minority owned companies, to succeed and compete for larger road construction projects.

The new program has been approved by the U.S. Dept. of Transportation's Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) as a three-year pilot project. It will be offered in four of IDOT's Districts around the state, including D-1 in northeastern Illinois, D-4 based in Peoria, D-6 based in Springfield, and D-8 in Metro East.

The federally approved Mentor-Protégé pilot program compensates mentor companies for the administrative expenses associated with the effort and teams up a larger, experienced firm with contractors that are certified as a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise in Illinois. The deadline for potential mentor and protégé firms to apply for the first round of the program is Feb. 16th.

Under the new program, once a mentor firm and a protégé are teamed up, they will jointly establish a Development Plan that outlines their goals and expectations, sets benchmarks and creates a monitoring and reporting mechanism that will be used to judge the effectiveness of the effort.

The plan may include training in the following areas: business planning, record keeping, technical assistance and use of equipment, capital formation, loan packaging, financial counseling and bonding. The mentor and protégé will work together toward the goal of winning contracts for the protégé, and the two contractors will have the option of forming joint ventures to bid on projects.

To qualify for the new Mentor-Protégé Program, the mentor must have at least five years of experience as an IDOT contractor. The protégé must have at least three years of highway construction experience and also be certified as a DBE through the Illinois Unified Certification Program.

For more information, interested parties should go to the IDOT web site at www.dot.state.il.us/obwd/mentor.html.

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Thoughts On Health & Nutrition

by
Lucinda K. Lysen, RD, RN, BSN

Ms. Lysen will be attending the American Society for Parenteral and Enteral Nutrition Clinical Nutrition Conference in Phoenix, Arizona this week, to sign the second edition of her medical text, ***Quick Reference to Clinical Dietetics*** published by Jones and Barlett Publishers, Gaithersburg, Maryland. The annual meeting will be attended by over 4,000 doctors, nurses, pharmacists, and dietitians from around the world. Her column will resume upon her return.

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"Disability Etiquette" Publication

More than 56 million Americans have a disability, according to the American Association of People with Disabilities. Acknowledging October as Disability Awareness Month, United Spinal Association is offering an informative pamphlet entitled Disability Etiquette. The guide was developed to help people interact effectively and respectfully with the disability community. Copies of Disability Etiquette can be obtained by calling 800-444-0120. The pamphlet may also be downloaded at www.unitedspinal.org. Disability Etiquette is also available in Spanish.

People with disabilities are no different than anyone else—they have families, jobs, hobbies, likes and dislikes, problems and joys. And while disability is an integral part of who they are, it does not define them. People with disabilities don't want to be seen as heroes or victims—they want to be treated as individuals. Practicing disability etiquette is an easy way to make people with disabilities feel welcome.

Disability Etiquette addresses a variety of situations that people with disabilities encounter and suggests the proper etiquette for each. It is filled with useful reminders such as asking before attempting to help a person with a disability and always speaking directly to the person, not to his or her companion, aide, or sign language interpreter. These simple and clearly explained tips will help anyone understand what is appropriate and what is not when interacting with a person who has a disability.

United Spinal's mission is to provide expertise, create access to resources and strengthen hope; thereby enabling people with SCI/D to fulfill their potential as active members of their communities. Here are some helpful tips from Disability Etiquette about interacting with all people with disabilities:

United Spinal Association's Disability Etiquette Tips

Avoid outdated terms like "handicapped" or "crippled." Use instead, "person with a disability," or, for specific disabilities, say "person with multiple selerosis."

Say "wheelchair user," rather than "confined or bound to a wheelchair."

Don't make decisions for people with disabilities about what they can or can't do. Instead, ask if you can assist and listen to their perspective.

Don't push or touch a person's wheelchair. Remember: The chair is part of their personal space.

Don't pet or touch a person's guide or service dog. The dog is working and needs to concentrate.

Membership to the organization is free and open to all Americans with a spinal cord injury or disorder. For more information about United Spinal Association visit, www.unitedspinal.org, or call (800) 404-2898.

Bears Are Role Models

Parents questioning whether children with asthma can participate in sports need look no further than the Super Bowl-bound Chicago Bears. Center Olin Kreutz and long snapper Patrick Mannelly may have lived with asthma since childhood, but they're the longest tenured Bear players.

From the moment Kreutz and Mannelly signed with the Bears in 1998, they've set records for dependability. Going into 2006, Kreutz started 54 consecutive games and is one of only six players in franchise history to be named to five Pro Bowls. Mannelly, one of the NFL's most accurate and consistent long snappers, has played more games than any current Bear.

"I want to encourage people to take the offensive against asthma," said Kreutz at a World Asthma Day event sponsored by the Chicago Asthma Consortium. "With the right action plan and the right medication, asthma can be managed so that you can perform at your best. Don't let asthma keep you at the sidelines."

Mannelly has tips for young athletes with asthma. "First off, you've got to tell the coach and your trainer before you go out on the field. When I go to practice in the morning I can tell right away if my chest is tight from freshly-cut grass or the dew."

"I'll go to the training room, take a couple puffs from the inhaler and go back out there," he continued. Mannelly spoke at an "Athletes and Asthma" educational initiative sponsored by the American Lung Assn. of Illinois and the Suburban Asthma Consortium.

Asthma is a chronic inflammatory disease of the airway that afflicts more than 315,000 adults and 120,000 children in Cook County. The asthma hospitalization rate in Chicago is nearly double the national average.

"Asthma does not mean you can't participate in sports. If your child's asthma is under control, there's no physical limit to what they can do," said Maureen Damitz, Director of Community Education for the American Lung Assn. of Metropolitan Chicago and parent of children with asthma. "A child with asthma should carry their 'quick relief' medication with them at all times."

Cancer Support Center Classes

The Jennifer S. Fallick Cancer Support Center has announced their second location in Mokena is now open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. They are offering weekly, daytime support for people with cancer. They will also present a relaxation and guided imagery class for stress management every Thursday from 10 to 11 a.m. For more information on these programs, call (708) 478-3529. The new center is located at 19250 Everett Lane in Mokena.

The Cancer Support Center, 2028 Elm Road in Homewood, is offering *Spirituality and Religion: Exploration in the Face of Illness* on Monday, Feb. 5th from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Facilitator Rev. Douglas W. Dickson will hold a general discussion about how spiritual or religious beliefs can be affected after a cancer diagnosis is received. All faiths and beliefs are welcome to attend.

On Feb. 12th from 7 to 8:30 p.m. the Center will offer *Feminine Identity after Breast Cancer: Reflecting on Intimacy and Sexuality* with facilitator Valerie Plazza, RN, MA, LPC. Breast cancer treatments affect women both physically and emotionally, yet sexuality is a subject that is often difficult to address with a partner and health care team. This program will focus on communication related to intimacy and ways to deal with treatment side effects.

Adult children who care for a parent with cancer may find this to be a physically and emotionally daunting experience. The Center is offering a program, *When a Parent Has Cancer,* on Feb. 19th from 7 to 8:30 p.m. presented by Erica Gresko, MA, and Sara Bielek, MA. This is an evening to share ideas and discover new ways to live through this journey. The program is intended for adults 18 and older. Refreshments will be provided.

The Cancer Support Center invites you for a Family Fun Night to beat the winter blues with a Beach Party. The festivities will take place on Feb. 26th and be facilitated by Cheryl Pickering, LCSW. Grab the kids and bring the family for an evening of fun. Limbo, hula-hoops, beach balls, games and luau food will take you away from the winter doldrums. Join in for an evening of fun and fantasy.

Registration is being taken for a program entitled *Bereavement in the Classroom: an Educational Workshop* to be held on Thursday, March 1st from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Cheryl Pickering, LCSW, coordinator of Child and Family Services, will present the program. This is a program designed to teach professionals how to meet the needs of a grieving student. Who should attend? School social workers and other school professionals. Two CEU credits will be available on-site for Illinois social workers.

For more information on these programs and all programs offered at the Cancer Support Center, call (708) 798-9171.

Booklets Teach How To Avoid Sports Injuries

Andre Agassi may be a professional athlete in great physical shape, but he's probably got some of the same soreness and stiffness that you do. If you're active like so many of today's adults, you've probably had a few twinges that spring up unexpectedly. To learn how to prevent injuries and what to do if you are hurt, order the free Sports Injuries package from the National Institutes of Health, the Food and Drug Administration, and the Federal Citizen Information Center.

Whether you've always been active or just recently decided to exercise more, congratulations! Along with eating right, exercising on a regular basis can do wonders for many aspects of your health. But you need to treat your body a little better than you did when you were in your teens or twenties. The tendons and ligaments around your joints become less stretchy with age, so warming up and cooling down properly is important. Accepting your body's limits can also prevent needless injuries. You may not be in the same shape you were 10 or 20 years ago, but if you follow the prevention tips in this package and increase your activity levels gradually, you'll have a better chance of exercising without getting injured.

If you do get hurt, don't ignore the injury. You can take care of minor pain at home using the RICE method – rest, ice, compression and elevation. But if the pain persists or there's a lot of swelling, see a doctor. A small fracture or torn ligament left untreated could quickly become a chronic source of pain that is difficult to treat.

Use the booklets in this package to learn more about the injuries you should watch out for, including shoulder problems. And find out what treatments are available, whether you need a cast for a broken bone or joint replacement surgery for your arthritic knee.

Learn how to avoid injuries and recover the right way if you do get hurt by ordering the Sports Injuries package. There are three easy ways to get your free publications:

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Women's Health Issues

The Northwest Indiana Group of Y-ME Illinois, an organization dedicated to breast cancer education and support, will hold its next Open Door Meeting on Saturday, Feb. 10th, in the Doctors' Meeting Room on the west side of Community Hospital's cafeteria, 901 MacArthur Blvd., Munster, Indiana, at 10 a.m. This meeting will feature one lecture entitled "Cyberknife" given by Matt Matushek, regional director of Radiation-Oncology of Community Health Care Systems. Breast cancer patients, their families and friends and health professionals interested in the topic are welcome at Open Door Meetings. This session is free and reservations are not necessary.

The mission of Y-ME is to ensure, through information, empowerment, and peer support, that no one faces breast cancer alone. Y-ME Illinois provides assistance to the nearly 10,000 persons newly diagnosed with breast cancer in Illinois each year, with a special emphasis on the underserved populations in Illinois. Y-ME Illinois offers the following free, local programs and services: mammography screening, support groups, educational workshops for adults and teens; wig and prosthesis salons, a resource library and ongoing advocacy and educational work throughout the state.

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Leaders Join Forces Against Cook County Budget Cuts

An unprecedented alliance of labor and community leaders stood together on Monday, Jan. 29th and urged the Cook County Board to reject the budget proposed by board president Todd Stroger. Leaders from health care, law enforcement, the religious community and the legal system joined unions representing frontline county workers to decry Stroger's suggested cuts and massive layoffs that would decimate county health services, court system and public safety.

"The working men and women who provide county services stand shoulder to shoulder with those who depend on their work," said Dennis Gannon, president of the Chicago Federation of Labor. "Together we're urging the commissioners to say no to these drastic cuts. Support a fair budget that protects county services and the jobs of the frontline workers who provide them."

Gannon's comments came at a news conference preceding the third of four public hearings on the county budget. He was joined by Chief Eugene Kraczewski of the Riverside Police Dept., executive director Laura McAlpine of the Health and Medicine Policy Research Group, Rev. Tyrone Crider of Mt. Calvary Baptist Church, trial lawyer and former assistant state's attorney Martin Dolan, Stroger Hospital nurse Martese Chism and county juvenile probation officer Francisco Arenas.

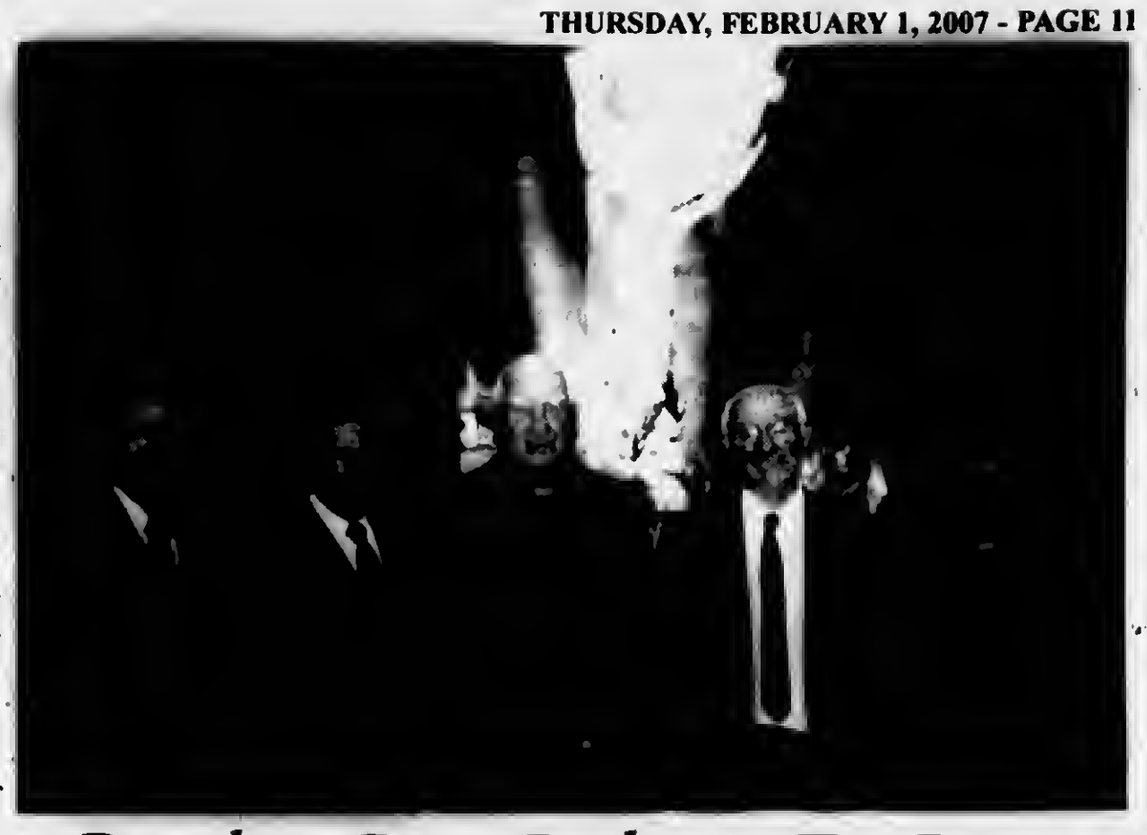
Chief Kraczewski said steep cuts to the office of the county sheriff would jeopardize public safety in his suburban community. Rev. Crider spoke for a group of ministers that has opposed the Stroger cuts because they will disproportionately affect low-income residents who rely heavily on county services. And McAlpine and Chism addressed the dramatic reduction in health services and loss of hundreds of doctors, nurses and other health care workers that would result if Stroger's budget is approved, forcing the closure of 16 community clinics and curtailing care at county hospitals.

Dolan spoke to the threat posed by the Stroger cuts to the county's court system. "We who work in the justice system each day are deeply concerned about these cuts," he said. "Eighty state's attorneys and more than 40 public defenders may lose their jobs, plus investigators and support staff. The system will break down. Costs will rise, criminals will have the edge and taxpayers will lose."

Juvenile probation officer Francisco Arenas painted an equally trim picture of potential repercussions for public safety. "The proposed budget would cut dozens of probation officers and support staff who are vitally important to the criminal justice system in Cook County," Arenas said. "Let's be clear about what cutting probation means: It means more crime, and it means more incarceration."

Following the news conference, CFL president Gannon led a massive picket and rally of county employees who gathered on Daley Plaza, marching and chanting.

"We need real leadership from our county commissioner and board president," Gannon said. "Don't cut essential county services. Don't lay off the men and women who make Cook County work. This budget proposal is a recipe for real pain felt by real people – the county residents who need services and the workers who provide them. We want a fair alternative that protects frontline workers, cuts management waste and raises enough revenue to fund essential services."



Brother Rice Inducts Fr. Lyons Into School Hall Of Fame

Brother Rice High School inducted a new member into the school's Hall of Fame during a Founder's Day/Hall of Fame assembly Jan. 18th. Fr. Leo Lyons of Orland Park, the school's long-time Chaplain was inducted by former Brother Rice Principal Br. Tom Collins.

In addition to his work at Brother Rice, Fr. Lyons has worked for many years as a priest at St. Michael's Parish in Orland Park and before that was a Chaplain in the U.S. Air Force.

Fr. Lyons joins 57 previous Brother Rice Hall of Fame inductees.

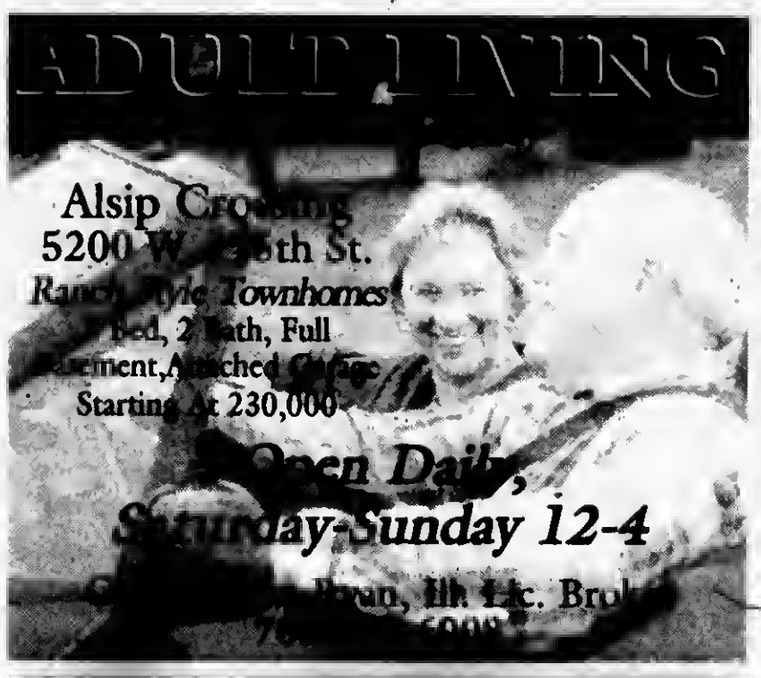
Pictured from left: Brother Rice High School Principal James Antos, Hall of Fame Committee Chairman, Assistant Principal and State Senator Edward Maloney, Fr. Leo Lyons, presenter Br. Tom Collins and Brother Rice President Br. Karl Walczak.

Toastmasters Will Meet On Wednesdays

The Center Toastmasters Club will meet on Wednesdays, Feb. 7th and 21st at 7 p.m. at 12700 Southwest Highway in Palos Park.

Toastmasters International is an organization for people interested in improving and practicing their public speaking skills. According to Center Toastmaster Dave Sanders, the members take turns leading the meetings and giving speeches, and they have fun doing it because they are all in this effort together and gain confidence from the encouragement of each other.

The Center Toastmasters meet on the first and third Wednesdays of every month. New members and guests are always welcome. For further information, call (708) 361-3650.



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Seek Senior Nominations

Illinois Dept. on Aging (IDoA) Director Charles D. Johnson recently announced the Department is seeking nominations for the 2007 Illinois Senior Hall of Fame, an honor that recognizes contributions made by older persons in the state.

The General Assembly established the Illinois Senior Hall of Fame in 1994 to honor adults who excel in four categories: Community Service, Education, Performance and/or Graphic Arts and the Labor Force. Since then, 68 people have been inducted into the Hall of Fame.

Winners will be inducted into the 2007 Illinois Senior Hall of Fame during a special ceremony at the Governor's Mansion in Springfield in the fall. Eligibility is based on the nominee's past and present accomplishments in the category of choice. The candidate must be age 65 or order and a current Illinois resident or a former citizen who has lived in the state most of his/her life. Posthumous nominees will be considered.

Nomination forms are available at local Area Agencies on Aging, by calling the Senior HelpLine at (800) 252-8966 and visiting www.state.il.us/aging. IDoA will accept nomination forms by fax and mail through Aug. 25th.

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NFC Champions Day

Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich proclaimed Jan. 22nd as Chicago Bears NFC Champions Day in Illinois, honoring the Bears' remarkable 2006 season. On Sun., Jan. 21st, the Chicago Bears defeated the New Orleans Saints 39-14 to win the National Football Conference Championship and earn a trip to the Super Bowl for the first time since the 1985 season.

"Coach Lovie Smith and the Chicago Bears scored an extraordinary victory last night. I wish to congratulate them for their hard work and dedication, and for representing the best of Illinois during this season," said Gov. Blagojevich. "We look forward to going to Miami and bringing the Vince Lombardi Trophy back home."

The 13-3 Bears had the best record in the NFC during the regular season and are known for their strong and relentless defense. Seven Bears players have been selected to play in the NFL Pro Bowl.

The Bears will face the 12-4, Indianapolis Colts in Miami for Super Bowl XLI on Sun., Feb. 4th.

Donnersberger To Address Men Of The Castle

Judge David Riley Donnersberger of the Circuit Court of Cook County, will speak before the Men Of The Castle, Monday, Feb. 5th at 7:15 p.m. following a 6:30 dinner at Beverly Unitarian Church, 10244 S. Longwood Dr.

Kerry Nelson, coordinator, announced that Judge Donnersberger will share his expertise on the court system.

Judge Donnersberger received his B.A. degree from St. Bonaventure and his master's and law degree from DePaul University.

Jelinski Files

On Monday, January 29th, James Jelinski filed petitions for the position of Trustee candidate in Oak Lawn's Fifth District. Jelinski has been a resident of Oak Lawn for the past several years in the Eagle Ridge area.

The 57-year-old Jelinski earned a bachelor of science degree from Loyola University of Chicago and is a member of St. Gerald's Parish. He is employed as a customer service representative at CVS Pharmacy. Jelinski noted that "I will assure my neighbors and fellow taxpayers that I will make sure that our tax dollars are properly spent. Furthermore, I will be available to all residents of the Fifth District when needed." Oak Lawn's municipal election will be held on April 17th.

Christian Unity

The 2007 Oak Lawn Christian Unity Service, sponsored by the Oak Lawn Clergy Association will be held at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 11th at First United Methodist Church, 100th and Central Ave. The service will feature a combined choir from participating churches, under the direction of Pam Diaz. Other groups will include the praise team from Disciples for Christ Outreach Ministries, the Christian Missionary Alliance Church, and other musical groups. Preachers for the service are Nancy Goede from Mt. Zion Lutheran Church, Rev. Steve Aram from United Methodist Church and Rev. Jose Rivera from Christian Missionary Alliance Church. Refreshments will be served following the service.

The public is invited to attend. For more information please call Rev. Art Smith at (708) 599-4025.

Eddie Korosa, Jr. and the Boys from Illinois will perform a free two-hour concert of polka favorites from 2 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 11th at the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St. First-come, first-seated in the lower level meeting room. Sponsored by the Friends of the Oak Lawn Library.

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The library will host a Bingo Party for students in kindergarten through second grade on Tuesday, Feb. 13th from 4 to 5 p.m. Free admission. No advance registration required. Light refreshments will be provided.

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The Oak Lawn Community Partnership will offer free blood pressure screenings and "Ask the Heart Care Specialist" consultations from 10 to 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 14th at the library. At this month's screening event, medical personnel from the Advocate Christ Medical Center Acute Surgical Heart Unit will be on hand to answer your heart health questions, one-on-one, at their information booth. Blood pressure screenings will be conducted by the Oak Lawn Fire Dept. Free health screenings are offered at the library on the second Wednesday of most months.

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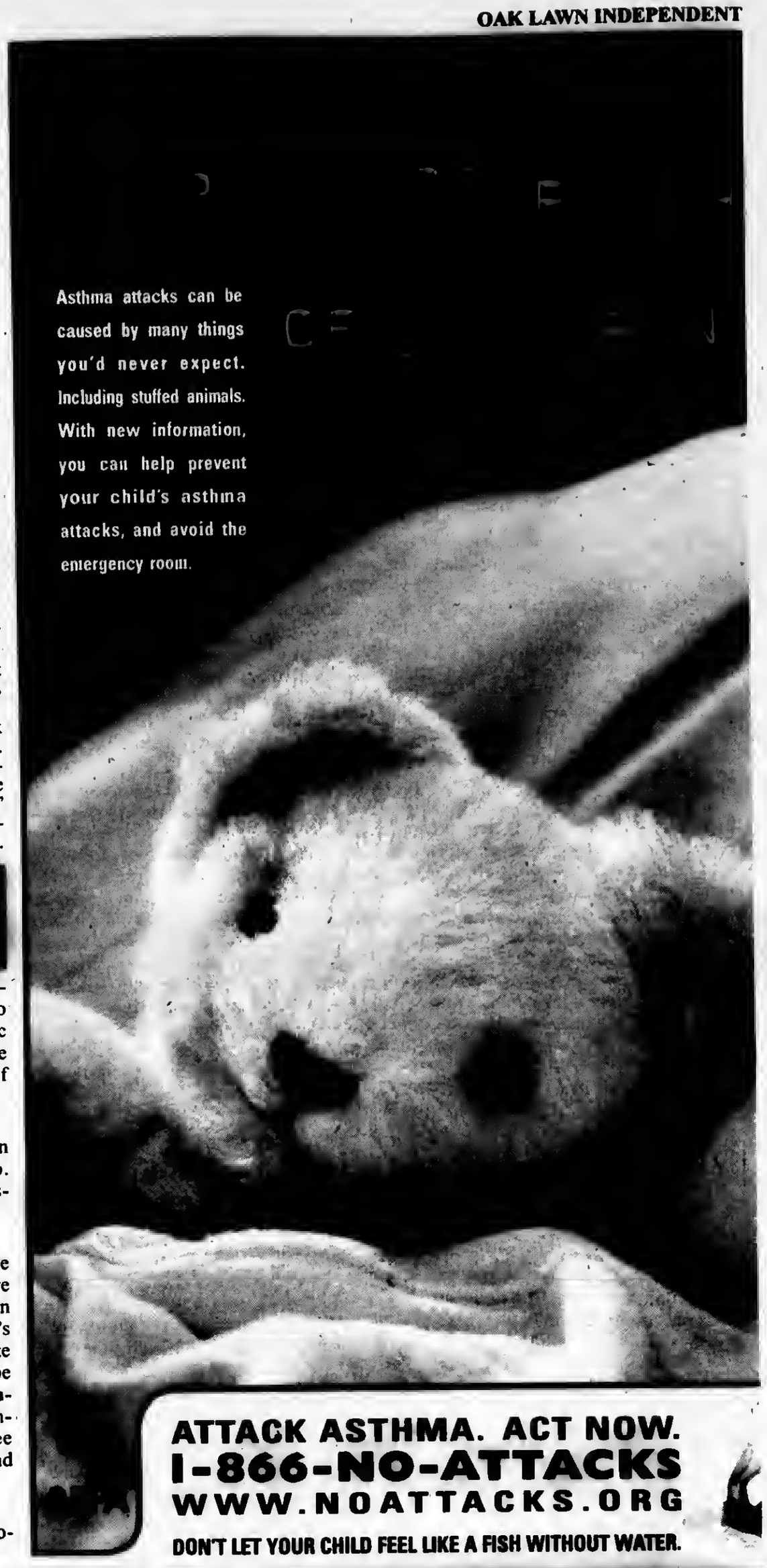
For additional information on these or any library program, call (708) 422-4990.



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Christmas Decorating Contest Winners

Village of Oak Lawn Trustee Jerry Hurckes announced the winners of this year's Christmas Decorating Contest for residents of the 1st District. For the past 8 years, Trustee Hurckes has taken the lead in showing his appreciation to the residents of his District for all their hard work and fabulous displays for the Christmas season.

This year's winners are: Vardalos family at 6028 W. 92nd St., the Harrison family at 6220 W. 94th St., the Krzystof family at 8950 S. Melvina, the Schapiro family at 6223 W. 89th Pl., the Zawada family at 6518 W. Crescent, the Garza family at 9318 S. Nordica, the Wasilewski family at 8993 S. Natoma, the Gatz family at 9632 S. Rutherford, the Augle family at 6455 W. 89th Pl. and the Paprocki family at 9200 S. McVicker.

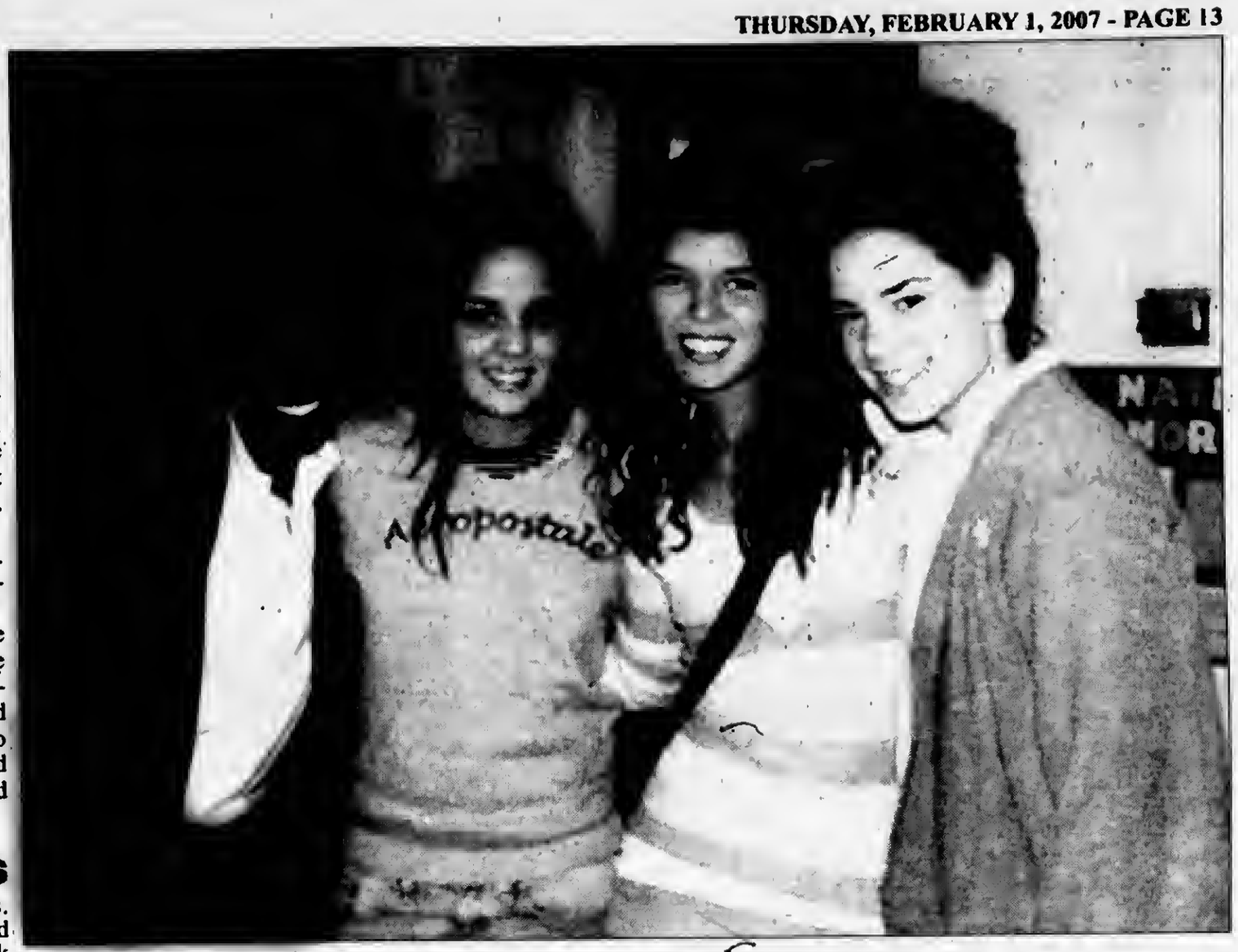
The award winners will be invited to attend the Jan. 23rd meeting of the Board of Trustees to be congratulated by the entire board.

Trustee Hurckes stated, "That these residents have gone beyond the normal range of decorating and make our village look so beautiful during the Christmas holidays, I think it is appropriate to congratulate them and let them know it does make a difference. I would also like to thank the judges of this contest who traveled throughout the District looking at the decorations and making the difficult decisions."

Rubber-Stamping Workshops

Learn the easy art of rubber-stamping at the Oak Lawn Park District. Workshops will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 6. To fit everyone's busy schedule, participants can choose either the morning or evening session. Morning session is from 9 to 11:30 a.m. and the evening session is from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Participants will complete several projects, including greeting cards and gift bags, using various techniques. Samples of how to add stamping to your scrapbook pages will also be shown. Please bring your own colored pencils and scissors. Workshops are open to those ages 18 and up. Fee for each session is $9.50 for Oak Lawn residents and $11.50 for non-residents.

For more information, call the Oak View Center at (708) 857-2200.



Honor South American Visitors

On Wednesday, Jan. 17, Queen of Peace High School (Burbank) hosted 13 students and two teachers from South America. Peace students led the visitors on tours of the campus and offered them a chance to sit in on classes in order to get a taste of what a day in the life of an American high-schooler is like. The Columbian students also presented in Spanish and World Literature classes, sharing their own experiences with the American students. Pictured (from left) Joy Jones (Oak Lawn), Luisa Cadavid, Andrea Calderon, and Maggie Geraci (Blue Island) head to a Spanish II class.

Neighborhood Membership Trustee

Dr. Sandra Bury, O.D., was recently sworn in as Illinois Optometric Association Membership Trustee during ceremonies at the annual IOA convention in Springfield. As Membership Trustee, Dr. Bury will develop and maintain the membership programs of the Association.

Dr. Sandra Bury practices optometry at Complete Vision Care in Oak Lawn.

Mardi Gras

The Oak Lawn Community Church, 9000 S. Ridgeland Ave., will host a Mardi Gras Party on Saturday, Feb. 17th from 5 to 10 p.m. Participants may wear costumes. There will be costume judging, door prizes, split the pot, food and lots of fun. Tickets are $8 for adults, $7 for seniors, $6 for kids 6 to 12 and kids 5 and under are free. Bring the whole family and join in the fun!

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Veterans And Soldiers News

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I've been released from the Rehab Center and I've done so well I'm going directly to outside therapy; no two weeks in-house as predicted. As a precaution to make sure I do the right domestic moves I'm staying with my cousin Jean Reilly in Oak Lawn for a week. We plan on doing a few outings on the way from therapy (can't drive my own car for about 6 weeks so I'll need designated drivers to get me to and fro).

I want to thank all of the wonderful people I met at Rest Haven and Marianjoy. They were all great and the care was excellent.

My roommate Margaret Malewski of Oak Lawn left a few days before I did and my new roommate Garnita Metz shared a relative with Marge in a roundabout way. What a coincidence! Hi, Marge, I miss you and your loving family.

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Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs (IDVA) acting Director L. Tammy Duckworth and Veterans Care representatives kicked off the statewide Veterans Care Training Tour on Jan. 16th in Machesney Park. The Crestwood National Guard Armory, 13838 Springfield Ave. in Robbins, was one of their stops on Jan. 18th. They informed community leaders, veterans' organizations, medical providers and social service agencies about Veterans Care and other new or recently expanded healthcare programs offered by the state. Veterans Care is currently expanding its insurance eligibility requirements to further ensure the state's military heroes have access to affordable and comprehensive healthcare coverage.

Jointly created in September by Governor Blagojevich and Lt. Gov. Patrick Quinn, Veterans Care is designed to provide affordable, comprehensive health care to thousands of Illinois veterans who do not qualify for coverage through the federal Veterans Administration.

To be eligible for Veterans Care, a veteran must meet the following criteria:

Be between the ages of 19 and 64.

Be ineligible for VHA and other healthcare programs like FamilyCare.

Have a household income based on the VHA threshold plus 25% of the Federal Poverty Level at the beginning of the program, and if funds permit after 6 months of operation based on the VHA threshold plus 50% of the federal poverty level.

Not have been dishonorably discharged from service.

Be willing to pay a monthly premium of $40, plus co-payments for doctor visits and prescriptions.

Have been uninsured for the past six months. This requirement does NOT apply to Veterans who have:

* post active-duty coverage under TriCare.

* lost insurance coverage because of the loss of their employment or their spouse's employment.

* exhausted their coverage's lifetime benefit.

* purchased coverage under COBRA.

* been unable to access a spouse's health insurance plan.

* lost coverage under the state's medical programs – FamilyCare, AABD, rebate, etc.

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State Senator Dan Rutherford (R-Pontiac) is inviting Illinois residents to submit original stories, letters, vignettes and photos from any soldier who is serving overseas or away from home.

Rutherford said the messages and photos can be sent to him at DanRutherford@DanRutherford.com. He will then post them on his Web site at http://www.DanRutherford.com The Senator also invites the public to visit the Web site and read of the experiences shared by the soldiers and view their photos.

It is requested that all submissions be in "first person," from the soldier personally, and contributors are asked to include the soldier's hometown.

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The National President of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars Linda Meader will make her official visit to Illinois on Feb. 9th through 11th.

A reception in her honor will take place on Friday, Feb. 9th in the Diamond Room of the Crown Plaza in Springfield from 2 to 4 p.m. The reception is sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary Department of Illinois under the leadership of State President Maureen Hayden. Several more events have been planned. National President Meader will attend the Council of Administration meeting, a "Night on the Town" with the District Presidents who have made 85% in membership by Dec. 28th. Nineteen Districts are eligible for this honor. President Meader will also take part in the annual Pilgrimage to Lincoln's Tomb and the Voice of Democracy banquet honoring the 19 District Champions where the state winners will be announced.

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Good-bye for this week. God bless you and your family and God bless America.

I Heart My Soldier Program

After a great success last year, the Manhattanville College My Soldier program initiative, I Heart My Soldier, asks civilians to send a heartfelt greeting to a soldier deployed far from home for Valentine's Day. The program aims to ease the hardship for soldiers who are spending yet another holiday away from family and friends and was

designed in response to the letters and emails received from soldiers at www.mysoldier.com that said the frequency of letters and packages dramatically declines after the December Holidays.

"Traditionally Valentine's Day is a time to reach out to loved ones, family and friends," said My Soldier co-founder, active duty army sergeant and Manhattanville College student Juan Salas. "We are asking that you consider adding another group of recipients to your list. Please send a valentine to let a soldier know you are thinking of him, or to thank her for all she has done."

While the regular My Soldier program attempts to foster an ongoing pen-pal relationship, I Heart My Soldier is tailored to those groups or individuals who want to send some support without making a continuing commitment.

Participants may opt to adopt one soldier or an entire platoon but must be willing to send each a care package that includes the following items: Homemade Valentines; traditional Valentines Candy such as Sweetheart Conversation Hearts and/or Hershey Kisses; and a small "friendly" gift such as warm socks or a stuffed animal.

Salas, who spent 14 months in Iraq, where he saw active combat duty and was commended for his part in saving the life of a child, has first-hand knowledge of what such a project means to soldiers there. His mission was to "win the hearts and minds of the Iraqi people." "It was long," says Salas. "But the thing that kept me going was getting letters and cards, from families, kids, Boy Scouts, students, my teachers and yes strangers. Receiving heartfelt messages from unfamiliar people who cared about me was uplifting. Each letter was like a piece of gold. Something you will keep for the rest of your life."

Those wishing to participate are asked to contact Manhattanville My Soldier Operations Director, Mike Seminara, by phone at (914) 323-5172 or email mysoldier@mville.edu to select a soldier or platoon for whom to provide Valentine cards and gifts. The My Soldier team has assembled a Hot List with suggested items for a Valentine Care Package that stresses the importance of handmade cards since they demonstrate you care more than a store-bought card ever could.

"Homemade cards are the best," he said, "Soldiers are really touched when they get handwritten cards with personal messages, or an individual's artwork. This is such a simple way to express gratitude and show support

for our troops' while providing them with something they will truly appreciate, even cherish."

For more information about the I Heart My Soldier program or how to participate - visit www.mysoldier.com and click on the "I Heart My Soldier" link.

My Soldier is a program that puts politics aside and lets U.S. soldiers know that someone back home cares. The goal of the program is to show support for troops serving in hardship areas-Iraq, Afghanistan, Africa-by establishing pen-pal relationships with them. When a person enrolls in the My Soldier program, they agree to adopt a soldier. They receive a "starter kit" with guidelines for writing letters to their deployed United States Armed Service person and a red My Soldier bracelet to publicly show their support for American troops. The program is free, but donations are encouraged from those participants that can afford it. Since Manhattanville President Richard A. Berman and active U.S. Army Sergeant Juan Salas, who also is a Manhattanville student, launched My Soldier, at a Veterans' Day press conference in 2004 over 400,000 participants have signed up to adopt over 175,000 deployed military personnel.

Tax Breaks

Military personnel receive special tax breaks in certain circumstances that affect Earned Income Credit and Additional Child Tax Credit. Both of the credits are refundable credits and based on total income which will increase your refund and that means more cash in hand for you. Child Care Expenses, a non-refundable credit, is also affected by military and combat pay on the W2. This credit may reduce the tax liability for an individual that will reflect in their refund.

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Milt Sees Named Acting Secretary Of Transportation

Governor Rod R. Blagojevich accepted the resignation of Timothy W. Martin, Secretary of the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) since 2003. The Governor named IDOT's current Directory of Highways, Milt Sees, as acting secretary until he nominates a permanent secretary.

"I appreciate Tim's efforts at the Department of Transportation over the past four years. He was instrumental in modernizing and making IDOT more efficient, and focused the agency on better using technology to accomplish its goals. By keeping safety at the forefront of everything that IDOT does, Tim was instrumental in guiding us to making 2006 the safest year on Illinois highways in more than 80 years," said Gov. Blagojevich.

Under Secretary Martin's leadership during Gov. Blagojevich's first term, IDOT has become one of the national leaders in transportation agencies implementing a number of initiatives to increase accountability and safety. In addition to 2006 having the fewest fatalities on our state's highways since 1924, IDOT became the first state transportation agency in the nation to achieve ISO 9001:2000 certification, international recognition of excellence for the quality of key processes involved in and supporting its road and bridge planning and design work. This has resulted in improved program delivery and full public accountability as well as improved communication, staff development and training within IDOT. In 2006, IDOT reached a record level of program delivery for motorists and other taxpayers, successfully achieving a 97.4 percent rate of accomplishment on the annual program for state road and bridge improvements.

Effective immediately, Milt Sees will take over the Secretary's responsibilities for IDOT. Sees is a licensed, professional engineer and joined IDOT as Director of Highways in 2006. Previously, he served as General Manager of Crisp Container Company, Vice President and General Manager for Southern Illinois Concrete Products Co., Inc., President and Chief Lobbyist for North American Wire Reinforcement Institute, Inc., Executive Director of the Illinois Concrete Pipe Association and Deputy Director and Assistant Chief Engineer for the Capitol City Railroad Relocation Authority. Milt Sees lives with his wife in Springfield.

Bears Fight Song

The Chicago Symphony Orchestra announced that it is offering a free download of "Bear Down, Chicago Bears," on its Web site www.cso.org to celebrate the Chicago Bears' return to the Super Bowl and to help the city energize its Bears spirit. The free MP3 file is a copy of a live recording from a 1986 performance at Orchestra Hall that featured the Chicago Symphony Orchestra and Chorus, conducted by Sir Georg Solti. The download is available at www.cso.org/chicagobears.

The legendary performance from Jan. 23, 1986, caught Chicago by surprise. "Bears Fever" had invaded the city as the team was on its way to the NFL championship. At the end of a Tchaikovsky-Liszt orchestral concert with music director Georg Solti conducting, members of the Chicago Symphony Chorus – wearing Bears sweatshirts – suddenly streamed onstage, and Maestro Solti led the Orchestra and Chorus in a surprising performance of the Bears fight song "Bear Down, Chicago Bears." The audience joined in singing, and people backstage, Chicago Symphony Orchestra staff, and others – including Lady Valerie Solti – crowded in to sing along.

"Bear Down, Chicago Bears" was recorded live with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra and Chorus in Orchestra hall on Jan. 23, 1986 by 98.7WFMT with conductor Solti and chorus director Margaret Hillis. It was released on the 1998 CD Chicago Symphony Chorus: A Fortieth Anniversary Celebration: From the Archives, vol. 13 in conjunction with the CSO's annual Symphonython fundraiser.

The Chicago Bears fight song, "Bear Down, Chicago Bears," was written in 1941 by Jerry Downs. Although Downs is listed as the composer, it is a pseudonym for prolific songwriter Al Hoffman, who is best known for the song "If I Knew You Were Coming I'd Have Baked a Cake."

Complete lyrics of "Bear Down, Chicago Bears"
Bear down, Chicago Bears,
Make every play clear the way to victory!
Bear Down, Chicago Bears,
Put up a fight with a might so fearlessly.
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And let 'em know why you're wearing the crown.
You're the pride and joy of Illinois,
Chicago Bears, bear down!

Shedd Honors Bears

Shedd Aquarium is saluting the 2006 NFC Champion Chicago Bears by remembering past champions and rooting on the city's current Miami-bound team.

Through Super Bowl Sunday, Feb. 4, in honor of the 1985 Super Bowl Champs, the first 85 guests to Shedd Aquarium every day will receive free general admission to the Aquarium. In addition, all guests visiting the aquarium on those days can register to win a 'Trainer For A Day' session for two. The drawing for the 'Trainer For A Day' package will take place an hour before kick-off of Super Bowl XLI.

Supporting the Bears' current bid for the Lombardi Trophy, Shedd's marine mammal trainers will don Bears jerseys during the marine mammal presentation, along with Shedd divers in the Caribbean Reef throughout the 10-day celebration.

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PUBLIC NOTICE is heraby given thal pursuant to a Judgmant ol Foreclosure antared on November 20, 2006, Kallen Raalty Sarvicas, Inc., successor to Kallen Financial & Capital Servicas, Inc., as Salling Official will at 12:30 p.m. on February 21, 2007, el 205 W. Rendolph Street, Suite 1200, Chicago, Illinois, sell al public euction to the highasl bidder for cesh, as set forth below, the following described real property: C/K/A 2836 W. 102NO STREET, EVERGREEN PARK, IL 6080S TAX 1O# 24-12-312-026 ANO 24-12-326-027 The mortgaged real astate is improved with a dwelling. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
The judgment amount was $220,063.36. Sela terms: 10% ol successlul bid immadiately el conclusion ol auction, batenca by noon the next businass day, both by cashiar's checks; and no refunds. The sale shell be subject to generat reel estale taxas, speciat taxes, speciel assessmants, speciet taxes tevied, and superior lians, if any. The property is offered "as is," with no express or implied werrantias and without any rapresantation as to the quality ol titla or racourse to Plainliff. Prospective biddars are edmonished to reviaw the court file to verify all information.
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PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on 9/13/2006, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, February 9, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 719A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property: Commonly known as 4351 W. 78th St., #C-1/202, Chicago, IL 60652. P.I.N. 19-27-401-038-1220. The improvement on the property consists of a condominium residence. The purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by subdivisions (g)(1) and (g)(4) of Section 9 of the Condominium Property Act.
Sale terms: 25% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.
For information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com. Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602. Tel.No. (312) 476-5500. Refer to File Number PA0609146. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department, Chancery Division. Everhome Mortgage Company, Plaintiff, vs. Gary R. Dukes, Defendant. Case No. 06Ch-12987.
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
Fisher and Shapiro
file #06-7049D
(It is advised that interested parties consult with their own attorneys before bidding at mortgage foreclosure sales.)
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered on August 29, 2006, Kallen Realty Services, Inc., successor to Kallen Financial & Capital Services, Inc. as Selling Official will at 12:30 p.m. on February 20, 2007, at 205 W. Randolph St., Suite 1200, Chicago, IL, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real property:
Commonly known as: 3732 W. 153rd St., Midlothian, IL 60445.
The mortgaged real estate is improved with a dwelling. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
The judgment amount was $142,320.19. Sale terms: 10% of successful bid immediately at conclusion of auction, balance by noon the next business day, both by cashier's checks; and no refunds. The sale shall be subject to general real estate taxes, special taxes, special assessments, special taxes levied, and superior liens, if any. The property is offered "as is," with no express or implied warranties and without any representation as to the quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to review the court file to verify all information.
For information: Sale Clerk, Fisher and Shapiro, 4201 Lake Cook Rd., 1st Floor, Northbrook, IL 60062, (847) 498-9990, between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. weekdays only.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION AMCORE BANK, N.A., Plaintiff V. SAULIUS STIRBYS, WELLS FARGO FINANCIAL ILLINOIS, INC.; WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK F/K/A WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, FA; MIDAMERICA BANK, FSB; BANCO POPULAR NORTH AMERICA; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants 06 CH 17412 NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE Fisher and Shapiro file #06-7979D (It is advised that interested parties consult with their own attorneys before bidding at mortgage foreclosure sales.)
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered on December 18, 2006, Kallen Realty Services, Inc., successor to Kallen Financial & Capital Services, Inc., as Selling Official will at 12:30 p.m. on February 7, 2007, at 205 W. Randolph Street, Suite 1200, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real property: COMMONLY KNOWN AS 9211 S. 88TH AVENUE, HICKORY HILLS, IL 60457 TAX ID# 23-02-310-006 The mortgaged real estate is improved with a dwelling. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
The judgment amount was $44,828.55. Sale terms: 10% of successful bid immediately at conclusion of auction, balance by noon the next business day, both by cashier's checks; and no refunds. The sale shall be subject to general real estate taxes, special taxes, special assessments, special taxes levied, and superior liens, if any. The property is offered "as is," with no express or implied warranties and without any representation as to the quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to review the court file to verify all information.
For information: Sale Clerk, Fisher and Shapiro, 4201 Lake Cook Rd., 1st floor, Northbrook, Illinois 60062, (847) 498-9990, between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. weekdays only.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION HSBC BANK USA, N.A., AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE FOR THE REGISTERED HOLDERS OF THE RENAISSANCE HOME EQUITY LOAN ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-1, Plaintiff V. WILBUR P. PELT; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants 05 CH 22002 NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE Fisher and Shapiro file # 05-2477D (It is advised that interested parties consult with their own attorneys before bidding at mortgage foreclosure sales.)
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered on June 14, 2006, Kallen Realty Services, Inc., successor to Kallen Financial & Capital Services, Inc. as Selling Official will at 12:30 p.m. on February 7, 2007, at 205 W. Randolph Street, Suite 1200, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real property: COMMONLY KNOWN AS 14046 SOUTH LYDIA AVENUE, ROBBINS, ILLINOIS 60472. TAX ID# 28-02-428-012 The mortgaged real estate is improved with a dwelling. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
The judgment amount was $55,757.19. Sale terms: 10% of successful bid immediately at conclusion of auction, balance by noon the next business day, both by cashier's checks; and no refunds. The sale shall be subject to general real estate taxes, special taxes, special assessments, special taxes levied, and superior liens, if any. The property is offered "as is," with no express or implied warranties and without any representation as to the quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to review the court file to verify all information.
For information: Sale Clerk, Fisher and Shapiro, 4201 Lake Cook Rd., 1st floor, Northbrook, Illinois 60062, (847) 498-9990, between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. weekdays only.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION MORTGAGE CLEARING CORPORATION, Plaintiff V. WAYNE COOK; VANESSA COOK A/K/A VANESSA I. COOK A/K/A VANESSA COOK SR.; THE ILLINOIS DEVELOPMENT FINANCE AUTHORITY; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; SHERMAN ACQUISITION L.P. AS ASSIGNEE; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants 05 CH 1919 NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE Fisher and Shapiro file #00-5604D (It is advised that interested parties consult with their own attorneys before bidding at mortgage foreclosure sales.)
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered on November 6, 2006, Kallen Realty Services, Inc., successor to Kallen Financial & Capital Services, Inc., as Selling Official will at 12:30 p.m. on February 7, 2007, at 205 W. Randolph Street, Suite 1200, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real property: COMMONLY KNOWN AS 3137 WEST 101ST PLACE, EVERGREEN PARK, ILLINOIS 60805. Permanent Index No.: 24-12-321-008 The mortgaged real estate is improved with a dwelling. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
The judgment amount was $163,582.45. Sale terms: 10% of successful bid immediately at conclusion of auction, balance by noon the next business day, both by cashier's checks; and no refunds. The sale shall be subject to general real estate taxes, special taxes, special assessments, special taxes levied, and superior liens, if any. The property is offered "as is," with no express or implied warranties and without any representation as to the quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to review the court file to verify all information. For information: Sale Clerk, Fisher and Shapiro, 4201 Lake Cook Rd., 1st floor, Northbrook, Illinois 60062, (847) 498-9990, between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. weekdays only.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION TAYLOR, BEAN & WHITAKER MORTGAGE CORPORATION Plaintiff, -v- CHARLES N. BYRD, et al Defendant 06 CH 13196 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 17, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on February 13, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 9215 S. TROY AVENUE, Evergreen Park, IL 60805 Property Index No. 24-01-308-027 The real estate is improved with a single family residence.
The judgment amount was $190,446.91. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit and the foreclosure sale takes place after 1/1/2007, the purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.
The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information: Visit our website at http:\\service.atty-pierce.com. between the hours of 3 and 5 pm. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602. Tel No. (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number PA0409216. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE PIERCE & ASSOCIATES One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300 CHICAGO, IL 60602 (312) 476-5500 Attorney File No.: PA0409216

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE Plaintiff, vs. ROBERT PATRICK, JR. A/K/A ROBERT PATRICK; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR FREMONT INVESTMENT & LOAN OR ITS SUCCESSORS OR ASSIGNS; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF ROBERT PATRICK, JR., IF ANY, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants, 06 CH 15447
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on 9/26/2006, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, February 13, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property: P.I.N. 28-12-441-031. Commonly known as 14906 South Cleveland Avenue, Posen, Illinois 60469. The improvement on the property consists of a 2-story, brick house with detached 2-car garage. Sale terms: 25% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.
For information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com. Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602. Tel.No. (312) 476-5500. Refer to File Number PA0607570. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department, Chancery Division. Washington Mutual Bank f/k/a Washington Mutual Bank, F.A., Plaintiff, vs. Cesar Marinelarena, et al., Defendants. Case No. 06Ch-13506.
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
Fisher and Shapiro
file #05-8703D
(It is advised that interested parties consult with their own attorneys before bidding at mortgage foreclosure sales.)
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered on August 30, 2006, Kallen Realty Services, Inc., successor to Kallen Financial & Capital Services, Inc. as Selling Official will at 12:30 p.m. on February 20, 2007, at 205 W. Randolph St., Suite 1200, Chicago, IL, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real property:
Commonly known as: 7809 Newcastle Ave., Burbank, IL 60459.
The mortgaged real estate is improved with a dwelling. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
The judgment amount was $221,441.63. Sale terms: 10% of successful bid immediately at conclusion of auction, balance by noon the next business day, both by cashier's checks; and no refunds. The sale shall be subject to general real estate taxes, special taxes, special assessments, special taxes levied, and superior liens, if any. The property is offered "as is," with no express or implied warranties and without any representation as to the quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to review the court file to verify all information.
For information: Sale Clerk, Fisher and Shapiro, 4201 Lake Cook Rd., 1st Floor, Northbrook, IL 60062, (847) 498-999, between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. weekdays only.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION HSBC BANK, USA Plaintiff, -v.- SAMANTHA SPOON, et al Defendants 06 CH 13519 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on September 18, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on February 19, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 5120 137TH STREET, Crestwood, IL 60445 Property Index No 28-04-203-041-0000 The real estate is improved with a brick 2 story house with a 2 car detached garage.
The judgment amount was $211,379.20. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If this property is a condominium unit and the foreclosure sale takes place after 1/1/2007, the purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.
The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information: Visit our website at http:\\service.atty-pierce.com. between the hours of 3 and 5 pm. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602. Tel No. (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number PA0606329. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE PIERCE & ASSOCIATES One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300 CHICAGO, IL 60602 (312) 476-5500 Attorney File No.: PA0606329

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION M & T MORTGAGE CORPORATION; Plaintiff, vs. JUANITA WATTS A/K/A JUANITA DAVIS A/K/A JUANITA HOUSTON; LORIA WATTS; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants, 05 CH 6272
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on 12/26/2006, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, February 12, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property: P.I.N. 19-35-302-062. Commonly known as 3738 West 83rd Place, Chicago, IL 60652. The improvement on the property consists of a brick, single family residence with garage.
Sale terms: 25% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.
For information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com. Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602. Tel.No. (312) 476-5500. Refer to File Number PA0604950. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS, INC. Plaintiff, -v.- PATRICIA L. RYAN A/K/A PATRICIA RYAN, et al Defendants 06 CH 12910 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on August 22, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on February 9, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 14808 KEYSTONE AVENUE, Midlothian, IL 60445 Property Index No. 28-10-408-014 The real estate is improved with a single family residence.
The judgment amount was $160,337.38. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit and the foreclosure sale takes place after 1/1/2007, the purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.
The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department.. Please refer to file number 14-06-7456. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE, IL 60527 (630) 794-9876 Attorney File No.: 14-06-7456 ARDC# 00468002 Attorney Code. 21762 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION WELLS FARGO BANK, NA; Plaintiff, vs. JACQUELINE HILL; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF JACQUELINE HILL, IF ANY; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants, 06 CH 10117
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on 8/31/2006, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Friday, February 9, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property: Commonly known as 3553 W. 78th St., Chicago, IL 60652. P.I.N. 19-26-414-037.
The improvement on the property consists of a one story single family residence with an unattached garage. Sale terms: 25% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.
For information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com. Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602. Tel.No. (312) 476-5500. Refer to File Number PA0605988. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION ARGENT MORTGAGE COMPANY, LLC; Plaintiff, vs. HILARIO REYES; Defendants, 06 CH 14228 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on September 28, 2006, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, February 13, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 8019 Lavergne Ave., Burbank, IL 60459. P.I.N. 19-33-211-029. The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
For information call Sales Clerk at Plaintiff's Attorney, Law Offices of Ira T. Nevel, 175 North Franklin Street, Chicago, Illinois 60606. (312) 357-1125. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION HOMECOMINGS FINANCIAL NETWORK, INC.; Plaintiff, vs. RONALD WALS; KATHY WALS; Defendants, 05 CH 21043 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on June 20, 2006 Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, February 12, 2007 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 9146 S. 50th Ave., Oak Lawn, IL 60453. P.I.N. 24-04-423-010. The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection
For information call William E. Dutton, Jr./Barbara J. Dutton at Plaintiff's Attorney, DUTTON & DUTTON, P.C., 10325 West Lincoln Highway, Frankfort, Illinois 60423, (815) 806-8200. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE OF ARGENT SECURITIES, INC., ASSET- BACKED PASS THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 2004- W9 UNDER THE POOLING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT DATED AS OF MAY 1, 2004, WITHOUT RECOURSE, ASSIGNEE OF ARGENT MORTGAGE COMPANY, LLC; Plaintiff, vs. GRAZYNA TYLKA AKA GRACE TYLKA; CASEY TYLKA AKA KAZIMIERZ TYLKA; Defendants, 06 CH 13251 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on August 29, 2006, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Wednesday, February 14, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 8017 Nordica Ave., Burbank, IL 60459. P.I.N. 19-31-101-081.
The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
For information call Mr. Ira T. Nevel at Plaintiff's Attorney, Law Offices of Ira T. Nevel, 175 North Franklin Street, Chicago, Illinois 60606. (312) 357-1125. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK F/K/A WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, FA Plaintiff, -v.-JUAN G. IBARRA A/K/A JUAN IBARRA, et al Defendants 06 CH 14877 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 2, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on February 20, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 14416 PALMER AVENUE, Posen, IL 60469 Property Index No. 28-12-211-049 The real estate is improved with a single family residence.
The judgment amount was $87,099.76. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit and the foreclosure sale takes place after 1/1/2007, the purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.
The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department.. Please refer to file number 14-06-6786. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE, IL 60527 (630) 794-9876 Attorney File No.: 14-06-6786 ARDC# 00468002 Attorney Code. 21762 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION CHEVY CHABE BANK, F.S.B. Plaintiff, vs. RONALD S. MACEK; PATRICKA A. MACEK; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendents, 06 CH 16559
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on 9/26/2006, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, February 13, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property: P.I.N. 28-21-109-016. Commonly known as 16119 Long Avenue, Oak Forest, Illinois 60452. The improvement on the property consists of a 2-story brick house with attached 2-cra garage. THE SALE SHALL BE SUBJECT TO GENERAL TAXES, SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS AND TO A PRIOR RECORDED FIRST MORTGAGE. Sale terms: 25% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.
For information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com. Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602. Tel.No. (312) 476-5500. Refer to File Number PA0607807. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS, INC.; Plaintiff, vs. WILLIAM A. LOCKWOOD; SHASTA LOCKWOOD; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC AS NOMINEE FOR AEGIS FUNDING DBA AEGIS HOME EQUITY; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants, 06 CH 12752
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuent to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on 9/7/2006, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Friday, February 9, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property: P.I.N. 24-26-301-006. Commonly known as 3637 W. 123rd St., Alsip, IL 60803.
The improvement on the property consists of a brick two story single family residence with a detached garage. Sale terms: 25% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.
For information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com. Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602. Tel.No. (312) 476-5500. Refer to File Number PA0606354. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION US BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR THE STRUCTURED ASSET INVESTMENT LOAN TRUST 2005-8; Plaintiff, vs. HERIBERTO GODINEZ-FLORES; ET. AL.; Defendants, 06 CH 14552 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on October 30, 2006, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Friday, March 2, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 8217 S. Natoma Ave., Burbank, IL 60459. P.I.N. 19-31-211-063. The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
For information call Ms. Diane Thomas at Plaintiff's Attorney, Freedman Anselmo Lindberg & Rappe, LLC, 1807 West Diehl Road, Naperville, Illinois 60563-1890. (877) 729-6734. W0607057 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION BANK OF NEW YORK AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATE HOLDERS CWALT, INC. ALTERNATIVE LOAN TRUST 2005-J12 MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-J12, Plaintiff V. PHYLLIS JOLLIFF; FRANKLIN CREDIT MANAGEMENT CORPORATION; RONNE TREE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION #6, Defendants 06 CH 13890 NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE - CONDOMINIUM Fisher and Shapiro file #06-7269D (It is advised that interested parties consult with their own attorneys before bidding at mortgage foreclosure sales.)
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuent to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered on September 6, 2006, Kallen Realty Services, Inc., successor to Kallen Financial & Capital Services, Inc. as Selling Official will at 12:30 p.m. on February 27, 2007, at 205 W. Randolph Street, Suite 1200, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real property: COMMONLY KNOWN AS 12826 SOUTH KENNETH AVENUE, UNIT D-4, ALSIP, ILLINOIS 60803. TAX ID# 24-34-113-024-1022
The mortgaged real estate is improved with a dwelling. The property will NOT be open for inspection. The purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
The judgment amount was $90,350.76. Sale terms: 10% of successful bid immediately at conclusion of auction, balance by noon the next business day, both by cashier's checks; and no refunds. The sale shall be subject to general real estate taxes, special taxes, special assessments, special taxes levied, and superior liens, if any. The property is offered "as is," with no express or implied warranties and without any representation as to the quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to review the court file to verify all information. For information: Sale Clerk, Fisher and Shapiro, 4201 Lake Cook Rd., 1st floor, Northbrook, Illinois 60062, (847) 498-9990, between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. weekdays only.

REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION LASALLE BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE MLMI TRUST SERIES 2006-HE2 Plaintiff, -v.- TODD CAUSLEY, et al Defendant 06 CH 15284 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 30, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on February 9, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 7421 CLARIDGE LANE UNIT 1, Bridgeview, IL 60455 Property Index No. 23-12-400-035/027 The real estate is improved with a tan brick white vinyl 1 family 2 story townhouse with an attached 1 car garage.
The judgment amount was $212,555.70. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If this property is a condominium unit and the foreclosure sale takes place after 1/1/2007, the purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale
The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information: Visit our website at http:\\service.atty-pierce.com. between the hours of 3 and 5 pm. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602. Tel No. (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number PA0608481. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION GRP LOAN, LLC Plaintiff, -v.- CHRISTINA M. LAPINSKA, et al Defendants 06 CH 12514 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on November 21, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on February 22, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 9324 S. ALBANY AVENUE, Evergreen Park, IL 60805 Property Index No. 24-01-316-030-0000/031-0000 The real estate is improved with a single family residence.
The judgment amount was $254,905.98. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale
The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: YOLANDA MARTINEZ, THE WIRBICKI LAW GROUP , 27 E. MONROE STREET, SUITE 1100, Chicago, IL 60603, (312) 360-9461. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE THE WIRBICKI LAW GROUP 27 E. MONROE STREET, SUITE 1100 Chicago, IL 60603 (312) 360-9461 ARDC# 42463 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT. OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC AS NOMINEE FOR FREMONT INVESTMENT & LOAN, OR ITS SUCCESSORS OR ASSIGNS; Plaintiff, vs. ANTHONY WHITE; MERS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR FREMONT INVESTMENT & LOAN; HOUSEHOLD FINANCE CORPORATION III; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF ANTHONY WHITE, IF ANY; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS; DENEEN WHITE; Defendants, 05 CH 21092
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuent to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on 2/7/2006, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Friday, March 2, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property: P.I.N. 19-36-118-056. Commonly known as 8105 S. Albany Ave., Chicago, IL 60652.
The improvement on the property consists of a ranch brick single family residence with a detached two car garage. Sale terms: 25% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.
For information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com. Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602. Tel.No. (312) 476-5500. Refer to File Number PA0509883. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122

REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY Plaintiff, -v.- KURT L. CHRISTIANSON A/K/A JURT CHRISTIANSON A/K/A KURT CHRISTIANSON, et al Defendants 06 CH 12096 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on September 8, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on February 26, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 14733 CENTRAL PARK AVE, Midlothian, IL 60445 Property Index No. 28-11-400-016 The real estate is improved with a single family residence.
The judgment amount was $156,730.96. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale
The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 16W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department.. Please refer to file number 14-06-6887. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE, IL 60527 (630) 794-9876 Attorney File No.: 14-06-6887 ARDC# 00468002 Attorney Code. 21762 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION BANK OF NEW YORK AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2003-3 Plaintiff, -v.- JAMES E. WARE, et al Defendants 06 CH 1122 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on November 15, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on February 21, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 3636 WEST 85TH STREET, Chicago, IL 60652Property Index No. 19-35-319-066-0000
The real estate is improved with a two story single family home, blue vinyl siding detached 1 and 1/2 car garage. The judgment amount was $80,456.04. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale
The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as, to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information: Visit our website at http:\\service.atty-pierce.com. between the hours of 3 and 5 pm. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602. Tel No. (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number PA0405820. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE PIERCE & ASSOCIATES One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300 CHICAGO, IL 60602 (312) 476-5500 Attorney File No.: PA0405820 Attorney Code. 91220

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION AURORA LOAN SERVICES, LLC; Plaintiff, vs. ALFREDO ALVAREZ; THERESA ALVAREZ; LEHMAN BROTHERS BANK FSB; JIFFY LUBE/CHICGAO ADI COOP ASSOCIATION, INC., Defendants, 06 CH 4426 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on September 5, 2006 Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, February 20, 2007 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 7727 Lorel Ave., Burbank, IL 60459. P.I.N. 19-28-322-047. The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection
For information call William E. Dutton, Jr./Barbara J. Dutton at Plaintiff's Attorney, DUTTON & DUTTON, P.C., 10325 West Lincoln Highway, Frankfort, Illinois 60423. (815) 806-8200. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122

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Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE OF ARGENT MORTAGGE SECURITIES, INC.; ASSET BACKED PASS THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-W1 UNDER THE POOLING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT DTAED AS OF FEBRUARY 1, 2006, WITHOUT RECOURSE; Plaintiff, vs. SAMUEL PARKS, JR.; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants, 06 CH 13247 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on August 29, 2006, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, February 26, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 7810 S. Trumbull Ave., Chicago, IL 60652. P.I.N. 19-26-416-053. The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence.
Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
For information call Ms. Kathy Hudy at Plaintiff's Attorney, Thompson, Rosenthal & Watts, LLP, 1001 East Chicago Avenue, Naperville, Illinois 60540, (630) 369-3535. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION JP MORGAN CHASE BANK AS TRUSTEE. Plaintiff, vs. JAMES MONTGOMERY; VILLAGE GREENE CONDOMINIUM UNIT NUMBER 2 ASSOCIATION N/K/A 11818 SOUTH KOMENSKY CORPORATION, Defendants, 06 CH 8414 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on July 10, 2006 Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, February 26, 2007 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 716A, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 11818 S. Komensky Avenue, Unit 302, Alsip, IL 60803. P.I.N. 24-22-413-016-1010.
The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family condominium residence. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection
For information call William E. Dutton, Jr./Barbara J. Dutton at Plaintiff's Attorney, DUTTON & DUTTON, P.C., 10325 West Lincoln Highway, Frankfort, Illinois 60423. (815) 806-8200. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE UNDER THE TRUST AGREEMENT FOR THE STRUCTURED ASSET SECURITIES CORPORATION MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 2005-AR1; Plaintiff, vs. VALERIE BLECHER F/K/A VALERIE BELCHER-NELSON; ET AL; Defendents, 06 CH 12767 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuent to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on October 4, 2006, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Friday, February 23, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 3857 West 123rd Street, Alsip, IL 60803, P.I.N. 24-26-304-045-1012. The improvement on the property consists of a condominium residence. The purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by subdivisions (g)(1) and (g)(4) of Section 9 of the Condominium Property Act. Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
For Information call Ms. Diane Thomas at Plaintiff's Attorney, Freedman Anselmo Lindberg & Rappe, LLC, 1807 West Diehl Road, Naperville, Illinois 60563-1890. (877) 729-6734. W0606072 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, TRUSTEE, FOR THE BENEFIT OF SECURITIZED ASSET BACKED RECEIVABLES LLC TRUST 2004-DO2 MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2004-DO2, Plaintiff V. ALEJANDRO BARRERA; VERONICA FLORES; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR INTERVALE MORTGAGE CORPORATION; PRIME ACCEPTANCE CORP., Defendants 06 CH 14345
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE Fisher and Shapiro file #06-7383D (It is advised that interested parties consult with their own attorneys before bidding at mortgage foreclosure sales.)
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered on October 11, 2006, Kallen Realty Services, Inc., successor to Kallen Financial & Capital Services, Inc., as Selling Official will at 12:30 p.m. on February 27, 2007, at 205 W. Randolph Street, Suite 1200, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real property: COMMONLY KNOWN AS 3819 WEST HAYFORD STREET, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60652. TAX ID# 19-26-310-048 The mortgaged real estate is improved with a dwelling. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
The judgment amount was $156,860.35. Sale terms: 10% of successful bid immediately at conclusion of auction, balance by noon the next business day, both by cashier's checks; and no refunds. The sale shall be subject to general real estate taxes, special taxes, special assessments, special taxes levied, and superior liens, if any. The property is offered "as is," with no express or implied warranties and without any representation as to the quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to review the court file to verify all information. For information: Sale Clerk, Fisher and Shapiro, 4201 Lake Cook Rd., 1st floor, Northbrook, Illinois 60062; (847) 498-9990, between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. weekdays only.

REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A. Plaintiff, -v.- KEVIN K. BENAVIDES A/K/A KEVIN BENAVIDES, et al Defendant 06 CH 13139 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 24, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on February 28, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 11002 DEBLIN LANE, Oak Lawn, IL 60453 Property Index No. 24-16-422-058 The real estate is improved with a single family residence.
The judgment amount was $210,147.84. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act,. 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department.. Please refer to file number 14-06-7634 THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE, IL 60527 (630) 794-9876 Attorney File No.: 14-06-7634 ARDC# 00468002 Attorney Code. 21762 Case # 06 CH 13139 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

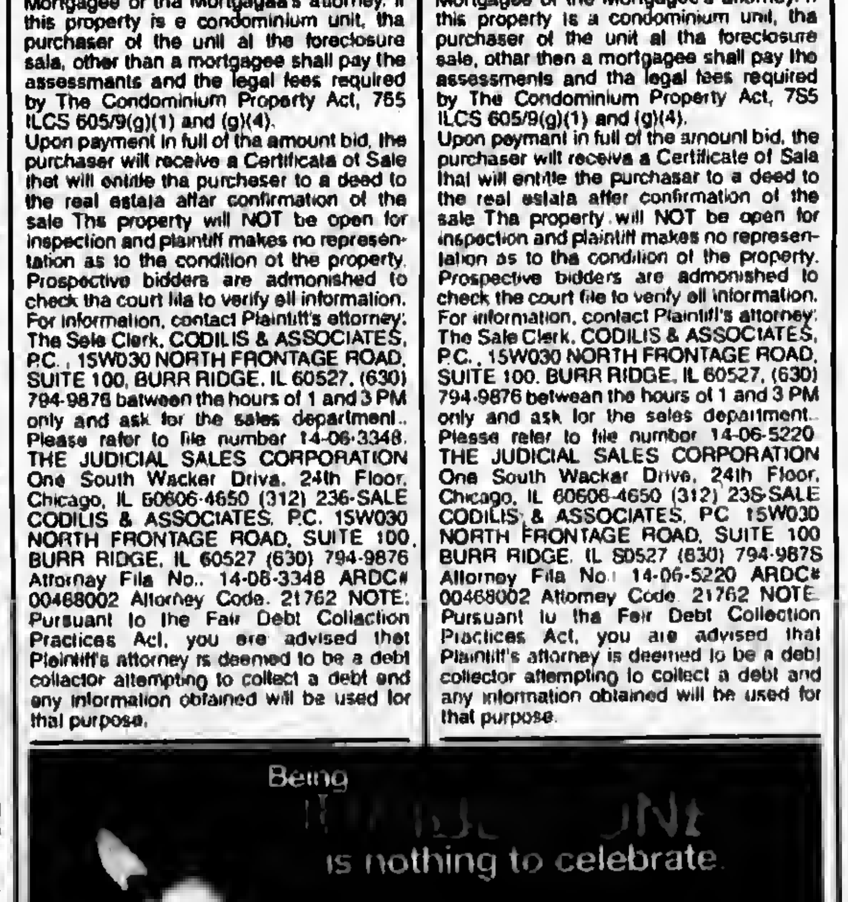
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION DRAPER AND KRAMER MORTGAGE CORPORATION Plaintiff, -v.- DEBORAH LYNN FLANAGAN A/K/A DEBORAH L. FLANNIGAN A/K/A DEBORAH LYNN FLANNIGAN, et al Defendants 06 CH 5474 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on May 30, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on February 15, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 13952 WATERBURY DRIVE #802, Crestwood, IL 60445 Property Index No. 28-04-301-019-1044 The real estate is improved with a condominium.
The judgment amount was $10,749.63. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department.. Please refer to file number 14-06-3348. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527 (630) 794-9876 Attorney File No.. 14-06-3348 ARDC# 00468002 Attorney Code. 21762 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR DECISION ONE MORTGAGE COMPANY, LLC AND/OR ITS SUCCESSORS Plaintiff, -v.- DORIS L. AKINS A/K/A DORIS LEE AKINS LACKLAND, et al Defendant 06 CH 1850 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on November 16, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on February 20, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 14928 S. MOZART AVENUE, Posen, IL 60469 Property Index No. 28-12-314-026 The real estate is improved with a single family residence.
The judgment amount was $164,301.13 Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit and the foreclosure sale takes place after 1/1/2007, the purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act. 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale
The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 16W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department.. Please refer to file number 14-06-962. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive,. 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION BANK OF NEW YORK AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS CWABS, INC. ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-13 Plaintiff, -v.- VICENTE MEDINA, et al Defendants 06 CH 8806 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on August 7, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on February 15, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 7964 S. KNOX AVENUE, Chicago, IL 60652 Property Index No. 19-34-104-020 The real estate is improved with a single family residence.
The judgment amount was $148,185.80. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department.. Please refer to file number 14-06-5220 THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE, IL 60527 (630) 794-9876 Attorney File No.: 14-06-5220 ARDC# 00468002 Attorney Code. 21762 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.



REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK F/K/A WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, FA Plaintiff, -v.- WILLIAM J RIEMENSCHNEIDER, et al Defendants 06 CH 13019 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on September 27, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on February 21, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 8936 WEST 91ST PLACE, Hickory Hills, IL 60457 Property Index No. 23-03-407-016-0000
The real estate is improved with a single family 1 1/2 story home yellow frame and brown brick with attached 1 car garage. The judgment amount was $158,959.87. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. For information: Visit our website at http \\service.atty-pierce.com. between the hours of 3 and 5 pm. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602. Tel No (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number PA0607044. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE PIERCE & ASSOCIATES One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300 CHICAGO, IL 60602 (312) 476-5500 Attorney File No.: PA0507044 Attorney Code. 91220

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE FOR ENCORE CREDIT RECEIVABLES TRUST 2005-2 Plaintiff, -v.- JESUS LOPEZ, SR., et al Defendants 06 CH 10244 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on November 20, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on February 22, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 3737 WEST 78TH PLACE, Chicago, IL 60652 Property Index No 19-25-343-023-0000
The real estate is improved with a brown brick single family one story home with a detached two car garage. The judgment amount was $130,960.11. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale
The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. For information: Visit our website at http \\service.atty-pierce.com. between the hours of 3 and 5 pm. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602. Tel No. (312) 475-5500. Please refer to file number PA0605460. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE PIERCE & ASSOCIATES One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300 CHICAGO, IL 60602 (312) 476-5500 Attorney File No.: PA0505460 Attorney Code. 91220

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE OF AMERIQUEST MORTGAGE SECURITIES, INC., ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2004-R4 UNDER THE POOLING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT DATED AS OF MAY 1, 2004, WITHOUT RECOURSE, ASSIGNEE OF AMERIQUEST MORTGAGE COMPANY; Plaintiff, vs. BRIDGETT Y. SMITH-NILES; JOHN NILES; STATE OF ILLINOIS FOR THE USE OF THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY, UNDER JUDGMENT RECORDED JANUARY 13, 2005 AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 0501340100; Defendants, 05 CH 12760 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on May 3, 2006, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, February 19, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 8105 S. California Ave., Chicago, IL 60652. P.I.N. 19-36-216-065. The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
For information call Sales Clerk at Plaintiff's Attorney, Law Offices of Ira T. Nevel, 175 North Franklin Street, Chicago, Illinois 60606. (312) 357-1125. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122

REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION MIDFIRST BANK, Plaintiff V. ROBERT J. JORFE; TCF BANK ILLINOIS FSB; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants 06 CH 10353
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE - CONDOMINIUM Fisher and Shapiro file #06-6266D (It is advised that interested parties consult with their own attorneys before bidding at mortgage foreclosure sales.)
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered on August 29, 2006, Kallen Realty Services, Inc., successor to Kallen Financial & Capital Services, Inc. as Selling Official will at 12:30 p.m. on February 28, 2007, at 205 W. Randolph Street, Suite 1200, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real property: COMMONLY KNOWN AS 13239 SOUTH FORESTVIEW COURT, CRESTWOOD, ILLINOIS 60445. TAX ID# 24-33-301-024 The mortgaged real estate is improved with a dwelling. The property will NOT be open for inspection. The purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
The judgment amount was $68,606.04. Sale terms: 10% of successful bid immediately at conclusion of auction, balance by noon the next business day, both by cashier's checks; and no refunds. The sale shall be subject to general real estate taxes, special taxes, special assessments, special taxes levied, and superior liens, if any. The property is offered "as is," with no express or implied warranties and without any representation as to the quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to review the court file to verify all information. For information: Sale Clerk, Fisher and Shapiro, 4201 Lake Cook Rd., 1st floor, Northbrook, Illinois 60062, (847) 498-9990, between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. weekdays only.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION BANK OF NEW YORK AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATE HOLDERS OF CWABS 2004-01, Plaintiff V. THEOPHIL S. KINNER, Defendant 06 CH 14277 NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE Fisher and Shapiro file # 06-7340D (It is advised that interested parties consult with their own attorneys before bidding at mortgage foreclosure sales.)
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered on November 16, 2006, Kallen Realty Services, Inc., successor to Kallen Financial & Capital Services, Inc., as Selling Official will at 12:30 p.m. on February 27, 2007, at 205 W. Randolph Street, Suite 1200, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real property: C/K/A 15210 South Kilpatrick Avenue, Oak Forest, IL 60452 TAX ID# 28-15-104-027 VOL. 0030 The mortgaged real estate is improved with a dwelling. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
The judgment amount was $174,800.44. Sale terms: 10% of successful bid immediately at conclusion of auction, balance by noon the next business day, both by cashier's checks; and no refunds. The sale shall be subject to general real estate taxes, special taxes, special assessments, special taxes levied, and superior liens, if any. The property is offered "as is," with no express or implied warranties and without any representation as to the quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to review the court file to verify all information. For information: Sale Clerk, Fisher and Shapiro, 4201 Lake Cook Rd., 1st floor, Northbrook, Illinois 60062, (847) 498-9990, between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. weekdays only.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE STRUCTURED ASSET INVESTMENT LOAN TRUST 2005-5 Plaintiff, -v.- DAVID D. LYVERS A/K/A DAVID LYVERS, et al Defendants 06 CH 12941 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on September 6, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on February 23, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate. Commonly known as 11836 S.SPRINGFIELD AVE., Alsip, IL 60803 Property Index No. 24-23-325-010
The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was $176,552.04. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department.. Please refer to file number 14-06-7590. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE, IL 60527 (630) 794-9876 Attorney File No.: 14-06-7590 ARDC# 00468002 Attorney Code. 21762 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE OF ARGENT MORTGAGE SECURITIES, INC., ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-W3, UNDER THE POOLING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT DATED AS OF MARCH 1, 2006, WITHOUT RECOURSE, ASSIGNEE OF ARGENT MORTGAGE COMPANY, L.L.C., Plaintiff, vs. KARYN RAGLAND, NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, UNKNOWN TENANTS AND UNKNOWN OWNERS, Defendants, 06 CH 12081 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on October 2, 2006, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, February 20, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 7942 South Richmond Street, Chicago, IL 60652. P.I.N. 19-36-104-034. The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
For information call Sales Clerk at Plaintiff's Attorney, Law Offices of Ira T. Nevel, 175 North Franklin Street, Chicago, Illinois 60606. (312) 357-1125. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION PHH MORTGAGE CORP. D/B/A COLDWELL BANKER MORTGAGE, Plaintiff V. DEAN C. CASSELL A/K/A DEAN CASSELL; PATTI JO CASSELL A/K/A CASSELL, Defendants 06 CH 15163 NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE Fisher and Shapiro file #06-7550D (It is advised that interested parties consult with their own attorneys before bidding at mortgage foreclosure sales.)
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered on September 25, 2006, Kallen Realty Services, Inc., successor to Kallen Financial & Capital Services, Inc., as Selling Official will at 12:30 p.m. on March 6, 2007, at 205 W. Randolph Street, Suite 1200, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real property: COMMONLY KNOWN AS 5504 WEST EDISON AVENUE, OAK LAWN, ILLINOIS 60453. TAX ID# 24-09-110-020 The mortgaged real estate is improved with a dwelling. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
The judgment amount was $172,986.10. Sale terms: 10% of successful bid immediately at conclusion of auction, balance by noon the next business day, both by cashier's checks; and no refunds. The sale shall be subject to general real estate taxes, special taxes, special assessments, special taxes levied, and superior liens, if any. The property is offered "as is," with no express or implied warranties and without any representation as to the quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to review the court file to verify all information.
For information: Sale Clerk, Fisher and Shapiro, 4201 Lake Cook Rd., 1st floor, Northbrook, Illinois 60062, (847) 498-9990, between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. weekdays only.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION CHASE HOME FINANCE LLC SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO CHASE MANHATTAN MORTGAGE CORPORATION AS SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO AMERICAN RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE CORPORATION Plaintiff, vs. JEFFREY J. NIZIOLEK; CHERYL M. NIZIOLEK; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants,06 CH 13671
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on 11/28/2006. Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Wednesday, March 7, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property: P.I.N. 24-19-412-004. Commonly known as 11519 South Natchez Avenue, Worth, Illinois 60482.
The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. Sale terms: 25% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.
For information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com. Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602. Tel.No. (312) 476-5500. Refer to File Number PA0606467. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION THE BANK OF NEW YORK TRUST COMOANY N.A. AS SUCCESSOR TO JP MORGAN CHASE BANK N.A. AS TRUSTEE Plaintiff, vs. MICHAEL DALY; LINDA DALY; ROBERT MONACO; 159TH ST. BREMEN TOWN; MINI MALL, LLC.; UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants, 06 CH 9614 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on December 5, 2006 Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, March 6, 2007 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 4904 Cypress Court, Oak Forest, IL 60452. P.I.N. 28-28-219-002.
The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection
For information call William E. Dutton, Jr./Barbara J. Dutton at Plaintiff's Attorney, DUTTON & DUTTON, P.C., 10325 West Lincoln Highway, Frankfort, Illinois 60423. (815) 806-8200. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122

REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. Plaintiff, -v.- CAROYLN O'NEAL, et al Defendant 06 CH 14557 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on November 8, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on February 27, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 8519 S. KEDZIE AVENUE UNIT #103, Chicago, IL 60652 Property Index No. 19-36-306-025-1003 The real estate is improved with a condominium.
The judgment amount was $101,020.47. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department.. Please refer to file number 14-06-8480. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, F/K/A WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, FA Plaintiff, -v.- ADEL ALQARIQI, et al Defendant 06 CH 13901 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on September 11, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on March 2, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 7953 S. KNOX AVENUE, Chicago, IL 60652 Property Index No. 19-34-105-002 The real estate is improved with a single family residence.
The judgment amount was $75,054.80. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale
The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department.. Please refer to file number 14-06-8200. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE; Plaintiff, vs. MIKE NGUYEN; PHAL ENG; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR PEOPLE'S CHOICE HOME LOAN, INC.; Defendants, 06 CH 14905 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on November 2, 2006 Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Friday, March 9, 2007 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 3657 W. 84th Street, Chicago, IL 60652. P.I.N. 19-35-311-035.
The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. No refunds.
The property will NOT be open for inspection For information call William E. Dutton, Jr./Barbara J. Dutton at Plaintiff's Attorney, DUTTON & DUTTON, P.C., 10325 West Lincoln Highway, Frankfort, Illinois 60423. (815) 806-8200. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122

REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION CROWN MORTGAGE COMPANY Plaintiff, -v.- BRYAN J. VANKUIKEN A/K/A BRYAN VANKUIKEN, et al Defendant 06 CH 14996 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 31, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on March 5, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 4662 W. 131ST STREET UNIT #1E, Alsip, IL 60803 Property Index No. 24-34-116-045-1005, Property Index No. 24-34-116-045-1015 The real estate is improved with a condominium.
The judgment amount was $97,606.32. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale
The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department.. Please refer to file number 14-06-8843. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION AURORA LOAN SERVICES, LLC Plaintiff, -v.- MANUEL GOMEZ, et al Defendant 06 CH 13549 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on September 14, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on March 2, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 4120 W. 101ST STREET, Oak Lawn, IL 60453 Property Index No. 24-10-426-019 The real estate is improved with a single family residence.
The judgment amount was $268,508.20. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale
The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department.. Please refer to file number 14-06-7954. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALECODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C.15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE, IL 60527 (630) 794-9876 Attorney File No.: 14-06-7954 ARDC# 00468002 Attorney Code. 21762 Case # 06 CH 13549 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE; Plaintiff, vs. SOFIA RAMIREZ; NEW CENTURY MORTGAGE CORPORATION; Defendants, 06 CH 14899 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on September 26, 2006 Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Friday, March 9, 2007 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 3916 W. 87th Street, Chicago, IL 60652. P.I.N. 19-35-335-032.
The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection
For information call William E. Dutton, Jr./Barbara J. Dutton at Plaintiff's Attorney, DUTTON & DUTTON, P.C., 10325 West Lincoln Highway, Frankfort, Illinois 60423. (815) 806-8200. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122

REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR LONG BEACH MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2005-3 Plaintiff, -v.- CAESAR AGUDELO A/K/A CAESAR F. AGUDELO, et al Defendant 06 CH 15966 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 17, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on March 5, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 6600 W. 87TH STREET UNIT #3NE, Burbank, IL 60459 Property Index No. (19-31-407-129 UNDERLYING), Property Index No. 19-31-407-130-1006, Property Index No. 19-31-407-130-1020 The real estate is improved with a condominium.
The judgment amount was $182,860.77. Sale terms; 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale
The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department.. Please refer to file number 14-06-9328. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. Plaintiff, vs. BRIDGEVIEW BANK & TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE, UTA #1-2104 DATED AUGUST 14, 1992; UNKNOWN BENEFICIARIES OF BRIDGEVIEW BANK & TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE UTA # 1-2104, DATED AUGUST 14, 1992; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants,06 CH 14626
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on 10/24/2006, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, March 5, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property: P.I.N. 18-24-309-021. Commonly known as 7717 Colombie Drive, Bridgeview, Illinois 60455.
The improvement on the property consists of a one story, brown brick residence. THE SALE SHALL BE SUBJECT TO GENERAL TAXES, SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS AND TO A PRIOR RECORDED FIRST MORTGAGE. Sale terms: 25% down by certified funds; balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.
For information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com. Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602. Tel.No. (312) 476-5500. Refer to File Number PA0607058. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION BANK OF NEW YORK AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATE HOLDERS CWABS, INC., ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2004-6, Plaintiff V. TIMOTHY COSGROVE A/K/A TIMOTHY F. COSGROVE; PAMELA COSGROVE A/K/A PAMELA M. COSGROVE, Defendants 06 CH 15300 NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE Fisher and Shapiro file #06-6148D (It is advised that interested parties consult with their own attorneys before bidding at mortgage foreclosure sales.)
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered on September 19, 2006, Kallen Realty Services, Inc., successor to Kallen Financial & Capital Services, Inc., as Selling Official will at 12:30 p.m. on March 7, 2007, at 205 W. Randolph Street, Suite 1200, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real property; COMMONLY KNOWN AS 4659 WEST 89TH STREET, HOMETOWN, ILLINOIS 60456. TAX ID# 24-03-129-041 The mortgaged real estate is improved with a dwelling. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
The judgment amount was $100,239.12. Sale terms: 10% of successful bid immediately at conclusion of auction, balance by noon the next business day, both by cashier's checks; and no refunds. The sale shall be subject to general real estate taxes, special taxes, special assessments, special taxes levied, and superior liens, if any. The property is offered "as is," with no express or implied warranties and without any representation as to the quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to review the court file to verify all information.
For information: Sale Clerk, Fisher and Shapiro, 4201 Lake Cook Rd., 1st floor, Northbrook, Illinois 60062, (847) 498-9990, between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. weekdays only.

REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION EMC MORTGAGE CORPORATION Plaintiff, -v.- JOHN R. BAILY, et al Defendant 06 CH 4121 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on May 2, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on March 2, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 12823 SOUTH KENNETH AVE UNIT C-2, Alsip, IL 60803 Property Index No. 24-34-113-024-1014 The real estate is improved with a condo within 3 story brick building, no garage.
The judgment amount was $82,157.95. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale
The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. For Information: Visit our website at http:\\service.atty-pierce.com. between the hours of 3 and 5 pm. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602. Tel No. (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number PA0602203. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE

NOTICE

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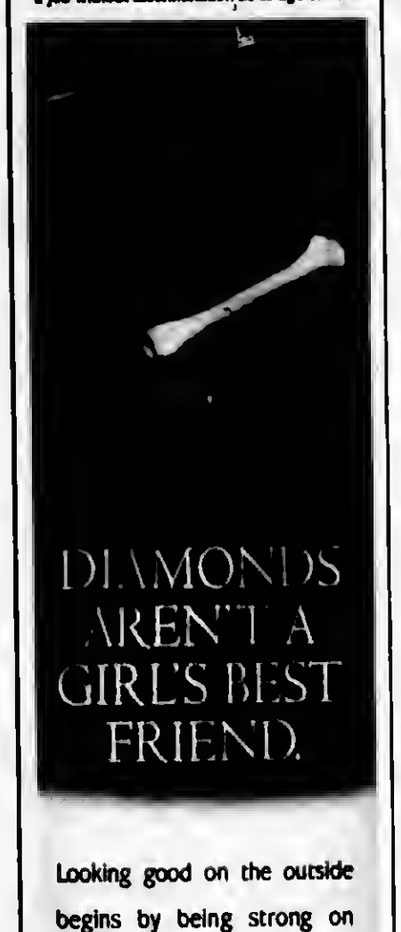

Looking good on the outside begins by being strong on the inside. That's because later in life, especially for women, strong bones help prevent fractures and height loss. Your window to build maximum bone density is now, during your late teens and early twenties. So eat wisely, get plenty of calcium and vitamin D, and do weight-bearing exercises every day. To devise a plan that's right for you, go to aaos.org or rjos.org.

Accommodate Adult Learners

Debbie Hoyt of Oak Lawn, is a 54-year-old mother of two sons who decided to enrich her life by enrolling in classes at Moraine Valley Community College. She's one of 7,100 adult learners – 40 percent of the student body – who attend classes to advance their career or begin a new one, upgrade or learn new skills, develop personally, or simply learn about a topic that interests them. She encourages adults not to be afraid to take classes because they don't know exactly what they want to do. "Student my age should not be intimidated about starting," said Hoyt. "Registering is as simple as getting on a computer and signing up. Take classes in a subject that interests you, and they will lead you to where you want to be. Look at the programs Moraine Valley offers, and you'll see there's something for everyone. Once you get going, you'll become comfortable taking more classes."

Moraine Valley strives to make the transition easier for adult learners by offering a wide range of services specifically for them, starting with Adult Information Sessions. Sit down with an Admissions recruiter who will explain in detail how to enroll, pick the right classes, obtain financial aid, and answer individual questions. The next session will be Wednesday, Feb. 21st at 6 p.m. in the College Center, Building C, second floor, Moraine Room 4, on campus, 9000 W. College Pkwy., Palos Hills.

Alternative learning options provide flexibility for those working full-time, raising a family or bogged down by other responsibilities. The college offers daytime, evening and weekend classes that start throughout the year on campus and at extension sites located throughout the college's district. Online classes allow students to complete coursework at a time most convenient for them. Students in the Fast Track Program enroll in five-week courses and can earn a degree in 18 months. Short term and one-night-a-week classes, as well as telecourses taught primarily via videotapes or DVDs, offer even more convenience.

Women who are returning to college or going for the first time can find comfort from other women who may be experiencing the same issues in the Returning Woman Program. This community of learners enrolls in Communications 101, a composition course, and Psychology 101 together to begin developing connections with each other and the college. Through interaction and connection with other adult women comes the sharing of ideas and solutions while meeting the challenges of being a student and balancing the demands of a busy adult life.

Denise Domagala, 53, Orland Park, never went to college, but as a single parent she wanted to take classes and thought, "Why not me? Why not now?" She enrolled in the Returning Woman Program despite her fear. Did she belong there? Were all eyes on her because of her age?

"It is hard to walk onto a campus in your mid-50s, and most of the people around you are just out of high school or in their 20s," said Domagala. "But the Returning Woman Program has been a great experience. A dozen women sit and talk about the same challenges. It felt great to be with a group where everyone was in the same boat, feeling you made the right decision."

For more information on the Returning Woman Program call Paula Adduci, coordinator, at (708) 974-5722 or visit www.morainevalley.edu/WomanProgram.

Adult learning services don't stop with classes. Parents can feel comfortable leaving their children with state-certified caregivers in the Children's Learning Center, the Tutoring and Writing Center is open late for assistance in most subjects, Financial Aid has information on grants and loans available, and the library is equipped with updated educational resources and technology.

Moraine Valley believes in helping its students every step of the way, including getting assistance in finding employment through the Job Placement Center and the Illinois Employment Training Center (IETC). The Job Placement Center helps students with resumes, interviewing and short- and long-term employment plans. It helps students make effective job and career decisions and provides linkages with businesses. For more information about the Job Placement Center, call (708) 974-5737 or visit www.morainevalley.edu/jpc.

The IETC meets the needs of both employers and job seekers by offering assistance to unemployed and underemployed individuals in securing gainful employment. Through the Workforce Investment Act and Dislocated Workers program, students can take advantage of employment-finding resources and get information on vocational training programs. The Illinois Support, Training and Employment for Displaced Homemakers helps displaced homemakers – those who have lost income due to divorce, separation, death, or the primary earner becoming disabled or laid off – get access to the education and training they need to rejoin the workforce and become economically self-sufficient. For more information about the Illinois Support Training and Employment Program, call (708) 974-5738, or visit www.morainevalley.edu/wia.

Moraine Valley will host the 2007 Employment and Adult College Fair on Tuesday, March 27th from 4 to 7 p.m. Adults in the community can get information on educational and career opportunities at Moraine Valley and three other colleges and can visit with employers. Registration is not required. Small class sizes, a convenient commute from the home or office, caring and understanding faculty, and an abundance of services, assistance and resources demonstrates Moraine Valley's dedication to adult learning success. For more information on any of these services, visit www.morainevalley.edu/adultssuccess or call Admissions at (708) 974-5355.

Lawsuit Against Debt Collector

Attorney General Lisa Madigan filed a lawsuit on Jan. 25th in Cook County Circuit Court alleging that a debt collector used unfair tactics and deceptive practices to collect money from consumers.

Madigan's lawsuit names as the defendant Arrow Financial Services, LLC, an Illinois limited liability company located in Niles. Arrow is a debt buyer and attempts to collect monies ranging from approximately $100 to over $10,000 per debt from consumers nationwide. Since 1999, Madigan's Consumer Fraud Bureau has received 669 consumer complaints against Arrow.

Madigan's lawsuit charges Arrow with multiple violations of the Illinois Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Business Practices Act. The suit specifically alleges that Arrow attempts to collect on time-barred debts over ten years old, attempts to collect on debts that have been discharged in bankruptcy or that have been settled, engages in abusive practices in an attempt to collect, such as using profanity, attempts to obtain payment without proof of debt, refuses or fails to provide proof of debt, illegally contacts consumers' family members and workplace, and withdraws money without authorization from consumers' bank accounts.

Madigan's suit contains a number of specific examples of consumer complaints concerning Arrow's conduct. For example, according to Madigan's lawsuit, Arrow allegedly contacted one Franklin Park Illinois consumer through the mail, informing him that he owes approximately $600 on a Montgomery Ward account that he had cancelled ten years ago. Soon thereafter, the consumer allegedly began receiving calls and notices regarding the debt approximately once a week for several months at a time. When the consumer explained to Arrow that he had cancelled the credit card ten years ago and did not owe any debt, Arrow responded that if he once owned the credit card, then he was obliged to pay for the debt. The consumer disputed the debt and asked for written proof. In response, Arrow threatened to sue the consumer and never provided any evidence of the debt allegedly owed.

Arrow's conduct has come to the attention of other state enforcement offices. In November 2005, the Minnesota Department of Commerce imposed against Arrow Financial Services, LLC, a $125,000 fine, the largest civil penalty ever imposed against a collection agency licensed in Minnesota. As part of this process, Arrow was required to implement a compliance programs to: (1) designate a compliance officer in charge of all regulatory compliance matters, (2) implement a training program for all Arrow debt collectors, which includes the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act and Minnesota debt collection laws, (3) require Arrow debt collectors to sign a statement in which they acknowledge training completion, which includes debt collection law, and (4) establish written policies and procedures for screening debt collector applicants and conduct criminal background checks.

"Consumers should not be harassed or intimidated by unscrupulous debt collectors. We are focused on protecting Illinois consumers and others affected by businesses that use unfair and deceptive debt collection tactics," Madigan said.

Madigan's lawsuit asks the court to prohibit Arrow from engaging in deceptive debt collection activities and further violating Illinois' consumer protection laws. The lawsuit seeks a civil penalty of $50,000 and additional penalties of $50,000 for each violation found to have been committed with intent to defraud. Finally, Madigan's lawsuit asks the court to order Arrow to pay restitution to consumers and to pay all costs for prosecution and investigation of this case.

Consumers who believe they have been the victim of unfair or deceptive collection practices or another consumer fraud can download a complaint form at www.IllinoisAttorneyGeneral.gov/consumers or call the Attorney General's Consumer Fraud Hotline at 1-800-386-5438; TTY 1-800-964-3013.

Consumers can get tips to protect themselves against unfair or deceptive debt collection practices on Madigan's website at http://www.ag.state.il.us/consumers/debtcollection.html.

Assistant Attorney General Junko Minami is handling the case for Madigan's Consumer Protection Division.

Planned Parenthood Makes Awards

Two top healthcare officials from Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich's administration were honored recently with Planned Parenthood/Chicago Area's 2007 Richard J. Phelan *Profile in Courage* award for their commitment to expanding access to healthcare in Illinois. Barry Maram, Director of the Illinois Dept. of Healthcare and Family Services, and Anne Marie Murphy, Director of Healthcare Programs for Gov. Blagojevich, were honored for their leadership in initiating the *All Kids* healthcare program, expanding family planning services through the Illinois Healthy Women program, and increasing access to life-saving breast and cervical cancer screening through the Illinois Breast and Cervical Cancer Program. The awards were presented at Planned Parenthood/Chicago Area's 6th Annual Roe v. Wade Anniversary Celebration, celebrating 34 years of reproductive freedom.

Planned Parenthood/Chicago Area's annual *Profile in Courage* award is named for Richard J. Phelan for his consistent support of women's access to quality health care services during his tenure as Cook County Board President.

"The 2007 Richard J. Phelan *Profile in Courage* award is quite an honor," said Steve Trombley, President and CEO of Planned Parenthood/Chicago Area. "We award those who have truly made it their mission to help those most in need, and these two absolutely deserve it for their dedication to continually expanding access to family planning services and their leadership in collaborating with health care providers to ensure their needs are effectively and efficiently met."

As Director of Healthcare and Family Services, Barry Maram has helped expand access to healthcare for over half a million Illinoisans, and was instrumental in creating the *All Kids* program. In addition, Maram coordinated the state's hospital assessment plan, which will bring $1.8 billion in new federal funding to Illinois hospitals and other Medicaid providers.

Dr. Anne Marie Murphy was recently appointed by Gov. Blagojevich as Director of Healthcare Programs. Prior to that, she was the Illinois Medicaid Director, where she oversaw the delivery of healthcare to over 2 million people statewide. Dr. Murphy was also instrumental in developing *All Kids*, as well as expanding the Illinois Healthy Women and the Illinois Breast and Cervical Cancer programs.

Southwest Area Obituaries

Margaret L. Bale

Services were held at the Zimmerman and Sandeman Funeral Home, Oak Lawn, on Thursday, with interment at Chapel Hill Gardens South, for Margaret L. Bale. She past Matron of Olive Chapter #179 OES, Ladies Oriental Shrine of North America, past High Priestess of LOS and Past President of Columbus Manor Fire Department Club Auxiliary.

She is survived by her children Betty Schultz, Robert W. III (Cherie), Raymond J., Linda L. (Rich) Escherich, Rodger A. (Charlotte); 20 grandchildren; 32 great-grandchildren and 13 great-great-grandchildren.

Gerald T. "Jerry" Callahan

Mass was said at St. Germaine Church, Oak Lawn, on Tuesday, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Gerald T. "Jerry". He was the former owner of Posen Oil, a founding member of the Claddagh Foundation, a member of the Board of Directors of the Buoniconti Fund to cure paralysis, president of the Highlanders Athletic Club and member of the Wednesday Night Sports and Pastime Group.

He is survived by his wife Peggy; his children Kathryn, Lori (Sean) Cassidy, Elizabeth (Frank) Maciasz, Courtney, Jennifer and Michael Callahan; two grandchildren; his brothers Jack (Nancy), Gene (Kay), Bill (Pat), Jim (Katee) Callahan and his sister Kathy (Phil) Mikaitis.

Frank Cassata

Mass was said at St. Bemadette Church, Evergreen Park, on Saturday, with entombment at Holy Sepulchre Mausoleum, for Frank Cassata, 98, a veteran of WWII.

He is survived by his brother Michael (Mary) Cassata, Sam, Phil and Joseph, and his sister Millie Stankiewicz.

Lawrence A. Chmura

Mass was said at St. Gerald Church, Oak Lawn, on Saturday, with interment at Resurrection Cemetery, for Lawrence A. Chmura, 57. He was a 39-year employee of Ryerson Steel. He was the past president of the Chicago and Illinois Bowling Association and a member of the Illinois Bowling Association Hall of Fame for Meritorious Service.

He is survived by his wife Danell and his sister Donna Chmura.

Allan "Bud" Christensen

Services were held at the Schmaedeke Funeral Home, Worth, on Wednesday, with interment at Chapel Hill Gardens South Cemetery, for Alan "Bud" Christensen, 76. He was a member of the Architectural and Ornamental Iron workers Local 63. He was also a veteran of the Korean conflict.

He is survived by his wife Joan; his children Roy (Kathleen) Christensen, Bonnie Haynes, Tami (Paul) Pilipauskas; three grandchildren & one great-grandchild.

Robert R. Cook

Mass was said at St. Catherine of Alexandria Church, Oak Lawn, on Monday, with interment at St. Mary Cemetery, for Robert R. Cook, 47. He was a longtime employee at the Chicago Board of trade.

He is survived by his parents John B. and Mary Cook Sr., his brothers John Jr. (Susan), James (Alice), Fr. Joseph T., Garry (Theresa) and Thomas (Danette); and his sisters Beth (John) Fahey, Susan (Robert) Polacheck, Marjorie (Lloyd) Wilkey and Cathy (James) Honiker.

Zachra Economos

Mass was said at SS Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church, Palos Hills, on Friday, with interment at Evergreen Cemetery, for Zachra Economos. She was a member of the SS Constantine and Helen Ladies Philoptochos.

She is survived by her children John & George Economos.

Isabelle C. Geiger

Services were held at the Blake-Lamb Funeral Home, Oak Lawn, on Saturday, with interment at Oakhill Cemetery, for Isabelle C. Geiger, 93.

She is survived by her children Rayleen (Harry) Morgan, Roy (Karen), Ruth (Randall) Stennet, Rolly (Barbara) and Ralph; thirteen grandchildren; fifteen great-grandchildren; her sister Verdelle Schafer and her brothers Gerald (Marie) and Arthur (Dot) Buckman.

Loretta T. Flemming

Mass was said at Queen of Martyrs Church, Evergreen Park, on Wednesday, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Loretta T. Flemming, 78. She was an active member of Queen of Martyrs Altar and Rosary Society, St. Michaels WOW Group and a long time Avon Lady.

She is survived by her children Therese Aguilera, Gerald, Thomas, Janet (Ted) Miller, Karen (Bob) Lyons, Jack (Tina) and Nancy (Jeff) Spisak; nine grandchildren; and her sister Marcella Motzieldt.

Dolores A. Gutsch

Mass was said at St. George Church, Tinley Park, on Monday, with a private interment, for Dolores A. Gutsch.

She is survived by her children John C. III, Diane (Thomas) Walsh, Elizabeth (Dennis) Richardson; twelve grandchildren; thirty-five great grandchildren and her sister Constance (Robert) Emmett.

Evelyn L. Klank

Services were held at the Chapel Hill Gardens South Funeral Home, Oak Lawn, on Wednesday, with interment at Chapel Hill Gardens South cemetery, for Evelyn L. Klank, 88. She was a member of the Oak Lawn Senior Center.

She is survived by her sister Beverly (Richard) Murray.

Edward R. Laschober

Services were held at the St. Paul Lutheran Church, Oak Lawn, on Tuesday, with interment at Evergreen Cemetery, for Edward R. Laschober, 80, a veteran of WWII serving with the Navy.

He is survived by his children Linda and David (Carolyn) Laschober; five grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; his sisters Irma Kollaritsch and his brothers Joseph, Albert, William and Harold Laschober.

Carmella P. Lawson

Mass was said at St. Louis de Montfort Church, Oak Lawn, on Tuesday, with interment at St. Mary Cemetery, for Carmella P. Lawson.

She is survived by her daughter Josephine (Stanley) Vrotney, three grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren and her sister Janettte (Thaddeus) Glab.

Judith Ellen Irving

Mass was said at St. Damian Church, Oak Forest, on Monday, for Judith Ellen Irving, 67.

She is survived by her children Robert (Carol) Irving, Terese (Brett) Craig, Scott Irving, Tami (Don) Hoekendorf and Traci (John) Sawyer, eighteen grandchildren and one great-grandchild and her brother Joe Hammerschmidt.

Estelle Jablonski

Mass was said at St. Terrence Church, Alsip, on Monday, for Estelle Jablonski, 89.

She is survived by her children Carol, Dale, Leonard, Sharon, Robert and Ronald, eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Frank Ogonowski

Services were held at the Thompson and Kuenster Funeral Home, Oak Lawn, on Saturday, with entombment at Resurrection Garden Mausoleum, for Frank Ogonowski, 93. He was a member of the Oak Lawn Senior Club.

He is survived by his sisters Katie, Mary, Agnes and Stella.

Theresa B. Shaughnessy

Mass was said at Our Lady of Loretto Church, Hometown, on Monday, with interment at St. Mary Cemetery, for Theresa B. Shaughnessy, 98.

She is survived by Her children Joseph (Maureen) Shaughnessy, Marilyn (Thomas) Reddy, Dianne (Richard) Giltner and Joanne (Thomas) Keating, seventeen grandchildren and twenty-one great-grandchildren

Arthur J. Tassone

Mass was said at St. Linus Church, Oak Lawn, on Tuesday, with entombment at All Saints Mausoleum, for Arthur J. Tassone, a retired member of the Chicago Police Department.

He is survived by his wife Yolanda, his children Mary Kay (Bob) Schmitz, Lisa (Tim) Quinn and Michael (Susan) Tassone and his stepchildren Joseph Gonzalez and Renee (Stellios) Kontos, thirteen grandchildren, his Brother Frank and his sister Rose Mairo.

Edmund J. Madaj

Mass was said at St. Patricia Church, Hickory Hills, on Monday, with a private interment, for Edmund J. Madaj, 88. He was a veteran of WWII.

He is survived by his wife Helen; his children Edmund (Barbara), Thaddeus (Jane), Mary (Michael) Kozak and Theresa (Matthew) Zuro; five grandchildren and his brother Norbert (Dorothy).

Raymond J. Rakowski

Mass was said at St. Stephen Deacon and Martyr Church, Orland Park, on Saturday, with interment at Good Shepherd Cemetery, for Raymond J. Rakowski. He was a member of the prestigious "One Eyed Jacks".

He is survived by his wife Maureen; his children Doreen (Bill) Sanderson, Cheryl Swanson and Mary Karyl (Don) Duffy; nine grandchildren; and his brother Ben Rakowski.

Albert T. Verhaeghe

Mass was said at St. Donatus Church, Blue Island, on Tuesday, with entombment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Albert T. Verhaeghe, a 50 year resident of Blue Island. He was a retired machinist and inspector of Allis Chalmers. He was also a WWII Veteran serving with the US Army.

He is survived by his wife Maria.

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Understanding Credit Scoring

There's a lot of confusion around credit reports and credit scores - what they're used for, how they're calculated and why they're so important if you want to buy a car or house. Lenders, insurers and even employers review your credit history to decide if you're a worthwhile risk, so here's some background information that may help demystify the whole credit scoring process:

Credit bureaus. There are three major credit bureaus: Equifax www.equifax.com, Experian www.experian.com and TransUnion www.transunion.com. Each tracks how many and what types of credit cards and loans you have, how long your accounts have been open and whether you've paid your bills on time.

Credit report. Upon request from you or a potential lender, a credit bureau will compile a credit report - basically a snapshot of your credit history at that moment. You can order one free credit report a year from each of the three bureaus. (Order through www.annual creditreport.com; otherwise you'll pay a small fee.) They are required by law to investigate any disputed item and correct inaccuracies.

It's wise to order a free report from one of the bureaus every four months; that way, you'll keep regular, year-round tabs on what's being reported about you. Another tip: If you're planning to borrow to make a major purchase, order your credit reports beforehand so you'll know what lenders will see about your credit history.

It's vital to know what's in your credit reports so you can spot fraudulent activity or errors before they damage your credit standing. For more information on what to do if you suspect identity fraud, go to Practical Money Skills for Life, a free personal financial management site sponsored by Visa USA www.practicalmoneyskills.com/security.

Credit scores. Credit bureaus use information in your credit report to create a three-digit credit score. The higher your score, the better your credit rating is. The most commonly used credit scores are called FICO scores, named for Fair Isaac Corporation (FICO), which developed the proprietary software.

Five factors are used to determine your FICO score: payment history, amount owed, length of credit history, newly opened credit accounts, and types of credit used. Scores take into consideration information in all five categories, both positive and negative, but may weigh them differently depending on your individual circumstances.

When you apply for credit or a loan, lenders evaluate one or more of these bureaus' scores along with their own criteria (which may include income, length of employment or other factors), to determine if you are a worthy credit risk. Your overall credit score may affect not only whether or not you get the loan, but also the amount, term length and interest rate.

The differences between excellent, good, fair and poor credit scores can really add up. For example, someone with a top-notch FICO credit score - say above 720 - might qualify for a mortgage rate one or more percentage points lower than someone with poor credit. For a typical 30-year, $200,000 mortgage, this could add up to an extra $50,000 in interest payments over the life of the loan.

For more information on how credit reports and credit scores work - and to purchase a copy of your score - go to www.myfico.com. Remember, it's always a good idea to know what's in your reports ahead of time so you can correct errors before they harm your credit rating.

No-Interest Loans Available

Governor Rod R. Blagojevich announced $1.9 million in no-interest loans to help fire departments and fire protection districts purchase much-needed fire trucks. This is the second phase of a loan program that has already helped 63 fire departments obtain new fire trucks.

The Fire Truck Revolving Loan Program, administered by the Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM), provides no-interest, 20-year loans to local fire departments and fire protection districts for the purchase of fire trucks. The maximum loan award is $250,000. The loan program was created by legislation signed by Gov. Blagojevich in 2003.

Applications for the loans are available on the OSFM website at www.state.il.us/osfm. The agency also will mail applications to each fire department in Illinois. Applications will be accepted from Feb. 1 through April 15. A nine-member review committee comprising representatives of the banking industry and the fire services will review the applications. Loans will be awarded on the basis of need.

In August 2004, 63 fire departments were selected to receive the initial revolving loans. Payments on those loans go into the revolving loan fund, and will be used for this second round of loans.

Food Check Out Day 2007

Cook County Farm Bureau Leaders will be meeting with Ronald McDonald House Charities of Chicagoland and Northwest Indiana to present a "ton" of food, monetary donations and pounds of pop tabs to the 3 Cook County Area Houses on Feb. 5th in celebration of Food Check-out Day.

The event will be held at the Ronald McDonald House located on the grounds of Hines VA Hospital near Loyola University Medical Center. The event will include a tractor/trailer hauling the donated goods, a House tour, tractor rides for the kids and a dinner with families and guests residing in the House.

Food Check-out Day 2007 is the day when the average American will have earned enough income to pay for their family's food for the entire year. "Not only is America's food supply the world's safest, but it is also the most affordable," said James Brandau, president of Cook County Farm Bureau. "Why is America's food so affordable? Because of the efficiency of the American farmer and all those who help bring healthy and delicious food to your table."

Celebrate this Food Check-out Day by contributing what you can. Donations can be dropped off at the Loyola Ronald McDonald House from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Feb. 5th. For location information, contact the Cook County Farm Bureau at (708) 354-3276.

Cold Weather Killer

Each year, nearly 5,000 people in the United States are treated in hospital emergency rooms for carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning. This number is, however, believed to be an underestimate of those poisoned because many people exhibiting the symptoms of CO poisoning mistake these symptoms for the flu or are misdiagnosed.

CO poisoning can kill without warning, as your family sleeps. CO gas has no warning properties – you can't smell it, see it, or taste it – even at harmful or life threatening levels. And, since so many deaths occur as the result of defective or poorly operated home heating devices, CO has been termed the "silent cold weather killer."

CO is a colorless, odorless, toxic gas. It is produced by the incomplete combustion of solid, liquid, and gaseous fuels. Appliances fueled with gas, oil, kerosene, or wood may produce CO. If such appliances are not installed, maintained, and used properly, CO may accumulate to dangerous and even fatal levels in cars, homes, or poorly ventilated areas like basements.

CO is produced when fuels are burned, therefore, any fuel-burning appliance in your home is a potential CO source. Electrical heaters and electric water heaters, toasters, etc., do not produce CO under any circumstances. Under normal circumstances, CO should not be detectable in the typical home or workplace.

When fuel-fired appliances are kept in good working condition, they produce very little CO. But improperly operated or improperly vented appliances can produce elevated – or even fatal – CO concentrations in your home. Likewise, using kerosene heaters or charcoal grills indoors, or running a car in a closed garage, can cause levels of CO high enough to result in CO poisoning or even death.

Common sources of CO include the following wood- or gas-fueled appliances: room heaters; furnaces; charcoal grills; cooking ranges; water heaters; automobiles run in closed garages; fireplaces; portable generators; and wood-burning stoves.

Any person or animal in spaces shared with a device capable of generating CO should be considered at risk of CO poisoning. CO exposures especially affect unborn babies, infants, and people with anemia or a history of heart disease. Breathing low levels of the chemical can cause fatigue and increase chest pain in people with chronic heart disease.

Although not always experienced, the initial symptoms of CO poisoning are similar to the flu, but without the fever. They include: dizziness, fatigue, headache, nausea, and irregular breathing

It is critical to note that death from CO poisoning can occur with some or all of these symptoms never being experienced, in which case the overexposed victim simply falls asleep and never regains consciousness.

Dangerous levels of CO can be prevented by proper appliance maintenance, installation, and use. Timely inspections of potentially CQ-producing equipment, and the use of CO toxic level concentration alarms, are also key to avoiding a CO fatality.

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Bridging The Gap

Four bilingual Queen of Peace students began volunteering at St. Mary Star of the Sea grammar school this school year in an effort to help bridge a language gap.

Pictured: (from left) Peace students Maria Bernal, Bianca Rojas, Maricarmen De Leon and Claudia Valencia – all Advanced Placement Spanish students – give their time every Monday after school to work with St. Mary students who are English-language learners. The grade schoolers are less exposed to the English language because they speak primarily Spanish at home with their families. They come to school with a limited English ability. Each week, Peace students make it their goal to help the children learn to speak, write, and understand English a little bit better.

"I enjoy using my time outside of school to help others. I am always excited to share my talents and abilities with others," exclaims De Leon. "I love being around kids. They are so much fun. I teach them, and I learn so much from them too," Bernal noted.

St. Mary Star of the Sea teachers report improvement in their students' ability to speak English, resulting in more classroom participation. Peace Spanish teacher and Program Coordinator, Heidi Hansen finds this tutoring program to be an enriching experience for the students. "This is a great opportunity for the elementary students to see successful older students who overcame language frustrations, as well as for high school students to give back to children who are in the very same position that they once were."

Text Message Lawsuit

Attorney General Lisa Madigan recently filed a lawsuit in Federal court in Springfield against C & C Global Enterprises, L.L.C., www.resortsellers.com, Neela Pundit and Charles Rossop, the operators of www.webuyresorts.com and www.resortsellers.com, alleging that they sent millions of unsolicited text messages to Illinois consumers and wireless phones across the country in violation of the federal Telephone Consumer Protection Act and the state Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Business Practices Act.

Beginning on about Nov. 3rd, 2006, Illinois residents began receiving unsolicited text messages alerting them that "We have someone interested in buying or renting your Time Share" and directing the recipient to log on to www.webuyresorts.com or www.resortsellers.com for more information. The web sites vanished from the Internet a few days after consumers began complaining about the unsolicited messages.

Madigan's Consumer Protection Division has received 66 written complaints and 190 complaints by phone from consumers complaining that they received these unsolicited text messages from the defendants.

Blanketing cell phone customers with unsolicited text messages costs consumers. Depending on a consumer's cell phone plan, the consumer either is charged a fee for each message received or her monthly bucket of text messages, for which she pays a monthly fee, is reduced. In addition, receiving and viewing text messages uses precious battery power, which could leave consumers unable to make necessary calls, including emergency calls.

Madigan's lawsuit also raises allegations concerning other aspects of the defendants' business. Specifically, the suit alleges that the defendants' unsolicited text message tells consumers they have a buyer or renter for their time share, but many of the recipients of the unsolicited text message do not own a time share. In addition, Madigan alleges that the defendants accept payment for time-share listing services and then fail to provide the listing. The defendants could not possibly provide the time share listing because they do not request sufficient information from customers to develop a time share sale listing, such as the address of the time share and the unit number, the complaint alleges.

Madigan's lawsuit seeks a nationwide injunction against the defendants, prohibiting them from violating consumer protection laws. In addition, the lawsuit seeks civil penalties of $50,000 and additional civil penalties of $50,000 for each violation of the Consumer Fraud Act found to be committed with the intent to defraud. Madigan also requests that the court order the defendants to pay restitution to affected consumers.

Richards Students Talk With Journalist

John Kass, the celebrated columnist for the *Chicago Tribune*, shared wisdom and preached work during his return to his alma mater, Richards High School, on Monday, Jan. 22nd. Richards administrators invited Kass to share his thoughts about personal success, career achievement, and journalism as a profession.

"Do what you love. That way, you're not really going to work," said Kass in his conversations with journalism and English classes. "I have the best job in the United States. Four times each week, I get to write what I want about any subject I choose. I kind of fell into journalism, but I did find a career in something I really enjoy."

Kass, who played football for coach Gary Korhonen at Richards, worked several jobs after graduating high school. He spent time as a merchant marine sailor and worked as a ditch digger and waiter before enrolling at Columbia College in Chicago.

His writing ability as a film studies major caught the attention of a professor, who had worked as an editor at the *Chicago Daily News*. The professor suggested he try journalism instead of script writing and arranged for Kass to work at the Daily Calumet. Soon, Kass found work at the Tribune and, after the death of Mike Royko, wrote as a guest columnist until his work earned him the permanent assignment as the Page Two commentator.

While Kass had many bits of wisdom to share with Richards students, perhaps his most important concerned perseverance and attitude.

"Like me, you're from the south side. Oak Lawn, Chicago Ridge, Calumet Park, Robbins – it doesn't matter, to everyone else, you're a southsider. Maybe we don't drive Mercedes to school or have lives of privilege, but we can outwork anyone. Don't ever let anyone tell you that you can't do something," said Kass, who grew up near 55th St. and Halsted Ave. before moving to Oak Lawn.

Kass recalled his early days at the Tribune as an example. After working there for some time, an editor told him that he didn't have a job at the newspaper anymore. "He told me, 'you can't write, you can't report.' He didn't like me. I was about to get married and start a family. I had worked hard to get to this point in my life, and now this guy's going to take it away from me," Kass said.

Soon, Kass broke a huge story. His dedication secured his position at the Tribune. Later, he would become the newspaper's national political correspondent and, eventually, its most prominent columnist.

"It can be done. My grandfather was a shepherd (in Greece), my father owned a little supermarket in Chicago. I'm from 105th and Kedvale. After high school, I had no idea where I was going, but I was willing to work. It's hard to compete with people who have better educations or family connections, but the one thing we can do is work them to death. Kids from our neighborhoods can outwork anyone. Don't forget where you came from," Kass said.

Kass spoke to newspaper, yearbook, and English Honors students during his visit to Richards.

Pictured, left to right, are District 218 English department Curriculum Director Pete Bavis, John Kass, and Richards Principal Ross Cucio.

Graduate

Tracy N. Lundy of Oak Lawn graduated from Loras College in Iowa, magna cum laude, with a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education, Instructional Strategist I.

Exemption Renewal Notices Mailed

Cook County Assessor James M. Houlihan announced that renewal exemption applications for the Senior Citizen and Senior Freeze Exemptions have been mailed to close to 260,000 senior citizens.

"I strongly encourage all seniors who receive these renewal notices to reapply to ensure that they continue to receive these valuable, money-saving exemptions," Houlihan said.

The **Senior Citizen Exemption** is available to all Cook County homeowners who were born prior to or in the year 1941 and who use their homes as their primary residences. This exemption entitles a senior to a reduction in the equalized assessed value of his or her property resulting in hundreds of dollars in tax savings.

The **Senior Freeze Exemption** is available to all Cook County homeowners who were born prior to or in the year 1941 and who have total household incomes of $50,000 a year or less. Requirements also state that eligible seniors must have used their homes as their primary residences and have resided there Jan. 1st of 2005 and 2006. This valuable exemption protects limited-income senior citizen homeowners from increases in the equalized assessed values of their properties.

The deadline to return the senior exemption renewal applications is Feb. 21st. An informational letter from the Assessor written in English and Spanish is included with renewal instructions. All exemptions will appear as deductions on second installment tax bills, which will be due in the fall.

Seniors who wish to apply for the senior exemptions for the first time this year will have an opportunity to do so when they receive a comprehensive Taxpayer Exemption Booklet which is due to be mailed in March.

"We are making every effort to be certain that all seniors are aware of these exemptions and encourage them to return their renewal applications to our office as quickly as possible," Houlihan said.

Woman Questioned In Shooting Death

Juan Miranda, 48, of Chicago's Lakeview neighborhood was shot multiple times at about 8:00 a.m. on January 28th in the 9100 block of Komensky Avenue. Police are holding the owner of the Oak Lawn home where he was shot.

The homeowner, a 51-year-old woman, told police that she shot Miranda in self-defense when he tried to choke her during an argument over money. Police found six bullet casings and the weapon at the scene.

The Oak Lawn Police said that the case is still pending as a death investigation and that the female homeowner is a "person of interest." No charges have been filed on Monday.

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Marist Scholars

The Illinois Student Assistance Commission recently named 76 Marist High School seniors Illinois State Scholars. The Illinois State Scholars Program recognizes the top 10% of the state's high school seniors for outstanding academic achievement.

Oak Lawn area students named are Niamh Burke, Charlotte Ehrenstrom, William Geraghty, Matthew Hastings, Megan Heilen, Matthew Landstrom and Eileen Wilmsen.

In 2006, Marist also improved its average ACT score to 23.7. The state average is 20.5.

Founded by the Marist Brothers in 1963, Marist High School is a private Catholic school serving the young men and women of southwest Chicago and the surrounding suburbs.

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McAuley Luncheon & Fashion Show

The annual Mother McAuley High School spring luncheon and fashion show, "McAuley Magic" will beheld at the Oak Brook Drury Lane on Saturday, March 10th. Mothers Club members Donna Aguiar (Oak Lawn), Brenda Guy (Chicago) and Teri Miller (Evergreen Park) are the chairpersons of this event that honors senior students. Fashions from Kimberly Bond Boutique in Orland Park, That Girl Boutique in Worth, My Sister and Me Boutique in Frankfort and Hansen's Villa in Manhattan, Annie's Ltd. in Oak Lawn, Eva's Bridal in Oak Lawn and Ms. Priss in Beverly will be shown. The men's fashions will be provided by After Hours Formal Wear.

Senior students Julianna Alexander (Chicago), Aileen Antonsen (West Beverly), Liz Cullnan (Beverly), Autumn DeGard (Lansing), Katie Fadden (Oak Lawn), Laura Garvey (Oak Lawn), Pamela Gronkowski (Beverly), Ryan Hernandez (Archer Heights), Patricia Holland (Beverly), Briana Holland (Gresham), Danielle Hummel (Oak Lawn), Precious Jackson (Archer Heights), Amanda Lopacinski (Hometown), Laura Mayer (Beverly), Michele McGuire (Mt. Greenwood), Jennipher Miller (Gresham), Ashley Moroz (Mt. Greenwood), Kelly Murray (Oak Lawn), Tess Obermeier (Beverly), and Bridget Snyder (Tinley Park) will be modeling both prom and graduation dresses. For ticket information call Maureen Obermeir at (773) 445-3686.

McAuley seniors, who will be modeling in the Spring Luncheon and Fashion Show, show off their Bears Apparel. Back row l-r: Precious Jackson, Amanda Lopacinski, Bridget Snyder, Pamela Gronkowski, Katie Fadden, Tess Obermeier, Patricia Holland, Lauren Mayer, Michele McGuire; Middle row l-r: Lauren Garvey, Autumn DeGard, Liz Cullnan, Jennipher Miller, Julianne Alexander; & Front row l-r: Ryan Hernandez, Kelly Murray, Danielle Hummel, Ashley Moroz.

Chicago Bears Week

Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich issued a proclamation declaring the week of Feb. 5th as Chicago Bears Week in recognition of their spectacular season. The governor also commemorated Bears Head Coach Lovic Smith on his remarkable achievement as the first African-American NFL head coach to lead a team to the Super Bowl.

"Words cannot fully express how excited everyone in Illinois was to see the NFC Champion Chicago Bears return to the Super Bowl. Though the outcome was less than hoped for, there is no shame for what this amazing team accomplished," Gov. Blagojevich said. "Together, they united Chicago and Bears fans all over the state who have waited more than 20 years to get back to the Super Bowl. They should take pride in what they achieved. I want to congratulate them for a stellar season. And I want to especially congratulate Lovie Smith for taking the team all the way to the Super Bowl."

The Chicago Bears had a remarkable 2006 regular season. Their 13-3 record was the best in the NFC, which earned them a first round bye in the playoffs, as well as home field advantage throughout the NFC postseason. In honor of their amazing run, the governor declared Feb. 5th to 11th as Chicago Bears Week.

Garden Club

The Oak Lawn Garden Club will hold its February meeting on Thursday, Feb. 22nd at the Oakview Center from 9:30 to 12:00 at 4625 West 110th Street. Carol Wenzel will be the guest speaker and she will be discussing which native plants are suitable for your backyard. Hope to see you there. Guests are welcome.

Any questions, call Lynn Terri at (773) 779-5685.

Heartland Centers Facing Shortages

inventories of O negative, B negative and AB negative are at less than a one-day supply. Inventories of A positive, A negative, and B positive are at only a two-day supply. Optimal inventory is at least a three-day supply. For Heartland, a three-day supply means that we have enough blood to cover what is typically transfused over a three-day period amongst our 35 system hospitals. The month of January trends as a high transfusion month primarily because many patients schedule elective surgeries during this time. A sluggish return on blood donations during January is severely affecting not only Heartland Blood Centers, one of the nation's oldest blood centers, but most blood centers nationwide.

"We have not received the normal response from our blood donors post holidays that we have in the past and our blood supply is suffering. At this point, Heartland will need at least four weeks of solid collections in order to restore an optimal inventory level," said Ann McKanna, Vice President of Marketing and New Business Development at Heartland.

Heartland Blood Centers relies solely on our volunteer blood donors to meet the needs of patients in the 35 area hospitals that we supply. Annually, Heartland donors must collectively give 160,000 units of blood to meet the supply demands of these hospitals.

"While we are facing shortages of several types, we are struggling most to meet our hospital needs for O negative and B negative blood types. Because O negative is the universal donor, it is the most transfused in hospitals. B negative accounts for only about 1.4% of the U.S. population, so only about 1 out of every 100 people will have this rare blood type. We need all donors to give, especially our O negative and B negative donors." said Doug Winsor, Director of Hospital Services at Heartland.

Donors can schedule a time to give by calling 1-800-7 TO GIVE. Donors can also visit our Web site at www.heartlandbc.org for listings of blood drives in the community and listings of our 14 center locations. Blood drive sponsors and donors also have the opportunity to join the Four Seasons Club during February and March. To learn more about this program and Heartland's Lifesaver Club, call or visit our web site.

To be a blood donor, individuals must be at least 17 years old or 16 with written parental permission; weigh at least 110 pounds; be symptom free of cold, flu and allergies; and be in general good health. Donors who have traveled outside the United States within the past 12 months should contact Heartland at 1-800-7TO-GIVE to determine eligibility.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

FEBRUARY 12 – Monday – AARP Meeting, VFW Hall. 9514 52nd Ave., 1 p.m.

FEBRUARY 12 – Monday – OL Park District Board Meeting, 4625 W. 110th St., 7:30 p.m.

FEBRUARY 12 – Monday – Business Development Commission Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 7:30 p.m.

FEBRUARY 13 – Tuesday – Chamber of Commerce Luncheon, Jenny's Steak House, 12 p.m.

FEBRUARY 13 – Tuesday – Worth Township Board Committee Meeting, 11601 S. Pulaski, 7:30 p.m.

FEBRUARY 13 – Tuesday – OL Village Board Meeting, Municipal Building, 9446 Raymond, 8 p.m.

FEBRUARY 13 – Tuesday – Village Hall open to 8 p.m.

FEBRUARY 13 – Tuesday – VFW 5220 Meeting, 9514 S. 52nd Ave., 8 p.m.

FEBRUARY 15 – Thursday – Public Works Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 7:30 p.m.

FEBRUARY 15 – Thursday – Athletic Club Meeting, VFW Hall, 9514 S. 52nd Ave., 8 p.m.

Happy Valentine's Day!

37th Annual Mayoral Ball

The Crestwood Village Improvement Party recently honored Mayor Chester Stranczek at his 37th Annual Mayoral Ball which was held at the Doubletree Hotel.

An overwhelming attendance representing the business community, organizations, accompanied by dignitaries and elected officials paid tribute to the Mayor. The highlight of the evening was when Mayor Stranczek addressed his guests sharing his concerns that our federal government is eroding our rights with constant mandates and becoming too socialistic. He also reminisced about his 50 years in public office and thanked the many people that helped him throughout these years.

Dinner was followed by comedian Mike Toomey and dancing music was provided by Record Spinners.

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Announce Partnership To Establish Energy Bioscience Institute

Governor Rod R. Blagojevich joined California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger and top executives from BP at the University of California, Berkeley to celebrate a new, innovative partnership through which BP will be investing $500 million over the next 10 years to establish an *Energy Biosciences Institute* (EBI), the first of its kind facility in the world, to expand the energy supply and reduce the impact of energy use on the environment. BP selected the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and the University of California, Berkeley, two of the world's top public research institutions, along with the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, to host this state-of-the-art institute, which will advance radical research aimed at probing the emerging secrets of bioscience and applying them to the production of new and cleaner energy. University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign Chancellor Dr. Richard Herman and First Lady Patricia Blagojevich celebrated the news with state officials and university faculty at a simultaneous announcement event at the new Illinois home of the EBI on the campus of the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.

The *Energy Biosciences Institute* will perform groundbreaking research aimed at the production of new and cleaner energy, initially focusing on renewable biofuels for road transport. However, the EBI will also pursue research in three other key areas: the conversion of heavy hydrocarbons to clean fuels, improved recovery from existing oil and gas reservoirs, and carbon sequestration.

Dedicated facilities on the campuses of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and UC-Berkeley will house EBI research laboratories and staff. The Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory will carry out supporting research. Up to 50 BP staff located on the two campuses will work in partnership with university faculty and researchers. BP and its partners will share governance of the EBI and guidance of its research programs.

The primary role of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in the *Energy Biosciences Institute* will be to lead the development of the new crops, cropping systems and machinery needed to provide the biomass or feedstock for the generation of renewable liquid fuels. A major part of this effort will be the application of genomic technologies to the development of these new crops. This initiative will allow the University and the State of Illinois to contribute to a cleaner environment and a nation that doesn't depend on foreign oil.

Illinois is a leading producer and among the most aggressive promoters of agriculture-based biofuels and other forms of renewable energy. Illinois is the nation's #2 ethanol producer and #2 biodiesel producer. In 2007, Illinois' 10 ethanol plants will produce more than one billion gallons and three biodiesel plants will produce more than 120 million gallons. Gov. Blagojevich has supported a rapid expansion of the 85 percent ethanol fueling infrastructure, and by the end of 2007, Illinois will have more than 200 E-85 pumps. In 2003, the Governor signed legislation making Illinois the first and still only state to completely eliminate the state sales tax on E-85 and biodiesel blends of 11 percent and higher ("B11"), dramatically increasing E-85 sales and biodiesel sales.

Last summer, Gov. Blagojevich announced a comprehensive Energy Independent Plan to reduce our dependence on imported energy, which will allow Illinois to meet 50 percent of its fuel needs with alternative, homegrown sources by 2017. The Governor's plan would invest $25 million to help build five new biodiesel plants, boosting the state's production by 200 percent to 400 million gallons per year, or the equivalent to 25 percent of the state's annual diesel fuel needs, by 2017. This additional biodiesel production will generate another $225 million in business investment in Illinois.

The Governor also proposes investing $100 million over the next five years to build up to 20 new ethanol plants across Illinois, which would generate an estimated $100 million over the next 10 years to build four plants in downstate Illinois using new technology to create ethanol made from plant waste materials like corn husks and wood pulp – or "cellulosic ethanol." This means boosting the state's annual ethanol production by more than 200 percent and meeting 50 percent of gasoline needs by 2017. This plan would create almost 20,000 construction jobs and 10,000 permanent jobs.

The Governor has also made important investments in biosciences research and development in partnership with the University of Illinois. This includes $75 million for the Institute for Genomic Biology, which is expected to open this spring and to house more than 300 researchers, who will lead the basic research necessary for next-generation, advanced science-based biofuels technology. The Governor has also committed $3.2 million to design the state-of-the-art Bioprocessing Research Laboratory that will bring together academia and industry and scientific and engineering expertise to advance processing technologies and scale-up promising new biofuels' technologies to assure their rapid commercialization.

Business Facilities Magazine rated Illinois the top state in the nation for biotech growth in 2005, and last April, Illinois hosted BIO 2006. This was the first time one of the world's most prestigious biosciences convention was held in the Midwest, which brought in almost 20,000 attendees from across the United States and 62 countries. The BIO conference will be coming back to Chicago in 2010.

America Remembers

Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich announced a $100,000 grant to help local Citizen Corps Councils through the state better prepare their communities for disasters. Funds for the grant come from fees paid for special "America Remembers" vehicle license plates, which pay tribute to the victims of the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks.

"We're very fortunate to have so many volunteers across the state who are willing to give their time and effort to help their communities prepare for emergencies," said Gov. Blagojevich. "After the federal government cut funding for Citizen Corps Councils by 25 percent this year, we decided we needed to step up to make sure they have the resources they need to keep their communities safe."

For every "America Remembers" license plate purchased or renewed, $25 is donated to the Sept. 11th Fund. The fund was created to support public safety initiatives related to acts of terrorism or other disasters in Illinois. The $100,000 grant will be used by the Illinois Terrorism Task Force's (ITTF) Illinois Citizen Corps Council to provide grants to local Citizen Corps Councils to support their training, community preparedness and public information efforts.

The Illinois Citizen Corps Council will conduct a grant application process this spring for grant funds that become available on July 1st. Funds will be divided equally between all local councils requesting the grants.

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Intergovernmental Panel On Global Warming

"The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change of the United Nations has just reeon firmed what we already know – that global warming is upon us. The global eommunity is acknowledging the problem and here in Illinois, despite inaction by President Bush, we have begun to address it.

"Last fall, I announeed a new global warming initiative to eombat global climate change that builds on steps we're already taking to reduee greenhouse gas emissions. The Illinois Climate Change Advisory Group I ereated will begin its work this month to reeommend strategies to eut greenhouse gases statewide.

"Last summer, I unveiled an ambitious plan to meet our energy needs by investing in elean, homegrown energy sourees that will eut our greenhouse gas emissions. My plan ealls for investing in pollution-free wind power and cleaner burning renewable fuels made from crops like eorn and soybeans. It also ealls for a significant increase in energy saving technologies that will reduee greenhouse gases while cutting utility bills for families and businesses.

"And just yesterday, I joined Gov. Sehwarzenegger of California and top exeutives from BP to announee a landmark partnership. Over the next ten years, BP will invest $500 million to establish an *Energy Biosciences Institute* (EBI) housed at the University of California in Berkeley and the University of Illinois in Urbana Champaign, to researeh next-generation biofuels that will further cut greenhouse gas emissions and reduee our dependence on foreign oil.

"By doing these things, we ean eut greenhouse gases that contribute to global warming, rising sea levels, and deadly storms like Hurrieane Katrina, while also eonserving energy and preserving the environment for our ehildren and all future generations. I urge the President and Congress to follow the lead of states like ours by acting on the latest global warming report and taking aggressive steps to curb this looming problem."

Cash Flow Workshop

Attend a half-day workshop on Tuesday, Feb. 20th from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., offered by SCORE, Counselors to America's Small Business. Gain an understanding of Cash Flow, Ineome Statements & Balance Sheets and how to use them to impaet business results. A guest banker presents eriteria to obtain finaneing. This workshop is one of four required for a SCORE Workshop Completion Certifieate, helpful when seeking a loan. Attendeeds should be in business or planning to start one.

The fee is $35 for advance registration online at www.scorechicago.org. Walk-in same day registration is $45 at the door. Space is limited. Call (312) 353-7724 any weekday morning for more information.

Putting On The Brakes

Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan and Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White are partnering with The Advertising Council on a new campaign aimed at putting the brakes on fatal car erashes involving teens and young adults. Madigan and White join the Ad Council and a coalition of State Attorneys General and Consumer Proteetion Ageneies, and national partners such as Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) and Amerieán Automobile Assn. (AAA), to promote the new "UR the Spokesperson" campaign to prevent reekless driving and save lives.

Car crashes are the number one cause of death among teens and young adults. National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) data show that, on average, more than 300,000 teens are injured in car crashes each year, nearly 8,000 are involved in fatal erashes and more than 3,500 are killed. NHTSA research also shows that teen drivers are involved in more than five times as many fatal crashes as adults. Young drivers are more likely to speed, run red lights, make illegal turns and die in an SUV rollover.

With the message "Speak Up" the "UR the Spokesperson" campaign targets young adults between the ages of 15 and 21 and encourages them to be the spokesperson against reekless driving by empowering them to speak up when they are in the ear with friends and don't feel safe. The campaign also seeks to inerease awareness about the dangers of reekless driving and educate teens on how to be safe drivers by focusing on driving safe speeds, avoiding distractions and wearing seatbelts.

The "UR the Spokesperson" eampaign ineludes a series of publie serviee advertisements (PSAs), a new Web site and a soon-to-be launehed contest. The PSAs target teen passengers, rather than the driver, and encourage them to speak up when they don't feel safe. Researeh shows that young drivers may be more likely to listen to their friends than to adults.

For more information on the eampaign and to see the ads, visit www.URtheSpokesperson.com

All Points Southwest

By THOMAS E. GAVIN

This past Sunday I spent the better part of the day preparing for and viewing a soggy Super Bowl XLI, which featured our beloved Chicago Bears against the Indianapolis Colts in rain swept Miami, Florida. While I may have doubted the weather, I never doubted the Bears. And when rookie kick-return extraordinaire Devin Hester caught the opening kickoff and took it back 92 yards for an instant Bears lead, I was able to count every tooth in the family room, the smiles were so big! Some random impressions...

When Linebacker Brian Urlacher tipped the Colts first pass attempt of the game – I was optimistic. And when Defensive Back Chris Harris intercepted Peyton Manning's pass a while later, I got pumped. When Running Back Thomas Jones recorded a 50 plus yard romp, setting up a short touchdown pass, I was elated. We had the lead and were sure to keep surging to our second Super Bowl title. I was dreaming.

It was right about this time that one of my neighbors reminded the Bears coronation assembly: "Remember what happened to the #1 Ohio State Buckeyes in the National College Title Game against Florida!" Could lightning strike twice? Nah! We wrote his prophecy off as that of a jealous Colts fan.

The Bears had numerous opportunities but could not maintain momentum nor convert on third down opportunities. Regrettably, the Monsters of the Midway seemed to morph into the boxer who trains for a right-handed opponent, only to be greeted by a southpaw. The Bears seemed to be out of sync, and were soundly beaten upfront on both sides of the ball.

Give eredit to the Colts scouting and coaching staffs. They exposed the Bears weaknesses and allowed Super Bowl MVP quarterback Peyton Manning and his fellow warriors to exploit the Bears deficiencies. On this day the Colts had more fuel in their tanks than the Beloved Bears. No excuses! Final score...Colts 29 – Bears 17.

We thank the Chicago Bears for their efforts, an entertaining season, a National Football Conference Championship, and the knowledge that they are potentially a Super Bowl eandidate next season. Go Bears!

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Last week Cook County Democrats met to select a new leader to replace their deceased Cook County Chairman Thomas Lyons. The longtime leader, Chairman Lyons died last month. State Democratie Chairman and House Speaker Michael Madigan chaired the exploratory meeting which initially found State Rep. Lou Lang (D-Skokie), Chicago Alderman Ike Carothers (29th) and Cook County Board of Review Commissioner Joseph Berrios interested in the chairmanship.

Rep. Lang was a favorite of several suburban committeemen; Ald. Carothers was the choice of the black caucus; and Commissioner Berrios represented several Hispanic committeemen and party regulars.

State Chairman Madigan met with several committeemen and orchestrated a compromise which helped to eonvinee both Lang and Carothers to step aside so that Commissioner Joseph Berrios was unanimously elected Cook County Democratie Chairman. Chairman Berrios is the Democratie committeeman of the 31st Ward on Chicago's Northwest Side and the first Hispanic to ever hold the Democratic ehairmanship.

Chairman Berrios named Rep. Lang and Ald. Carothers "executive vice eo-ehairs of the party." All three eandidates stated they would work for unity and to end the practice of individual party leaders working against the slated candidates in the Democratic Primary Elections.

In other business, the central committee appointed Cook County Board President Todd Stroger the 8th Ward committeeman, replacing his ailing father, former Cook County Board President John H. Stroger Jr.

Locally, State Senator Louis Viverito (D-Burbank) stepped down from his committeeman's position and was replaced by Michael Looney. Viverito has served as Stickney Township Democratic Committeeman since 1969 and is responsible for building one of the most solid Democratic organizations in the state.

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Closer to home in the 19th Ward, three candidates will vie for the Democratic aldermanic seat. Alderman Virginia "Ginger" Rugai has represented the ward since 1991 and seeks reelection. Rugia is being challenged by John Somerville, an assistant state's attomey who drew 41% of the vote in the 2003 Democratic primary, and Timothy Sheehan, a real estate agent who is making his maiden voyage politically.

Somerville aeknowledges that the 19th Ward is "real stable and a great community" but he feels that more should be done, more quickly, to improve development in the ward. And Sheehan (no relation to the former 19th Ward Alderman and Cook County Sheriff Michael Sheahan) aeknowledges that after seeing Sommerville get 41% of the vote in the last primary, there must be a thirst for change in the ward!

Alderman Rugai, a former aide to state Senator Jeremiah Joyce, sites the building of a Panera Bread restaurant, Borders Bookstore and Chipotle Mexiean Grill near 95th and Western, as well as a new Starbueks, a Jamba Juiee and a Potbelly Sandwich Works shops slated for this fall as evidence of progress. New fire and police stations, the rebuilding of 111th St. and Western Ave. whieh include the Beverly Art Center, and numerous projects for eitizens highlight her credentials.

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The next Chicago Southland Chamber's Business After Hours will be on Tuesday, Feb. 13th from 5 to 7 p.m. at Audi of Tinley Park, located at 8021 W. 159th St.

Join Chamber colleagues and other business professionals from the community for refreshments, appetizers, and raffle drawings in a friendly networking atmosphere. Valet parking will be offered at no charge. Business cards and promotional material are encouraged for member display tables. Admission priee is $5 for chamber members and $15 for non-members and is payable at the door.

The Chicago Southland Chamber is a regional organization that serves a population of 2.5 million in 85 communities in the area bounded by Chicago on the north, northwest Indiana on the east, Kankakee on the south and Joliet on the west.

Summit Drug Investigation

An eight-month undercover drug investigation into illegal narcotics sales near a Summit high school and public housing project as netted 26 arrests, the Office of Cook County Sheriff Thomas J. Dart announced.

"Operation Rocky Summit" was a joint investigation conducted by Sheriff's Police Gang Crimes/Narcotics officers and Summit Police beginning in May, 2006. The operation targeted both the dealers and customers operating in the 7400 block of W. 63rd Pl. and the 6300 block of S. 74th Ave.

During the first phase of the operation, undercover Narcotics officers made purchases of crack cocaine from multiple offenders, many admitted gang members, on nearly 40 separate occasions. During each transaction, officers purchased drug amounts ranging from $20 to $100. Each drug deal was also secretly videotaped by Sheriff's Police for use by prosecutors in court.

"Drug dealing is a scourge on our communities and we will do our best to help local law enforcement fight back with these types of undercover operations," Sheriff Dart said.

Between Jan. 23rd and Jan. 30th, officers from both departments fanned out throughout the community, taking 12 offenders into custody. In addition, all drug sales were conducted within 1,000 feet of Argo Consolidated High School; 7329 W. 63rd St. and the Robert Allison Homes, 7400 block of W. 63rd Pl., a Cook County public housing project. Under Illinois law, illegal drugs sold near a school, public housing project, park or church automatically increases each charge and penalty upon conviction.

Among those arrested was Michael Cooper, 46, of Summit. Cooper is charged with two counts of delivery of a controlled substance and was on parole at the time of his arrest. He has 10 previous convictions including eight for dangerous drugs and two for obstruction of justice. Danyeal McDonald, 30, also of Summit turned himself in to police and faces one count of delivery of a controlled substance. He has 27 prior convictions including those for weapons, drugs and obstruction.

Others arrested during the first phase of the investigation are: Joshua Fitzer, 19 of Evergreen Park, two counts delivery of a controlled substance; Jeffery Hinton, 27, of Summit, one count delivery of a controlled substance; William Jone, 40, of Summit, one count delivery of a controlled substance; Maurice Lanier, 22, of Broadview, two counts delivery of a controlled substance; Price Mister, 45, of Summit, one count delivery of a controlled substance; Donnie Ryenolds, 23, Summit, four counts delivery of a controlled substance; Cornelius Sawyer, 37, Summit, one count delivery of a controlled substance; Christopher Smith, 26, Summit, one count delivery of a controlled substance; Emmanuel Strother, 25, of Westmont, one count delivery of a controlled substance; and Patrick White, 28, of Maywood, one count delivery of a controlled substance.

During the second phase of the operation, undercover Sheriff's Narcotics officers posed as drug dealers in the same neighborhood and sold simulated narcotics to customers who were then promptly arrested. In all, 14 people were arrested during this second phase of the operation. The majority of these offenders face attempted possession of controlled substance charges.

This investigation was initiated last summer after Summit Police contacted Sheriff's Police for assistance dealing with the increasing problem of drug sales in the eastern area of town. Sheriff Dart thanked the Summit Police for their valuable assistance during this investigation.

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In an effort to provide at risk senior citizens with access to cellular 911 emergency service, the Cook County Sheriff's Office distributed free cell phones to more than 100 seniors in South Suburban Phoenix, Sheriff Thomas J. Dart recently announced.

The Sheriff's Cell Phones for Seniors program provides seniors with a free cellular telephone they can carry and keep at home and provides them access to 911 emergency service. The Sheriff's Office accepts public donations of cellular telephones at 70 countywide locations, including five suburban courthouses and two Chicago sites.

According to Dart, proposed budget cuts by Cook County Board President Todd Stroger would eliminate this worthy program and leave seniors without this valuable safety tool.

Citizens interested in donating an old cell phone can drop it off at any designated locations during regular court business hours.

According to Dart the constant advancements in cellular technology often results in consumers continually upgrading and purchasing new telephones and discarding the old ones. "There are many seniors in our county who cannot afford to have a cellular telephone due to their limited budgets," Dart said. "That old cell phone sitting in the drawer could prove to be a lifesaver for an at-risk senior citizen." An alarming trend that has come to the Sheriff's attention during these highly successful giveaways is the fact that not only do many seniors not have a cell phone, they live without any phones in their home. These donated phones may provide them with their only access to emergency services.

The Sheriff's Cell Phones for Seniors Program accepts any brand, make or model of cell phone whether it is in working order or not. Even components of cellular telephones are accepted.

The Sheriff's Office is working with RMS, a Florida-based communications group that specializes in the recycling and remarketing of old cell phones. Under the agreement, the Sheriff's Office mails all collected phones to the company's 911 Cell Phone Bank Program. In turn, the company converts the donated phones for emergency 911 usage. The Sheriff's Office then receives a 911 phone for each phone that is converted.

The Sheriff's Office began a pilot collection program in March 2006 and has already collected more than 1,500 phones from Sheriff's employees. Approximately 2,000 911 phones have already been distributed to senior citizens, many of whom attended the Sheriff's Senior Citizen Law Enforcement Academy, an ongoing crime and safety awareness community-based program for seniors.

Dart met with a group of seniors recently at the Phoenix Police Station, 650 E. Phoenix Center Road, and distributed 911 phones to the group. In addition to the phone, each senior receives two batteries and a telephone charger along with instructions on how to access 911 service.

The Sheriff's Office distributes the telephones through senior centers and community groups throughout the county. The Sheriff's Office is interested in working with any community group or individual interested in sponsoring a collection drive, according to the Sheriff. For further information citizens can contact the Sheriff's Cell Phones for Senior Program at (773) 869-7878.

National School Counselor Week

National School Counseling Week, sponsored by the American School Counselor Association (ASCA) and the Illinois School Counselor Association (ISCA) was celebrated from Feb. 5-9 to focus public attention on the unique contribution of professional school counselors within U.S. school systems. National School Counseling Week highlights the tremendous impact that counselors can have in helping students achieve school success and plan for a career.

The special week honoring school counselors provides recognition for school counselors who "implement comprehensive school counseling programs, a vital part of the educational process for all students as they meet the challenges of the 21st century."

School counselors are being actively engaged in helping students examine their abilities, strengths, interests and talents; for working in a partnership with parents as they encounter the challenges of raising children in today's world; for focusing on positive ways to enhance students' social/personal, educational and career development; and working with teachers and other educators to provide an educational system where students can realize their potential and set healthy, realistic and optimistic aspirations for themselves. Professional school counselors are certified, experienced educators with a master's degree in guidance and counseling. The combination of their training and experience makes them an integral part of the total educational program.

Nearly 20,000 school counselors nationwide participated in the week's festivities. Many school counselors hosted special events and activities to call attention to the myriad benefits of a comprehensive counseling program.

The Illinois School Counselor Association (ISCA) is a statewide nonprofit organization. ISCA supports school counselors' efforts to help students focus on academic, personal/social and career development so they not only achieve success in school but are prepared to lead fulfilling lives as responsible members of society. The association provides professional development, publications and other resources, research and advocacy to more than 3,000 professional school counselors in Illinois.

Be Brave, Go Bald

St. Rita High School students are stepping up to the challenge made by FOX Chicago Morning News Anchor Patrick Elwood and joining the FOX High School Challenge by offering to shave their heads to raise funds for research of children's cancer. The FOX Challenge supports the St. Baldrick's Foundation, an organization created to raise awareness for children with cancer.

St. Rita students are pledging to shave their heads for donations to the St. Baldrick's Foundation. The official 'Shave Day' is scheduled for March 16th at St. Rita High School. Anyone wishing to sponsor a St. Rita student should call St. Rita High School, (773) 925-5029 or email pstrocchia@stritahs.com

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ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

Abraham Lincoln's Birthday Party

Several Lincoln sites administered by the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency have scheduled special events from Feb. 10th through 12th in honor of Abraham Lincoln's 198th birthday.

Two annual pilgrimages to honor Abraham Lincoln's birthday will be held on Saturday and Monday, Feb. 10th and 12th at Lincoln Tomb State Historic Site in Springfield's Oak Ridge Cemetery. Both events are free and open to the public. The 60th Annual Pilgrimage of the Veterans of Foreign Wars will take place at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 10th at Lincoln Tomb. A service at the Tomb will feature a eulogy for Lincoln. Military honors for the 16th President will follow, and uniformed soldiers will give Lincoln the traditional 21-gun salute. The 73rd Annual National Pilgrimage to Lincoln Tomb by members of Springfield American Legion Post 32 will be held on Monday, Feb. 12th. Dignitaries will assemble at 10:30 a.m. and wreaths from Legion posts across the state will be placed in the Burial Chamber. The American Legion National Commander and other officials will address those gathered for the event at 11 a.m.

A Lincoln's Birthday celebration featuring hands-on activities and special tours of the home's hidden spaces will be held on Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 10th and 11th from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the David Davis Mansion State Historic Site in Bloomington. The event is free and open to the public, and is suitable for both adults and children. The Mansion's Lincoln-related interpretation will be highlighted during the tours, which begin every half-hour. Visitors may see areas of the Mansion that are not normally shown to the public, and hands-on activities for children will be featured, along with funny stories about Abraham Lincoln and Judge David Davis. This Lincoln's Birthday event is part of an ongoing series of new Davis Mansion exhibits and programs examining the relationship between Abraham Lincoln and David Davis.

The annual Lincoln's Birthday observance is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 10th from noon to 4 p.m. at Postville Courthouse State Historic Site in Lincoln. The event is free and open to the public. Period music will be provided all afternoon by Postville Express. Abraham and Mary Todd Lincoln impersonators will visit with guests, and volunteers will conduct tours and serve birthday cake and punch. Award-winning storyteller and musician Mike Anderson will perform at 1:45 p.m. and Bloomington attorney and author Guy Fraker will give power point presentations at 1 and 2:30 p.m. about the Eighth Judicial Circuit that Abraham Lincoln traveled.

Lincoln's Birthday weekend activities are scheduled at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum in downtown Springfield. Events in the Museum require paid Museum admission, while activities in the Library are free.

The Vandalia Historical Society will hold its annual Lincoln's Birthday observance at 2 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 12th in the Supreme Court Room at the Vandalia Statehouse State Historic Site. Dale Timmerman, president of the Vandalia Historical Society, will present a program called "Lincoln's Congressional Career in Vandalia." Tom Mathis will have his collection of Lincoln memorabilia on display that day. Timmerman serves as a historian on the Vandalia "Looking for Lincoln" project. The Feb. 12th observance is free and open to the public.

Lincoln Log Cabin State Historic Site near Charleston will be open on Monday, Feb. 12th from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. in honor of Abraham Lincoln's birthday. The site is normally closed on Monday and Tuesday.

The annual Abraham Lincoln Symposium will be held on Monday, Feb. 12th at the Old State Capitol Historic Site in Springfield. The Symposium is free and open to the public.

Southside Irish Party

St. Margaret of Scotland is hosting its annual Southside Irish Party on Feb. 24th, after 6 p.m. Mass in St. Margaret's School Hall, 9837 Throop St. This annual Irish celebration, which was begun in 1988 with Gene and Donna Earner at the head, will be dedicated to Donna Earner who died May 27, 2006. Donna acted as treasurer for the committee; she died of pancreatitis in Florida.

There will be a St. Patrick's Mass at 6 p.m. in the newly painted church and will be celebrated by Father Dan Mallette who has been the Pastor of St. Margaret for 32 years. Father John Smyth of Notre Dame and Maryville Academy will celebrate mass with Father Mallette. The party will begin right after mass.

Entertainment for the evening will include Frank O'Hara and his Right Material Band, the Ali Ireland Accordionist, Sean O'Donnell and the Jerry O'Loughlin Irish Dancers plus many other surprises that are in store for the evening.

The evening's buffet is catered by the Maryville Caterers who will provide the food featuring Harrington's corned beef; beer, wine and soft drinks are included.

The price for this evening's food and entertainment is $20. Raffle tickets will also be sold in advance or before the party. For tickets or information, call Gene Earner at (708) 636-8827

Class Reunions

Reavis High School class of 1977 – 30-year Reunion will be held on July 7th, 2007 at the Old Barn in Burbank. Contact reavisclassof77@yahoo.com.

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DuSable High School class of 1951 will hold a 55th-year reunion from Sept. 15th to 17th at the Hilton Oak Lawn Hotel. Call (708) 206-0468.

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Harrison High School - Classes of 1931 to 1960 Reunion on Sept. 24th from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at The Abbington, 3 South 002, Route 53, Glen Ellyn. Call (708) 366-3423.

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New Trier class of 1986 20th reunion will be held on Nov. 4th at the North Shore Skokie Hotel. Visit www.1986.com.

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St. Florian School – An All-School Reunion, celebrating 100 years, will be held Nov. 17th. Organizers are looking for all alumni names, addresses and the year they graduated. Call (773) 646-2868 or visit www.florian.hegewisch.net.

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Chicago Vocational High School class of 1981 is looking for classmates. Email cvs1981@aol.com.

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Farragut High School, classes of 1952-1954, looking for classmates. Call Carolee (Fotka) Michalek at (815) 407-1934.

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Harrison High School, classes of 1965-1969, looking for classmates. Call (773) 507-4669 or (773) 600-8669.

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Hyde Park High School class of 1996 is looking for classmates. Call (773) 718-1507 or (773) 493-1051.

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Lourdes High School class of 1978 is looking for classmates. Call (708) 258-9096.

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Morton East High School class of 1987 is planning a 20th reunion. Contact Kathy Tokarczyk at imqueenmom@sbcglobal.net or Barb Biman at joyride7207@aol.com.

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ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

2007 Flower Show Series

The Chicago Botanic Garden's 2007 American Flower Show Series, which includes at least 24 major floral events, debuts on Saturday, March 3rd with the Ikebana International Show.

Members of Ikebana International will demonstrate techniques and answer questions about ikebana, a three-dimensional artistic expression composed of flower and plant material arranged in a container. Although it is based on Japanese tradition, ikebana is becoming recognized throughout the world as a sculptural form of art. Hours are from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 3rd and Sunday, March 4th.

The American Flower Show Series is housed in Burnstein Hall, a beautiful exhibition space in the Garden's newly renovated Regenstein Center. The light-filled, 3,600-square-foot open display hall features ribboned windows, a cupola and special lighting to showcase floral design at its best.

The growing national horticultural program brings together amateur and expert gardeners and educators by offering floral exhibits and programs that focus on America's favorite flower groups. Juried flower shows, floral displays, complementary workshops, demonstrations, lectures and plant sales occur regularly. Plant experts and plant society members are available to answer all questions.

The Seigyoku-kai Sogestsu Ikebana Society of Chicago will hold a show from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 10th and Sunday, March 11th. They will demonstrate sogetsu ikebana techniques and answer questions about this Japanese tradition.

On Saturday, March 17th and Sunday, March 18th, the Northern Illinois Gesneriad Society holds its annual show and sale, which features an educational display with information on types of gesneriads, including propagation and tips on how to grow these interesting plants. Hours are from noon to 4:30 on Saturday and from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Sunday.

The Chicago chapter of the Ikenobo Ikebana Society presents an exhibition of traditional Japanese flower arranging on Saturday, March 31st and Sunday, April 1st. This year's theme is the "Classical History of Ikebana (1400-2007)." Hours are from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Additional flower shows on the 2007 schedule include: Midwest Daffodil Society Show and Mid-America Orchid Congress, April 28th and 29th; Midwest Fruit Explorers Grafting Workshop, April 29th; Glenview/North Shore African Violet Society Display & Sale, May 5th and 6th; Central States Dahlia Society Sale, May 5th and 6th; American Rhododendron Society Show & Sale, May 12th and 13th; Midwest Bonsai Society Spring Show & Sale, May 19th and 20th; North Shore Iris & Daylily Society Iris Show & Sale, June 2nd and 3rd; Bromeliad Society of Greater Chicago Show & Sale, June 30th and July 1st; Wisconsin-Illinois Lily Society Lily Show, July 7th and 8th; North Shore Iris & Daylily Society Daylily Show and Sale, July 14th and 15th; Cactus and Succulent Society of Greater Chicago Show & Sale, July 28th and 29th; Gardeners of the North Shore Show, Aug. 11th and 12th; Midwest Bonsai Society 30th Annual Show & Sale, Aug. 17-19; Garden Clubs of Illinois District IX Show, Aug. 25th and 26th; Illinois Mycological Association Show & Sale, Sept. 2nd; Roadside Flower Sale, Sept. 14-16; Lakeshore African Violet Society Show & Sale, Sept. 22nd and 23rd; Illinois Orchid Society Show & Sale, Oct. 13th and 14th; and Midwest Daffodil Society Bulb Sale, Wisconsin-Illinois Lily Society Lily Bulb Sale, and Midwest Fruit Explorers Show & Sale, Oct. 20th and 21st.

The American Flower Show Series is endowed in honor of Louise Durham Mead and Walter Langworthy Mead. Admission to the flower shows and the Chicago Botanic Garden is free; select event fees apply. Parking is $12; free for members. For more information about any of the Chicago Botanic Garden's programs and events, call (847) 835-5440, or visit www.chicagobotanic.org.

Valentine's Day At Symphony Center

Symphony Center presents a special Valentine's Day concert by violinist Nadja Salerno-Sonnenberg and guitarists Sergio and Odair Assad on Wednesday, Feb. 14th at 8 p.m. The trio's performance will bring to life works by composers including Bach, Bartok, Ginastera and Piazzolla in a spirited program that intertwines traditional musical styles with Gypsy and folk song influences.

The collaboration between the Italian-born Salerno-Sonnenberg and the Brazilian Assad brothers began in 2000 when they recorded a collection of musical arrangements based on traditional and Gypsy folk tunes from around the world. Since then, the trio has made three highly successful tours of the United States displaying their unique chemistry, amusing interplay and stunning virtuosity. In January 2003, the St. Paul Chamber Orchestra premiered a triple concerto written for the trio by Sergio Assad and they joined the Seattle Symphony for performances of the work later that same year. The trio was also featured as soloists during an 18-city tour with the Orquestra de Sao Paolo.

Nadja Salerno-Sonnenberg is renowned for the electrifying performances, originality, musical depth and sensitive colorings of her interpretations.

Tickets are $18 to $96 and can be purchased by calling PhoneCharge at (312) 294-3000 or (800) 223-7114 or by visiting either the CSO's Web site at www.cso.org or the Symphony Center box office at 220 S. Michigan Ave.

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Cabaret Night

"Cabaret Night" favorite Claudia Hommel returns to The Center, 12700 Southwest Highway in Palos Park, on Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 10th and 11th at 5:30 p.m.

Responding to past years' sold-out performances, The Center presents two evenings of Cabaret with singer Claudia Hommel and her three musicians.

Call (708) 361-3650 for dinner and show reservations, which cost $36 per person.

Described by Parisian impresario Didier Lepauw as "a love affair, Claudia brings to mind a bit of Audrey Hepburn, with something of Ginger Rogers and Leslie Caron, Maurice Chevalier and...Air Jordan. She is fresh, airborne."

Pierre Saka, author of the Larousse encyclopedia of French popular song through its hits says France "owes Claudia a debt of gratitude for bringing the best of French songs to the American public. Claudia brings a unique 'swing' to these songs."

St. Pat's Party

On Feb. 24th, St. Thomas More Parish will be hosting its annual St. Patrick's Party. There will be a special Mass at 4:30 p.m. and the party will begin at 5:30 in the church basement with cocktails and traditional Irish entertainment. Famous Harrington's corned beef dinner will be served at 7:30. The evening will continue with a raffle and dancing after dinner. Tickets are $25 by reservation. Call (773) 436-4444 for more information or to reserve your seating by Feb. 19th.

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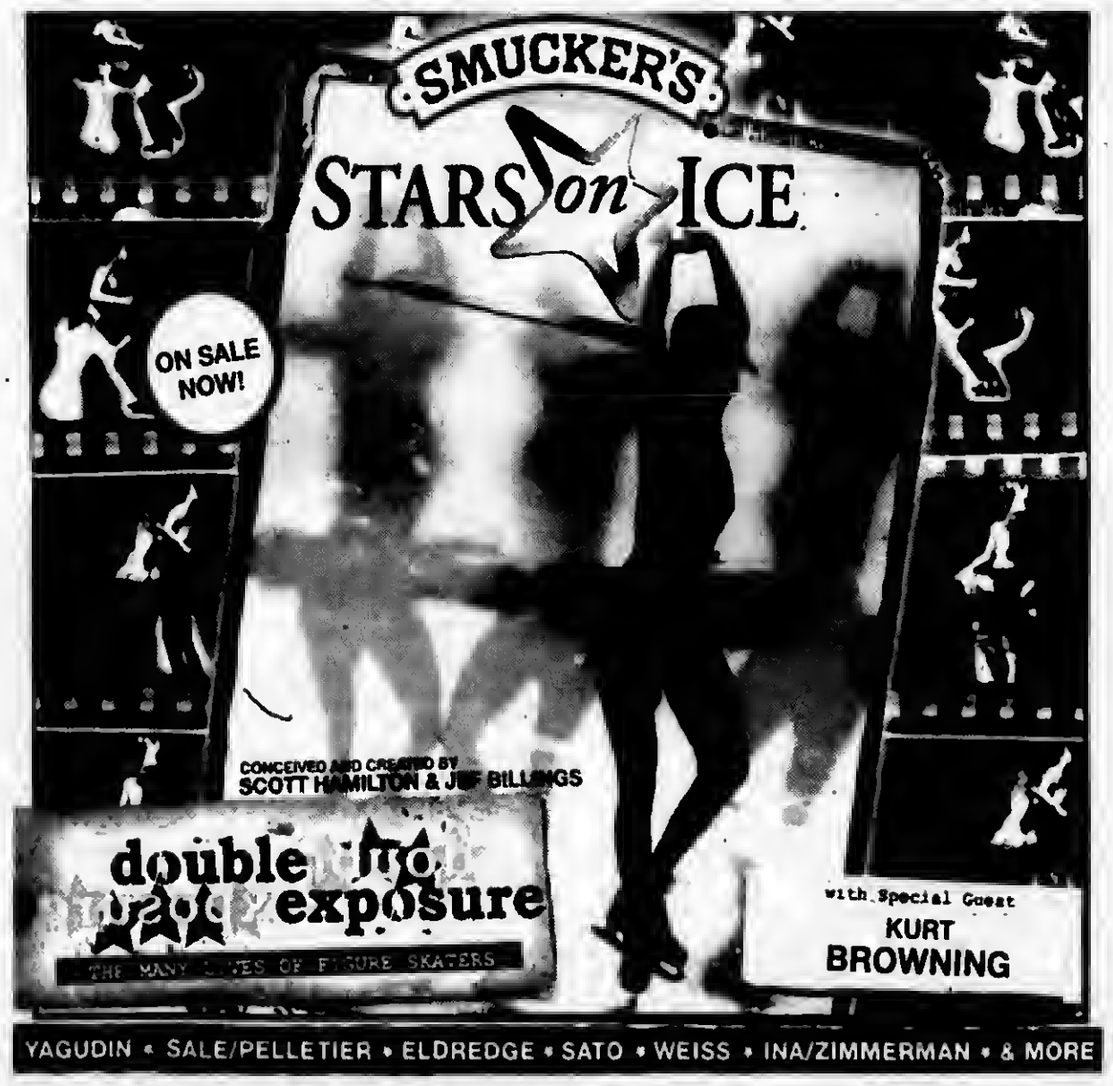
Celtic Suppers

On Sundays in February attend the popular Celtic Suppers at Gaelic Park, 6119 W. 147th St. in Oak Forest, beginning at 4 p.m. The Celtic Suppers are the perfect meeting place for large groups, and for only $16 a buffet dinner including soup, salad and a main entrée is served. Children are welcome; under 12 years admission is $9. This month's musical guests will be John Gleason on Feb. 11th, Velvet Green on Feb. 18th and Sean O'Donnell on Feb. 25th.

Reservations are required for all Celtic Suppers so call Gaelic Park at (708) 687-9323 or visit the web site at www.chicagogaelicpark.org to reserve seats or get more information.



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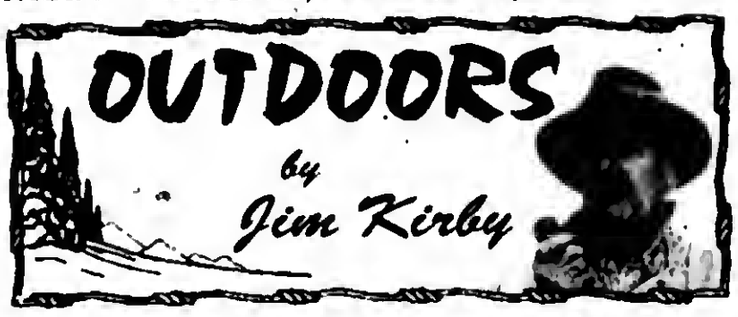

TINLEY PARK FISHING AND OUTDOOR SHOW: This is the show you don't want to miss. It has something for every one of all ages. It's close to home, doesn't cost an arm and a leg and has plenty of free parking.

This show supports all of the student athletes at Tinley Park High School. With a show that draws literally thousands of visitors, it is no wonder that the big shows are taking notice.

On Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 10th and 11th, the 14th annual Tinley Park Fishing and Hunting Show will be back once again. The show is filled with exhibitors taking up well over 85,000 square feet of exhibitor space.

The show has grown every year since it started in 1994 with fishing tackle exhibitors and Charter Captains. Vacation resorts from Wisconsin, Minnesota, Kentucky and Canada can be found throughout the show. Outdoor specialty items can also be seen and purchased which is a real favorite. The line-up of seminar speaker features is very impressive.

Kids have a lot to do too! The show has a kid's casting competition and a treasure hunt. The main stage has great demonstrations, including dog obedience and agility. Snake and reptiles will be brought out for people to see and touch.

Visitors will have an opportunity to participate in the raffle for a brand new boat with trailer and outboard motor, courtesy of Basa's Marine in Bolingbrook. Other great prizes in the raffle include a $350 custom-made fishing rod from Rod Craft Components and vacation fishing trips and other fantastic prizes.

The Tinley Park Fishing and Outdoor Show will be on Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 10th and 11th from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is only $4 for adults, $3 for senior, $2 for children 7 to 13, and kids 6 and under free. The show is held at Tinley Park High School, 6111 W. 175th St., just east of Ridgeland in Tinley Park. Ample free parking is available. For more details – www.tinleyparkfishingshow.com or call (815) 485-9199.

■**WHAT'S HAPPENING – Feb. 9:** Last day to apply for spring turkey, third lottery. **Feb. 10:** Raccoon and opossum hunting seasons close north zone. **Feb. 14:** Valentine's Day – remember your sweetheart, candy, flowers, or even a card will do!

■**PHEASANTS FOREVER:** The Orland Park Chapter of Pheasants Forever will hold their 2nd fundraising dinner on Thursday, March 1st at the Orland Chateau in Orland Park.

For tickets or information, call (708) 349-1423. Okay pheasant hunters, this is your chance to help bring back these birds. The chapter is looking for volunteers to help make this banquet a success.

■**AVIAN FLU SURVEILLANCE:** The Illinois Department of Natural Resources announced plans to participate in the national surveillance effort for highly-pathogenic (HP) Asian H5N1 avian influenza by collecting samples from hunter-harvested waterfowl this fall. Illinois has been awarded $75,000 by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to pursue statewide surveillance of certain wild birds for the disease.

Through federal funding obtained by the state, the IDNR plans to collect a total of 750 samples this fall as well as during the spring migration. Samples will be taken from several species of ducks and geese, which were selected based on migratory connections to other continents where HP Asian H5N1 is known to occur. Currently, HP Asian flu has not been detected in North America.

■**CHECK-OFF FOR CONSERVATION:** Anglers, hunters and other outdoors enthusiasts now have a new, easy way to support fishing and hunting programs, thanks to an Illinois Conservation Foundation (ICF) donation check off option through DNR Direct, the IDNR automated license, permit and registration system.

Those using DNR Direct to buy Illinois hunting, fishing or sportsmen's combination licenses, permits and stamps will be offered the option of including a voluntary donation of $3 or more to the ICF to support fishing and hunting programs throughout the state.

The new check-off contribution option will be available at more than 800 DNR Direct license and permit vendor locations throughout Illinois – and as a pop-up option on DNR Direct online through the IDNR web site www.dnr.state.il.us. Those using DNR Direct through the toll-free telephone system at 1(888) 673-7648 can also designate a minimum $3 donation to the ICF as part of their transactions.

■**BOATING FATALITIES RISE:** The latest report from the Coast Guard Office of Boating Safety shows an increase in boating accidents in 2005, but industry leaders say that coincides with an increase in the amount of boating activity.

The Coast Guard reported 4,969 accidents, 697 fatalities, 3,451 injuries and about $387 million in property damage in 2005. The number of registered boats also increased in 2005, to 12,942,414 from 12,781,476 the year before.

Fish Consumption Advisory

The Illinois Dept. of Public Health announced the 2007 consumption advisories for sport fish caught in Illinois waters follow the same guidelines as 2006.

While there is no known immediate health threat from eating contaminated fish from any body of water in Illinois, there are concerns about the effects of long-term, low-level exposure to pesticides and chemicals, such as chlordane, PCBs (polychlorinated biphenyls) and methylmercury, found in fish listed on the advisories. Methylmercury, which results from mercury emitted primarily by coal-burning power plants, has been found to cause reproductive damage and have adverse effects on the central nervous system, including developmental delays.

Because eating fish with high mercury levels can pose serious health risks, Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich proposed significant reductions in mercury emissions from Illinois' coal-fired power plants. Illinois now requires power plants in Illinois to reduce their mercury emissions by 90 percent by June 30, 2009, and prohibits power plants from purchasing allowances or trading emissions credits with other companies or states – practices that can lead to toxic "hot-spots" around individual plants.

The advisories are based primarily on protecting sensitive populations, including women of childbearing age, pregnant women, fetuses, nursing mothers and children younger than 15 years of age. They may be overprotective for women beyond childbearing age and men older than 15.

The statewide mercury advisory cautions sensitive populations to eat no more than one meal per week of predator fish, which pose a greater risk because they feed on other fish and accumulate higher amounts of methylmercury. Predator fish include all species of black bass (largemouth, smallmouth and spotted), striped bass, white bass, hybrid striped bass, flathead catfish, muskellunge, northern pike, saugeye, sauger and walleye.

Some mercury occurs naturally in the environment and more can be released into the air through industrial pollution. When it falls into surface water, bacteria in the water cause chemical changes that transform the mercury into methylmercury, which is then taken up by fish as they feed on aquatic organisms.

Hustling Up Hancock

Over 4,000 firefighters, lung cancer survivors, former smokers, lung-transplant patients, people with asthma and weekend athletes will climb the 94 floors of the John Hancock Center on Sunday, Feb. 25th in a fundraiser to benefit research programs of the American Lung Assn. of Metropolitan Chicago.

The 10th annual OfficeMax Hustle Up the Hancock, Chicago's most popular stair climb, will also include 237 firefighters running in memory of those lost in the World Trade Center disaster.

Steve Ferkau, a double-lung transplant recipient, who received the lungs of Kari Westberg, a 17-year-old volleyball star, will be leading a team of 90 including friends and relatives of Kari. The heartwarming story is depicted at www.climbingforkari.org.

Terry Purcell, an Australian living in Springfield, Illinois, has been the fastest climber five years running. In 2006 he set a blistering pace by bounding the 1,632 steps to the 94th floor Hancock Observatory in a record 9 minutes, 39 seconds, taking less than 6.2 seconds per floor.

Climbers will enjoy a post-climb party at the nearby Hilton Suites Chicago, live music from the U2 tribute band Vertigo USA, goody bags and entry into the Hancock Observatory.

A group of 36 'elite' climbers will kick off the Hancock assault and volunteers will be on hand to dispense 3,500 bananas and 393 gallons of water. Almost $4 million has been raised for lung research and educational programs since the climb's inception.

The OfficeMax Hustle Up the Hancock on Feb. 25th is one of the most popular stair climbs in the United States. Registration for the sold-out 2007 event opened and closed within 31 minutes in November. Hustle will raise more than $1,000,000 to support research and education programs of the American Lung Assn. of Metropolitan Chicago. For more information or to sponsor a climber, visit www.lungchicago.org or dial (312) 243-2000.

Phillip Hawke Signs

The Windy City ThunderBolts will have some extra left-handed power when they take the diamond at Hawk Ford Field with the addition of infielder Phillip Hawke. The 23-year-old Hawke was originally drafted by the Texas Rangers and spent two years in their minor league system.

Hawke debuted with the Rangers' rookie-level affiliate in 2005 and hit .386 with four home runs and 17 RBI in 19 games before being promoted to Class A Spokane. He added six more home runs and 14 RBI while batting .250 in 26 games for the Indians.

Last season Hawke played for Class A Bakersfield in the California League. In 36 games with the Blaze, Hawke hit .220 with two home runs and 15 RBI as both a first baseman and a designated hitter.

Prior to being drafted, Hawke played for four seasons at the University of Louisiana-Lafayette. For his career, he hit .319 with 30 home runs, 170 RBI, 42 doubles, and 133 runs scored. His best season came in 2005 as a senior when he batted .357 with 12 home runs, 16 doubles, and 68 RBI in 65 starts. Current ThunderBolt John McCarthy was teammates with Hawke on the 2005 Ragin' Cajuns squad.

The ThunderBolts have released the team's 2007 schedule and will host the Rockford RiverHawks for opening night at Hawk Ford Field on May 23rd.

Woodwind Workshop

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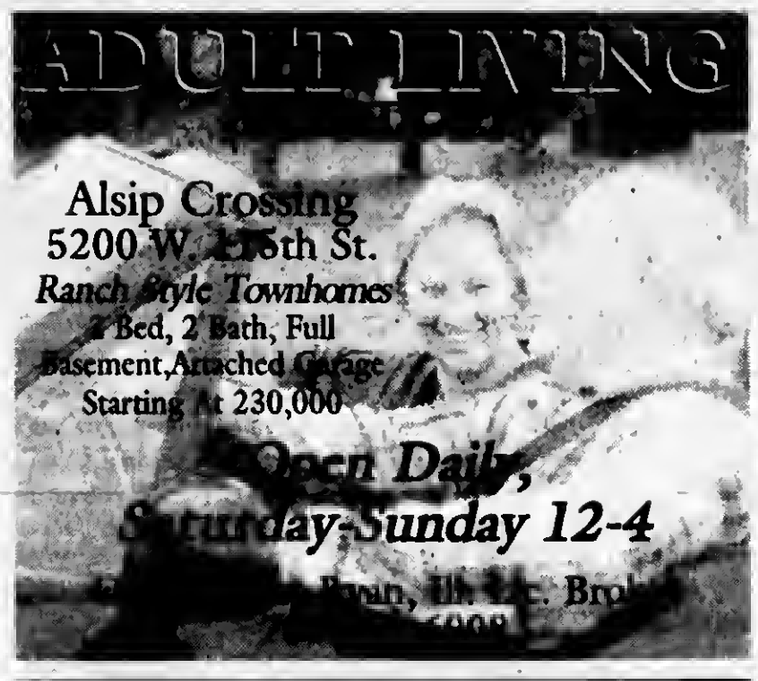
The cost of the workshop is $150. For more information, call Andrea R. DiOrio at (630) 829-6320 or e-mail her at adiorio@ben.edu.



Letter To The Editor

Dear Editor,

There has been a great deal in the press recently regarding my position on the smoking ban in Cook County. I would like to take this opportunity to make my position clear. I AM IN FAVOR OF A SMOKING BAN. I wholeheartedly support it, but when it puts everyone on equal ground. The Chicago ordinance does not take effect until July 1, 2008. That date gives businesses enough time to begin compliance and slowly phase the ban in over time. My amendment to the Cook County ban seeks to give the same opportunity to our suburban communities and businesses. It also gives government the opportunity to find a common sense solution, a solution that protects public health while protecting the interests of small businesses.

Certain municipalities began a smoking ban on January 2, 2007 and many restaurants and bars in those communities immediately saw a major decline in their business. Since not all communities began the ban, customers had the option, and exercised it, to simply cross municipality or county borders to patronize establishments where they could smoke. Personally, I wish everyone would quit smoking as I, in fact, lost my father-in-law and grandfather to diseases associated with smoking. There is no question smoking is a health hazard. Wishes, however, do not make it so and we must look at the realities of this situation. Many small businesses in our suburban communities have been put in jeopardy because these smoking bans are not universal.

There are many common sense solutions that have been presented recently and were not considered by the framers of this ordinance, including allowing exemptions for those businesses that have a primary customer base consisting of smokers. Even while granting exemptions, it is still possible to require the installation of smoke-eliminating equipment. Using criteria such as the presence of minors, service of food and square footage for exemptions is another possibility. All I am doing is asking that everything be considered. It is the only way to protect the rights of everyone.

While I am a firm believer in local control, the only way to make a smoking ban fair and give all a level playing field is for the Illinois General Assembly to pass a statewide smoking ban. What the press has not reported is that at the same time I proposed postponing the County ban until July, 2008 (to match the City of Chicago) I also presented a resolution strongly urging the State to pass such a statewide smoking ban.

Protecting the public health is of vital importance, but the economic welfare of small businesses in our suburban communities is also important. With the County facing a $500,000,000 budget deficit, we can ill afford to lose more businesses to bordering counties. As more businesses and patrons leave Cook County, the greater the responsibility is that falls on homeowners to fund public services.

Urging the Illinois General Assembly to pass a statewide ban is a sensible plan to provide the best opportunity for a healthy environment for both the public and local businesses. Please join me in this endeavor and visit my website at www.lizgorman.com. There you will be able to leave your comments and locate your State Representative and Senator to urge them to pass a statewide smoking ban.

Elizabeth "Liz" Doody Gorman
Cook County Commissioner – 17th District.

MWRD Budget Award

Terrence J. O'Brien, President of the Board of Commissioners of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, announced that the Government Finance Officers Assn. has awarded the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award to the District for the 2006 Budget, the 22nd consecutive year that the District has received this prestigious award. The GFOA also awarded the District, for the 31st consecutive year, the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for 2005.

Commissioner Gloria Alitto Majewski, Chairman of the Committee on Finance, said, "This is the highest form of recognition in governmental budgeting. On behalf of the taxpayers, we are very proud to be recognized for the budget and the CAFR. These documents reflect the sound financial management of the Board of Commissioners and the professional expertise of the staff."

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Thoughts On Health & Nutrition

by
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HAND WASHING, HAND WASHING, HAND WASHING

We are in the heart of wintertime, and all of us are surrounded by people with contagious infections. Taking precautions is of utmost importance during this time. The number one way to prevent catching a communicable disease? *Frequent hand washing*. The Center for Disease Control (CDC) has established guidelines for recommended washing. They are common sense, but, sadly, many of us are guilty of noncompliance from time to time, because we forget, are in a hurry or don't have convenient access to soap and water.

They are:

Before and after you prepare food

Before you eat

After you use the bathroom

After handling animals and animal waste

After coughing or sneezing

When your hands are dirty

More frequently if someone in your home is sick

To wash properly:

Wet your hands and apply liquid or clean bar soap. Place bar soap on a soap dish that allows it to drain. (Liquid soap is better because you are not sharing the same bar with someone else.)

Rub your hands together vigorously, scrubbing all surfaces for 15 to 20 seconds. That's about how long it takes to hum "Happy Birthday" twice.

Rinse well and dry your hands. In a public restroom, use the air dryer or paper towels.

If you don't have soap and water, use alcohol-based disposable hand wipes or gel sanitizers.

The Antibacterial Soap Debate

Antibacterial soaps kill germs on contact while ordinary soap releases germs from the skin so that they are washed down the drain or wiped off on towels. The jury is out on whether antibacterials, which now account for one-third of the soap market, are more effective against germs than soap and water. Manufacturers claim they are but a recent CDC study of 224 households over a one-year period showed that antibacterial users were no healthier than soap users.

The jury is also out on whether overuse of antibacterials promotes the development of "super-germs" resistant to antibiotics. The FDA will hold hearings to address both questions.

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Learn About Cancer Prevention

As millions of Americans embark on New Year's resolutions to live a healthier life, many resolution makers think that there is little they can do to avoid getting cancer. In fact, at least 50 percent of cancer deaths could be prevented through healthy lifestyle factors.

To help individuals learn more about cancer prevention and keep their commitment to a healthier lifestyle year-round, the American Cancer Society is launching the Great American Health Challenge. Research indicates that cutting cancer death rates by 50 percent nationally would save about 280,000 lives every year in the United States, including 13,000 lives in Illinois. Healthy lifestyle factors that help prevent cancer include maintaining a healthy body weight, eating a healthy diet, getting sufficient physical activity, limiting consumption of alcohol, not smoking or using other tobacco products, and getting cancer screening tests.

"An American Cancer Society survey found that 47 percent of adult Americans think they have little or no control over reducing their cancer risk, but that is not the case," said Clement Rose, M.D., president of the Society's Illinois Division. "The Great American Health Challenge will help raise awareness about how Americans can prevent cancer in their own lives, and will give them the information and tools to embark on, or maintain, a healthy lifestyle."

The American Cancer Society's Great American Health Challenge asks Americans to make a commitment to take the following actions to reduce their cancer risk:

- Check – Find out which cancer screening tests are appropriate based on age and family history, and discuss these with your doctor. Screening can prevent cancer or detect it at its earliest, most treatable stage. In January, take the Great American Health Check.
- Move – Be physically active most days of the week, and strive for 30 minutes of exercise on five or more days.
- Nourish – Eat a healthy, well-balanced diet that includes whole grains, five or more servings of fruits and vegetables daily, and limit consumption of red meats, especially high-fat and processed meats. In August, participate in the Great American Eat Right Challenge.
- Quit – Stop smoking, or join the fight against tobacco as an advocate for smoke-free communities. In November, participate in the Great American Smokeout®.

"The Great American Health Check is the first step in the year-long Health Challenge," Rose said. "Through the Health Check, we are encouraging Americans to log onto our Web site at www.cancer.org/greatamericans to learn more about how they can live a healthier life and make informed decisions to help reduce their risk of cancer."

The Great American Health Check (www.cancer.org/greatamericans) assesses an individual's risk for cancer. Easy-to-use and confidential, this interactive online tool allows users to enter data about themselves, then to receive an individualized action plan that provides guidance on which cancer screening tests are appropriate, as well as day-to-day lifestyle suggestions on how to eat healthy, get the right amount of exercise, limit alcohol use and quit smoking.

The five-year survival rate for cancers that can be prevented or detected earlier by screening is about 86 percent, which reflects real reductions in cancer deaths as well as earlier diagnosis because of screening. The Society estimates that in 2006 about 170,000 cancer deaths were expected to be caused by tobacco, and scientific evidence suggests that about one-third of the cancer deaths that occur in the U.S. each year are due to nutrition and physical activity factors.

The American Cancer Society is dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by saving lives, diminishing suffering and preventing cancer through research, education, advocacy and service. The Illinois Division has more than 120,000 volunteers and staff fighting cancer in the state. For the most up-to-date cancer related information, anytime night or day, call 800-ACS-2345 or visit www.cancer.org.

Botox Not Just A Cosmetic Drug

Botox isn't just for removing unwanted wrinkles and other facial imperfections. While the drug has gained extensive media attention for its cosmetic uses, it has many medical benefits, including treatment for individuals with neurological injuries.

Mark Tracy (pictured), MD, staff physician at St. Francis Hospital & Health Center in Blue Island who specializes in physical medicine and rehabilitation, says Botox injections can help people who have had a stroke, spinal cord or traumatic brain injury. In children, it can lessen the effects of cerebral palsy, a neurological disorder that permanently affects body movement and muscle coordination.

"Botox is used to treat muscle spasticity and pain by blocking the transmission of nerve impulses to muscles," Dr. Tracy said. "It temporarily weakens the muscle, making it easier to stretch out contracted joints and muscles with less pain. The result is reduced muscles contractures due to spasticity, or involuntary muscle contractions."

Botox, or botulinum toxin injection therapy, was approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for cosmetic use in 2002. It has been approved for the treatment of several medical conditions since 1989.

"Botox is a natural bacterial toxin," Dr. Tracy explained. "When administered properly, side effects are rare. If there are side effects, they are usually not significant."

Since Botox blocks the transmission of nerve impulses to muscles, it can be especially beneficial to stroke patients, Dr. Tracy said.

"Drooling is common in patients with neurological disorders," Dr. Tracy said. "Research shows that saliva secretion and drooling can be effectively treated with botulinum toxin injections into the salivary glands."

Patients with neurological injuries receive a Botox injection approximately every three months. Any sooner, and the patient may become immune to the drug, Dr. Tracy said. Depending on the severity of the condition and how effective the medication proves to be for the patient, one or two additional injections are administered over time. Botox injections used for treating neurological injuries are generally covered by insurance.

"This drug therapy is definitely not something that someone would be getting for the rest of their life," Dr. Tracy said. "In order for the drug to work, it has to be combined with an aggressive stretching program with a physical therapist."

People who should not consider Botox for neurological treatment include patients with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) or Lou Gehrig's disease, myasthenia gravis, a chronic neuromuscular disease, nursing mothers, and women who are pregnant.

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Offer MRI-Guided Breast Biopsy

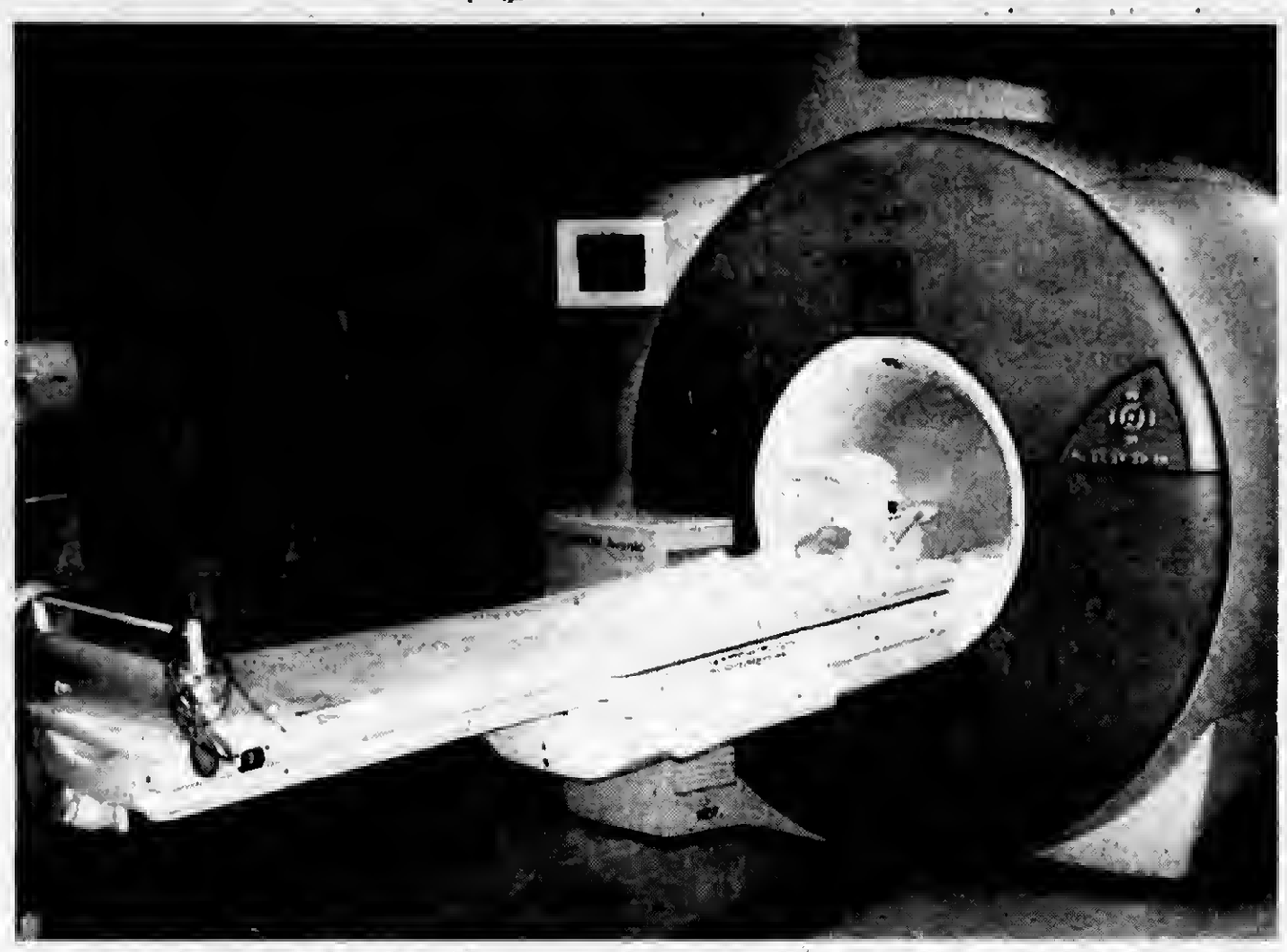
St. Francis Hospital & Health Center in Blue Island is using new, image-guided technology to quickly and accurately diagnose cancerous breast tumors and other suspicious lesions in women that cannot be accurately detected with traditional mammography or ultrasound.

The new Mammotome MR system at St. Francis is an MRI-guided breast biopsy device that gently removes suspicious breast tissue for evaluation. A magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) scan is performed first to determine the precise location of the suspected tissue. Then, a needle equipped with a vacuum device is inserted into a small, quarter-inch incision in the breast and the tissue sample is removed.

St. Francis is one of the first hospitals in the South Suburbs to offer MRI-guided breast biopsy.

"Previously, if MRI detected a lesion in a patient's breast that could not be visualized by ultrasound or mammography, we would have to send the patient to have it surgically removed in order to biopsy it," explains Ronald Kunst, M.D., board-certified interventional Radiologist and Medical Director of Radiology Services at St. Francis. "But with our new system, the invasive surgical procedure is not necessary.

"This technology can be especially beneficial for pinpointing lesions or tumors in women who have very dense breast tissue," he added. "With the MRI, we also look for other affected areas that may not have shown up on a mammogram or ultrasound."



St. Francis Hospital's on-site MRI provides full-body scanning, and is the area's only MRI system to diagnose heart problems. The 1.5-Tesla MRI provides more magnetic strength than other traditional MRIs, with greater detailed imaging (including three-dimensional anatomy studies) and significant noise reduction. The MRI has the largest bore opening available, providing a less confining feeling for the patient.

The new Mammotome MR Biopsy System at St. Francis eliminates the need for general anesthesia; eliminates the risk of distorting breast tissue, which makes subsequent mammograms difficult to read; and minimizes pain and recovery time for the patient.

Instead of having to take a golf-ball-size piece of tissue or larger from the breast as common in surgical biopsy, the new system's precision allows physicians to procure significantly smaller tissue samples. After the tissue is removed, the device inserts a tiny clip into the breast (about the size of a grain of rice) so that when the patient returns for subsequent biopsies, physicians will be able to easily see the exact location where suspicious tissue was previously removed.

With the new Mammotome MR system at St. Francis, a breast biopsy can be performed in an outpatient setting under local anesthesia. A doctor can make a precise analysis with minimal pain, scarring and recovery time. The biopsy procedure takes less than an hour, and patients can return to their normal daily activities immediately.

"The MRI allows us to obtain similar information to that of a surgical biopsy, but without the cost, risks and scarring to the patient." This can lead to better treatment for the patient," Dr. Kunst added. "This is a win-win situation for both physician and patient."

According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, breast cancer is the most common cancer in women (not counting some kinds of skin cancer). The disease strikes regardless of race or ethnicity, and is the most common cause of death from cancer among Hispanic women.

"Many women have a family history of breast cancer, so genetics is a factor in their cases," Dr. Kunst added. "Early detection is key. We can now offer these patients an effective screening tool with MRI and MRI-guided biopsies as necessary. That means peace of mind, and for some it could mean the difference between life and death."

The Mammotome MR Biopsy System was launched in May 2006 by Ethicon Endo-Surgery Inc., a Johnson & Johnson company. St. Francis was selected as one of the first locations to receive the new Mammotome MR system, based on its extensive experience with the Mammotome needle biopsy system used under mammographic and ultrasound guidance.

"I've been practicing MRI for 20 years, and that was the first time I've ever seen a breast biopsy done in an MRI setting," added Sandi Spencer, RT, Lead MRI Technologist at St. Francis. "It's exciting. It offers the female patient another option for her health care."

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Tapped For Scholarship

Rachel Ribich and Nicole Moser, Oak Lawn Community High School seniors and members of the Oak Lawn Community High School National Honor Society, have been nominated to compete in the National Honor Society scholarship sponsored by the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP).

Michael Riordan, principal at Oak Lawn Community High School, announced the nomination, which places Ribich and Moser in the national competition. This year the program will once again award $200,000 in college scholarships. As a new feature for the 2007 program, special recognition and additional awards will be presented to state and regional winners, along with the selection of one national recipient who will receive an additional $10,000 award.

Nicole Moser

Rachel Ribich

High school National Honor Society chapters from across the country were eligible to nominate two senior high members to compete. Nominees were selected on the basis of their leadership skills, participation in service organizations and clubs, achievements in the arts and sciences, employment experience, and academic record. They were also required to write an essay.

"Students nominated for the NHS scholarship not only demonstrate academic excellence but also excel in the areas of service, leadership, and character," said Rocco Marano, director, NHS.

In recognizing leadership in co curricular activities as well as academic performance, the NHS scholarship recognizes the importance of a well-rounded education. Co curricular activities are an essential part of the school curriculum.

The National Honor Society (NHS) and the National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) are the nation's premier organizations that recognize outstanding middle level and high school students who demonstrate excellence in the areas of scholarship, leadership, service, and character. NHS™ and NJHS™ are proudly sponsored by NASSP. NASSP-the preeminent organization and national voice for middle level and high school leaders–also sponsors the National Association of Student Councils (NASC), which promotes and provides leadership development opportunities to prepare and empower students to serve their schools and communities. If you would like additional information, visit www.nhs.us.

Announces Candidacy

On Monday, Jan. 29th, active community member and real estate consultant Erik Wiatr announced his candidacy for the Oak Lawn Library Board of Trustees, emphasizing his goals to ensure the quality of one of the village's prime assets.

"Oak Lawn's library is a quality public asset that is a great benefit to our community," Wiatr said. "As trustee, I want to use my experience in business and government to ensure fiscal responsibility to taxpayers and enhance service for residents by improving the overall quality of the library."

Wiatr is a homeowner and a graduate of Oak Lawn Community High School. He graduated from Southern Illinois University Carbondale, where he earned a bachelor's degree in history and a secondary teaching certificate. He was recognized by the university as one of the 25 most distinguished seniors of his graduating class. Wiatr currently is working in real estate for Coldwell Banker in Oak Lawn.

Wiatr stated that one of his goals is to use technology to increase the quality of service for residents. As trustee, Wiatr will seek community input by actively surveying residents about their wants and needs. He also would utilize technology to open additional means of communication between residents and their trustees. Wiatr will be a fiscal watchdog over taxpayers' money and assets by cutting unnecessary costs and allocating funds for more efficient uses. Wiatr will implement an atmosphere that encourages young people to use the library's resources.

"I have been a part of this community almost all my life and being a part of Oak Lawn's library is a way I can give back to our community," Wiatr said. "Attracting young people is a priority, and the library needs to continue to welcome and educate the next generation of residents. I am looking forward to this year's election and to working hard for the residents of Oak Lawn if they decide to elect me to the Board of Trustees."

On Monday, Jan. 29th, Wiatr submitted his candidacy petitions with 439 signatures from area residents. Library board candidates are required to submit 50 valid signatures from registered voters from the Village of Oak Lawn. Since Oak Lawn is a large community and trustees serve the entire village, Wiatr is expecting an energetic and competitive campaign. He already has been fundraising successfully and is planning an aggressive grassroots campaign to connect with as many Oak Lawn voters in the next 70 days before the general election on April 17th.

Public Service

NAMI Southwest is sponsoring a free public seminar on Tuesday, Feb. 20 at 7:30 p.m. at the Pilgrim Faith United Church of Christ, 9411 S. 51st Ave. The speaker will be Susan Curtis, a clinical psychologist in private practice in Mt. Greenwood. She will be discussing Asperger's disorder and other disorders that affect children.

NAMI Southwest is a group of families, friends, consumers and professionals providing support, education and advocacy. Its purpose is to eradicate mental illness and improve the quality of life for those suffering from these diseases. Monthly support group meetings are held for families of persons with mental illness on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:45 p.m. at the Pilgrim Faith United Church of Christ.

For more information on the upcoming speakers meeting and its support services for families of persons with mental illness, contact NAMI Southwest at (708) 425-0925.

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Children's Museum Dinner Dance

The Children's Museum in Oak Lawn will host its third annual dinner dance, Destination Imagination on Friday, March 30th at the Oak Lawn Hilton, 9333 S. Cicero. Open bar will be a 6 p.m. and dinner will be at 7 p.m.

Donation is $100 per person. All proceeds support the Children's Museum in Oak Lawn, 9600 East Shore Drive in Oak Lawn. Soaring Spirit Honorees will be Cathy Cepican, Director of Christian Education at Trinity Lutheran Preschool; Joan Geary, general Manager at the Oak Lawn Hilton; Robert V. Smith, Jr., Retired Oak Lawn Police Chief.

There will also be a silent and live auction and raffle prizes.RSVP before March 23. For reservations or information, call (708) 423-6709.

Open House

Pilgrim Faith Preschool, 9411 S. 51st Ave., will host an Open House on Friday, Feb. 9th from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Parents and children are invited to visit the school and meet the teachers. The children may play with the equipment while parents have an opportunity to ask questions about the school.

Registration for the 2007/08 year is now open. The state-licensed school offers half-day programs on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday to three and four year olds.

For more information call (708) 422-4200.

Woman Killed Husband In Self-Defense

The Oak Lawn woman who had shot and killed her husband shot him in self-defense. According to reports, Donna Miranda, 51, was arguing with her husband on Sunday, Jan. 28th. The argument was over who would pay for their daughter's dental work.

Miranda said that her husband, Juan Miranda, had begun choking her before she shot him. She said that when she fired, he kept coming at her.

Juan Miranda, 48, was pronounced dead at the scene. Police reported that he was shot six times. Donna Miranda dialed 911 to report the shooting.

It had also been reported that Mrs. Miranda had previously obtained an order of protection from her husband in 2002. It was stated that she had given her husband permission to stay in the family home on Saturday night, however, police weren't sure if he was a permanent resident in the home. He had another address on the north side of Chicago.

All evidence was given over to the Cook County State's Attorney's office that she probably acted in self-defense and they would not press charges. However, the Oak Lawn police department is continuing the investigation since multiple shots were fired.

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SHOP AND SAVE IN OAK LAWN

WE'RE LIBRARY NOTE

The Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St., will host two parties for young fans of SpongeBob Squarepants on Monday, Feb. 19th while school is out of session for President's Day. The first party will be held from 11 a.m. to noon for children in kindergarten through second grade. The last party will be held from 2 to 3 p.m. for students in third through fifth grade. Each event will feature crafts, games, and snacks based upon this Nickelodeon cartoon character who lives in a pineapple under the sea. Admission is free. No advance registration is required.

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The library will host a slide show and lecture exploring the photography of Ansel Adams at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 21st. Admission is free in the lower level meeting room.

Jeff Mishur of Art Excursions, Inc. will give an overview of the many phases of the long and distinguished career of this highly respected 20th century photographer. Participants will also learn about the historic context for Ansel Adams' choice of subjects and parallels of his works with those of painters of the period, such as his friend Georgia O'Keefe.

This program is made possible in part by an award from the Illinois Humanities Council, the National Endowment for the Humanities and the Illinois General Assembly.

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Students in grades six through 10 are invited to participate on the Library Teen Advisory Board from 7 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 21st. Teens can earn volunteer service hours while sharing ideas and suggestions to help the library better serve people in that age group. The group holds regular meetings on the third Wednesday of each month. No registration is required. Light refreshments are provided.

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The library will host a free informational program for seniors covering recent tax law changes and how to avoid identity theft at 2 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 22nd. The material will be presented by Rita J. Daemicke, EA, CSA and Robert H. Daemicke, EA, CLU. Both speakers are Enrolled Agents, which means that they are licensed to represent taxpayers before the Internal Revenue Service. They also hold certification as a senior advisor and a Chartered Life Underwriter for life insurance. Many useful handouts will be available.

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A complete schedule of adult programs may be viewed at the library's web site www.oaklawnlibrary.org. For additional information on any library programs, call (708) 422-4990.

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File No. D07105852 on Jan. 25, 2007. Under the Assumed Name of Ad Com Displays with the business located at 10636 S. Kenneth, Oak Lawn, IL 60453. The true name(s) and residence address of the owner(s) is: Jeffrey J. Hansen, 10636 S. Kenneth, Oak Lawn, IL 60453.

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File No. D07105726 on Jan. 16, 2007. Under the Assumed Name of Barb's Guest House with the business located at 9848 Southwest Hwy., Oak Lawn, IL 60453. The true name(s) and residence address of the owner(s) is: Barbara Keel, 15743 Sawyer, Markham, IL 60428.

Maria 2006 Snow Ball

Two hundred and forty guests attended Maria High School's annual fundraising event on Saturday, Jan. 20th. This year's Snowball honored 58 Sisters of St. Casimir who are also graduates of St. Casimir Academy/Maria High School with a special induction in Maria's Hall of Fame. The Honorable Anne Burke, Illinois Supreme Court Justice and graduate of Maria High School, provided a memorable welcome address as well as presided over the official induction ceremony.

Leona Conforti, class of '59, received the Maria Kaupas Award for exemplifying the same unselfish attitude that Mother Maria Kaupas brought to life. Conforti offered a beautiful toast to the education and spiritual direction she received from the Sisters of St. Casimir during her four years at Maria High School. In return, the Maria community brought attention to Leona Conforti's willingness to do anything in her power to continue Mother Maria's dream of educating and nurturing young women.

The 240 individuals in attendance enjoyed a four course meal, followed by dancing. Thirteen segmented story boards, highlighting 100 years of the Sisters of St. Casimir educational mission, decorated the room.

Pictured left to right: Sister Margaret Zalot, Leona Conforti '59, Dr. Susan Nedza '76, and Honorable Anne McGlone-Burke '62.

Elshtain To Speak At St. Xavier University

Saint Xavier University will present its eighth annual Honors Program Guest Lecture on Tuesday, Feb. 20th at 6:30 p.m. in the Butler Reception Room of the Warde Academic Center, 3700 W. 103rd St.

This year's notable speaker will be Jean Bethke Elshtain, who will present a lecture titled, "What Does it Mean to be Human?: C.S. Lewis on 'The Abolition of Man'." During World War II, C.S. Lewis penned an essay called "The Abolition of Man" in which he argued that people in the last half of the 20th century faced the loss of their humanity. Elshtain will examine Lewis' essay and ask if we remain in the danger zone that he identified.

Elshtain is a professor of social and political ethics in the University of Chicago Divinity School. At times a controversial figure, she is known for her work with the "just war theory" and was initially supportive of the American invasion of Iraq. Throughout her career, she has focused on connections between human ethical and political convictions, as well as the powerful role of women in sustaining cultural values.

Author, lecturer and contributing editor for *The New Republic*, Elshtain has written more than 500 essays that have been published in scholarly journals and journals of civic opinion. Among her books are *Jane Addams and the Dream of American Democracy (2002); New Wine in Old Bottles: International Politics and Ethical Discourse (1998); Democracy on Trial (1995); Women and War (1987); and Public Man, Private Woman: Women in Social and Political Thought (1981).*

Her most recent book, *Just War against Terror: The Burden of American Power in a Violent World (2003)*, was praised by the New York Times for challenging simplistic assumptions about the war against terror and offering instead "intellectual clarity." *Publisher's Weekly* named it one of the best non-fiction books of 2003.

The event is free and open to the public. The lecture is sponsored by Saint Xavier University's Honors Pro-gram, a program designed to provide an enriched academic experience for gifted and highly motivated undergraduate students. The event is co-sponsored by the Center for Religion and Public Discourse. For information about the lecture, contact Judith Hiltner, director of the Honors Program, at (773) 298-3230 or hiltner@sxu.edu.

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Veterans And Soldiers News

By Lori Taylor Ph: 708.388.2425

I spent the past week at my cousin's home in Oak Lawn. Sadly, we made the 5:30 a.m. news Friday on Channel 5. A car caught fire in the driveway, which spread to the house. The Oak Lawn Fire Department responded immediately and we were taken in by Jean's kind neighbors. A few hours later we were able to return to the house, which has exterior damage but luckily for my cousin the interior of her newly remodeled home did not suffer too much damage, but it is bad enough to cause distress. Thank God no one was hurt.

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The Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs is presenting a Salute to African-American Veterans on Saturday, Feb. 10th at Montford Point Marine Association in Chicago from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Major Theresa Joseph, Deputy G-1, 85th Div. (TS) U.S. Army, will be the guest speaker. The Major is co-author of "You Have the Power." There will be military displays, vendors, veteran benefit information and refreshments. For additional information, contact Latrina Griffin at (312) 814-5391.

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Recently a Congressional bill was signed into law recognizing Counselors as Mental Health Providers in the VA system.

Passage of the legislation – the "Veterans Benefits, Health Care, and Information Technology Act of 2006" S. 3421 – follows years of work by the American Counseling Association (ACA) and the American Mental Health Counselors Association to gain recognition of licensed professional counselors within the VA. Although rehabilitation counselors are recognized within the VA, licensed professional counselors have had only a limited role as mental health providers.

Until now the VA has not been able to hire counselors for mental health professional positions at the same pay grade as clinical social workers and others. Now these roadblocks will disappear.

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Army Pvt. Krystle G. Jackson has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, South Carolina. She is the daughter of Dave Kelley of Worth and Dana Cook of Hot Springs, Arkansas. Jackson is a 2005 graduate of Lake Hamilton High School, Pearcy, Arkansas.

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Johnson-Phelps VFW Ladies Auxiliary 5220 will host a Penny Social on Sunday, Feb. 19th at 1 p.m. at the post home, 9514 S. 52nd Ave. Refreshments will be served. For more information, call (708) 423-5220.

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A Military Family Support Group meets the first Tuesday of each month at VFW Post 2791 at 7:30 p.m. at 17147 Oak Park Ave. in Tinley Park. The object of these meetings is to provide families of deployed military personnel a place to meet, share experiences and discuss projects which can be done together to support the troops and families. Refreshments are provided. For information, call the post at (708) 532-2333.

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Quote: "Old age is like flying a plane through a storm – once you're aboard there is nothing you can do." Golda Meir

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Good-bye until next week. Happy Valentine's Day! God bless you and your family and God bless America!

Police Cadets Graduate

On behalf of Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich, Illinois State Police (ISP) Director Larry G. Trent recently announced the graduation of Cadet Class 113. The 51 new Troopers join 268 other officers who have graduated from the Illinois State Police Academy under Gov. Blagojevich's administration.

"The addition of these new Troopers to the State Police's ranks will help better protect Illinois residents, while also giving us the resources to increase safety on our roads," said Gov. Blagojevich.

Members of Cadet Class 113 began their training on Aug. 6, 2006 and were the first Cadets to attend the ISP Academy in fiscal year 2007.

"As these men and women accept the oath to protect and serve the citizens of our state, I take great pride in their accomplishments as they embark in their new assignments," said Director Trent. "With 2006 being the safest year on Illinois roadways in 80 years, the addition of these new Troopers will enhance our ability to continue to reduce traffic fatalities and save lives."

Help Great Lakes Naval Training Center

U.S. Senator Dick Durbin (D-IL) introduced legislation that would allow the five school districts serving the Great Lakes Naval Training Center to pool their students to maximize federal education assistance through the Impact Aid program. The legislation protects approximately $8 million in direct funding to the schools.

The Great Lakes Naval Training Center is a premier installation that brings roughly 1,800 children into the local school systems. North Chicago Community Unit School District 187 traditionally has served the majority of the students affiliated with the Naval Center. The concentration of students eligible for Impact Aid allows North Chicago school to qualify for a higher level of subsidy. The Navy plans to redistribute military housing in the area, however, which will result in the migration of many students out of the North Chicago school system and into Glenbrook High School District 225, Glenview Public School District 34, Township High School 113 and North Shore School District 112. Without the concentration of students affiliated with the Navy in the North Chicago school system, the North Chicago schools will lose its heavily impacted status and close to $8 million of federal assistance.

Many local school districts across the U.S. serve students affiliated with military families and include federally owned land exempt from local taxes which fund public schools. These school districts face special challenges, they must provide a quality education to the children in the area and meet the requirements of the No Child Left Behind Act, while sometimes operating with less local revenue than is available to other school districts. Impact Aid supplements the cost of educating those students whose families are part of the U.S. military.

Durbin's bill would allow North Chicago School District 187 to maintain its heavily impacted status and the associated federal assistance. It would also allow the schools in the community to distribute that assistance among school districts affected by the new distribution of Naval housing. Senator Barack Obama (D-IL) is a cosponsor of the bill.

In the 109th Congress, Durbin secured the measure in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2007 appropriated bill for the Department of Labor, Health and Human Services. The House version of the bill did not have a similar provision. Unfortunately, the Appropriations process was never completed and the bill was not passed.

Operation Location Unknown

Joined by the Director of the U.S. Marshal's Service and other members of the Illinois Sex Offender Registry Team (I-SORT), Attorney General Lisa Madigan announced the launch of "Operation Location Unknown."

"Operation Location Unknown is a coordinated strategy between the public and local, state and federal law enforcement to help track down and locate Illinois' most challenging non-compliant sex offenders," Madigan said.

Since the creation of I-SORT in December 2003, the team has worked consistently to improve the sex offender registry and locate offenders who violate the registration laws. While the Illinois Sex Offender Registry now contains more useful and accurate information than ever before, I-SORT continues to encounter groups of offenders whose information on the registry is inaccurate or their location is completely unknown.

Madigan announced a partnership between her office, the Chicago Police Dept., the Illinois Assn. of Chiefs of Police and the U.S. Marshal's Service to focus on tracking non-compliant offenders. As part of this initiative, these law enforcement agencies will work together to locate the most challenging group of non-compliant sex offenders – those who have failed to register upon release from prison.

Madigan said that during the past 18 months, a growing number of offenders discharged from prison have failed to register in the community in which they told the Illinois Dept. of Corrections (IDOC) they would be residing. This category of offenders is particularly difficult to locate because although they provided IDOC with an address, there is no information on where they actually reside. Because they have not registered properly, there is no "home" law enforcement agency to take the lead on investigating the case. Since January 2005, 252 offenders have failed to register after their release from prison.

As part of this effort to track these offenders, I-SORT is seeking the public's assistance. Specifically, each month, Madigan's web site, www.IllinoisAttorneyGeneral.gov, will spotlight 10 non-compliant sex offenders whose address is listed as "location unknown." The U.S. Marshal's Service also will include a link to Madigan's web site and the public will be able to access a dedicated e-mail address to report information they may have about each month's target offenders. The public will be able to e-mail Madigan's office at location unknown@atg.state.il.us in addition to using the I-SORT Hotline at 1(888) 414-7778.

Madigan said anonymous tips are welcome, and the I-SORT partners will evaluate and respond to the tips. Ten new targets will be added to the web site each month:

"Every fugitive still on the street represents a victim whose case is not closed. Our job is to be the voice of that victim," said Marshals Service Director John Clark. "By launching Operation Location Unknown, we will focus on those unregistered sex offenders in Illinois who don't want to be found. This is another example of how the cooperation among various law enforcement agencies will ultimately lead to safer streets for our children."

The Illinois Sex Offender Registry can be located at www.isp.state.il.us

IMSA Application Deadline

The Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy (IMSA) invites applications from Illinois students with a demonstrated interest and talent in mathematics and science. IMSA's tuition-free public residential educational program serves Illinois students (grades 10-12) talented in mathematics and science; most room and board expenses are provided by state funds.

IMSA offers a wide variety of challenging advanced level courses in mathematics, science, the arts and humanities, and opportunities for engaged learning in student research and student leadership development. In addition, the residential Academy also offers a wide variety of fine and performing arts, clubs and organizations, as well as interscholastic sports.

The application deadline to be considered for the IMSA Class of 2010, which will enroll next fall, is drawing near. Students can apply either online at www.imsa.edu/admissions/applyOnline or download a print application at http://www.imsa.edu/admissions/apply/application.pdf.

Talented Illinois students enrolled in the equivalent of a ninth grade program are eligible for consideration. Tuition and most room and board expenses are provided by state funds. The application and all supplemental materials must be completed and returned to IMSA, postmarked no later than March 1st.

For more information about IMSA or to request a printed application, call the Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy, Office of Admissions, 1500 W. Sullivan Road, Aurora, IL 60506-1067, (630) 907-5027, or in Illinois, 1(800) 500-IMSA or visit the IMSA admissions web site at www.imsa.edu/admissions.

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Go Jump In A Lake

Thick-skinned thrill seekers from across Illinois will brave the frigid Lake Michigan water at the 2nd Annual SUPER Plunge to benefit Special Olympics Illinois. The SUPER Plunge, where Some Unbelievable Plungers Enter Repeatedly, will kick-off the 2007 Law Enforcement Torch Run Polar Plunge season, as well as directly support the 20,000 Special Olympics athletes who compete in more than 175 sporting events throughout the year.

The special league of 25 plungers, which includes law enforcement officials, a Special Olympics athlete, Special Olympics representatives and other notables, will begin jumping into the lake at Northwestern University's North Beach in Evanston at 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 23rd. The very cold but determined plunging elite will continue immersing themselves in the icy water once an hour for 24 hours until 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 24th. Each participant was asked to raise at least $2,500 in donations for Special Olympics Illinois, with a goal of raising $75,000 in total. The public is invited to come out to the site and cheer on the SUPER Plungers or make donations by visiting the fundraising site at www.firstgiving.com/2007superplunge.

Mother Nature did not cooperate at the first SUPER Plunge in 2006. Dangerous wind-chill temperatures of more than 20 degrees below zero forced the early halt of the SUPER Plunge. But not before each SUPER Plungers had braved the frigid waters 14 times! Despite the weather, the event raised more than $58,000.

"We have 16 SUPER Plungers returning from last year who are determined to finish what they weren't able to do last year. Jumping into a freezing lake 24 times in one day while getting very little sleep takes a special kind of enthusiasm and dedication for a cause," said Jeff Henson, Director of Special Events for Special Olympics Illinois. "These plungers are showcasing their commitment to the many Special Olympics athletes who often display the same perseverance when working to achieve both their athletic and personal goals."

The Law Enforcement Torch Run is the single largest fund-raising event benefiting Special Olympics Illinois. The donations raised through Torch Run events like the SUPER Plunge and the 16 other Polar Plunges provides funding for year-round sports training and competition opportunities for the 20,000 Special Olympics athletes in Illinois.

"Knowing the many struggles the Special Olympics athletes have to endure each and every day makes jumping into cold water seem insignificant," said Lake Bluff Police Officer Dave Thomas. "Whether it's plunging for a specific person or just to have fun, we're all in this to help some very special athletes."

The following three area SUPER Plungers will sacrifice warmth and sleep to help friends, families, co-workers and others with intellectual disabilities achieve their goals as Special Olympics athletes: Bruce Quintos, Chicago Ridge, Retired Police Commander, Cook County Forest Preserve Police and Current Village Trustee in Chicago Ridge; Robert Reilly, an Officer with the Orland Park Police Department; and Randy Schmitz, Orland Park, Chicago Tribune Warehouse and a sibling of a Special Olympics athlete.

To support the 25 SUPER plungers, visit the fundraising site at www.firstgiving.com/2007superplunge or contact Special Olympics Illinois at (800) 394-0562. Those interested in registering for one of the sixteen other Polar Plunges may do so at www.soill.org or by calling the above number.

Police Seize Marijuana

More than 5,000 pounds of marijuana, with an estimated street value of more than $14.2 million has been seized by a multi-jurisdictional task force aimed at reducing the flow of illegal narcotics into the Chicago area, according to the Office of Cook County Sheriff Thomas J. Dart.

A Sheriff's Police officer, who is a member of NARCINT, (NARcotics and Currency INTerdiction), a task force comprised of Cook County Sheriff's Police, Illinois State Police, Chicago Police, and the Dolton and Posen police departments, initiated an investigation Wednesday evening Jan. 24th into a suspicious semi-tractor trailer traveling north on Interstate 57, south of Interstate 80 in Rich Township.

Following an investigative stop by the officer, additional NARCINT officers and a narcotics sniffing canine searched the rear of the trunk. Of the 24 pallets contained inside, six were found to have brown boxes stacked more than five feet high and four feet wide each. The pallets were shrink wrapped and all the boxes were filled with marijuana. In all, police seized 5,217 pounds of marijuana.

The driver, Juan Gutierrez, 39, of Tampa, Florida, told police he had just come up from Houston, Texas, and was supposed to deliver the truck to a man on Chicago's South Side. Gutierrez is charged with one count of cannabis trafficking, a Class X felony, punishable by a minimum of 12 years in prison. The investigation is continuing.

The NARCINT task force is funded by HIDTA, a federally funded program targeting narcotics enforcement.

Caution During Periods Of Extreme Cold

Snow, bitter cold and wind are just a few of the typical winter weather conditions in this region of the country that can contribute to health and safety issues. Vulnerable residents may be most adversely affected by the harsh temperatures that are expected over the next few weeks.

The Cook County Department of Public Health (CCDPH) offers some practical safety advice to make winter a little easier. When the weather is extremely cold, and especially if there are high winds, try to stay indoors.

"As a reminder, but most important, check on elderly or infirm neighbors and relatives often to ensure they are managing during a cold snap," said CCDPH chief operating officer, Stephen A. Martin Jr., Ph.D., M.P.H.

The Wind Chill Index is the temperature your body feels when the air temperature is combined with the wind speed. It is based on the rate of heat loss from exposed skin caused by the effects of wind and cold. As the speed of the wind increases, it can carry heat away from one's body much more quickly, causing skin temperature to drop. As a result, it's important to be properly dressed for lower temperatures.

Dressing for cold weather: wear a warm hat, most body heat is lost through the head; protect feet and hands, waterproof boots and gloves will keep extremities warm and dry; cover as much of the face as possible while outside, breathe through a fluffy scarf to warm air before it enters the lungs; wear several layers of lightweight clothing rather than one or two layers of heavy garments as the air between the garments acts as insulation to keep the body warmer; be prepared for signs of frostbite. Skin that turns whitish, stiff or numb should be warmed gradually. Wrap the area in blankets, sweaters, coats, etc. Do no rub affected area or apply snow to frostbite. Seek medical attention immediately.

Shoveling snow: cold weather strains the heart of even those in good shape, those strong enough to shovel should rest often and pace themselves; those not in good shape should ask for help from a physically fit neighbor; use a proper snow shovel and lift with one's legs, not one's back.

Auto safety: keep the car in good condition by making sure there is enough gas, antifreeze, windshield wiper fluid and oil; carry emergency supplies, including a flashlight and blanket.

In the home: never use an oven as a heating device, read all directions before using space heaters and other portable heating units; make sure cracks in windows and doors are repaired, as a quick fix, use towels, rugs or newspapers; and keep an emergency supply of bottled water and canned and other non perishable foods along with batteries and flashlights in case one is stranded at home. Make sure baby foods, diapers and medicines are included in one's supply.

For health: drink caffeine-free, non-alcoholic beverages such as decaffeinated coffee, tea, hot chocolate and soup to stay warm and hydrated; and check with one's doctor or pharmacist about medications that could cause problems in cold weather.

Residents of suburban Cook County should check with local municipalities and townships for warming center information. For more information, contact CCDPH at (708) 492-2000 or www.cookcountypublichealth.org.

Other resources include www.ready.gov/america/beinformed/winter.html, TDD for hearing/speech impaired is (708) 492-2002.

Receives Medal

The U.S. Armed Forces has awarded Saint Xavier University's Father Robert Barry, O.P., with the prestigious Meritorious Service Medal for his outstanding non-combat meritorious achievement and service.

Barry, who has served in the military for nearly 20 years, is currently a lieutenant colonel in the Air National Guard and the wing chaplain for the U.S. Air Force's 183rd Fighter Wing in Springfield, Ill. For the past two summers, he has provided sacramental and pastoral care to more than 1,000 wounded and ill American soldiers and Marines at the Landsthul Regional Medical Center, one of Germany's leading trauma hospitals that cares for large numbers of the sick and wounded from Iraq and Afghanistan. Patients, physicians and family members of these patients have commended Barry for his compassionate pastoral care.

"I am not sure I deserve the honor because I think that the prayer, faith and hope in God exhibited by the doctors, nurses, staff, soldiers and Marines far outstrips mine. They are the ones who deserve the honors," said Barry, who lives in Chicago's Pilsen neighborhood.

Barry currently serves as Saint Xavier University's campus minister and instructor of religious studies courses. He has been at Saint Xavier since 2003.

Well known speaker and author Mrs. Carolyn Ulrich will present a slide show lecture on "Garden Design Through The Ages" at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 11 in the Chicago Botanic Garden's Fairchild Room as one of the Wisconsin Illinois Lily Society's Spring series of free, public slide/show lectures.

Mrs. Ulrich is editor-in-chief of Chicagoland Gardening Magazine, and has won the Garden Writers Association Quill and Trowel award for outstanding achievement three times. Mrs. Ulrich's articles on gardens and gardening have appeared in numerous regional and national gardening magazines. She has also led many garden tours throughout Europe.

Those attending the illustrated lecture will learn the highlights of how gardens have evolved over the ages, as gardeners have searched for their own bits of paradise on earth.

The mission of the Wisconsin Illinois Lily Society, an affiliate of the North American Lily Society, is to further the knowledge and propagation of true lilies.

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Sues Unlicensed Mortgage Companies

Attorney General Lisa Madigan announced that her office, working with the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation (IDFPR), has filed suit against three affiliated Riverside area mortgage companies and their president for operating without a mortgage license.

The lawsuit alleges that the defendants, Candice Company, Inc., Cadillac Properties, Inc.,. Payment Center, Inc., and Donna DiBrito, the president of the three entities, violated the Illinois Residential Mortgage License Act as well as the Illinois Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Business Practices Act.

According to the complaint, the mortgage companies are not licensed by the IDFPR as required by the Illinois Residential Mortgage License Act. Despite the fact that they are not licensed, records obtained from the Cook County Recorder of Deeds indicate that the defendant companies have issued more than 200 mortgages for amounts ranging from $25,000 to nearly $200,000. Over the years, these companies have completed more than $10 million worth of unlawful mortgage transactions.

The complaint alleges that the companies provided residential mortgage loans to consumers to allow them to finance home repair projects to be completed by one of two repair contracting businesses: Father & Sons Contractors, Inc., and Father & Sons Remodelers, Inc. Donna DeBrito, the president of the three mortgage companies, is also the president of both Father & Sons companies. The three mortgage and two home repair companies operate from the same Riverside address, 26 East Ave.

The complaint alleges how the defendants' conducted business. Specifically, Ronald Kafka, acting as a purported agent of the Father & Sons home repair businesses, would approach consumers and solicit their home repair business, convincing them that the companies could provide a professional remodeling job and also would refer the customer to a finance company for the home repair project. Referrals would be made to one of the three mortgage companies named in the complaint. Once a consumer signed the home repair and mortgage contracts, the mortgage companies would demand payment, regardless of whether the work had commenced or was performed in a shoddy manner.

If consumers called DiBrito to complain, they were allegedly told that the home repair companies and mortgage companies were separate entities, and that they had to pay the mortgage regardless of the status of the home repair work. DiBrito never told consumers that she was president of both the home repair and the mortgage companies.

DiBrito's mortgage companies have filed foreclosure actions against more than 70 homeowners. Many homeowners, fearing foreclosure, still continue to pay on mortgage loans in the face of having received no work, partially completed or shoddy work.

Madigan's lawsuit, filed in Cook County Circuit Court, asks the court to prohibit the defendants from continuing to offer, provide or service residential mortgage loans without a license. In addition, the lawsuit seeks a civil penalty of $50,000 and additional penalties of $50,000 for each violation found to have been committed with the intent to defraud. Finally, Madigan's lawsuit asks the court to order the defendants to pay restitution to consumers.

The Attorney General's Office has previously filed lawsuits against DiBrito, Kafka and Father & Sons for multiple violations of the Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Business Practices Act. Two of those suits are still pending, the first asks that DiBrito, Kafka, and the Father & Sons Remodelers be enjoined from violating the Consumer Fraud Act, and the second asks that Kafka and Father & Sons Contractors be permanently enjoined from engaging in the home repair business in Illinois for a series of ongoing consumer fraud violations against Illinois homeowners.

Assistant Attorney General Anshuman Vaidya is handling the case for Madigan's Consumer Fraud Bureau.

Illinois Receives An 'A'

Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich announced Illinois received the highest grade possible in a University of Baltimore Obesity Report Card for the state's efforts to control and lower childhood obesity rates. Illinois received the high mark as a result of the governor's efforts to ban junk food in elementary and middle schools in the state. Illinois has also passed legislation for the collection of information relating to obesity including Body Mass Index (BMI) for their students. Illinois is one of only six states to receive the high grade.

The University of Baltimore awarded the grades based on the policies states had enacted in the categories of nutrition standards at school, vending machine usage, body mass index measured in school, recess and physical education, and obesity programs and education. In addition to the governor's ban on junk food in schools and BMI testing, Illinois has participated in the CATCH Program (Coordinated Approach to Child Health) which promotes healthy eating and physical activity in elementary schools. Each of these programs contributed to Illinois' 'A' on the University of Baltimore's Report Card.

In March 2006, the Illinois State Board of Education adopted the governor's proposal to ban junk food and soda in Illinois elementary and middle schools. Research shows that healthier students have higher attendance rates, better behavior and superior test scores. The rules prohibit junk food during the entire school day in elementary and middle schools.

In January 2004, Gov. Blagojevich unveiled Illinois' participation in the nationwide CATCH program, a multi-component health intervention program, which builds an alliance of parents, teachers, child nutrition personnel, school staff and community partners to teach children and their families how to be healthy for a lifetime. It is targeted at students in third through fifth grade. The components of the CATCH program include classroom curriculum, food service modifications, physical education improvements and family reinforcement to reduce cardiovascular disease and type-2 diabetes risk factors in youth.

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The I-Fly Program

Governor Rod. R. Blagojevich announced the return of regular air passenger service to Chicago from the Decatur, Quincy and Marion markets. Daily flights to Chicago's Midway airport from the three downstate airports took off Feb. 1st under a deal worked out through the state's I-Fly program. Prior to these inaugural flights to Midway, the only air service at the three airports was to St. Louis.

"Last Fall, we doubled the number of state sponsored Amtrak trains, and now new flights are taking off. Connecting Chicago and downstate communities will not only help attract businesses to expand and locate in Illinois, but will make it easier for anyone traveling our state," Gov. Blagojevich said.

This air service between Decatur, Quincy and Marion is possible through funding in the I-Fly program. The program was created in 2003, but had never been funded until Fiscal Year 2007 when Gov. Blagojevich and members of the General Assembly agreed to include $1.65 million for the I-Fly program to restore air service between Chicago and these three downstate communities.

Air Midwest, Inc. began initial service from Decatur, Quincy and Marion to Chicago's Midway airport. Service includes multiple roundtrips during the week, with one roundtrip on Saturday at Decatur and Marion, and one roundtrip on Saturday and Sunday at Quincy. In addition to the Chicago service, there is also a roundtrip flight each day between Quincy and Kansas City. Air Midwest is using Beech 1900, which are turboprop planes that are capable of carrying 19 passengers per flight.

The I-Fly program is intended to provide incentives to airlines to begin operations in underserved Illinois airports. The Illinois Department of Transportation is providing grants to the airports in Decatur, Quincy and Marion that will guarantee a certain amount of revenue to Air Midwest for each flight. The local airports will be required to provide a 20 percent match.

The goal of the program is to provide an initial subsidy to bring airlines to underserved airports to initiate service, and then to work cooperatively with the local communities to help the service become self-sufficient. All three airports currently have air service to St. Louis provided by RegionsAir, a federally subsidized service. Air service to Chicago stopped in Quincy during 2003, Decatur in 1999, and Marion has not had any service other than to St. Louis since 1986.

Lithuanian Program

A program commemorating the establishment of Independence of the Republic of Lithuania will be presented by the Chicago Lithuanian Women's Club on Wednesday, Feb. 14th at Camelot Banquets, 8624 W. 95th St. in Hickory Hills. Ramojus and Aldona Vaitys will narrate the progress of the Children's Gate of Learning Centers in Lithuania. Musical entertainment will be provided by Algimantas Barniskis.

The social hour starts at 12:30 with the luncheon to be served at 1 p.m. Reservations at $22 per person are available by calling Irene Norbut at (708) 974-2946. Hostesses are Nijole Kaveckas and Elena Cizinauskas.

Urban Legends Of Chicago

The widely-believed urban legend of the Great Chicago Epidemic of 1885, the Rockford College presidency of Julia Gulliver and her drive to turn "Western Girls" into "Useful Women," and Chicago confidence man George W. Streeter's drive to work his way into the public's imagination are featured in the latest issue of the *Journal of Illinois History*, a scholarly publication about the state's history.

Many recent histories of Chicago mention 1885 epidemics that killed up to 90,000 people, 12 percent of the city's population. These cholera, typhoid and dysentery epidemics were reportedly triggered by a flood that washed raw sewage into the city's water supply. While the Aug. 3, 1885 flood caused by a five-and-one-half-inch rainfall in 19 hours really occurred, the epidemics did not. The first mention of a supposed 1885 epidemic was made in 1941 by Chicago Superintendent of Sewers Thomas D. Garry, who noted a "fearful typhoid epidemic of 1885" but did not provide a source for this information. Then, when the Metropolitan Sanitary District of Chicago tried to drum up public support for its expensive "Deep Tunnel" system underneath the city, it published a 1957 pamphlet that noted the "death from the terrible diseases of polluted water" that came from the 1885 storm. A 1964 newspaper advertisement recognizing the 75th anniversary of the Sanitary District furthered the legend, noting: "So it was...on that day in August 1885, when nature pulled the stopper and the rains came, Chicago was to find itself drinking raw sewage and death along with its breakfast coffee. Death from water-borne disease raged through the city." Newspaper and magazine articles as late as 1979 still reported the non-existent epidemic as fact. The article was written by Libby Hill, author of *The Chicago River: A Natural and Unnatural History.*

The second article profiles Julia Gulliver, who came to Rockford College in 1890 after becoming only the second woman in the United States to earn a doctorate in philosophy. She was named president of the college in 1902, and for the next 17 years championed a vocational curriculum for the all-female school, stressing home economics and secretarial work, through which she hoped to increase enrollment and attract potential donors. For decades, colleges had been criticized for not preparing women for "duties peculiar" to them. Gulliver's response was to develop coursework that would make "Western girls" into "useful women," recognizing women's roles as consumers who must have practical applications for their knowledge. The article was written by Anne Meis Knupfer, professor of educational studies at Purdue University.

From 1886 to 1921 George Wellington Streeter spun lies, forged legal documents, and used violence to wrest 186 acres of shoreline from some of Chicago's most powerful businessmen. He also wrung money from the pockets of the poor by selling them lots he did not own. However, Streeter was a masterful promoter who portrayed himself as pioneer who staked a claim and defended his land against marauding capitalists. He convinced many contemporaries, including a biographer, theater producer, radio disc jockey and several historians, that he was a hero of the frontier, and he subsequently became a celebrity. The article was written by Joshua Salzmann, Ph.D., candidate at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

The Journal of Illinois History is the foremost publication for readers who value documented research on the state's history, and features articles, book reviews, essays and bibliographies that have been reviewed by some of the country's leading historians. The *Journal* is published by the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency. Subscriptions are $18 per year for four issues. To obtain a sample copy, contact: Illinois Historic Preservation Agency, Publications Section, 1 Old State Capitol Plaza, Springfield, IL 62701, or call (217) 524-6045.

Business After Hours

Audi of Tinley Park, 8021 W. 159th St. in Tinley Park, will host the next Chicago Southland Chamber's Business After Hours on Tuesday, Feb. 13, from 5 to 7 p.m.

Join Chamber colleagues and other business professionals from the community for refreshments, appetizers, and raffle drawings in a friendly networking atmosphere. Valet parking will be offered at no charge. Bring business cards and promotional material for member display tables.

The admission price to the Business After Hours is $5 for Chamber members and $15 for non-members and is payable at the door.

The Chicago Southland Chamber is a regional organization that serves a population of 2.5 million in 85 communities in the area bounded by Chicago on the north, northwest Indiana on the east, Kankakee on the south and Joliet on the west.

Social Security Columns

A Wrong Number can Delay Your Tax Return

If you expect a refund on your federal taxes, you can avoid a delay by making sure all names and Social Security numbers are recorded correctly on your tax return.

When processing tax returns, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) checks all names and Social Security numbers for accuracy. When IRS discovers an incorrect Social Security number on your tax return, they send you a letter explaining the discrepancy. To fix the problem, you'll need to give IRS the correct Social Security number before you can expect your tax refund.

If you don't have a number or you need one for a dependent, call or visit Social Security. You'll need to show your age, citizenship or lawful alien status, and verify your identity. To learn more about the sort of information and documents you may need to submit, visit Social Security's Card and Number web site at http://www.socialsecurity.gov/ssnumber/.

You should also check the Social Security number on your W-2 statement and pay stubs to make sure it matches the one on your card. If it does not match, tell your employer immediately and also contact Social Security.

You also can visit your local Social Security office, or call 1(800) 772-1213, TTY 1(800) 325-0778.

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GENERAL

Q. I'm 55 years old and have worked since I was 18. So I have well over the 40 credits I need to qualify for Social Security. Why do I have to keep paying Social Security taxes if I already qualify for maximum benefits?

A. As long as you are working, the law requires Social Security tax withholding for almost all wage earners. Only some government employees and carecr railroad workers are exempt from Social Security taxes because they pay into a separate retirement fund. In addition, you should not confuse the eligibility rules with the benefit calculation rules. Although you need only 10 years, or 40 credits of coverage, to be vested in Social Security, your retirement benefit is based on your highest 35 years of earnings. In other words, if you were allowed to drop out of Social Security after meeting the 10-year vesting rule, you would receive a very small Social Security benefit when you reach retirement age, because we would have to add 25 years of "zcro" earnings into your retirement calculation.

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Q. Can you settle a bet I havc with a friend? She told me I need 40 credits from Social Security to collect retirement benefits. But I'm sure I read 10 years of work is the requirement. Who's right?

A. Both of you are right, because 40 credits and 10 years of work are roughly thc same thing. In 2007, you get one Social Security credit for each $1,000 you earn, but you can only earn up to four credits in a year. Obviously, people with breaks in their work history will take longer than 10 years to earn the 40 credits they need for Social Security.

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RETIREMENT

Q. My brother and I are both retired and get Social Security benefits. We worked side by side in the same factory for years, but he gets a higher Social Security payment. Why does he get more?

A. Unless you are twins and made exactly the same amount every year of your careers, you wouldn't get the same benefits as your brother. Social Security benefits are based on your age and your lifetime of earnings – generally the top 35 years. In order to get the same benefit as your brother, you and he must have been the same age, had the same earnings for each year and would had to have started and stopped working at the same time.

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DISABILITY

Q. It has been about a month since I applied for Social Security disability benefits and I still haven't heard anything. How long does a decision usually take?

A. The amount of time it takes for a decision on a disability claim varies. The nature of your disability and how quickly we arc able to get medical evidence from your doctor or medical sources can make a difference in how long it takes. Generally, to get an initial decision on your case, it takes about three to five months. If your claim is initially denied, there are several steps in the appeal process that you can pursue.

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Q. My 3-year-old son is autistic. My husband and I have been told that he may be eligible for disability benefits from Social Security. How would hc qualify for benefits? My husband and I both work full-time and pay Social Security taxes.

A. Social Security administers the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program that does pay disability benefits to some children. SSI is a needs-based program, so if your family is having a hard time making ends meet, your son might qualify for a monthly SSI payment. And if he gets SSI, he might also get Medicaid coverage. The only other way your son would qualify for payments is as a dependent on either your or your husband's Social Security record. When either you or your husband retire – or if either one of you becomes disabled and begins drawing a Social Security disability payment – he could collect because he's your dependent child.

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SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME

Q. My parents recently moved into a retirement community and they are signing their house over to me. Can I still get Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or will home ownership make me ineligible?

A. You can own a home and still receive SSI as long as you live in the homc you own. In most cases, when determining SSI eligibility we don't count the home you own and live in or the car you use as resources.

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MEDICARE

Q. I was born in February of 1944, so my full retirement age is 66. Do I sign up for Medicarc at the same time?

A. No – the Medicare eligibility age is still 65, so you should make an appointment to apply for Medicare first. Call 1(800) 772-1213, TTY 1(800) 325-0778, now to file for Medicare. While on the phone, we'll discuss your retirement plans and you may be able to sign up for Social Security at the same time. To learn more, visit Social Security's web site at www.socialsecurity.gov.

Something for the Children

Many people think of Social Security as just a retirement program. While it is true that most of the people receiving Social Security collect retirement benefits, Social Security touches families in many other ways – including those struggling to meet the basic needs of children with disabilities.

Children who have physical or mental disabilities may qualify for Supplemental Security Incomc, or SSI. SSI is a needs-based program that provides payments to peoplc with disabilities who have not worked enough and paid enough Social Security tax to receive Social Security payments – including children.

When determining whether a child is eligible for SSI benefits, Social Security considers the income and resources of not only the child, but also the parents or other family members living in the household.

The child must have a physical or mental condition that seriously limits his or her daily activities, and the condition must be expected to last 12 months or more, or end in death. To help us determine whether a child is disabled, we will ask for any information available pertaining to the condition. We also will ask thc applicant – thc parent, grandparent or guardian – to sign releases that allow us to obtain information from doctors, hospitals, clinics, teachers, therapists and other professionals who have information about the child's condition.

You can learn more about SSI by reading *You May Be Able To Get Supplemental Security Income* (SSI) (SSA Publication No. 05-11069) at http://www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/11069.html.

You also may want to visit Social Security's Kids and Families page at http://www.socialsecurity.gov/kids/index.htm. Therc you'll find information for kids, parents and teachers about Social Security numbers, benefits for children, the importancc of saving and low-cost insurance for children. You also may call us at 1(800) 772-1213, TTY 1(800) 325-0778, or visit your local Social Security office.

Social Security Benefit Statements Being Mailed This Past Month

It is not too early to begin gathering the information you will need to file your income taxes. And if you receive Social Security benefits, you will be glad to know your *Social Security Benefit Statement*, or Form SSA-1099, can be expected to arrive in the mail this month.

Beneficiaries will need this *1099 Benefit Statement* to complete their federal income tax return and to find out whether their benefits are subject to income tax. Generally, you have to pay taxes on your Social Security benefits if your total annual income is more than $25,000 as an individual or $32,000 for a couple. Less than a third of beneficiaries pay taxes on their benefits.

The *Benefit Statement* shows the gross amount of bencfits that were due and the net amount of benefits paid. The 1099 also shows the amount of any payments (such as Medicare premiums) that were withheld.

The *1099 Benefit Statement* should not be confused with the *Social Security Statement*, which is mailed to all workers age 25 or older not yet receiving benefits and gives an estimate of future benefits available. The *1099 Benefit Statement*, mailed in January, reports the amount of benefits a person has received in the past year.

Benefit Statements are only sent to individuals who received Social Security benefits in the prior year, so you will only receive one if you were paid Social Security benefits in 2006. People who get Supplemental Security Income (SSI) do not receive *Benefit Statements* sincc SSI is based on need and is not considered taxable income.

If you got Social Security benefits in 2006 and you do not find a *Social Security Benefit Statement* in your mailbox by Jan. 31st, or if you need a replacement copy, you can request one online by visiting our web site at www.socialsecurity.gov/online services. Or you can call Social Security's toll-free number, 1(800) 772-1213, TTY 1(800) 325-0778.

For more information on taxation of Social Security benefits, call the Internal Revenue Service's toll-free number, 1(800) 829-3676, to ask for Publication 554, *Tax Information for Older Americans.*

The Importance of Social Security Survivors Benefits

On Sept. 11th, the nation commemorated the fifth anniversary of the terrorist attacks on America. The nation suffered devastating losses on that day. Social Security employees, for example, handled more than 5,000 individual claims related to Sept. 11th. Although some were disability claims from people who survived the attacks, most were for survivors' benefits for the spouses and dependent children of those who died.

Looked at from another perspective, about 97 percent of persons aged 20-49 who worked in 2005 have survivors insurance protection for their young children and the surviving spouse caring for the children.

To see what your family could receive, check your *Social Security Statement*, which is sent each year to every worker agc 25 or older. The *Statement* gives an estimatc of survivors' benefits that could be paid, as well as an estimate of retirement and disability benefits and other important information.

If you would like more information about Social Security survivors benefits, visit www.socialsecurity.gov/planners/index.htm or call Social Security at 1(800) 772-1213, TTY 1(800) 325-0778, and ask for the publication, *Survivors Benefits.*

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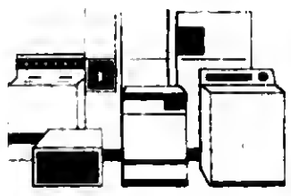

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PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered on October 23, 2006, Kaitan Realty Services, Inc., successor to Kaitan Financial & Capital Services, Inc., as Selling Official will at 12:30 p.m. on March 13, 2007, at 205 W. Randolph Street, Suite 1200, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real property: COMMONLY KNOWN AS 11805 SOUTH KOMENSKY AVENUE, ALSIP, ILLINOIS 60803. TAX ID# 24-22-414-015 The mortgaged real estate is improved with a dwelling. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
The judgment amount was $143,017.20. Sale terms: 10% of successful bid immediately at conclusion of auction, balance by noon the next business day, both by cashier's checks; and no refunds. The sale shall be subject to general real estate taxes, special taxes, special assessments, special taxes levied, and superior liens, if any. The property is offered "as is", with no express or implied warranties and without any representation as to the quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to review the court file to verify all information.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION AMERICAN HOME MORTGAGE ACCEPTANCE, INC. Plaintiff, -v.- ERIKA K. JOHNSON, et al Defendant 06 CH 9041 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on July 5, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on March 2, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 3611 W. 86TH PLACE, Chicago, IL 60652 Property Index No. 19-35-338-047 The real estate is improved with a single family residence.
The judgment amount was $118,774.27. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9878 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department. Please refer to file number 14-06-5201. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK F/K/A WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, FA Plaintiff, -v.- WILLIAM J. RIEMENSCHNEIDER, et al Defendants 06 CH 13019 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on September 27, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on February 21, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 8936 WEST 91ST PLACE, Hickory Hills, IL 60457 Property Index No. 23-03-407-016-0000
The real estate is improved with a single family 1 1/2 story home yellow frame and brown brick with attached 1 car garage. The judgment amount was $158,959.87. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE FOR ENCORE CREDIT RECEIVABLES TRUST 2005-2 Plaintiff, -v- JESUS LOPEZ, SR., et al Defendants 06 CH 10244 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on November 20, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on February 22, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate. Commonly known as 3737 WEST 78TH PLACE, Chicago, IL 60652 Property Index No. 19-26-343-023-0000
The real estate is improved with a brown brick single family one story home with a detached two car garage. The judgment amount was $130,960.11 Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY AS TRUSTEE OF AMERIQUEST MORTGAGE SECURITIES, INC., ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2004-R4 UNDER THE POOLING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT DATED AS OF MAY 1, 2004, WITHOUT RECOURSE, ASSIGNEE OF AMERIQUEST MORTGAGE COMPANY Plaintiff, vs. BRIDGETT Y SMITH-NILES, JOHN NILES, STATE OF ILLINOIS FOR THE USE OF THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY, UNDER JUDGMENT RECORDED JANUARY 13, 2005 AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 0501340100 Defendants, 05 CH 12760 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on May 3, 2006 Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, February 19, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate Commonly known as 8105 S California Ave., Chicago, IL 60652. P.I.N. 19-36-216-065 The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. Sale terms 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
For information call Sales Clerk at Plaintiff's Attorney, Law Offices of Ira T. Nevel, 175 North Franklin Street, Chicago, Illinois 60606. (312) 357-1125. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION MIDFIRST BANK, Plaintiff V. ROBERT J. JORFE; TCF BANK ILLINOIS FSB; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants 06 CH 10353
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE - CONDOMINIUM Fisher and Shapiro file #06-6266D (It is advised that interested parties consult with their own attorneys before bidding at mortgage foreclosure sales.)
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered on August 29, 2006, Kallen Realty Services, Inc., successor to Kallen Financial & Capital Services, Inc. as Selling Official will at 12:30 p.m. on February 28, 2007, at 205 W. Randolph Street, Suite 1200, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real property: COMMONLY KNOWN AS 13239 SOUTH FORESTVIEW COURT, CRESTWOOD, ILLINOIS 60445. TAX ID# 24-33-301-024
The mortgaged real estate is improved with a dwelling. The property will NOT be open for inspection. The purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
The judgment amount was $68,608.04. Sale terms: 10% of successful bid immediately at conclusion of auction, balance by noon the next business day, both by cashier's checks; and no refunds. The sale shall be subject to general real estate taxes, special taxes, special assessments, special taxes levied, and superior liens, if any. The property is offered "as is," with no express or implied warranties and without any representation as to the quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to review the court file to verify all information. For information: Sale Clerk, Fisher and Shapiro, 4201 Lake Cook Rd., 1st floor, Northbrook, Illinois 60062, (847) 498-9990, between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. weekdays only.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION BANK OF NEW YORK AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATE HOLDERS OF CWABS 2004-01, Plaintiff V. THEOPHIL S. KINNER, Defendant 06 CH 14277 NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE Fisher and Shapiro file # 06-7340D (It is advised that interested parties consult with their own attorneys before bidding at mortgage foreclosure sales.)
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered on November 18, 2006, Kallen Realty Services, Inc., successor to Kallen Financial & Capital Services, Inc., as Selling Official will at 12:30 p.m. on February 27, 2007, at 205 W. Randolph Street, Suite 1200, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real property: C/K/A 15210 South Kilpatrick Avenue, Oak Forest, IL 60452 TAX ID# 28-15-104-027 VOL. 0030
The mortgaged real estate is improved with a dwelling. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
The judgment amount was $174,800.44. Sale terms: 10% of successful bid immediately at conclusion of auction, balance by noon the next business day, both by cashier's checks; and no refunds. The sale shall be subject to general real estate taxes, special taxes, special assessments, special taxes levied, and superior liens, if any. The property is offered "as is," with no express or implied warranties and without any representation as to the quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to review the court file to verify all information. For information: Sale Clerk, Fisher and Shapiro, 4201 Lake Cook Rd., 1st floor, Northbrook, Illinois 60062, (847) 498-9990, between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. weekdays only.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE STRUCTURED ASSET INVESTMENT LOAN TRUST 2005-6 Plaintiff, -v.- DAVID D. LYVERS A/K/A DAVID LYVERS, et al Defendants 06 CH 12941 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on September 6, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on February 23, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 11836 S.SPRINGFIELD AVE., Alsip, IL 60803 Property Index No. 24-23-325-010
The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was $176,552.04 Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department.. Please refer to file number 14-06-7590. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE, IL 60527 (630) 794-9876 Attorney File No.: 14-06-7590 ARDC# 00468002 Attorney Code. 21762 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE OF ARGENT MORTGAGE SECURITIES, INC., ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-W3, UNDER THE POOLING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT DATED AS OF MARCH 1, 2006, WITHOUT RECOURSE, ASSIGNEE OF ARGENT MORTGAGE COMPANY, L.L.C., Plaintiff, va. KARYN RAGLAND, NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, UNKNOWN TENANTS AND UNKNOWN OWNERS, Defendants, 06 CH 12081 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on October 2, 2006, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, February 20, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 7942 South Richmond Street, Chicago, IL 60652. P.I.N. 19-36-104-034. The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
For information call Sales Clerk at Plaintiff's Attorney, Law Offices of Ira T. Nevel, 175 North Franklin Street, Chicago, Illinois 60606. (312) 357-1125. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION PHH MORTGAGE CORP. D/B/A COLDWELL BANKER MORTGAGE, Plaintiff V. DEAN C. CASSELL A/K/A DEAN CASSELL; PATTI JO CASSELL A/K/A CASSELL, Defendants 06 CH 15163 NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE Fisher and Shapiro file #06-7550D (It is advised that interested parties consult with their own attorneys before bidding at mortgage foreclosure sales.)
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered on September 25, 2006, Kallen Realty Services, Inc., successor to Kallen Financial & Capital Services, Inc., as Selling Official will at 12:30 p.m. on March 6, 2007, at 205 W. Randolph Street, Suite 1200, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real property: COMMONLY KNOWN AS 5504 WEST EDISON AVENUE, OAK LAWN, ILLINOIS 60453. TAX ID# 24-09-110-020
The mortgaged real estate is improved with a dwelling. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
The judgment amount was $172,986.10. Sale terms: 10% of successful bid immediately at conclusion of auction, balance by noon the next business day, both by cashier's checks; and no refunds. The sale shall be subject to general real estate taxes, special taxes, special assessments, special taxes levied, and superior liens, if any. The property is offered "as is," with no express or implied warranties and without any representation as to the quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to review the court file to verify all information.
For information: Sale Clerk, Fisher and Shapiro, 4201 Lake Cook Rd., 1st floor, Northbrook, Illinois 60062, (847) 498-9990, between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. weekdays only.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION. CHASE HOME FINANCE LLC SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO CHASE MANHATTAN MORTGAGE CORPORATION AS SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO AMERICAN RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE CORPORATION Plaintiff, vs. JEFFREY J. NIZIOLEK; CHERYL M. NIZIOLEK; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants, 06 CH 9614 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on December 5, 2006 Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, March 6, 2007 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 4904 Cypress Court, Oak Forest, IL 60452. P.I.N. 28-28-219-002
The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection
For information call William E. Dutton, Jr./Barbara J. Dutton at Plaintiff's Attorney, DUTTON & DUTTON, P.C., 10325 West Lincoln Highway, Frankfort, Illinois 60423. (815) 806-8200. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION THE BANK OF NEW YORK TRUST COMOANY N.A. AS SUCCESSOR TO JP MORGAN CHASE BANK N.A. AS TRUSTEE Plaintiff, vs. MICHAEL DALY; LINDA DALY; ROBERT MONACO; 159TH ST. BREMEN TOWN; MINI MALL, LLC.; UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants, 06 CH 9614 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on December 5, 2006 Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, March 6, 2007 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 4904 Cypress Court, Oak Forest, IL 60452. P.I.N. 28-28-219-002
The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. No refunds.
The property will NOT be open for inspection For information call William E. Dutton, Jr./Barbara J. Dutton at Plaintiff's Attorney, DUTTON & DUTTON, P.C., 10325 West Lincoln Highway, Frankfort, Illinois 60423. (815) 806-8200. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. Plaintiff, -v.- CAROYLN O'NEAL, et al Defendant 06 CH 14557 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on November 8, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on February 27, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 8519 S. KEDZIE AVENUE UNIT #103, Chicago, IL 60652 Property Index No. 19-36-306-025-1003 The real estate is improved with a condominium.
The judgment amount was $101,020.47. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department.. Please refer to file number 14-06-8480. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, F/K/A WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, FA Plaintiff, -v.- ADEL ALQARIQI, et al Defendant 06 CH 13901 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on September 11, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on March 2, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 7953 S. KNOX AVENUE, Chicago, IL 60652 Property Index No. 19-34-105-002
The real estate is improved with a single family residence.
The judgment amount was $76,054.80. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale
The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department.. Please refer to file number 14-06-8200. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION CROWN MORTGAGE COMPANY Plaintiff, -v.- BRYAN J. VANKUIKEN A/K/A BRYAN VANKUIKEN, et al Defendant 06 CH 14995 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 31, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on March 6, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 4662 W. 131ST STREET UNIT #1E, Alsip, IL 60803 Property Index No. 24-34-116-045-1005, Property Index No. 24-34-116-045-1015 The real estate is improved with a condominium.
The judgment amount was $97,506.32. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale
The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department.. Please refer to file number 14-06-8843. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION AURORA LOAN SERVICES, LLC Plaintiff, -v.- MANUEL GOMEZ, et al Defendant 06 CH 13549 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on September 14, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on March 2, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 4120 W. 101ST STREET, Oak Lawn, IL 60453 Property Index No. 24-10-426-019
The real estate is improved with a single family residence.
The judgment amount was $268,508.20. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale
The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department.. Please refer to file number 14-06-7954. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALECODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C.15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE, IL 60527 (630) 794-9876 Attorney File No.: 14-06-7954 ARDC# 00468002 Attorney Code. 21762 Case # 06 CH 13549 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE; Plaintiff, vs. SOFIA RAMIREZ; NEW CENTURY MORTGAGE CORPORATION; Defendants, 06 CH 14899 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on September 28, 2006 Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Friday, March 9, 2007 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 3918 W. 87th Street, Chicago, IL 60652. P.I.N. 19-35-335-032.
The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection
For information call William E. Dutton, Jr./Barbara J. Dutton at Plaintiff's Attorney, DUTTON & DUTTON, P.C., 10325 West Lincoln Highway, Frankfort, Illinois 60423. (815) 806-8200. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR LONG BEACH MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2005-3 Plaintiff, -v.- CAESAR AGUDELO A/K/A CAESAR F. AGUDELO, et al Defendant 06 CH 16966 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 17, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on March 5, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 8800 W. 87TH STREET UNIT #3NE, Burbank, IL 60459 Property Index No. (19-31-407-129 UNDERLYING), Property Index No. 19-31-407-130-1008, Property Index No. 19-31-407-130-1020 The real estate is improved with a condominium.
The judgment amount was $182,660.77. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale
The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department.. Please refer to file number PA0607058. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION BANK OF NEW YORK AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATE HOLDERS CWABS, INC., ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2004-8, Plaintiff V. TIMOTHY COSGROVE A/K/A TIMOTHY F. COSGROVE; PAMELA COSGROVE A/K/A PAMELA M. COSGROVE, Defendants 06 CH 15300 NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE Fisher and Shapiro file #06-6148D (It is advised that interested parties consult with their own attorneys before bidding at mortgage foreclosure sales.)
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered on September 19, 2006, Kallen Realty Services, Inc., successor to Kallen Financial & Capital Services, Inc., as Selling Official will at 12:30 p.m. on March 7, 2007, at 205 W. Randolph Street, Suite 1200, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real property: COMMONLY KNOWN AS 4659 WEST 89TH STREET, HOMETOWN, ILLINOIS 60456. TAX ID# 24-03-129-041
The mortgaged real estate is improved with a dwelling. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
The judgment amount was $100,239.12. Sale terms: 10% of successful bid immediately at conclusion of auction, balance by noon the next business day, both by cashier's checks; and no refunds. The sale shall be subject to general real estate taxes, special taxes, special assessments, special taxes levied, and superior liens, if any. The property is offered "as is," with no express or implied warranties and without any representation as to the quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to review the court file to verify all information.
For information: Sale Clerk, Fisher and Shapiro, 4201 Lake Cook Rd., 1st floor, Northbrook, Illinois 60062, (847) 498-9990, between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. weekdays only.

REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION BANK OF NEW YORK AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATE HOLDERS CWABS, INC. ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-11 Plaintiff, vs. RODOLFO ROMERO; COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS, INC.; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF RODOLFO ROMERO, IF ANY; UKNOFWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants, 06 CH 14967

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on 10/31/2006, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Wednesday, March 14, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property: P.I.N. 28-11-221-018. Commonly known as 14518 Sawyer Avenue, Midlothian, Illinois 60445. The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence with attached garage. Sale terms: 25% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.

For information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com. Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602. Tel.No. (312) 476-5500. Refer to File Number PA0607154. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE, OF ARGENT MORTGAGE SECURITIES INC., ASSET BACKED PASS THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES2005-W4, UNDER THE POOLING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT DATED AS OF NOVEMBER 1, 2005, WITHOUT RECOURSE, Plaintiff, vs. ROMUALDAS OEDVILAS, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants, 06 CH 8797

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on October 11, 2006, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, March 12, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 9622 South Marion, Oak Lawn, IL 60453. P.I.N. 24-08-109-045.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call Ms. Kathy Hudy at Plaintiff's Attorney, Thompson, Rosenthal & Watts, LLP, 1001 East Chicago Avenue, Naperville, Illinois 60540. (630) 369-3535. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION US BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR THE STRUCTURED ASSET INVESTMENT LOAN TRUST 2005-8; Plaintiff, vs. HERIBERTO GODINEZ-FLORES; ET. AL.; Defendants, 06 CH 14552

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on October 30, 2006, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Friday, March 2, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 8217 S. Natoma Ave., Burbank, IL 60459. P.I.N. 19-31-211-063. The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call Ms. Diane Thomas at Plaintiff's Attorney, Freedman Anselmo Lindberg & Rappe, LLC, 1807 West Diehl Road, Naperville, Illinois 60563-1890. (877) 729-6734. W0607057 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION BANK OF NEW YORK AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATE HOLDERS CWALT, INC. ALTERNATIVE LOAN TRUST 2005-J12 MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-J12, Plaintiff V. PHYLLIS JOLLIFF; FRANKLIN CREDIT MANAGEMENT CORPORATION; RONNE TREE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION #6, Defendants 06 CH 13890 NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE - CONDOMINIUM Fisher and Shapiro file #06-7269D (It is advised that interested parties consult with their own attorneys before bidding at mortgage foreclosure sales.)

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered on September 6, 2006, Kallen Realty Services, Inc., successor to Kallen Financial & Capital Services, Inc. as Selling Official will at 12:30 p.m. on February 27, 2007, at 205 W. Randolph Street, Suite 1200, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real property: COMMONLY KNOWN AS 12825 SOUTH KENNETH AVENUE, UNIT D-4, ALSIP, ILLINOIS 60803. TAX ID# 24-34-113-024-1022

The mortgaged real estate is improved with a dwelling. The property will NOT be open for inspection. The purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by 785 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).

The judgment amount was $90,350.76. Sale terms: 10% of successful bid immediately at conclusion of auction, balance by noon the next business day, both by cashier's checks; and no refunds. The sale shall be subject to general real estate taxes, special taxes, special assessments, special taxes levied, and superior liens, if any. The property is offered "as is," with no express or implied warranties and without any representation as to the quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to review the court file to verify all information. For information: Sale Clerk, Fisher and Shapiro, 4201 Lake Cook Rd., 1st floor, Northbrook, Illinois 60062, (847) 498-9990, between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. weekdays only.

REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION EMC MORTGAGE CORPORATION Plaintiff, -v.-

JOHN R. BAILY, et al Defendant 05 CH 4121 NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on May 2, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on March 2, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 12823 SOUTH KENNETH AVE UNIT C-2, Alsip, IL 60803 Property Index No. 24-34-113-024-1014 The real estate is improved with a condo within 3 story brick building, no garage.

The judgment amount was $82,157.95. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 785 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale

The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

For information: Visit our website at http:\\service.atty-pierce.com. between the hours of 3 and 5 pm. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602. Tel No. (312) 478-5500. Please refer to file number PA0602203. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4850 (312) 236-SALE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION GRP LOAN, LLC Plaintiff, -v.- CHRISTINA M. LAPINSKA, et al Defendants 06 CH 12514 NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on November 21, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on February 22, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 9324 S. ALBANY AVENUE, Evergreen Park, IL 60805 Property Index No. 24-01-316-030-0000/031-0000 The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $254,905.98. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit of the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale

The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: YOLANDA MARTINEZ, THE WIRBICKI LAW GROUP, 27 E. MONROE STREET, SUITE 1100, Chicago, IL 60603, (312) 360-9461. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE THE WIRBICKI LAW GROUP 27 E. MONROE STREET, SUITE 1100 Chicago, IL 60603 (312) 360-9481 ARDC# 42463 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC AS NOMINEE FOR FREMONT INVESTMENT & LOAN, OR ITS SUCCESSORS OR ASSIGNS; Plaintiff, vs. ANTHONY WHITE; MERS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR FREMONT INVESTMENT & LOAN; HOUSEHOLD FINANCE CORPORATION III; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF ANTHONY WHITE, IF ANY; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS; DENEEN WHITE; Defendants, 05 CH 21092

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on 2/7/2006, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Friday, March 2, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property: P.I.N. 19-36-118-056. Commonly known as 8105 S. Albany Ave., Chicago, IL 60652.

The improvement on the property consists of a ranch brick single family residence with a detached two car garage. Sale terms: 25% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open fur inspection. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.

For information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com. Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602. Tel.No. (312) 476-5500. Refer to File Number PA0509883. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122

REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY Plaintiff, -v.- KURT L. CHRISTIANSON A/K/A JURT CHRISTIANSON A/K/A KURT CHRISTIANSON, et al Defendants 06 CH 12096 NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on September 6, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on February 26, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 14733 CENTRAL PARK AVE, Midlothian, IL 60445 Property Index No. 28-11-400-018 The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $156,730.96. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 785 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale

The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department. Please refer to file number 14-06-6887. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE, IL 60527 (630) 794-9878 Attorney File No.: 14-06-6887 ARDC# 00468002 Attorney Code. 21762 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION BANK OF NEW YORK AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2003-3 Plaintiff, -v.- JAMES E. WARE, et al Defendants 05 CH 1122 NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on November 15, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on February 21, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 3636 WEST 85TH STREET, Chicago, IL 60652Property Index No. 19-35-319-066-0000

The real estate is improved with a two story single family home, blue vinyl siding detached 1 and 1/2 car garage. The judgment amount was $80,456.04. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 785 ILCS 805/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale

The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

For information: Visit our website at http:\\service.atty-pierce.com. between the hours of 3 and 5 pm. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602. Tel No. (312) 476-5500 Please refer to file number PA0405620. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE PIERCE & ASSOCIATES One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300 CHICAGO, IL 60602 (312) 476-5500 Attorney File No.: PA0405620 Attorney Code. 91220

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION AURORA LOAN SERVICES, LLC; Plaintiff, vs. ALFREDO ALVAREZ, THERESA ALVAREZ; LEHMAN BROTHERS BANK FSB; JIFFY LUBE/CHICGAO ADI COOP ASSOCIATION, INC.; Defendants, 06 CH 4426 NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on September 8, 2006 Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, February 20, 2007 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate. Commonly known as 7727 Lorel Ave., Burbank, IL 60459. P.I.N. 19-28-322-047. The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection For information call William E. Dutton, Jr./Barbara J. Dutton at Plaintiff's Attorney, DUTTON & DUTTON, P.C., 10325 West Lincoln Highway, Frankfort, Illinois 60423. (815) 806-8200. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122

REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE OF ARGENT MORTGAGE SECURITIES, INC.; ASSET BACKED PASS THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-W1 UNDER THE POOLING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT DTAED AS OF FEBRUARY 1, 2006, WITHOUT RECOURSE; Plaintiff, vs. SAMUEL PARKS, JR.; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants, 06 CH 13247 NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on August 29, 2006, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, February 26, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate; Commonly known as 7810 S. Trumbull Ave., Chicago, IL 60652. P.I.N. 19-26-416-053. The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence.

Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call Ms. Kathy Hudy at Plaintiff's Attorney, Thompson, Rosenthal & Watts, LLP, 1001 East Chicago Avenue, Naperville, Illinois 60540, (630) 369-3535. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION JP MORGAN CHASE BANK AS TRUSTEE, Plaintiff, vs. JAMES MONTGOMERY; VILLAGE GREENE CONDOMINIUM UNIT NUMBER 2 ASSOCIATION N/K/A 11818 SOUTH KOMENSKY CORPORATION, Defendants, 06 CH 8414 NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on July 10, 2006 Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, February 26, 2007 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 11818 S. Komensky Avenue, Unit 302, Alsip, IL 60803. P.I.N. 24-22-413-015-1010.

The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family condominium residence. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection

For information call William E. Dutton, Jr./Barbara J. Dutton at Plaintiff's Attorney, DUTTON & DUTTON, P.C., 10325 West Lincoln Highway, Frankfort, Illinois 60423, (815) 806-8200. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE UNDER THE TRUST AGREEMENT FOR THE STRUCTURED ASSET SECURITIES CORPORATION - MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 2005-AR1; Plaintiff, vs. VALERIE BLECHER F/K/A VALERIE BELCHER-NELSON; ET AL; Defendants, 06 CH 12767 NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on October 4, 2006, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Friday, February 23, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 3657 West 123rd Street, Alsip, IL 60803. P.I.N. 24-26-304-045-1012. The improvement on the property consists of a condominium residence. The purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by subdivisions (g)(1) and (g)(4) of Section 9 of the Condominium Property Act. Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call Ms. Diane Thomas at Plaintiff's Attorney, Freedman Anselmo Lindberg & Rappe, LLC, 1807 West Diehl Road, Naperville, Illinois 60563-1890. (877) 729-6734. W0606072 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, TRUSTEE, FOR THE BENEFIT OF SECURITIZED ASSET BACKED RECEIVABLES LLC TRUST 2004-DO2 MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2004-DO2, Plaintiff V. ALEJANDRO BARRERA; VERONICA FLORES; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR INTERVALE MORTGAGE CORPORATION; PRIME ACCEPTANCE CORP., Defendants 06 CH 14345

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE Fisher and Shapiro file #06-7383D (It is advised that interested parties consult with their own attorneys before bidding at mortgage foreclosure sales.)

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered on October 11, 2006, Kallen Realty Services, Inc., successor to Kallen Financial & Capital Services, Inc., as Selling Official will at 12:30 p.m. on February 27, 2007, at 205 W. Randolph Street, Suite 1200, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real property: COMMONLY KNOWN AS 3819 WEST HAYFORD STREET, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60652. TAX ID# 19-26-310-046 The mortgaged real estate is improved with a dwelling. The property will NOT be open for inspection.

The judgment amount was $158,860.35. Sale terms: 10% of successful bid immediately at conclusion of auction, balance by noon the next business day, both by cashier's checks; and no refunds. The sale shall be subject to general real estate taxes, special taxes, special assessments, special taxes levied, and superior liens, if any. The property is offered "as is," with no express or implied warranties and without any representation as to the quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to review the court file to verify all information. For information: Sale Clerk, Fisher and Shapiro, 4201 Lake Cook Rd., 1st floor, Northbrook, Illinois 60062, (847) 498-9990, between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. weekdays only.

REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A. Plaintiff, -v.- KEVIN K. BENAVIDES A/K/A KEVIN BENAVIDES, et al Defendent 06 CH 13139 NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 24, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on February 28, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 11002 DEBLIN LANE, Oak Lawn, IL 60453 Property Index No. 24-16-422-058 The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $210,147.84. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9878 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department. Please refer to file number 14-06-7634 THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE, IL 00527 (630) 794-9876 Attorney File No. 14-06-7634 ARDC# 00468002 Attorney Code. 21762 Case # 06 CH 13139 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

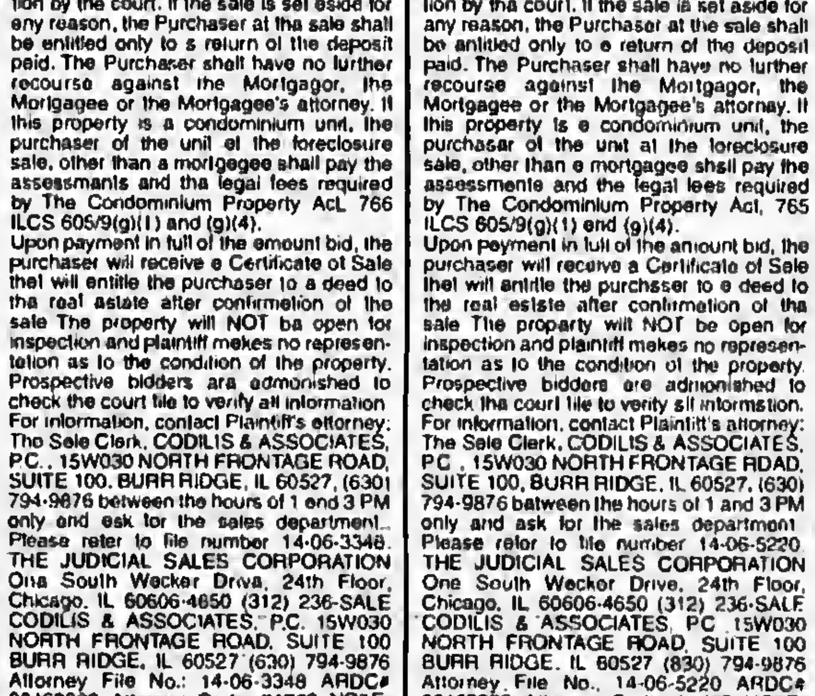
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION DRAPER AND KRAMER MORTGAGE CORPORATION Plaintiff, -v.- DEBORAH LYNN FLANAGAN A/K/A DEBORAH L. FLANNIGAN A/K/A DEBORAH LYNN FLANNIGAN, et al Defendents 06 CH 5474 NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on May 30, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on February 15, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 13952 WATERBURY DRIVE #802, Crestwood, IL 60445 Property Index No. 28-04-301-019-1044 The real estate is improved with a condominium.

The judgment amount was $10,749.63. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 766 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department. Please refer to file number 14-06-3348. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE, IL 60527 (630) 794-9876 Attorney File No.: 14-06-3348 ARDC# 00468002 Attorney Code. 21762 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.



REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR DECISION ONE MORTGAGE COMPANY, LLC AND/OR ITS SUCCESSORS Plaintiff, -v.- DORIS L. AKINS A/K/A DORIS LEE AKINS LACKLAND, et al Defendant 06 CH 1650 NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on November 18, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on February 20, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 14928 S. MOZART AVENUE, Posen, IL 60469 Property Index No. 28-12-314-026 The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $164,301.13. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction, the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit and the foreclosure sale takes place after 1/1/2007, the purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale

The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department. Please refer to file number 14-06-962. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION BANK OF NEW YORK AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS CWABS, INC. ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-13 Plaintiff, -v.- VICENTE MEDINA, et al Defendants 06 CH 8606 NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on August 7, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on February 15, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 7964 S. KNOX AVENUE, Chicago, IL 60652 Property Index No. 19-34-104-020 The real estate is improved with a single family residence

The judgment amount was $148,185.80 Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department. Please refer to file number 14-06-5220. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, PC 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE, IL 60527 (630) 794-9876 Attorney File No., 14-06-5220 ARDC# 00468002 Attorney Code. 21762 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION WM SPECIALTY MORTGAGE, LLC, Plaintiff V. WILLIAM MCCOY; CHERYL L. MCCOY A/K/A CHERYL L. PIERARD; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants 06 CH 13469
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
Fisher and Shapiro file #06-7013D (It is advised that interested parties consult with their own attorneys before bidding at mortgage foreclosure sales.)
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered on September 20, 2006, Kallen Realty Services Inc., successor to Kallen Financial & Capital Services, Inc., as Selling Official will at 12:30 p.m. on March 15, 2007, at 205 W. Randolph Street, Suite 1200, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real property: COMMONLY KNOWN AS 4833 WEST 105Th STREET, OAK LAWN, ILLINOIS 60453. TAX ID# 24-16-210-006 and 24-16-210-007 The mortgaged real estate is improved with a dwelling. The property will NOT be open for inspection. The judgment amount was $222,420.37. Sale terms: 10% of successful bid immediately at conclusion of auction, balance by noon the next business day, both by cashier's checks; and no refunds. The sale shall be subject to general real estate taxes, special taxes, special assessments, special taxes levied, and superior liens, if any. The property is offered "as is," with no express or implied warranties and without any representation as to the quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to review the court file to verify all information.
For information: Sale Clerk, Fisher and Shapiro, 4201 Lake Cook Rd., 1st floor, Northbrook, Illinois 60062, (847) 498-9990, between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. weekdays only.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION WEST COAST REALTY SERVICES, INC., ON BEHALF OF BENEFICIAL ILLINOIS, INC.; D/B/A BENEFICIAL MORTGAGE CO OF ILLINOIS; Plaintiff,vs. LARRY CROWDER, SR., ET AL; Defendants,05 CH 6607 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on July 20, 2005 Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, March 12, 2007 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate: P.I.N. 19-36-124-055. Commonly known as: 6250 S. Troy Street, Chicago, IL 60652.
The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence. THE SALE SHALL BE SUBJECT TO GENERAL TAXES, SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS AND TO A PRIOR RECORDED FIRST MORTGAGE. This information is considered reliable but is not warranted. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. This sale is subject to unpaid real estate taxes, assessments, covenants, conditions, easements and restrictions of record. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
This pleading is a communication for the purpose of collecting the mortgage debt, under the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act. If you fail to dispute, in writing, the validity of this debt within thirty days, it will be assumed to be valid. Finally, any information you provide will be used for the purpose of collection. Upon payment, of each portion of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Receipt of Sale. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the mortgaged real estate after confirmation of the sale
The property will NOT be open for inspection, except by the arrangement and agreement of the current owner or occupant.
For information: JAROS, TITTLE & O'TOOLE, LIMITED, Plaintiff's Attorney, 20 North Clark Street, Suite 510, Chicago, Illinois 60602, (312) 750-1000. Phone calls will be taken only between the hours of 9:00 thru 11:00 A.M. When calling, please refer to file number 05-30073. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE OF AMERIQUEST MORTGAGE SECURITIES, INC., ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-R1, UNDER THE POOLING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT DATED AS OF FEBRUARY 1, 2006, WITHOUT RECOURSE, ASSIGNEE OF AMERIQUEST MORTGAGE COMPANY, Plaintiff, vs. JOHN L. VALENCIA, JR., GRACIELA F. VALENCIA, CITY OF CHICAGO, DEPARTMENT OF WATER-MANAGEMENT, UNDER LIEN RECORDED AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 0610120057 Defendants, 06 CH 17462
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on November 29, 2006, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Wednesday, March 7, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 3244 West 83rd Street, Chicago, IL 60652. P.I.N. 19-35-226-040.
The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
For information call Sales Clerk at Plaintiff's Attorney, Law Offices of Ira T. Nevel, 175 North Franklin Street, Chicago, Illinois 60606. (312) 357-1125. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION WACHOVIA BANK, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR THE REGISTERED HOLDERS OF AEGIS ASSET BACKED SECURITIES TRUST, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-5, Plaintiff V. PORFIRIO PONCE DE LEON A/K/A PORFIRIO J. PONCE DE LEON; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR AEGIS FUNDING CORPORATION, Defendants 06 CH 16315
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
Fisher and Shapiro file #06-5082D (It is advised that interested parties consult with their own attorneys before bidding at mortgage foreclosure sales.)
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered on October 31, 2006, Kallen Realty Services, Inc., successor to Kallen Financial & Capital Services, Inc., as Selling Official will at 12:30 p.m. on March 20, 2007, at 205 W. Randolph Street, Suite 1200, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real property: COMMONLY KNOWN AS 5845 EDWARD DRIVE, OAK FOREST, ILLINOIS 60452. 28-17-408-026 The mortgaged real estate is improved with a dwelling. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
The judgment amount was $196,232.08. Sale terms: 10% of successful bid immediately at conclusion of auction, balance by noon the next business day, both by cashier's checks; and no refunds. The sale shall be subject to general real estate taxes, special taxes, special assessments, special taxes levied, and superior liens, if any. The property is offered "as is," with no express or implied warranties and without any representation as to the quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to review the court file to verify all information.
For information: Sale Clerk, Fisher and Shapiro, 4201 Lake Cook Rd., 1st floor, Northbrook, Illinois 60062, (847) 498-9990, between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. weekdays only.

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Frequent users of Amtrak trains to and from Chicago can save money by buying tickets using special "Transit Checks" issued by their employers through the Chicago-based Regional Transportation Authority (RTA). Amtrak will accept the checks that list Amtrak among the area transportation providers.

Amtrak accepts RTA Transit Checks for the purchase of multi-ride tickets that are perfect for long-distance commuters and others who make regular trips in Illinois. They are also usable for other routes, with many available connections through Amtrak Chicago Union Station.

"Although Amtrak does not currently receive funding from the Chicago RTA, we work closely with the RTA on several projects, including Union Station improvements and looking ahead to Chicago's bid for the 2016 Olympics," said Don Saunders, General Superintendent of the Chicago-based Amtrak Central Division. Amtrak is also a partner in the RTA's Moving Beyond Congestion campaign and hosts an RTA Chicagoland TRIPS travel information kiosk at Amtrak Chicago Union Station.

"Ridership is growing on our corridors to and from Chicago and we appreciate the RTA's decision to include our passengers in the RTA Transit Check program as another enhancement to our service," Saunders added.

"Expanding our Transit Check program to include Amtrak offers significant benefits for commuters traveling between Chicago and other destinations in Illinois, Michigan, Missouri or Wisconsin," said Stephen Schlickman, RTA Executive Director. "They receive tax advantages, avoid traffic congestion, and can use their traveling time more effectively for relaxation or catching up on briefcase work. Encouraging the use of Amtrak also helps to improve air quality and promote energy independence," he added.

The RTA Transit Checks can be used for the purchase of Monthly Tickets for the Hiawatha Service trains between Chicago and Milwaukee (seven round-trips daily, Monday through Saturday and six round-trips on Sunday).

The RTA Transit Checks can also be used to buy 10 Ride Tickets for the Hiawathas, along with Lincoln Service and other trains between Chicago and St. Louis (total of five daily round-trips); Illini, Saluki and other trains between Chicago and Champaign/Carbondale (total of three daily round-trips); Illinois Zephyr & Carl Sandburg trains between Chicago and Quincy (two daily round-trips); Wolverine Service trains between Chicago and Ann Arbor/Detroit/Pontiac (three daily round-trips); Pere Marquette trains between Chicago and Grand Rapids (one daily round-trip) and Blue Water trains between Chicago and East Lansing/Port Huron (one daily round-trip).

These named trains are operated by Amtrak under contracts with their respective state transportation departments (except Wolverine Service).

RTA Transit Checks are purchased by employers and distributed to employees. Checks may be purchased in any denomination from $10 to $110. RTA Transit Checks are tax-deductible to employers and a tax-free benefit to employees. The program puts money back in employees' pockets by lowering their commuting costs and it helps employers support clean air, reduce traffic congestion and promote a more reliable, on-time work force.

Employers seeking more information about the RTA Transit Check program as a benefit to their employees should visit www.rtachicago.com/infocenter/transitcheck or call 800-531-2828 between 9:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Central Time. The program is a low, or no cost, benefit for both employees and employers. As of Jan. 1, 2007, federal law allows individuals to set aside up to $110 in pre-tax earnings each month to pay for transit costs.

RTA Transit Checks are also accepted by the Chicago Transit Authority, Metra commuter rail, Pace suburban buses, the South Shore Railroad commuter service to and from Indiana and vanpools.

Applications Available Online

Governor Rod R. Blagojevich announced that older adults and the disabled can now apply and file for the 2007 Illinois Cares Rx application over the Internet. The Governor is encouraging seniors to use the online application because it is the fastest way to get approved for state prescription drug assistance. Illinois Cares Rx provides wrap-around prescription drug coverage to fill in the gaps created by Medicare Part D. Seniors with questions about Illinois Cares Rx can call the governor's Senior HelpLine at 1-800-252-8966 or visit www.illinoisbenefits.org.

The Governor and the Illinois Department on Aging (IDoA) made the applications available online to make it easier and quicker to apply for benefits and to accommodate the increasing number of older persons accessing the World Wide Web. Several recent studies show that seniors are the fastest growing population of Internet users.

Before logging on to the Internet, IDoA Director Charles Johnson suggests having the following information available in order to make the process smoother: Social Security number(s), amount of property taxes paid in 2006, amount of rent paid in 2006, and a copy of 2006 federal tax returns.

IDoA has sent booklets to those seniors and the disabled who submitted Illinois Cares Rx applications in the mail last year. Seniors and the disabled who filed for Illinois Cares Rx via the Internet should have received yellow postcards in the mail as a reminder to sign-up online.

Illinois Cares Rx provides a safety net for seniors and the disabled when their out-of-pocket costs for prescription drugs go up under the federal program. In 2007, the standard federal Medicare Part D prescription drug program will pay 75 percent of prescription drug costs up to $2,400 after a $265 deductible with an average $24 per month premium. Beneficiaries are responsible for all of their costs between $2,400 and $5,451.25, with the plan paying 95 percent of costs beyond that top threshold. The gap where a beneficiary has to pay all the drug costs between $2,400 and $5,451.25 is commonly referred to as the "donut hole." People with Medicare applying for Illinois Cares Rx must also apply for Medicare's Extra Help for drug coverage through the Social Security Administration (SSA). Apply for Extra Help by calling the SSA toll-free at 1-800-772-1213 or at www.ssa.gov online.

The Medicare Part D stand-alone prescription drug plans currently coordinating with Illinois Cares Rx are the AARP MedicareRx Plan, UnitedHealth Rx Basic, and WellCare Signature. The Medicare Advantage companies currently coordinating with Illinois Cares Rx are Group Health Plan, Health Alliance, HealthSpring, OSF Health Plans, SecureHorizons by United Healthcare and WellCare HMO. The stand-alone prescription drug plans are available statewide. Medicare Advantage prescription drug plans may be available only in certain areas.

Individuals eligible for the Illinois Cares Rx program may also be eligible for additional benefits from the State's Circuit Breaker program. The Circuit Breaker program provides a property tax relief grant for individuals who pay property tax on their residence or rent or nursing home charges on a residence that is subject to property tax. In addition, the program provides an annual $54 discount on the license plate fee for one vehicle.

Those eligible for Illinois Cares Rx fall into one of the following groups whether you have Medicare or not. 1. Illinois Cares Rx Plus is for those who are single with an annual income of no more than $20,420; or a couple with an annual income of no more than $27,380; and a citizen or qualified non-citizen. All classes of medically necessary prescription drugs are covered. 2. Illinois Cares Rx Basic is for seniors or the disabled with income less than $21,218 for a single person or $28,480 for a couple. Covered are prescription drugs for the treatment of Alzheimer's disease, arthritis, cancer, diabetes, glaucoma, cardiovascular disease, lung disease and smoking-related illnesses, osteoporosis, Parkinson's disease, multiple sclerosis, and HIV/AIDS (if you have Medicare).

Woman's Retreat

A Woman's Retreat featuring winter folk crafts will be hosted at The Center, 12700 Southwest Highway in Palos Park, on Friday and Saturday, Feb. 16th and 17th.

Designed to accentuate the beauty of winter, this weekend will feature a variety of folk craft projects with winter twigs and snowflakes, including snowflake catchers, several varieties of intricate quill and folded paper snowflakes, and glittery snow frames for winter photos. Naturalist Carol Alesia and Center Program Director Lois Lauer are planning a weekend that combines these creative winter projects with time for warm fellowship by the cozy fireside, rejuvenating walks in the winter woods, and personal quiet time for reflection.

The cost per participant is $104, which includes accommodations, meals, leadership and supplies. Advance registration is required. For further information, call (708) 361-3650.

Southwest Area Obituaries

Edward J. Barrett

Mass was said at St. John Fischer Church, Chicago, on Saturday, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Edward J. Barrett.

He is survived by his brothers Thomas F. (Nancy), Anthony M. (Patricia, Rev. James L. and his sisters Suzanne and Mary T.

Myrtle V. Brown

Mass was said at St. Linus Church, Oak Lawn, on Tuesday, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Myrtle V. Brown, 74. She was the managing supervisor of the department of Surgery at Little Company of Mary Hospital.

She is survived by her husband Daniel; her children Daniel (Rose), Dennis (Kathy), Mary Joe (Tom)) Konczal and Patrick (Donna); thirteen grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren, her brothers David (Betty) Gallagher, Kenneth (Loretta), Richard (Dee Yehling) and her sisters Marilee Gallagher and Jeanene (Greg) Flint.

Kenneth C. Crowl

Services were held at the Markham Lutheran church, Markham, on Wednesday, with interment at Mt. Vernon Cemetery, for Kenneth C. Crowl, 71, a veteran of the US Air Force during the Korean War. He was a member of the VFW Bremen Post #2791.

He is survived by his wife Ruth; his children Tina (Harlan) Whipple, Kevin, Brian (Jennifer); seven grandchildren and three Great-grandchildren; his brothers Roy Crowl and Robert Crowl and his sisters Darlene Dertrz, Carol Massat and Verna Mae Stubblefield.

Cecelia Drapinski

Mass was said at St. Fabian church, Bridgeview, on Saturday, with interment at Resurrection Cemetery, for Cecelia Drapinski, 90

She is survived by her children Cecelia Dzielinski, Anthony "Bo" (Cathy), Donald (Pam) and Timothy (Beverly), twelve grandchildren and seventeen great-grandchildren.

William Green Sr.

Services were held at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Burbank, on Thursday, with interment at Fairmount Willow Hills Cemetery, for William Green Sr. He was a resident of Bridgeview who served the village for 30 years in the public works department where he was the director. For the last five years he was the director of special projects overseeing the construction of both the Bridgeview Library and the Toyota Park. Most of his fee time was spent both playing and coaching softball, volunteering in the local political arena and enjoying his family.

He is survived by his wife Frances; his children William Jr., Daniel and Amanda; his stepdaughter Tiffany (Paul) Bosco; his parents Daniel and Frances; his brothers Daniel (Debbie) and Davie and his sister Carol.

Ewald Bernard Hess

Mass was said at St. Albert the Great Church, Burbank, on Friday, with interment at St. Mary Cemetery, for Ewald Bernard Hess, a veteran of WWII serving with the Navy CB's.

He is survived by his brother Frank Hess.

Dorothy A. Hofmann

Services were held at the Zimmerman and Sandeman Funeral Home, Oak Lawn, on Tuesday, with interment at Chapel Hill Gardens Cemetery, fro Dorothy A. Hofmann, 93. She was a 26-year volunteer at Christ Hospital with over 4500 hours of service and a member of United by Faith Church.

She is survived by her sisters Lorraine V. Galimski Bernice Peterson and her brother Clifford (Shirley) Hauflaire.

Mary H. Hughes

Mass was said at Incarnation Church, Palos Heights, on Saturday, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Mary H. Hughes.

She is survived by her children Dolores Friel, Thomas (Mary Jo), Michael (Caryle), Terrence DFD (Renee); eighteen grandchildren and fifteen great-grandchildren.

Frances I. Jordan

Mass was said at St. Linus Church, Oak Lawn, on Tuesday, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Frances I. Jordan.

She is survived by her brother Joseph (Frances) and her sister Mary E.

Lawrence Kevin

Mass was said at St. Germaine Church, Oak Lawn, on Saturday, with a private interment, for Lawrence "Bud" Kevin.

He is survived by his children Tunie (Jack) Carsten, Robert (Pat), Terrence, Thomas (Peggy), Patrick (Diane), Rita (Chris) and Richard (Geri), eighteen grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren and his brother Edward, CPD (Eileen).

Matthew Kupiec

Services were held at the Hann Funeral Home, Bridgeview, on Monday, with a private interment, for Matthew Kupiec, a veteran of the US Army.

He is survived by his son Matthew (Lisa) Kupiec, one grandchild and his brother Stephen (Mildred).

Linda Manrique

Mass was said at Sacred Heart Church, Palos Hills, on Tuesday, with interment at St. Mary Cemetery, for Linda Manrique.

She is survived by her children Dolores Stephenson (Jay Morrell), Paul Manrique and Michael (Nancy) Manrique; five grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and her brother Antonio (Rosa) Luna

Russell J. McElhaney

Services were held at the Palos-Gaidas Funeral Home, Palos Hills, on Wednesday, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Russell J. McElhaney, 67. He was a longtime member of Fishtails Fishing Club.

He is survived by his children Kimberly McElhaney, David (Michelle) and Kelly McElhaney and one grandchild.

Vincent E. McGill

Mass was said at St. Michael Church, Orland Park with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Vincent E. McGill, a Navy Veteran of WWII and an Air Force Reservist.

He is survived by his wife June C.; his children Dennis (Georganne), Larry (Dawn), Richard (Diane), Randall (Ellen), Scott (Karen), Russell and Sandra McGill; fifteen grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Edward C. McPherson

Services were held at Hickey Memorial Chapel, Midlothian, on Monday, with a private interment for Edward C. McPherson, 86. He was a member of the Midlothian VFW Post 2580 and the former owner of EddieMac's in Midlothian.

He is survived by his children Clarise (Raymond) Reed and Mary Koch, four grandchildren and his brother Ralph.

Salvatore J. LaMargo

Mass was said at St. Stephen Deacon and Martyr Church, Tinley Park, on Tuesday, with interment at Good Shepard Cemetery, for Salvatore J. "Sam" LaMargo.

He is survived by his wife Lucille "Lucy"; his children Michael, Mary Beth (Louis) Kowatch, Carolyn (Edward) LaMargo-Lung, Joseph (Claire) and Amy (Daniel) Goodnature; five grandchildren; and his sister Lenore (Joseph) Russ.

Vito Nicola Parente

Mass was said at Christ the King Church, Chicago, on Tuesday, with entombment at Holy Sepulchre Mausoleum, for Vito Nicola Parente, 79, a veteran of the Korean War serving with the Marine Corps. He was the founder of Rosangela's Pizzeria in Evergreen Park.

He is survived by his wife Karen; his children Nicholas (Mary) Parente, Maria Parente, Marina (Randy) Weis, Michael (Cindy) Parente and Mark (Julie) Parente; his stepchildren Marty Posch and Julie (Chris) Grieve; and fifteen grandchildren.

Sally M. Peters

Mass was said at St. Francis of Assisi Church, Orland Park, on Saturday, with interment at Resurrection Cemetery, for Sally M. Peters, 94. She was a ten year resident of Lexington Health Care of Chicago Ridge.

She is survived by her son Leon (Dorothy), two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Bessie Petrovic

Services were held at the Kosary Funeral Home, Evergreen Park, on Monday, with interment at Chapel Hill Gardens South Cemetery.

She is survived by her children John (Beverly) Petrovic and Chris (Joe) Chodorowski; six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; and her sister Elizabeth (John) Pilat.

Nancy J. Scheidt

Mass was said at St. Barnabas Church, Chicago, on Monday, with interment at St. Mary Cemetery, for Nancy J. Scheidt, 79, of Oak Lawn, formerly of Chicago.

She is survived by her children Cathy Brown, Barbara Scheidt, Douglas (Lynn) Scheidt, Nancy Scheidt, Richard Scheidt; and three grandchildren.

Helen R. Feyerben Steele

Mass was said at Our Lady of the Woods Church, Orland Park, on Saturday, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Helen R. Feyerbend Steele.

She is survived by her daughter Mary (Skip) Stringham, three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Dorothy F. Thomas

Services were held at the Kosary Funeral Home, on Friday, with interment at Evergreen Park Cemetery, for Dorothy F. Thomas, 90.

She is survived by her children Beverly Tobin and Lorayne Beinar and one grandchild.

Roderick J. Villiers

Mass was said at Sacred Heart Church, Palos Hills, on Thursday, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Roderick J. Villiers, 83.

He is survived by his brother Walter (Betty).

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OAK LAWN SENIOR HAPPENINGS

It's going to be a busy month at the Oak Lawn Senior Center. Along with all the regular daily activities some special programs have been planned.

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On Wednesday, Feb. 14th a representative from Aetna Insurance will give an informative session about Medicare D. A local pharmacist will accompany the rep to answer questions about generic vs. brand name drugs. The program begins at 10 a.m. and refreshments will be served at its conclusion. Door prizes will also be raffled.

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On Thursday, Feb. 22nd seniors will meet once again for the newest program, Box Lunch Day. The event was created to provide an affordable lunch and social time for many in the village. A hot lunch, dessert, refreshments and bingo are provided with the help of a sponsor. This month's sponsor will be The Southwest Center for Healthy Joints. Its newest facility is located at 9618 Southwest Highway. As the sponsor, Dr. Harun Durudogan, a Board Certified Orthopedic Surgeon, will explain services provided for physical, occupational and pool therapies. As a sponsor they will contribute $3 per senior to the day and the senior will play $3.

Box Lunch Day is by ticket only and may be purchased at the Senior Center, 5330 W. 95th St.. The program begins at 10:30 a.m. and participants must attend the presentation to receive a lunch.

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The Senior Center in cooperation with the Oak Lawn Park District is now offering instruction in Oil Painting. Seniors meet every Monday morning from 9 a.m. to Noon at the Oak View Center, 4625 W. 110th St. The cost of the ten week course is $25 for residents and $30 for non-residents. To register or for further information, call 499-0240.

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Now available to Oak Lawn seniors 60 years of age and older is Income Tax assistance. Volunteers trained by the Internal Revenue Service in cooperation with AARP are available to complete simple tax returns. Before calling for a required appointment be sure to have all the pertinent information necessary to file. Needed is one's Social Security statement, dividend and interest statements, pension statements, Real Estate Tax bills paid in 2006 and last year's Income Tax. Morning and afternoon appointments, Monday through Friday are available. To obtain an appointment, call 499-0240.

Those no longer required to file Income Tax, may be entitled to receive a one-time Federal telephone excise tax refund. If between the years of 2003 and 2006 one had a long distance service or a bundled phone plan, one may complete a simple form to receive a refund. The form may be picked up at the Oak Lawn Senior Center. 5330 W. 95th St.

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If you need to have futher information on programs at the Senior Center, please call (708) 499-0240.

Antiques, Collectibles And Garage Sale

The Hilton Oak Lawn, 9333 S. Cicero Avenue in Oak Lawn will host two events on Saturday, Feb. 18th for those who love to hunt for treasurers.

The staff of the Hilton will host an Antique and Collectible show with doors open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Some of the items featured by the more than 50 dealers will be antique furniture, dolls, glass, vintage linens, china, crystal, books, jewelry, lamps and figurines. Collectibles include Disney, Barbie, Hallmark, Beanie Babies, Enesco and many more.

Also on Saturday, there will be a Hotel and Employee Garage Sale in the Hotel Ballroom from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Some of the items to be sold include some small furniture, bathroom items, floral, baskets, dishes, silver, linens, gift shop items and much more.

Whitney's Restaurant offers a breakfast buffet from 7:00 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. and the Hilton Coffee Corner, open from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. featuring Starbuck's Coffee and tantalizing Tazo Tea will also be open. Admission charge is $2.00; children under 10 are free.

Fitness Seminar

Robert B. Kuenster, Thompson & Kuenster Funeral Home announced the schedule for his Senior Fitness Seminar Series. All of the seminars are at the funeral home, located at 5570 West 95th Street, at 7:00 pm.

As a public service to the community he will be offering informational seminars throughout 2007 to encourage seniors to take advantage of the many opportunities available for physical, emotional and financial fitness in retirement years.

On February 13th, Mr. Kuenster will again welcome Tony Lewis for an exercise demonstration that will target ways that seniors can keep moving and stay independent.

The evening of March 13th Jerry Mulvihill and Lenore Goodfriend of Congressman Lipinski's office will be available for questions regarding Medicare concerns and Veteran's issues. Joining them will be Dr. Sandra Bury, an Oak Lawn Optometrist who will provide Glaucoma screening, and Dr. David Finkelstien, an Oak Lawn Podiatrist, who will advise attendees on ways to have happy feet.

Alice Collins, beloved local speaker & columnist, will treat participants to a presentation on April 17th, at 7 p.m. called Salute to Seniors.

If you would like to have additional information and to obtain a list of seminars & special events that are offered, please feel free to call (708) 425-0502.

Clothing & Equipment Resale

Southwest Chicago Christian School is holding a Spring/Summer Children's Clothing and Equipment Resale on Saturday, March 10th from 9 a.m. to 12:00 noon in the gym at its Oak Lawn campus, 5665 West 101st Street Interested sellers may register at the Oak Lawn campus on Saturday, February 3rd from 8:30 to 10 a.m. or at the Tinley Park campus, 17171 South 84th Avenue, on Wednesday, February, 7th from 3:30 to 5 p.m. The seller's fee is $5. Phone registration will be held February 8th through 18th, with a registration fee of $10. Call the school office at (708) 636-8550 to find out how to register by phone. The seller will receive 70% of the sale, the school receives 30%.

The sale will be cash only. Please note: no children or baskets or bags will be allowed into the sale.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of a Filing To Relocate a Domestic Branch

Suburban Bank & Trust company intends to file with the Federal Insurance Deposit Corporation and the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation an application to relocate a domestic branch from 10312 South Cicero Avenue, Oak Lawn, IL 60453 to 10350 South Cicero Avenue, Oak Lawn, IL 60453. Any person wishing to comment on this application may file his or her comments in writing with the regional director of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation at 500 W. Monroe, Ste. 3300, Chicago, Illinois 60661-3697 not later than February 23, 2007. The nonconfidential portions of the application are on file at the appropriate FDIC office and are available for public inspection during regular business hours. Photocopies of the nonconfidential portion of the application file will be made available upon request.

Perpetual Novena

The next perpetual novena to St. Rita will be held Thursday, March 1st at St. Rita High School Chapel and Shrine, 7740 S. Western. Confessions at 6:15 p.m., mass & prayers at 7 p.m.

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Telephone Tax Refund

The Internal Revenue Service reminds taxpayers that a one-time refund of the telephone excise tax paid on long-distance and bundled service is available on this year's tax return. One in three early filers did not request this special refund and while some may not be eligible, others may qualify and not know it.

The telephone tax refund is available to taxpayers who paid the three-percent federal excise tax on long-distance and bundled phone service billed from March 1, 2003 through July 31, 2006.

Taxpayers may request the actual amount of excise tax paid during that 41-month period or can simplify the process by using the standard amount, which ranges from $30 to $60 and is based upon the number of exemptions claimed on the 2006 tax return. Using the standard amount to figure the refund is easy, with only one line to complete on the tax return.

For the millions of people not required to file a tax return, the IRS has created a special short form for requesting the refund – Form 1040EZ-T, Request for Refund of Federal Telephone Excise Tax. Form 1040EZ-T can be e-filed for free through some of the software companies participating in the IRS Free File program. Free File is available on the IRS Web site at www.irs.gov. More than 10 million people, many of them senior citizens, are expected to file this form.

If you paid more than the standard amount, you may figure your refund using the actual amount of tax shown on your phone bills. Base your refund request on the three-percent federal excise tax paid, not the total phone bill. Do not count tax paid on local-only service. Complete Form 8913, Credit for Federal Excise Tax Paid, and attach it to your tax return. You must have phone bills or other records to support the amount you are requesting. Do not mail the supporting documents with your tax return. Keep them with your 2006 tax records.

Early mistakes found on a sample of returns filed in January include not listing the telephone tax refund amount on Form 1040EZ-T, not requesting the refund when the taxpayer appears to qualify, filing duplicate requests – both on a regular tax return and Form 1040EZ-T, and requesting a refund based on the entire amount of the phone bill instead of the three-percent tax on long-distance and bundled service.

The IRS expects more than 146 million individual taxpayers to request the telephone tax refund. Payments on these refunds are estimated to total more than $10 billion.

For more information on the telephone excise tax refund, check out the IRS Web site at www.irs.gov.

McAuley's "Equinox" Is Awarded

Mother McAuley Liberal Arts High School annually publishes the literary arts magazine EQUINOX. It is written, edited and illustrated by students from all class levels.

The 2005-2006 edition was recently awarded an "Excellent" ranking by the National Council of Teachers of English. Mother McAuley was among the 497 schools that entered the program which recognizes excellence in student literary magazines. The staff of the 2005-2006 edition included co-editors Hannah Carroll '06 (Blue Island) and Jackie Todd '06 (Orland Park); page layout, Amy Preston '06 (Chg., Westlawn), and Sophie Zelek '08 (Posen); typing, Megan Panella '08 (Oak Lawn) and Maggie Black '08 (Oak Lawn); cover art, Katlyn Tracy '08 (Chg., Clearing); reading, evaluation and publicity, Heather O'Donnell '07 (Midlothian), and Joanna Matuskiewicz '08 (Chg., Westlawn).The group's faculty advisor is Mrs. Therese Gump.

Pictured, left to right: Joanna Matusklewicz, Heather O'Donnell, Katlyn Tracy and Mrs. Therese Gump work on this year's edition of Equinox.

Boston Graduate

Boston University awarded academic degrees to 1,412 students in January.

Among the graduates was Rowena Adriano of Oak Lawn, who received a D.P.T in Physical Therapy.

Boston University is the fourth largest independent university in the United States, with an enrollment of more than 29,000 students in its 17 schools and colleges. The university offers an exceptional grounding in the liberal arts, a broad range of programs in the arts, sciences, engineering, and professional areas, and state-of-the-art facilities for teaching and research.

Filed Petitions

Educator and community activist John J. Gonezy has filed petitions to run for a seat on the Oak Lawn Public Library Board in the consolidated election on April 17.

Born and raised in Oak Lawn, Gonezy attended Harnew Elementary and Simmons Junior High, and Oak Lawn Community High School. After receiving a bachelor's degree in English with highest honors from DePaul University, he spent a year abroad as a Fulbright scholar in Budapest, Hungary. He holds a master's degree in education from Saint Xavier University, where he graduated first in his class.

Gonezy is in his 11th year of teaching English, reading and journalism at Mount Carmel High School in Chicago. He has also taught in the resource program for students with learning disabilities at Mount Carmel. This year, he has been named an honorary alumnus of Mount Carmel in recognition of his outstanding commitment to his students and the school.

Currently, he is the vice-president of the Illinois Journalism Education Association (IJEA), a member of the journalism advisory board for the Illinois High School Association (IHSA) and a member of the board of the Scholastic Press Association of Chicago (SPAC).

In January, the Journalism Education Association announced that Gonezy is one of nine high school newspaper advisers to receive its "Rising Star" award for 2007. He is the only educator in Illinois and the only Catholic high school educator in the nation to be so honored this year.

In Oak Lawn, Gonezy serves as a member of the board of the Children's Museum of Oak Lawn and the Oak Lawn Parks Foundation. He is a member of St. Germaine Parish.

"My desire to serve the Oak Lawn community in meaningful ways motivated my decision to run," Gonezy said. "Service on the library board presents an excellent opportunity for me to put my education and experience to work for an institution that played a vital role during my formative years and in my later success in life."

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

FEBRUARY 19 – Monday – Nifty Fifties Senior Meeting, Salem United Church of Christ, 9717 S. Kostner, 1 p.m.

FEBRUARY 19 – Monday – Planning & Development Commission Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 8 p.m.

FEBRUARY 20 – Tuesday – OL Library Board Meeting, 94th & Raymond, 7 p.m.

FEBRUARY 20 – Tuesday – Environmental Concerns Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 7:30 p.m.

FEBRUARY 20 – Tuesday – Special Events Committee Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 7:30 p.m.

FEBRUARY 20 – Tuesday – Community Mental Health Board, 9401 S. 53rd Ct., 8 p.m.

FEBRUARY 20 – Tuesday – Human Services Board, 9446 S. Raymond, 8 p.m.

FEBRUARY 21 & 22 – Wednesday & Thursday – 55 Alive Course, Worth Township Center, 11601 Pulaski Rd., 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Fee of $10 payable to AARP. Register, call 371-2900, ext. 28.

FEBRUARY 21 – Wednesday – Oak Lawn Community High School District 229 Board Meeting, 9400 Southwest Highway, Board Room, 119, 7:30 p.m.

FEBRUARY 22 – Thursday – OL Senior Citizens Commission, 5330 W. 95th St., 10 a.m.

FEBRUARY 22 – Thursday – Worth Township Regular Board Meeting, 11601 S. Pulaski, 7:30 p.m.

FEBRUARY 27 – Tuesday – OL Village Board Meeting, Municipal Building, 9446 Raymond, 8 p.m.

FEBRUARY 27 – Tuesday – Village Hall open to 8 p.m.

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Do It For David

On Dec. 11th, David O'Donnell entered the hospital for pneumonia-like symptoms and remained there for over a month. He was diagnosed with several health problems including various heart conditions that require him to have open-heart surgery. In his present state of health he is too week to have this type of surgery and was told he would be unable to work. Insurance cost, several medications and hospital bills have put him in significant financial hardship and disability benefits are extremely limited.

A benefit has been planned in David's honor on Sunday, Feb. 18th to raise money to help with expenses.

The benefit will be held at the Oak Forest Senior Center, 15501 S. Kilpatrick in Oak Forest, from 12 noon to 7 p.m. offering raffle prizes and split the pot. You may purchase a $20 ticket to the benefit (in advance or at the door) which includes music, food and drinks.

Your donation will help to support David and ease the burden on him.

To make a monetary donation, make checks payable to David O'Donnell. Checks can be mailed to: David O'Donnell, c/o Amy Harenberg, 9848 S. St. Louis Ave., Evergreen Park, IL 60805.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact: Bobby Loranger at (708) 257-2115; Rich or Amy Harenberg at (708) 422-0825; Julie Figueroa at (708) 388-4322; or you can e-mail at doitfordave@yahoo.com.

Hold CIA Admissions Reception In Chicago

Future chefs, bakers, and foodservice industry leaders, The Culinary Institute of American (CIA) in Hyde Park, NY is coming to Chicago for an admissions reception and one lucky person will come away with a $500 grant to study at the CIA.

The admissions reception will be held at the Four Seasons Hotel, 120 E. Delaware Pl., on Wednesday, March 14 at 7 p.m. The reception is an opportunity for aspiring culinarians to meet the CIA to learn about the college's range of degree programs. The evening will be hosted by CIA alumna Michelle Antonishek '99, executive pastry chef at the Four Seasons Hotel Chicago. During the evening, one attendee will win a $500 grant towards his or her CIA studies.

The CIA is now enrolling students for 2007 entry dates for both its bachelor's and associate degree programs in culinary arts and baking and pastry arts. The college's representatives can discuss the benefits of a CIA education, as well as additional scholarship opportunities.

The foodservice industry is experiencing exponential growth, and interest in culinary careers is rising among both career changers and "traditional" college students. The National Restaurant Association projects a record $537 billion in sales for 2007 (almost $1.5 billion per day!). Graduates of the CIA are offered prestigious positions in all aspects of the restaurant industry. In addition to being top chefs, pastry chefs, and bakers, CIA alumna are leaders in research and development, catering, education, food styling, food journalism, and many other industry-related fields.

To learn more about the reception or to find out about available entry dates, contact The Culinary Institute of American at 1-800-CULINARY (285-4627) or visit www.ciachef.edu.

Statement On Bush's Proposed 2008 Budget

Governor Rod R. Blagojevich made the following statement on President Bush's proposed 2008 Budget: "The proposed federal budget unveiled by President Bush would seriously hamper the efforts of Illinois and other states across the country as we try to help working and middle class families get ahead. At a time when Illinois is making great progress in expanding access to healthcare, making our communities safer and investing more in our public schools, President Bush is proposing a budget that cuts funding for these critical areas so that he can provide permanent tax cuts to the wealthiest Americans and invest more in the escalating war in Iraq.

"President Bush's health care proposals represent, at best, another lost opportunity and, at worst, an approach that will dismantle coverage for millions of seniors, children and working families. The President's plan reduces flexibility and cuts federal support in the very areas that have enabled states to launch innovative programs like All Kids. He would shift an even greater share of costs and risks to businesses, working families, states and healthcare providers, and do so without significantly addressing the plight of the uninsured from the federal level.

"In the weeks and months ahead, I will work closely with my fellow governors and the Illinois Congressional delegation to stop President's Bush's efforts to finance a war and tax breaks for the rich on the backs of the middle class."

Chicago Lithuanian Women's Club Officers Installed

The Chicago Lithuanian Women's Club is starting the year 2007 with a new roster of officers. Honorary Member Mary Krauchunas officiated recently to install the following officers (left to right): President Birute Zalatorius of Berwyn, Vice President Irene Buchbinder of Chicago, Secretary Irene Norbut of Palos Hills, Treasurer Cecilia Matul of Orland Park, Corresponding Secretary Kathleen Guzauskas of Cicero, and Membership Secretary Elena Cinzinauskas of Orland Park.

The new Board has started activity plans for this 84-year-old philanthropic organization with the Lithuanian Independence commemoration slated for Wednesday, Feb. 14th.

Goal To Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions

Governor Rod R. Blagojevich announced a statewide goal to slash the production of heat-trapping greenhouse gases (GHGs) to 1990 levels by 2020 and 60 percent below 1990 levels by 2050. The GHG goals are part of a long-term study by the state to combat global climate change and builds on steps the state has already taken to reduce greenhouse gas emissions to protect the environment and public health.

The announcement comes as Gov. Blagojevich's Climate Change Advisory Group prepares to meet to address the serious and urgent issue of global climate change. The Governor charged the advisory group with recommending strategies to meet these GHG reduction goals. The advisory group, comprised of business leaders, labor unions, the energy and agricultural industries, scientists, and environmental and consumer groups, from throughout the state, will meet over a six-month period to identify measures to cost-effectively reduce greenhouse gases.

"The impact of global warming in Illinois and around the globe could be devastating, and we can't wait for federal government to act because scientists worldwide have warned that we must address climate change within the next decade to avoid serious and irreversible consequences," said Gov. Blagojevich. "The international community recognizes that rising temperatures, melting glaciers, and unusual weather patterns are warning signs telling us that climate change is a reality. Now, despite inaction by President Bush, we must deal with it. By committing ourselves to action in Illinois, we can help minimize the effects of climate change and ensure our children and grandchildren inherit a healthy world full of opportunity."

Scientists have reached consensus that increasing emissions of carbon dioxide from the combustion of fossil fuels, methane from landfills and other sources of GHGs are trapping heat and warming the earth's atmosphere. These gases remain in the atmosphere for decades or even centuries. Earlier this month, the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change reported that heat trapped by GHGs are raising the temperature of the air and oceans, causing snow and ice to melt and sea levels to rise. More than 1,200 experts from 113 countries wrote and reviewed the report.

According to scientists, global warming could cause a variety of serious problems in Illinois, including more frequent droughts, flooding, and extreme heat events. Such changes could endanger public health, decrease agricultural production, overwhelm sewage infrastructure, and cause property damage. Increased temperatures could also lead to dangerous increases in the level of air pollution and to the introduction of non-native invasive species that could damage Illinois' ecosystems.

The Governor's GHG reduction goals are similar to goals set by other states and those proposed by U.S. Senators Lieberman and McCain. Scientists argue that global reductions of this magnitude are needed to minimize the impact of climate change.

Daylight Saving Time Begins Early

Passed by the U.S. Congress in July 2005 (The U.S. Energy Policy Act of 2005), Daylight Saving Time in 2007 will be four weeks longer than previously observed. It will begin three weeks early, on March 11, and end one week later, on November 4.

It is important to make sure that your computer systems are appropriately updated to reflect the changes in Daylight Saving Time this year. Pay particular attention to appointments you have scheduled on your computer between March 11 and April 1 as well as between October 28 to November 4.

Boutique Shopping Mart

Stop by the Hilton Oak Lawn's Grand Ballroom on Saturday, Feb. 24th and enjoy browsing amidst more than 20 trendy vendors in a unique boutique shopping market. Admittance is FREE!

Purses, jewelry, handmade scarves, hats, knits, ladies fashions, makeup, candles, home and floral décor, gourmet foods and much more will be available for purchase at this eclectic shopping experience. Shopping is open to the public from 11a.m. to 3 p.m.

The Hilton Oak Lawn is located at 9333 S. Cicero Avenue. Call (708) 229-8884 for more info.

Seeking Host Families

NW Services, a non-profit and CSIET approved program, is looking for caring families to host high school students from Germany, Brazil, Columbia, Japan, France, and other countries for the upcoming school year. The students are 15-18 years of age and will begin arriving in August to spend the coming semester or school year with a caring host family while attending the local high school.

There is no such thing as a typical host family. Whether you are a single parent, retired, have small children, teens, or no children, you can have a great experience hosting an international teen.

The students are prescreened, speak English and look forward to learning about our culture while teaching us about their country. They have medical insurance and their own spending money to cover such things as clothing, school supplies and entertainment. Host families provide a loving home, meals and a place for the student to study/ sleep. Host families are not paid but may be able to claim a $50 per month charitable contribution on their income tax.

It is only through the kindness and generosity of families in communities like ours that these young teens will be able to fulfill their DREAM of spending a year as an American Teen. Please open your heart and home to one of these teens by inviting them to become a member of your family. Or, become a representative to watch over a student and family!

Bring the world to your doorstep! Call Karen Shell today at (866) 634-3977.

Check Scam A Growing Threat

Potential victims across the country are receiving notifications via mail that they are 'lucky' lottery winners. The solicitation and check offer is a scam whose only intent is to defraud the recipient rather than bring good financial news. The volume of these types of letters currently going around is substantial, so if you think that you have been singled out as a lucky winner in a drawing or a lottery that you don't ever recall entering, think again before responding.

If an unsolicited letter with a notification that you have won an award is received in the form of a final notification or you are a winner it will also urge your direct and immediate response. In many occasions the recipient will find a check included with your own name on it. Exercise caution as you are being targeted by a scammer.

According to Steve J. Bernas, President & CEO of the BBB of Chicago and Northern Illinois, "These types of scams that feature phony lottery and drawing winners are burgeoning and consumers need to be extremely vigilant if they are targeted. Do not under any circumstances send a check or wire transfer money to any individual or company that you don't know. If the offer looks too good to be true it probably is."

The Better Business Bureau has reported this fraudulent activity to several law enforcement authorities and is working closely with the Federal Trade Commission, the Illinois Attorney General's Office, The U.S. Postal Service and the City of Chicago Department of Consumer Services who are working in concert with us to help shut down these scams. Unfortunately, Bernas adds "it is extremely difficult if not impossible to recover consumer's money once they have sent it to these scammers."

Lottery Scam Prevention Tips:

If you get an alleged award notification letter, several things become evident. The text of the winnings will have a very generic-sounding name, such as USA Mega Direct or USA Lotto Direct, both of which sound like you could have potentially entered.

You will then be congratulated on being a winner of a large amount of money, given a reference number, and subsequently asked to not make your winnings public just yet. For convenience's sake, you will almost certainly be given a name of a contact or financial secretary who is to allegedly help guide you through your award claims process.

What is necessary to keep in mind is that anytime anyone asks you to pay for something that they claim you have won, a red flag should go up. If anyone asks you to wire a payment via Western Union to Canada, another red flag should go up. If you happen to receive a solicitation of being an awards or lotto winner and then are provided with a check to allegedly cover taxes or fees, turn it into your local Postal Inspector's Office.

These so-called contacts have in common is that they have a Canadian phone number for you to call- frequently out of Ontario and British Columbia- regardless of where they claim to be, Canada or the United States.

Included with the letter will almost always be a legitimate looking check, with an amount that can range from several hundred to several thousand dollars. The solicitation will tell you that this check is to help you offset the pay for insurance, taxes, and shipping and handling fees which you will need to pay before you can claim your prize, and will then direct you to call their financial advisor in order to find out how to claim the winnings.

Sometimes this check may even be addressed as coming from a well-known and/or Fortune 500 company with wide name recognition, which may put you in a fake comfort zone. This is in actuality an instance of identity theft of a business, which may likely not be aware that its name and identity are being fraudulently used in a check scam.

As soon as you call the number provided on your solicitation, you will be instructed to deposit the check into your personal bank account. Here is where the essence of the check scam lays: as real as it may look, the check will not have any funds to back it up. Shortly after taking out what you think are the funds from the check, you will be instructed to wire a certain amount of money, usually via Western Union of MoneyGram, to a previously undisclosed third party location.

The money that you will be wiring will be your own, provided that you have enough in your account to cover the amount being sent. If not, within a few days your bank will realize that the check you deposited was a fake one, as a result of which it will bounce and you will be held liable for any insufficient fund fees at the least.

Contact the BBB to report the scam at our website ~ www.chicago.bbb.org.

Mayor's Conference Decries Budget Cuts

In a show of support for the law enforcement services provided by the Cook County Sheriff's Office, the Southwest Conferenoe of Mayors recently approved a resolution that strongly urges county commissioners to reconsider the cuts being proposed by Board President Todd Stroger.

The resolution, which was unanimously approved, states that the proposed cuts in the Sheriff's Office budget would "jeopardize the safety and well being of the citizens of Cook County."

Palos Hills Mayor Gerald Bennett, who serves as president of the Southwest conference, said the proposed cuts would hurt smaller suburban police agencies that rely on the Sheriff's Police for supplemental police services, such as bomb squad service, K-9 service, evidence technicians, and additional manpower for gang and drug suppression.

Stroger's proposed budget cuts include a $6.5 million reduction in the Sheriff's Police Department that would eliminate 100 Sheriff's Police patrol officers. According to Cook County Sheriff Tom Dart, such cuts would have a direct effect on the response time of Sheriff's police officers, who often assist and back up suburban police agencies in emergency situations.

The cuts would also force the Sheriff's Office to close the 24-hour lockups in the Markham and Maywood courthouses which many suburban police agencies rely on to house their prisoners overnight. In addition, the Sheriff would be forced to eliminate supplemental police services currently provided to the community of Ford Heights as well as the Cook County Housing Authority and the Forest Preserve Police.

Stroger is also proposing a $10.9 million cut in the Sheriff's Court Services Division which would eliminate 236 deputy sheriff positions. According to Sheriff Dart, the Court Services Division is already short staffed and additional cuts will leave a number of civil and criminal courts without a deputy sheriff to maintain order and court room security. The cuts will also force a reduction in staffing at entryways and checkpoints at all court facilities.

Other cuts in the Sheriff's Office that Stroger is proposing include the complete elimination of the Sheriff's Senior Citizen Academy and all senior preventive programming, which is widely utilized by suburban residents. All preventive programming provided by the Sheriff's Youth Services staff in suburban schools would also be slashed.

By law, the county budget must be approved by this coming Feb. 28.

The Southwest Conference of Mayors is a body of elected officials from 21 southwest suburbs representing more than 350,000 citizens.

Accepts Donated Products

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Over 7,000 large corporations have donated over $2 billion worth of goods since NAEIR's founding in 1977. They have shipped items such as toys, consumer electronics, games, books, clothing, building materials, personal care products, office supplies, school supplies, and many more items.

These items are received and stored in a 450,000 square foot warehouse in Galesburg, Illinois. Donations come in all sizes, from one carton to several truckloads. The only thing NAEIR asks is that the products be new, finished goods so the deserving, charitable organizations that make up NAEIR's membership can use them.

These materials not only benefit deserving organizations, but companies that contribute can earn an above cost federal income tax deduction that could be up to twice the cost of the goods. This option is made possible by the Internal Revenue Code Section 170 (c) (3).

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Information On Unclaimed Assets

Many people find it hard to believe they would ever overpay a bill or lose track of a safety deposit box.

So you can imagine the surprise of newly elected Illinois State Treasurer Alexi Giannoulias when he discovered his name appeared on the state's list of unclaimed property owners. Having overpaid a registration fee to the Law School Admission Council in 1998, Giannoulias is now awaiting a check from his office for $36.

More than 75,000 individuals and businesses have been added to the state's unclaimed property rolls since the list was published in August, bringing the database to a record 10.2 million names. This month, the new additions will be listed in newspapers across the state with the hopes that more people will collect what's owed to them.

The Treasurer's Office currently holds over eight million properties worth more than $1.4 billion. Unclaimed property consists of money and other assets that are considered lost or abandoned after an owner cannot be located for more than five years.

The most common assets include abandoned savings and checking accounts, unpaid wages or commissions, stocks, bonds, mutual funds, non-cashed dividends, customer deposits or overpayments, credit balances, refunds, money orders, travelers checks, paid-up life insurance policies and safe deposit box contents.

The list of unclaimed property owners will appear in newspapers regionally in February as follows:

Week of Feb. 25th for Cook and Collar Counties: Cook, DuPage, Kane, Kendall, Lake, McHenry and Will.

The State Treasurer's Office has returned more than $400 million in unclaimed property since taking over the duty in July 1999.

An estimated one in six people has lost assets at the Illinois Treasurer's Office. In many cases, people move and forget to furnish their broker, bank, employer or insurance company with a forwarding address. Eventually, the money makes its way to the Treasurer's Office for distribution.

For more information about unclaimed property, visit the web site at www.cashdash.net; write the Illinois State Treasurer, Unclaimed Property Division, P.O. Box 19495, Springfield, IL 62794-9495; or call (217) 785-6998 or toll-free 1(866) 458-7327 (in Illinois only).

Rita To Chair Committee

State Rep. Bob Rita (D-Blue Island) announced recently that he is proud to be the first Chair of the newly-created House Committee on Tollway Oversight and hopes to bring fresh ideas to the Illinois tollway system.

"I am very excited about the possibilities we have with this new committee to help Illinois' tollways become the best in the country," Rita said. "Our tollway system is facing some obstacles and some opportunities right now, and this committee is the right place to address those kinds of issues and see where we can make some progress."

One issue that may be considered during this spring's legislative session is the governor's proposal to sell or lease the Illinois tollways. However, ,there are many other possible legislative ideas that may come before the committee. With a rapidly growing Chicago region, importance will be placed on measures that ease stress during commutes and best utilize Illinois' existing tollways.

"Chairing a committee is a new experience, and I look forward to finding ways to help the many people of my district who use tollways every day," Rita said. "I can assure everyone concerned with our tollways that we will be looking into the problems and solutions that will make Illinois' tollways stronger and more efficient for drivers all around the state."

As well as serving as chair of the Tollway Oversight Committee, Rita was also appointed to the Consumer Protection Committee, the Insurance Committee, the Environment and Energy Committee, the Health and Healthcare Disparities Committee, and the Executive Committee. While in Springfield, Rita wants to remind his constituents that his service office in Crestwood will remain open Monday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. to help with issues important to them. For more information, anyone may contact his Springfield office at (217) 558-1000.

All Points Southwest

By THOMAS E. GAVIN

This past Saturday, Feb. 10th, our United States Senator Barack Obama (D-IL) made his formal announcement that he would seek the office of the Presidency in the March 18th, 2008 Democratic Primary. Surrounded by family, loyal supporters and friends, Senator Obama articulated his desire to fight to make sure that working families have access to health care, good paying jobs, and opportunities to provide for their children.

According to Illinois Governor Rod Blagojevich, "Senator Obama has the vision, skills and dedication necessary to bring people together and make real progress in Washington to help solve our country's greatest and most pressing problems. Senator Obama offers real hope for the American people and I am proud to give him my support."

The Governor also went on to urge the Legislature to consider moving the Illinois primary from March 18, 2008 to Feb. 5, 2008. Blagojevich suggested that this change would send an early, positive message in support of Senator Obama throughout the state and the nation.

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Cook County Treasurer Maria Pappas has requested that All Points remind readers that property owners can pay tax bills from the past two years on the Treasurer's website. Pappas stated that full or partial payment can be made on www.cookcountytreasurer.com for: current bills dues March 1, for the first installment of tax year 2006. Also, bills issued in 2006 for the two installments of tax year 2005. According to the Treasurer, "the most convenient way to pay in person is on-line, from a computer."

Taxpayers can learn how much is owned on current and past year bills at the afore mentioned Treasurer's website or by calling (312) 443-5100. Remember to have the PIN (Property Index Number) to correctly identity your property.

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Cook County Republican committeemen recently learned that GOP Chairman Gary Skoien is leaving his party leadership position to help his wife recuperate from breast cancer. Skoien, State Rep. Paul Froehlich (R-Schaumburg) and Cook County Commissioner Anthony "Tony" Peraica have acknowledged that they are throwing their support behind the parties executive director and 27th Ward committeeman Tom Swiss. The Republican party's 80 ward and township committeemen were scheduled to meet Monday, Feb. 12th, to select a new party leader. Stay tuned.

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Oak Lawn Fifth District Trustee Marjorie Ann Joy is being feted by a Mardi Gras Fundraiser in her honor on Tuesday, Feb. 20th, from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Stony Creek Club House, 5850 W. 103rd St., in Oak Lawn. Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres will be plentiful, as well as great company and camaraderie. Tickets are $40 per person.

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On Friday, Feb. 23rd, the Independent/Tax Abatement Party of Midlothian will honor Midlothian Mayor Thomas Murawski at its annual dinner dance. The 43rd President's Ball will be held at the Odyssey Country Club in Tinley Park. The evening is highlighted by cocktails at 6:30 p.m. and dinner at 7:30 p.m. After dinner music and dancing will commence to the beautiful sounds of the Steven Edward Orchestra. Tickets for the entire evening, including an open bar, are only $60 per person. For reservations or tickets, contact any Independent/Tax Abatement Party member or call (708) 371-8757.

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Chicago readers...51 Chicago voting sites are available for early voting. You can vote when its convenient...Saturdays, Sundays, any day of the week. For the Feb. 27th Municipal Election, early voting opened this past Monday, Feb. 5th through Thursday, Feb. 22nd. There is an early voting location in every ward, in addition to the downtown location at 69 W. Washington St. (lower level). Early voting hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily and 9 a.m. to noon on Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays.

All sites utilize touchscreen voting units, and voters can go to any location to cast a ballot. Remember, to vote early, one only needs to be a registered Chicago voter and have a government issued photo identification such as a driver's license, state identification card, passport, etc.

For more information call (312) 269-7900, TTY (312) 269-0027, or www.chicagoelections.com.

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Practicing nurse professionals who wish to broaden their healthcare knowledge or nurses who are returning to the healthcare setting can learn comprehensive theory and get clinical experience in Moraine Valley Community College's Current Nurse Update Refresher course.

The 10-week course includes theory classes on Fridays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Moraine Valley's Blue Island Educational Center, 12940 S. Western Ave., and clinical work on Saturdays from 6:45 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. at a local hospital. The class begins Feb. 23rd. Students who are hired by their clinical site will receive full tuition reimbursement. Tuition is $1,354.

Students in the course will reestablish a solid medical-surgical foundation and will update their pharmacological practical skills in the medical-surgical area of professional nursing.

This course is approved for 10 adult education credits by the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation (IDFPR). Students must complete a series of immunizations and paperwork by the first day of class or they will be dropped without a refund. It may take four to six weeks to complete the requirements. Call (708) 974-5747 for a packet. Nurses with expired licenses should call IDPR at (217) 785-0800 to request a nursing restoration packet.

To register for this course, go to the Admissions, Records, and Registration Office, located in the College Center on campus, 9000 W. College Pkwy., Palos Hills, or call (708) 974-2110 (TT/TDD for the hearing impaired 708-974-9556). Previously enrolled students can register online at morainevalley.edu.

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Will Not Overturn License Plate Descision

A federal district judge denied a motion by the Secretary of State to overturn his recent ruling that allowed "Choose Life" to be a slogan on Illinois specialty license plates. On Jan. 22, Federal Judge David Coar had ruled in favor of Choose Life Illinois plaintiffs in their lawsuit against Jesse White, explaining that their message was protected by the First Amendment and entitled to be on the plates. Judge Coar had stayed enforcement of the January ruling for 30 days, and when White's lawyers, from the office of Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan, sought to extend that stay beyond its scheduled expiration date of Feb. 21, Judge Coar declined to do so. He explained that he might consider extending the stay if White pursued a further appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals from this trial court ruling in favor of the "Choose Life" plates.

Tom Brejcha, president and chief counsel at Chicago's Thomas More Society, a public interest law firm representing the non-profit group, Choose Life Illinois, Inc., hailed Judge Coar's latest ruling as another strong endorsement of his clients' First Amendment rights. "This isn't rocket science, but rather a plain and simple application of rudimentary First Amendment principles," Brejcha said. "Once you open up state license plates as a public forum where citizens can set up their soap boxes and promote their private causes – ranging from peace plates, environmental plates, pet friendly plates to plates for Masons and Knights of Columbus – you can't constitutionally suppress the rights of over 25,000 Illinois citizens who signed petitions for Choose Life to promote the cause of adoption and raise funds to support young women who choose to bear their infants and give them the priceless gift of life in loving, adoptive families."

Jesse White's spokesman recently faulted the Choose Life group for failing to follow the usual procedure of getting a bill passed in the General Assembly. Brejcha responded to this allegation stating, "Judge Coar ruled that Illinois law gives the Secretary of State himself full authority to approve or reject specialty plates. Secretary White can't lawfully pass the buck to the General Assembly, as if legislators should be casting votes as grand inquisitors or censors approving some causes, disapprove others. Every American has the right to stand on his or her soap box and promote a cherished cause, unless it's obscene, or threatening, or fighting words, or an incitement to violence. If those who oppose adoption or advocate against choosing life want to petition for their own specialty plate, more power to them – this is still a free country!"

Jim Finnegan, retired business exccutive and president of Choose Life Illinois, said that he and his fcllow board members, including Virginia McCaskey of the Chicago Bears, "look forward to the day when Illinois drivers may help more children find loving homes by buying these plates, whose proceeds will be earmarked only for agencies supporting adoption."

Fund Programs To Reduce Child Abuse Cases

Illinois law enforcement leaders met recently with Rep. Danny Davis (D-IL) and urged him to move forward legislation that would provide federal funding for programs to reduce child abuse and neglect wile cutting crime.

Davis has been a leader on this issue and Police Chiefs Robert Smith of Westchester, Rick Tanksley of Oak Park and Ray Pelletier of Broadview thanked him for his efforts. In their meeting, the chiefs spoke with Davis about urging his colleagues to support legislation similar to the Education Begins at Home Act introduced in the 109th Congress. That bill would provide states with federal funding to improve and expand in-home parent coaching programs.

The police chiefs are members of the anti-crime group Fight Crime: Invest in Kids Illinois. Davis is a member of the House Committee on Education and Labor that has jurisdiction over in-home parent coaching legislation.

In-home parent coaching programs send trained professionals to the homes of at-risk, first-time parents to provide them with support and information to better care for their children, even before they're born. These programs, which are voluntary, are also proven to cut crime. Citing results from a study of one model program – the Nurse-Family Partnership – Smith said high quality in-home parent coaching programs for at-risk families can cut cases of child abuse and neglect in half. It also reduces later arrests of the moms and kids by about 60 percent.

Research also shows that kids who are abused or neglected as children are 29 percent more likely than other children to be arrested for a violent crime as adults. In-home parent coaching is one of the most effective ways to break this cycle of violence.

Illinois has been a leader in promoting in-home parent coaching efforts and currently has programs in place, but most at-risk families do not get this crucial service due to lack of funding.

Fight Crime: Invest in Kids is a non-profit anti-crime organization based in Washington, D.C. with more than 3,000 law cnforccmcnt members. Illinois members includc 190 policc chiefs, sheriffs, prosccutors, and violcnt crime victims.

Youth Award Tea

The Swallow Cliff Chapter of the National Socicty of the Daughters of the American Revolution will hold its annual Youth Awards Tea on Feb. 17th at Trinity Christian College in Ozinga Chapel, 6601 W. College Drivc in Palos Heights, at 1 p.m.

Numerous schools and students participated in the "Student History Essay Awards Contest" and "Good Citizen Awards." This year students will be presented the "American History Award" for their essay titled "Jamestown Colony is Settled." In 2007 we will celebrate the 400th anniversary of the "Settlement of Jamestown." Celebrations will be held in Jamestown during the year. Students whose essays are selcct-ed to enter the DAR District competition will be reading their essay of Jamestown at the meeting.

Also, we will be celebrating the "275th birthday of Georgc Washington," (Feb. 22nd) known as "The Father of Our Country." Much is being done in cclebration for his birthday at Mt. Vemon. A new addition/museum, called the "Reynolds Museum and Education Center," has been added to Mount Vemon where George spent many of his years. Celebrations will be held at his boyhood home "Fcrry Farm," and the Kenmore Estate of his sister Elizabeth. Mark your calendars and celebrate these historical events at Jamestown and Mt. Vemon this year. Information on Jamestown and George Washington can be found on the Intemet.

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ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

Lake Shore Singers To Perform

The Lake Shore Singers will perform quartets by Johannes Brahms on Friday, Feb. 23, as part of the Xavier Classics at Noon concert series in Saint Xavier University's McGuire Hall, 3700 W. 103rd St., Chicago.

Comprising soprano Kathleen VanDeGraaff, mezzo-soprano Jan Bickel, tenor Christopher Lorimer, bass-baritone Peter VanDeGraaff and accompanied by pianist Daniel Surma, the professional singers will present the opus 64 and 92 quartets and the Gypsy Lieder by Brahms in the original German language.

It is the fourth Xavier Classics at Noon concert of the 2006-07 academic year and the first of three spring 2007 programs offered at Saint Xavier. The March 23 concert will feature concert pianist Amy Briggs-Dissanayake in a program of Schubert, Ravel and Ligeti. And the April 20 concert will feature Abellimento, Chicago's premier flute-and-harp duo featuring Gia Sastre on flute and AnnLaura Tapia on harp. The concerts are open to the public and a $5 donation will be accepted at the door.

Members of the Lake Shore Singers are known locally, nationally and internationally for their vocal performances.

Kathleen VanDeGraaff has been featured at the Costa Rica International Music Festival, singing in opera performances throughout that country. She also has been a soloist at the San Luis Obispo Mozart Festival, St. Louis Baroque Festival, Music of the Baroque, Bloomington Early Music Festival and Manitou Music Festival. She has worked with opera companies in Chicago, Milwaukee, Washington, Utah and Idaho.

Bickel, D.M.A., is founder of Xavier Classics at Noon and a professor of music and director of vocal studies at Saint Xavier University, where she has taught for 24 years. She also is a frequent recitalist in the Chicago area and has appeared as a soloist with the Chicago Symphony, Chicago Philharmonic, Chicago Chamber Orchestra, and with the Wheaton, Southwest, and Kankakee Valley symphony orchestras. Most recently, she performed the alto solos in Beethoven's 9th Symphony with the Chicago Bar Association Symphony Orchestra and Chorus at the International Bar Association convention at Navy Pier.

Lorimer has distinguished himself in Chicago and the Midwest as a performer in opera and oratorio. His opera credits include Abduction from the *Seraglio, Rigoletto, The Rake's Progress, Die Fledermaus* and *The Magic Flute*. He performs with the Grant Park Symphony Chorus and Music of the Baroque. Active as a clinician and a member of the Chicago Chapter of the National Association of Teachers of Singers, he taught at the National High School Music Institute, College of DuPage and University of Illinois-Chicago before joining DePaul University as a voice instructor.

Hailed by critics as possessing a "resplendent voice," a "rich, burnished sound" with "formidable skill" and a "commanding grace and strength," bass-baritone Peter VanDeGraaff has sung to great acclaim throughout the world. His singing has taken him throughout the United States, including engagements with the Houston Symphony, Chicago Symphony and the Utah Symphony, among many others. He also has been active in the opera house and has performed with the Lyric Opera of Chicago, Florentine Opera, Milwaukee Opera, Rochester Opera, Chicago Opera Theater, Cedar Rapids Opera and many other companies.

Surma is adjunct professor of piano and staff accompanist at Saint Xavier University. He is also a studio accompanist and accompanist for the Opera Workshop and University choral organizations, and accompanies student, faculty and guest recitals. He is the organist/choral director for United Church of Christ in Skokie. He has appeared four times as soloist with the LaPorte Symphony Orchestra in his hometown of LaPorte, Ind, and has been a keyboardist with the Northwest Indiana Symphony, Whiting Park Festival Orchestra, Illinois Symphony in Springfield, Elgin Symphony and Ravinia Festival Orchestra.

Xavier Classics at Noon provides 50 minutes of fine classical music to the University and neighboring communities. Since 2005, the series has been supported by a grant from the Illinois Arts Council.

For more information, visit www.sxu.edu/music/concerts.asp, or contact the Saint Xavier University music department at (773) 298-3421.

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Ballet Auditions

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Ballet Chicago is the home of The School of Ballet Chicago and The Ballet Chicago Studio Company. It enjoys a reputation as one of the most highly respected training programs in the country. Under the artistic direction of Daniel Duell, who was a principal dancer with New York City Ballet, Ballet Chicago offers exceptional classical ballet training in the George Balanchine technique and style to talented dancers worldwide.

Ballet Chicago's 2007 Summer Intensive Course will take place from June 25th to July 27th. Dates for the Advanced Intensive Program are July 30th to Aug. 20th.

Auditions will take place at Ballet Chicago, 218 S. Wabash, 3rd Floor, in downtown Chicago. Registration begins at 12 noon and the audition times are 1 to 3 p.m. for 11 to 14 year olds and 3 to 5 p.m. for 15 years and older. There is a $20 audition fee. Bring a headshot and photo in first arabesque. For further information, visit the website at www.balletchicago.org or contact Jennifer Colgan at (312) 251-8838 or info@balletchicago.org.

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Class Reunions

Reavis High School class of 1977 – 30-year Reunion will be held on July 7th, 2007 at the Old Barn in Burbank. Contact reavisclassof77@yahoo.com.

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DuSable High School class of 1951 will hold a 55th-year reunion from Sept. 15th to 17th at the Hilton Oak Lawn Hotel. Call (708) 206-0468.

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Harrison High School - Classes of 1931 to 1960 Reunion on Sept. 24th from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at The Abbington, 3 South 002, Route 53, Glen Ellyn. Call (708) 366-3423.

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New Trier class of 1986 20th reunion will be held on Nov. 4th at the North Shore Skokie Hotel. Visit www.1986.com.

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St. Florian School – An All-School Reunion, celebrating 100 years, will be held Nov. 17th. Organizers are looking for all alumni names, addresses and the year they graduated. Call (773) 646-2868 or visit www.florian.hegewisch.net.

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Chicago Vocational High School class of 1981 is looking for classmates. Email cvs1981@aol.com.

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Farragut High School, classes of 1952-1954, looking for classmates. Call Carolee (Fotka) Michalek at (815) 407-1934.

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Harrison High School, classes of 1965-1969, looking for classmates. Call (773) 507-4669 or (773) 600-8669.

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Hyde Park High School class of 1996 is looking for classmates. Call (773) 718-1507 or (773) 493-1051.

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Lourdes High School class of 1978 is looking for classmates. Call (708) 258-9096.

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Morton East High School class of 1987 is planning a 20th reunion. Contact Kathy Tokarczyk at imqueenmom@sbcglobal.net or Barb Biman at joyride7207@aol.com.

Gaelic Park On The Radio

Listen every Sunday night from 7:05 to 9 p.m. to a live broadcast from Gaelic Park with hosts Harry Costelloe, Mary Hackett and Mary Riordan on WCEV 1450 AM. Hear all the week's Irish news and sports direct from Ireland, and all the latest events and goings-on at Gaelic Park. The program can now be heard live over the Internet on Sunday evenings at www.wcev1450.com. Once you enter the www.wcev1450.com web site, click on the Surfer Network located on the upper left-hand corner of the screen, and follow steps from there. Call the radio hosts at (708) 687-9330 to request a song or dedication.

Also visit Gaelic Park's web site at www.chicagogaelicpark.org for more information on the events hosted by Gaelic Park.

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ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

26th Annual Chevy Vettefest

This rare 1953 Corvette will be among hundreds of cars showcased at the 26th annual Chevy Vettefest, March 3-4, at McCormick Place in Chicago. For more information or to buy advance tickets call (248) 373-1700 or log on to www.chevyvettefest.net

The world's largest all-indoor Chevy and Corvette show, swap meet and car sale peels into Chicago's McCormick Place March 3rd and 4th. Car enthusiasts will find everything-Chevrolet, from antiques to futuristic prototypes, and every super-charged dream car in between. The spring edition of the 26th annual Chevy Vettefest, under new owner Championship Auto Shows, Inc., returns to Chicago with more than 400 four-wheel standouts.

A Vette lovers dream, Chevy Vettefest is presented by Nickey Chicago. A wide variety of vendors, ranging from the weekend swapper to nationally recognized specialty Corvette vendors, will be on-hand to inspire the car expert and novice alike.

Muscle car aficionados can expect to see a wide variety of Camaros, Chevelles and Novas. A special 50th Anniversary feature showcase, dubbed "57 Heaven," will feature a wide variety of Chevrolet's finest offerings from the 1957 model year. A Yenko Supercars showcase, featuring some of the Pennsylvania dealerships finest and most sought after muscle cars will also be featured. The newly reborn Nickey Chicago, title sponsor, will show off their Continuation cars along with several documented original Nickey supercars.

Fans will also get a chance to step back in time and see a rare 1953 Corvette. The car is one of only 300 and is one of the first produced and built in Flint, Mich.

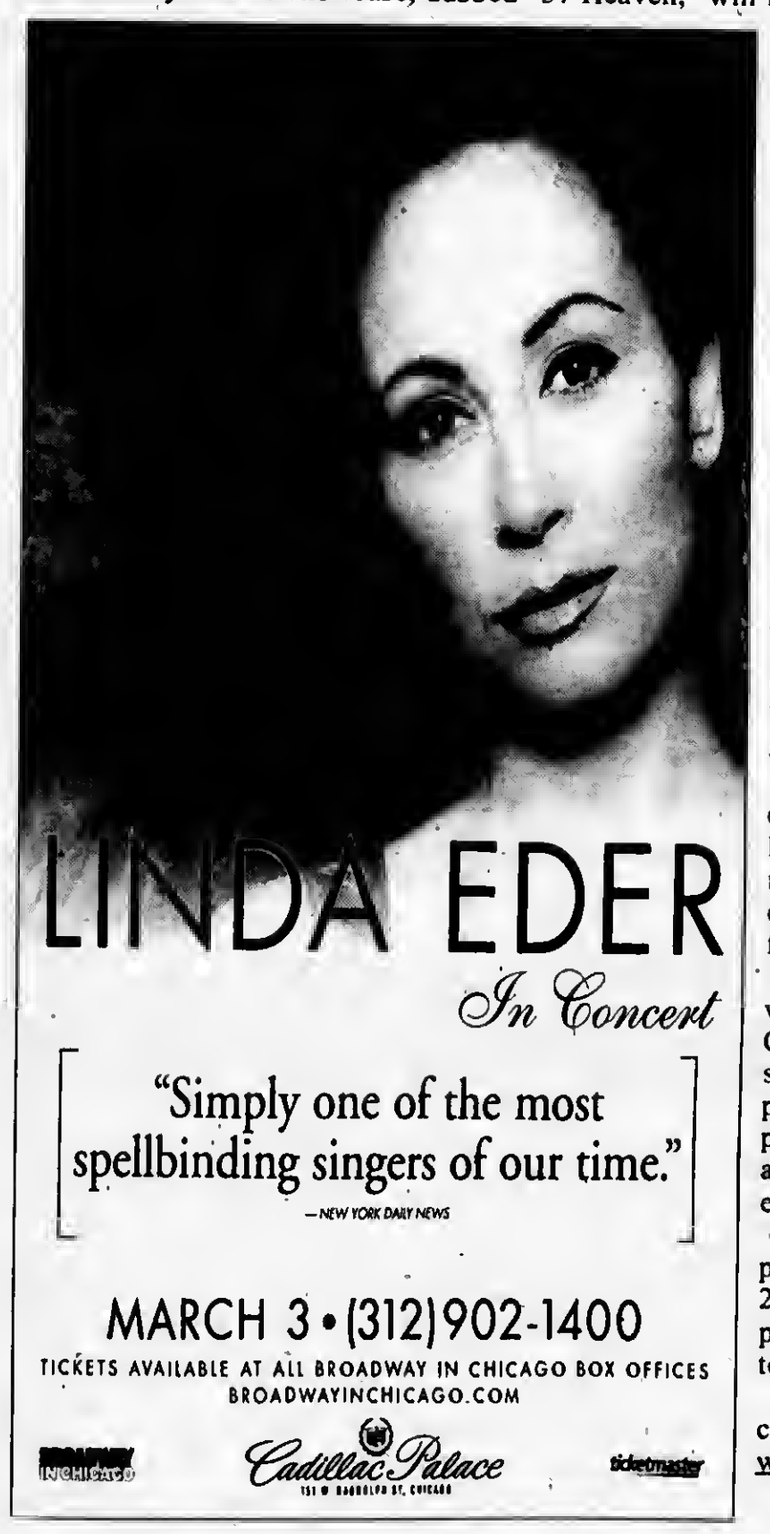
Prizes will be awarded to top stock, restored, custom and modified cars and trucks in the Gold Spinner Concours and Bow tie Boulevard classes. For the Triple Crown award, competitors converge from across the country to vie for an honor given only to the finest restored Corvettes that already have achieved Gold Spinner, NCRS Top Flight and Bloomington Gold status. A team of experienced Corvette experts stringently judge Triple Crown entries so that only a select few Corvettes win this award at each show. The new "Diamond" award will also be presented to an outstanding first-time shown Corvette, Camaro, Chevelle and Nova. The "Woman's World" area and awards competition will feature classic and custom show cars owned and maintained by women.

Also new this year is the 2007 Indy Fan Tour. Racing enthusiasts will marvel at this interactive display highlighting the history of the Indy 500. Fans will go behind the scenes on race day as they navigate their own simulated Indy racing car and get their picture taken crossing the finish line.

In the automotive swap meet, serious restorers and weekend dabblers alike will find more Chevy and Corvette parts and peripherals than anywhere else under a single roof – everything from N.O.S. (new old stock) parts to the latest reproduction items, bumper-to-bumper parts, automotive restoration services and apparel. The all-Corvette and Chevrolet car and truck sale allows buyers to deal directly with sellers, without commission fees.

Chevy Vettefest will be open to the public, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, at McCormick Place North, 23rd Pl. and Lake Shore Drive, Chicago. Tickets are $14 per person at the door, with children under age 12 admitted free.

For additional information or to buy advance tickets, call (248) 373-1700 or log on to www.chevyvettefest.net.



The Wolfe Tones

An exciting evening will be had at Gaelic Park, 6119 W. 147th St. in Oak Forest, on Friday, Feb. 23rd when The Wolfe Tones come to town. The doors for this show open at 7:30 p.m. with an 8:30 show time.

For over 40 years, this rabble-rousing group has inspired many to fight against the injustices in Ireland with their poignant, powerful and unsurpassed style of music. In the past years the group has become the biggest selling artists in Ireland and in 2001-02 sold more albums than the ever-popular U2. The Wolfe Tones also have had double and triple platinum albums and recently released a new album "The Troubles", which holds 32 tracks including brand new songs. Show goers will enjoy Wolfe Tones ballads such as *On the One Road, Boys of the Old Brigade, Come Out Ye Black* and the classic – *Celtic Symphony*.

Tickets to this much-anticipated show will go quickly as the last appearance at Gaelic Park did sell out. Tickets are on sale now for the price of $20 per person. Reserve by calling Gaelic Park at (708) 687-9323 or visit the web site at www.chicagogaelicpark.org.

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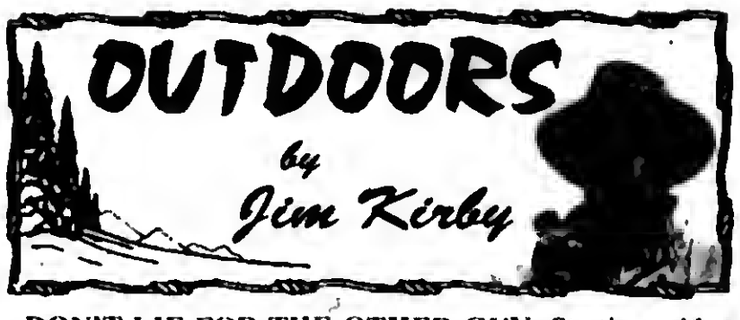

DON'T LIE FOR THE OTHER GUY: Starting with a high-profile launch in Georgia in January, the "Don't Lie For The Other Guy" program brought its message of the consequences of participating in an illegal firearms purchase to seven more states and the District of Columbia. This program has been an effective tool for U.S. Attorneys, to raise the public's awareness of the consequences of straw purchases, whereby a person buys a firearm for someone not qualified to own a gun. *This program should be put into effect in Illinois, considering the high number of shootings by persons using illegal guns.*

■LET'S TALK TURKEY: The Cook County Turkey Baggers Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation will be holding its 6th Annual Hunting Heritage Banquet on March 30th.

There will be live and silent auctions, and raffles for outdoor items, including guns, art collectibles, hunting apparel and equipment.

Doors open at 6 p.m. for cocktails and product review. Dinner at 7:15 followed by raffles and auctions. The affair will be held at the South Chicago Elks Lodge, 4428 Midlothian Turnpike, in nearby Crestwood. Tickets are only $60. For tickets and information call Carl Rendel at (708) 349-8862. *See you there!!*

■COAST GUARD TO RE-THINK LIVE-FIRE RANGES ON LAKE MICHIGAN: The U.S. Coast Guard announced its decision to withdraw its intent to establish 34 safety zones for live-fire training on the Great Lakes.

The plan had been criticized by at least 80 U.S. and Canadian mayors, business leaders, governors, anglers, boaters, conservationists and environmentalists who said the plan was unsafe. Many expressed concerns about lead ammunition being deposited in the Great Lakes.

■OUTDOOR GEAR SALES STRONG IN 2005: New statistics show that hunting gear, firearm sales, and fishing tackle topped $5.4 billion in 2005 according to data just released by the National Sporting Goods Association. Hunting, firearm and fishing tackle sales grew by 6% from the previous year, which is two times better than the athletic and sports equipment market performed as a whole.

Within the hunting and firearms category, hunting footwear sales saw a 7% increase, and sales of hunting-related apparel saw a 4% gain. Shotgun sales increased by 10.5% for a total of $667.9 million, handgun sales roles 8.5% to $630.7 million and rifle sales were up 2.7% to $849.2 million.

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■WSRC ANNOUNCES WINTER HOURS FOR PUBLIC SHOOTING: Shooting facilities at the new World Shooting and Recreational Complex (WSRC) in Sparta in Randolph County are open throughout the winter for public trap and sporting clays shooting.

Operating hours for the complex are each Wednesday through Sunday from 10 a.m. until dusk. The complex also hosts a Winter Trap League on lighted fields each Thursday evening. Planned skeet fields at the complex are scheduled to be open in early 2007.

The state of the art 1,600 acre complex opened for public shooting on Sept. 1st. Public shooting opportunities are available on trap fields nearest WSRC Events Center and vendor mall for the convenience of recreational shooters.

Shooters should enter the complex at the Events Center access drive off of Randolph County Highway 18. Shooting fees are collected at the Events Center. For more information phone the Events Center at (618) 295-2700, ext. 352.

■NEW INDIANA RECORD SPOTTED BASS: A Terre Haute man has broken one of Indiana's longest standing fish records. Larry Hinesley Jr.'s 5 lb., 5 oz. fish recently topped a 31 year old 5 lb., 1 oz. spotted bass record. On May 24, Hinesley was fishing a private pond, when Indiana's largest recorded spotted bass took his night crawler bait. Hinesley saw the fish before he cast to it. He tired the fish with an ultra-light Ugly Stick fishing rod strung with 10-pound-tester Spider Wire. The fight lasted five to six minutes.

After boating the fish, Hinesley had it weighed on certified scales at the IGA on Locust Street in Terre Haute. Spotted bass also known as Kentucky spotted bass, are frequently mistaken for other types of bass. Spotted bass will sometimes out-compete smallmouth bass.

■FOUR ILLINOIS MEN FACE HEFTY FINES: The four men were cited for 92 walleyes over the limit in Lake of the Woods Minnesota/Canadian boundary waters. The men from Chicago and Coal City, if convicted face fines totaling $4,250 and revocation of their fishing privileges for three years. This was a "Turn-in Poacher" phone call tip.

Special Olympics Basketball

Richards High School hosted more than 300 athletes on Saturday, Feb. 10th for the Illinois Special Olympics regional basketball tournament.

Special Olympics athletes from southern Cook County and Will County participated in the tournament, which included more than 30 teams. Winning teams qualified for the state finals at Illinois State University in March.

More than 100 Richards students, including the National Honor Society and football team, volunteered throughout the day to make the event a success.

Richards Assistant Principal Ken Styler organized the event with Illinois Special Olympics regional executive director Kevin O'Brien.

Pictured (left to right) Richards High School students (front row) Kayla Wallenius, Erica Bartley and John Ryan; (back row) Scott Mitchell, Kevin Lee, Matt Belouris, Mo Makhlouf, assistant football coach Rick Pratl and Matt Lepper volunteered to work at the concession stand for the Special Olympics basketball tournament.

Pictured (left to right): District 218 Director of Student Services and Special Education Mike Padavic, Richards High School counselor and freshman football coach John Kocher, Richards Assistant Principal for athletics Ken Styler, Illinois Special Olympics regional Executive Director Kevin O'Brien, Richards English teacher Kevin Szczepkowski, and Richards High School assistant football coach Rick Pratl.

Pictured (left to right) Richards High School students (front row) Chris Smith, Jack Geiger, Amanda Englund, Caltlin Flood, and Alan Siska; (back row) Ashley Leclercq, Brian Turner, Nick Waters, Joe Sheehan, Phil Demma, Mike Lubinski, Chris Waters, and Jason Caliendo volunteered as scorekeepers and timekeepers for the Special Olympics basketball tournament.

Baseball Program

Diamond Kings Baseball Complex will host a six-week Spring Training 2007 baseball program for players in grades 1 through 12 Feb. 25th to April 1st. Diamond Kings Baseball Complex owner/former Seattle Mariners player Eric Blakeley, will direct the program in conjunction with Midwest Baseball Academy. Sessions are offered in advanced hitting and pitching at a cost of $98 for six weeks. Space is limited. Registration is now under way.

For more information, visit www.baseballacademy.net, or call toll-free (866) MBA-HITS.

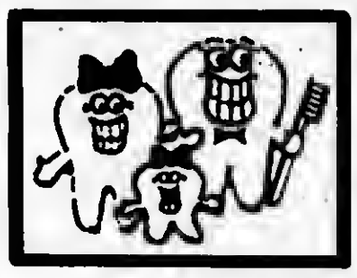
Coaching Clinic

ASEP Coaching Clinics will be held in Arlington Heights on Feb. 24th at the La Quinta Inn and in South Holland on March 3rd at Seton Academy for anyone interested in becoming certified to coach middle or high school athletics. The successful completion of the ASEP program is required by the Illinois High School Assn. for all non-faculty coaches.

To register or for more information about this or future clinics, contact Jeff Kyle at (217) 586-4799.

Ranked 23rd

Led by head coach Myra Minuskin, the St. Xavier University softball team recently learned that it would carry the No. 23 ranking into the 2007 season this March when the NAIA released its 2007 Softball Preseason Ratings from its national office in Olathe, Kan. Last season, the Cougars finished the season ranked No. 15 nationally, but just missed receiving an at-large bid to participate in the 2006 NAIA National Tournament last May.



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International Women's Day Fair

The Union League Club of Chicago will host the sixth annual International Women's Day Fair and Luncheon on Thursday, March 8. The fair will feature Chicago-based organizations that focus on a wide range of issues affecting women, both domestically and internationally. From relief organizations to the arts, healthcare to technology, there will be a broad range of topics covered at the fair.

The luncheon keynote speaker is Mardge H. Cohen, M.D., an internationally recognized medical educator, researcher and advocate for the prevention of HIV in women. She is founder and chair the Chicago Women's AIDS Project, a community based initiative to provide support, prevention and advocacy services for Chicago women with HIV. In 1988, Dr. Cohen launched the Women and Children HIV program at Cook County Hospital to provide comprehensive medical and psychosocial services to women, their partners and children. She continues today as the program's director.

Since 2004, Dr. Cohen has served as medical director of the Women's Equity in Access to Care and Treatment (WE-ACTx) to facilitate HIV primary care for women 250,000 who were infected after being raped during the 1994 genocide incidents in Rwanda. WE-ACTx has established health clinics, food and income generation programs for women and children with HIV in Rwanda. Five percent of Rwandan adults and an estimated 20,000 to 30,000 children are infected with HIV.

Dr. Cohen is the Chicago principal investigator for the National Institutes of Health supported Women's Interassociation HIV Study begun in 1994 to better understand HIV disease progression in women. She worked on HIV research projects funded by the Centers for Disease Control and the National Institutes of Child Health & Human Development. She leads a public health initiative to implement the rapid HIV testing in labor and delivery areas of all birthing hospitals in the state of Illinois.

Dr. Cohen, is a senior attending physician at Cook County (Stroger) Hospital, a clinical instructor at the University of Illinois School of Medicine and an associate professor, Rush Medical College.

Sponsors for the IDW event are the International Trade Club of Chicago, International Visitors Center of Chicago and the Union League Club of Chicago. Partners of the event are: Consulate General of Canada,; Girl Scouts of Chicago; National Association of Women Business Owners; Organization of Women in International Trade, Chicago chapter; Polish American Women in Business Club; Professional Women's Club of Chicago, and the University of Chicago's Women's Business Group.

International Women's Day began in the early 1900s as a remembrance and celebration of the struggle faced by women around the world in the name of equality, justice, peace and development. Though the role of women around the world has continued to evolve in the nine decades since the inception of International Women's Day, women in the 21st century still face many obstacles in the advancement of their status worldwide. Regardless of ethnic, linguistic, cultural, economic and political differences, the desire and need for progressive change is universal.

International Women's Day Fair begins at 10:30 a.m. at the Union League Club of Chicago, 65 West Jackson Blvd., Chicago. Luncheon begins at noon. Cost is $60 per person and includes admission to exhibits and luncheon. Exhibit space and luncheon table reservations are available for purchase through the International Visitors Centers of Chicago. For reservations or more information contact: Lexy Sobel, IVCC at (312) 254-1800 ext. 102 or visit www.ivcc.org.

Theaters Creating Jobs

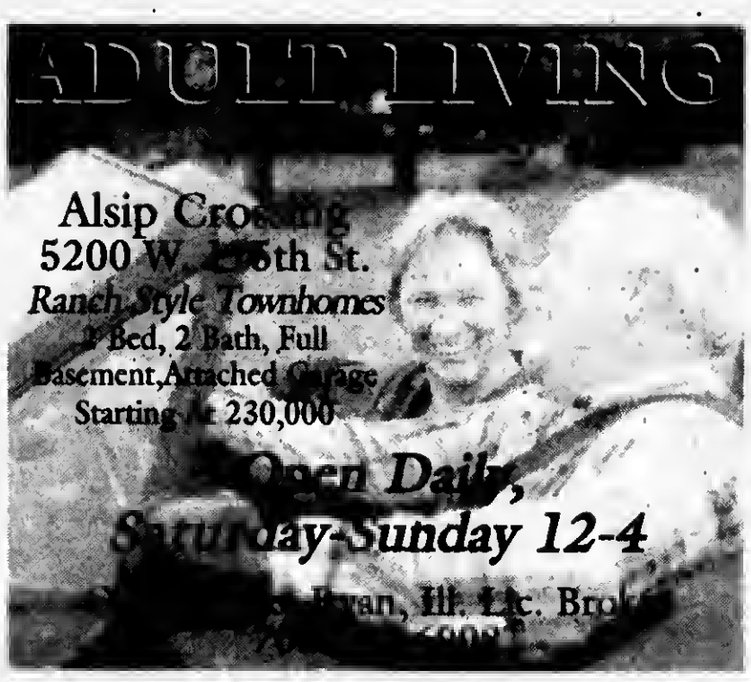
Mayor Richard M. Daley hailed an economic study that reports the Broadway In Chicago theater program has created 7,500 jobs for residents of neighborhoods across Chicago.

The study, conducted by Fishkind & Associates of Orlando, reports that Broadway In Chicago pumps $635 million into the Chicago economy each year and attracts an annul audience of 1.5 million patrons, who occupy more than 500,000 hotel rooms and spend $75 million in local restaurants.

Unique Lithuanian Film

The Women's Guild of the Balzekas Museum of Lithuanian Culture is featuring a unique film, "In Love With Lithuania," as its program on Sunday, Feb. 25th, to commemorate Lithuania's Independence. Director and photographer Arvydas Barysas highlighted Lithuania's rich historical past with this film presented at the Expo 2005 World Exhibition in Japan. This visual story journeys into a modern rapidly developing Lithuania.

The program will begin at 2 p.m. in the Edward Mankas Audio Visual Room of the Museum, 6500 S. Pulaski Rd., Chicago. Socializing and refreshments to follow in the Amber Room. Committee hostesses are Kathleen Guzauskas, Irene Buchbinder and Irene Norbut.



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Thoughts On Health & Nutrition

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NEW FDA-APPROVED DIET DRUG

It's true! Last week the FDA announced the approval of the first-time ever over-the-counter weight loss drug! The drug—Alli—made by GlaxoSmithKline, actually works, say the Feds. For every five pounds a person loses due to diet and exercise change, Alli can help you to lose more.

The FDA has approved its OTC use only for overweight adults when combined with a program which includes a reduced calorie, low fat diet and an exercise program, according to the Wall Street Journal. The issue then becomes, of course, who will do the monitoring? I have not found the FDA's answer to this yet.

Two-thirds of Americans are overweight or obese. Not only have those rates increased exponentially in recent decades, but we are getting fatter at even faster rates. Even an extra 20 pounds dramatically increases a person's risk for heart disease, cancer and diabetes. It is happening to our children, too. Being fat is the second largest cause of preventable death, just behind smoking, and is closing in fast on first place. Easily available snack and fast foods and ridiculously large portions at restaurants and at home, and a country of people young and old sitting at computers and watching TV and DVDs, has made us this way.

The fear among professionals like myself is that this is an expensive drug which will be used and abused. Not to mention the unpleasant gastrointestinal side effects it may have after taking, according to reports. And without a formalized weight management program run by licensed health care professionals, or one-to-one counseling, and an exercise program modified to fit the client, a person will generally see very short-term weight loss while using this drug. After all, losing weight and keeping it off involves permanent changes in lifestyle choices.

Alli, according to GlaxoSmithKline, will be on the market this summer at supermarkets and drug stores, so be on the look-out for its debut.

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Medical Marijuana Bill Introduced

Sen. John J. Cullerton (D-Chicago) introduced legislation recently that would remove criminal penalties for medical use of marijuana with a physician's recommendation.

If enacted, SB 650 would make Illinois the 12th state to protect seriously ill patients who use medical marijuana with their physician's recommendation from arrest. Medical marijuana laws are currently in effect in Alaska, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Maine, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Rhode Island, Vermont and Washington. Polling last year indicated that all of these laws are extremely popular.

Illinois is just one of many states considering medical marijuana bills this year. Connecticut, Michigan, Minnesota, New Mexico, New York, South Carolina and Tennessee are considering bills to protect sick and dying citizens from the threat of prosecution and jail, and medical marijuana legislation is expected to be introduced in an additional half dozen states within the next month. Additionally, legislation has been introduced in Montana and Vermont that would expand existing medical marijuana laws to provide greater protection to patients.

With more than 21,000 members and 100,000 e-mail subscribers nationwide, the Marijuana Policy Project is the largest marijuana policy reform organization in the United States. MPP believes that the best way to minimize the harm associated with marijuana is to regulate marijuana in a manner similar to alcohol. For more information, visit www.MarijuanaPolicy.org.

Prostate Cancer Challenge

A challenge gift of $1 million has been made by Wade F.B. Thompson, chairman, president and chief executive officer of Thor Industries, Inc. to the National Prostate Cancer Coalition (NPCC) for 2007.

The Wade Thompson $1 Million Prostate Cancer Challenge aims to persuade individuals, corporations and foundations to give for the first time, renew a gift or increase their support. From Feb. 1st to Dec. 31st, all donations made to the NPCC will be matched dollar for dollar, enabling each dollar donated to become two.

"We are excited about the prospect of raising $1 million to meet this challenge," NPCC CEO Richard N. Atkins, M.D. said. "NPCC is delighted and honored to receive this gift from Mr. Thompson. He is a leading philanthropist in this cause and has been instrumental in the success of our organization and its programs, particularly the Drive Against Prostate Cancer which is a life-saving initiative he envisioned and began in 2001."

The Challenge is broken down into two parts. NPCC is challenged to raise the first $500,000 before June 30. If that amount is met on time, a second $500,000 challenge gift will be issued by Mr. Thompson with a deadline of Dec. 31st.

The funds will support the NPCC's mission to fight prostate cancer through early detection, awareness, outreach and advocacy specifically by expanding the Drive Against Prostate Cancer to test 20,000 men free every year and to further research by discovering a better test for the disease. To date, the Drive has provided free tests to more than 46,000 men, saving countless lives.

"Despite exercise, a good diet, and annual check-ups, prostate cancer can strike anyone, at any time. Early detection is the key. I am alive nearly 11 years after detection because my cancer was caught early and I urge every man to get tested," said Thompson. "Prostate cancer discovered early is virtually 100 percent curable. I plan to continue trying to find the cure for this disease that kills more than 27,000 U.S. men annually. I hope everyone will respond generously because every dollar given under the Challenge will be matched by me and therefore doubled."

Thompson, a three cancer survivor (prostate, melanoma and colon cancer), has dedicated his life to defeating cancer. He started the Drive Against Prostate Cancer – a mobile screening program for prostate cancer managed by the NPCC. In 2005, Thor Industries, Inc. donated the program's two vehicles to the NPCC. Thor Industries, the largest manufacturer of recreation vehicles and a major builder of buses, was co-founded by Thompson in 1980. In 2004, Forbes recognized Thompson as the "Lord of the Rigs" in a cover story about the business powerhouse turned philanthropist.

Individuals, companies and organizations can make contributions to the NPCC by logging on to www.fightprostatecancer.org, calling (888) 245-9455, or writing to NPCC, 1154 15th St., NW Washington, DC 20005.

Mobile Spirometry Unit

The COPD Foundation launched two new initiatives with the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute (NHLBI) this month in order to raise awareness of Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD). The first initiative, a virtual call center, debuted Jan. 18th. The C.O.P.D. (Call Our Patients Direct) Information Line provides free information for individuals interested in finding out more about the illness.

The call center is staffed by volunteer patients who are prepared to handle calls from seasoned COPD patients, caregivers, recently diagnosed patients, symptomatic individuals or members of the general public interested in more information about COPD. The call center is available free of charge to the caller. The C.O.P.D. Information Line is 1(866) 316-2673 and it operates from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. EST.

On Jan. 13th, the COPD Foundation launched its second initiative: the Mobile Spirometry Unit (MSU). The MSU staged its first event at the NBC4 Health & Fitness Expo in Washington, DC, providing 861 free spirometries to participants and distributing thousands of collateral education materials to attendees.

The MSU consists of a truck and trailer traveling to health expos, senior fairs, state and county fairs, and other events across the nation. At each stop, the MSU will offer free spirometry testing by respiratory therapists for those who are symptomatic or at-risk of developing COPD. A spirometry test records the total air flow, lung volume, as well as other measurements that will help the person understand how their lungs are working. At the MSU booth, passersby can take information on COPD and how to talk to their doctor for further testing. By correctly answering COPD questions, attendees can register to win a prize.

"We are delighted to be coordinating the COPD Info Line and commend the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute for developing the national COPD Awareness campaign," said Gerald Turino, M.D., chairman of the COPD Foundation board. "This will help reach individuals who are at-risk for or have undiagnosed COPD to learn more about their illness. And we hope it will lead to patients getting tested and if appropriate, correctly treated."

To see if the MSU will be in your area soon, visit www.copdfoundation.org/calendar.

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Woman's Heart Day Health Fair

Free heart screenings with follow-up consultation will be offered during the National Woman's Heart Day Health Fair from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, Feb. 16th, in the lobby of the Merchandise Mart in Chicago.

Sister to Sister: Everyone Has A Heart Foundation Inc.® is sponsoring the one-day event. Saint Xavier University's School of Nursing will provide a volunteer staff of 36 master's- and doctorate-level faculty members, students and others to register participants, measure vital signs and conduct counseling.

The screenings will measure body mass index and test blood pressure, blood glucose and total cholesterol as well as HDL cholesterol and triglyceride levels. Attendees will receive instant results and a personal health consultation conducted by advanced-practice nurses.

At last year's event, 40 percent of the participants discovered they had two or more risk factors for heart disease. Many were unaware that one-third of American women will die of heart disease, taking more than 500,000 lives each year.

"This is a tremendous value offered free of charge," said SXU School of Nursing Dean Anne Bavier. "I believe strongly in the benefits of this program, and the Saint Xavier School of Nursing is delighted to continue its participation and leadership in giving women specific information about their health."

Exhibits at the Health Fair will include: Cooking demonstrations featuring heart-healthy recipes with local chef Shelley Young of The Chopping Block; Exercise trainers offering suggestions for increasing activity; Medical professionals providing information on heart disease risk factors such as diabetes, obesity, smoking and stress; Free massages; Giveaways and prizes.

The Health Fair will include exhibits and demonstrations as well as panel discussions on such topics as menopause, the effects of statins and other cardiac medications, the importance of avoiding obesity, and heart-friendly exercise.

The Chicago location of the National Woman's Heart Day Health Fair is one of 16 offered around the nation as part of the growing women's heart health movement. The Sister to Sister Foundation began in 2000 in Washington, D.C., and now offers events in Atlanta, Baltimore, Boston, Charlotte, N.C., Dallas, Detroit, Indianapolis, Jacksonville, Fla., Los Angeles, Miami, New York City, Philadelphia, Phoenix and St. Louis.

The Sister To Sister-Everyone Has A Heart Foundation is the only national organization that focuses solely on women's heart disease screening and prevention. The organization was founded by its president, Irene Pollin, wife of Washington Wizards owner Abe Pollin. The couple lost two children to heart disease.

Last year's Chicago Health Fair event drew more than 2,500 attendees, with more than one-third taking advantage of the free heart health screenings.

A Gift That Matters

New research shows that couples who check one another for skin cancer tend to do so more scrupulously than people who do skin self-exams alone. The researchers trained both individuals and couples to practice skin self-examination, finding that the couples conducted the tests more frequently, and thoroughly, resulting in reduced odds of developing skin cancer.

"A simple head-to-toe skin check should be done at least once every month," said Perry Robins, MD, President of The Skin Cancer Foundation. "Conducting the exam with a partner can dramatically reduce the risk for skin cancer and could possibly be the difference between life and death," said Dr. Robins.

The researchers noted that half of all melanomas are discovered by patients themselves, confirming the importance of self-examination in early detection. Having a partner to help with the exam can make it easier to remember to check the skin regularly as well as easier to check areas such as the scalp and back, which are difficult to see alone. After the first few times, self-examination should take no more than 10 minutes - a small investment once a month in what could be a lifesaving procedure:

What you'll need: a bright light; full-length mirror; a hand mirror; two chairs or stools; and a blow-dryer. Examine head and face, especially the nose, lips, mouth and ears (front and back); check hands, including fingernails, iln a full-length mirror examine elbows, arms and underarms; examine the neck, chest and torso (women: check under breasts; with back to mirror, use a hand mirror to inspect back of neck, shoulders, upper arms, back, buttocks, and legs; and sitting down, check legs and feet, including soles, heels and nails. Use hand mirror to examine genitals.

The warning signs are a skin growth that increases in size and appears pearly, translucent, tan, brown, black or multi-colored; a spot or sore that continues to itch, hurt, crust, scab, erode or bleed; an open sore that does not heal within three weeks; a mole, birthmark, or brown spot that: changes in color, increases in size or thickness, is larger than 6mm in size (size of a pencil eraser), changes in texture, or has an irregular border.

While a monthly self-exam shouldn't replace the important annual skin exam performed by a physician, it offers the best chance of detecting the early warning signs of melanoma, basal cell carcinoma and squamous cell carcinoma. and for information on self-exams, visit www.skincancer.org. For a free self-exam brochure and mole-mapping guide, call 1-800-SKIN-490 or email info@skincancer.org.

Monitoring Avian Influenza

Governor Rod R. Blagojevich announced the state would begin surveillance for an avian influenza among Illinois wild game bird and poultry breeders. Through an intergovernmental agreement with the USDA, the state has been awarded $165,000 in funding to work with game bird and poultry producers to provide free testing for the highly pathogenic H5N1 avian influenza in captive-reared game birds and poultry.

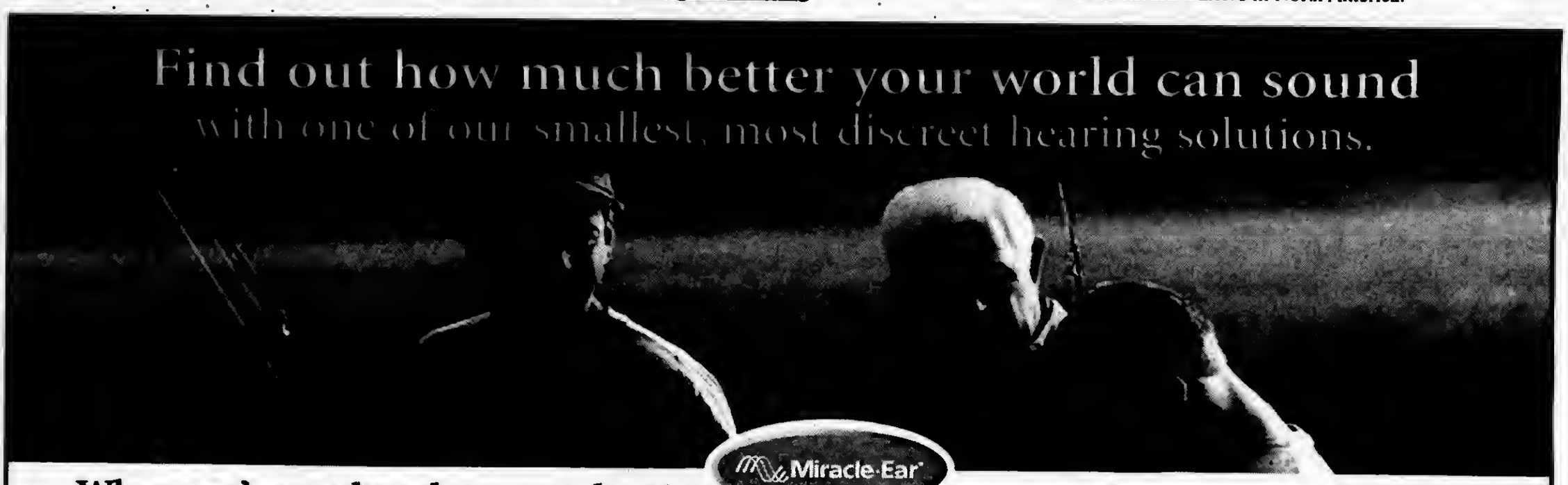
In an effort to enhance the capacity to detect highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) in the United States, the Illinois Department of Agriculture (IDOA) and the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) will participate in a joint effort to increase surveillance in Illinois for avian flu. The program allows for IDOA to provide necropsies (autopsies) of game birds and appropriate testing for avian flu. Flock owners who elect to be a part of the program may submit up to 10 birds per flock every six months for necropsy to the Animal Disease Laboratory in Centralia or Galesburg or the University of Illinois-College of Veterinary Medicine's Diagnostic Laboratory at no charge to the owners.

This agreement will also cover the cost of having a licensed veterinarian travel to the farm, drawing blood samples, submitting the sample and testing the samples at the Animal Disease Laboratory Galesburg for 30 birds per flock every six months.

The IDOA will provide reimbursement funding for these and other low pathogenic avian influenza (LPAI) and HPAI surveillance activities with the poultry industry throughout Illinois through a cooperative agreement with the USDA. Letters have been sent to all game bird license holders in Illinois and all those with registered poultry flocks alerting them of the availability of the program.

The IDNR announced plans in the fall of 2006 to participate in the national surveillance effort for highly-pathogenic (HP) Asian H4N1 avian influenza by collecting samples from hunter-harvested waterfowl. Illinois was awarded $75,000 by the USDA to pursue statewide surveillance of certain species of wild birds for the disease. Approximately 800 samples are expected to have been tested by the conclusion of spring migration. Samples are being taken from several species of ducks and geese that were selected based on migratory connections to other continents where HP Asian H5N1 is known to occur. A secondary group of species that have potential to intermix with those in the primary species set will also be a part of the collection sample.

Currently, HP Asian H5N1, which has caused mortality in domestic poultry, wild birds, and humans on other continents, has not been detected in North America. While the role of wild birds in transporting HP Asian H5N1 is not clear, this surveillance effort will help to ensure early detection of the disease should it arrive in North America.



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Visit www.olparks.com for more information on upcoming programs and events!

• **Outdoor Ice Rink at Stony Creek** - The outdoor ice rink at Stony Creek, 5850 W. 103rd, is open. The hours of operation are 8:00 a.m. until dark, and depend on daily weather conditions. Skating is free. Bring your own skates and skate at your own risk. Skaters can call the pro shop for more information and daily conditions at 857-2433.

• **Golf Simulators** - You can play golf every day at the Stony Creek Golf Course on the newly updated simulators. Enhanced graphics improve your golfing experience as you play over 40 different courses from across the country. Stony Creek Golf Course is located at 5850 W. 103rd St. Call the clubhouse at 708-857-2433 to book a tee time.

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• **Etiquette and Cooking for Kids** - Children ages 5 - 14 can have fun in the kitchen preparing delicious meals at the Park District. Participants will learn how to display food creations with beautiful table set-up techniques as well as proper table manners. A different meal will be prepared each week. Each participant will receive a chef's hat. Classes will meet 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. on Tuesdays from Feb. 13 – March 6 at the Oak View Center (4625 W. 110th St.). Program fee is $58 for residents and $60 for non-residents. For more information call the Oak View Center at 708-857-2200.

• **Teen Game & Movie Night** - The Park District is hosting a game and movie night for teens on Friday, Feb. 16 at the David Johnson Center, 9400 S. Oak Park Ave., from 7- 9:30 p.m. Come out and play games, listen to music or watch a movie. This event is open to those in grades 6 - 9. Fee is $2. For more information, call 708-857-2200.

• **Lincoln State Cat Club Show** - The Lincoln State Cat Club, Inc. will present its 47th annual All Breed and Household Pet Cat Show and Feline Fair at the Community Pavilion, 9401 S. Oak Park Avenue, on Saturday, Feb. 17 and Sunday, Feb. 18. Doors will open both days at 9 a.m. Admission is $7. Children under 6 years of age are free. The Lincoln State Cat Club is a non-profit organization. All proceeds from the show will be donated to feline health and welfare organizations. If you would like to have additional information visit www.lscats.org.

• **Youth Art Classes** - The Park District is offering several classes to help nurture your child's creativity. Learn to Draw for the Young Artist II will teach children how to draw simple animals, insects and objects as well as techniques and terminology. Kids Pastels Animals & More will teach children how to add realism to their work through the use of soft chalk pastels. Kids Learn to Draw Animals is a beginner level course that looks at the shapes within animals and helps children to understand basic techniques. Get the Lead Out II is an intermediate/ advanced level class for those students looking to improve their drawing abilities. All classes are held at Oak View Center, 4625 W. 110th St., beginning the third week in February. For more information on these classes (days, times, fees) or other classes offered at the Park District, call 708-857-2200 or visit the web site at www.olparks.com.

• **M.S. Group Meeting at the Oak Lawn Park District** – The Oak Lawn M.S. support group BEAMS (Become Educated About Multiple Sclerosis) will meet on Wednesday, Feb. 21 at 11 a.m. at the Oak View Center, 4625 W. 110th St. The meeting's special guest speaker will be Vic Senese, a Certified Urology R.N. The discussion topic will be problems of and solutions for urinary incontinence.

Our self-help group is intended to benefit those who have MS or know someone with MS. Whether you attend on a regular basis or intermittently, you are always welcome. For more information, contact Mary Ellen Tinman, group facilitator, at 708-424-1407.

• **Adult Computer Classes** - The Park District is offering basic computer courses through Compu Train, 5017 W. 95th Street. Basic Excel will familiarize you with spreadsheets. You will learn how to change column widths, format cells, basic arithmetic formulas, along with how to copy and move data. This class is offered Saturday, Feb. 24 from 9 - 11 a.m. Basic Word will teach you the basics of word processing, including justification, headers, footers, line spacing and much more. This class is offered Saturday, Feb. 24 from 12 - 2 p.m. The fee for each of these courses is $71 for residents and $72.50 for non-residents. For more information on these classes, or other classes offered at the Park District, call 708-857-2200 or visit the web site at www.olparks.com.

Garden Club Meets

The Oak Lawn Garden Club will hold its February meeting on Thursday, Feb. 22nd at the Oakview Center, 4625 W. 110th St., from 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon. Carol Wenzel will be the guest speaker and she will be discussing which native plants are suitable for your backyard. Hope to see you there. Guests are welcome. Any questions, call Lynn Terri at (773) 779-5685.

Pay Bills On-Line

Cook County property owners can pay tax bills from two years on the website of Cook County Treasurer Maria Pappas.

Pappas said full or partial payment can be made on www.cookcountytreasurer.com for: current bills due March 1, 2007, for the first installment of tax year 2006; and bills issued in 2006 for the two installments of tax year 2005.

"The convenient way to pay in person is on-line, from a computer," Pappas said.

Taxpayers can learn how much is owed on current & past-year bills at www.cookcountytreasurer.com or (312) 443-5100. An inquiry requires a Property Index Number. Late penalties of 1.5 percent per month are in the amount owed.

Payment also can be made at nearly 300 Chase Bank locations, some in Dominick's Food Stores, and by direct debit at 214 participating community banks.

Cook County has nearly 1.7 million parcels of property -- homes, businesses and land – on which more than $9 billion is collected in two installments yearly. The revenue goes to local governments and taxing agencies.

Kindergarten Enrollment

All-day kindergarten will be optional for all enrollees. Half-day program will be offered only during the morning sessions when the core instructional program is delivered.

Kindergarten enrollment for Oak Lawn-Hometown School District 123 will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 28th from 9 to 11 a.m. and 12:30 to 3 p.m. According to Kathleen McCord, superintendent, parents should enroll resident students who will be five years old before Sept. 1st for kindergarten at one of the district's five elementary schools: Covington, Hannum, Hometown, Kolmar and Sward.

Parents are required to present the following documents at registration:

- an official birth certificate and a copy
- proof of legal custody, if applicable
- photo ID with name and address of parent/guardian/ custodian (driver's license, state ID or passport)
- four proofs of residency: Category 1 (one document required) – real estate tax bill, signed lease, mortgage papers or sales agreement. Category 2 (three documents showing proper address) – driver's license, voter registration, library card, home/apt. insurance papers, most recent gas or electric bill, auto registration, most recent credit card bill or public aid card

Birth certificates for children who were born in Chicago may be obtained from the Bureau of Vital Statistics, 118 N. Clark, Chicago, IL 60602, (312) 603-7790, or at a participating Currency Exchange. Birth certificates for children born in other localities may be obtained by contacting the local village or city hall.

Fashionable Lunch

Whitney's Bar & Grille located in The Hilton Oak Lawn, 9333 S. Cicero Ave., will once again present its very popular "Fashionable Lunch" series. The latest fashions will be presented by Bellissimo of Oak Lawn on Wednesday, March 28th, April 11th, May 9th and June 13th from 12 noon to 1:30 p.m. Reservations are suggested, (708) 229-8888. Enjoy a fabulous lunch and discover the latest spring and summer fashions.

Firefighters To Receive Grants

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) recently announced $34,562,495 in direct assistance grants to 391 fire departments and first responder organizations through the department's Fiscal Year 2006 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) program. Additional phases will soon be announced that will total $485 million in AFG grant awards to approximately 5,000 fire-related organizations nationwide.

"Emergency response is inherently local, and these resources support those who serve us all, our nation's firefighters," said Under Secretary for Preparedness George Foresman. "By building emergency response capability through training and first responder equipment, the AFG program is helping to strengthen readiness throughout the country. These are smart investments that protect our firefighters and help to save lives in our communities."

This round of the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program includes awards to the Oak Lawn Fire Dept. for Operations and Safety in the amount of $118,572.

Since 2001, the AFG has provided $2.4 billion in grants to fire departments and first responder organizations for response equipment, personal protective equipment, vehicles, and fire prevention activities. DHS received more than 18,000 applications for nearly $2.5 billion in requests in FY06.

The AFG program awards grants to firefighters, emergency response personnel and first responders throughout the country to enhance response capabilities and to more effectively protect the health and safety of first responders and citizens in their communities. AFG grants provide resources for training, first responder health and safety programs, and response equipment and vehicles.

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Taize Service

A weekly Taize service will be held at Salem United Church of Christ, 9717 S. Kostner Ave., at 7:00 p.m. February 28th through March 28th. This half-hour ecumenical service of reflective prayer and song is being offered by Salem UCC during the season of Lent.

Taize services follow a format started by Br. Roger in the ecumenical community he founded in Taize, France in 1945. His mission began as a place of healing and refuge for Europeans devastated by a world at war and continues as a model of inter-religious peace.

Since the 1950s, spiritual pilgrims from many faiths have found their way to Taize to participate in the services of prayer, music and silence. Representatives from the community also hold services throughout the world.

"Taize is a service of silence, reflection and prayer," says Rev. Steven Hoerger, pastor of Salem UCC. "It takes us out of our day-to-day routine and allows us the time and space to realize that God is beside us at all times."

Everyone is welcome. If you would like to have more information, please feel free to call the church at (708) 423-9717.

Richards High School State Scholars

Richards High School in Oak Lawn announced that 41 members of the 2007 senior class have been named Illinois State Scholars by the Illinois Student Assistance Commission.

Roughly 10 percent of the state's high school seniors earn this recognition each year. In order to earn Illinois State Scholar honors, students must: attend an Illinois State recognized high school; be a United States citizen or an eligible noncitizen; be a resident of Illinois; take the ACT, SAT I, or Prairie State Achievement Exam during the third or fourth semester prior to graduation from high school (typically between September 1 and June 30 of the junior year); rank in the top one-half of his or her high school class at the end of the third semester prior to graduation from high school (typically as a junior in their sixth semester); and graduate from high school during the academic year in which the student is selected as a State Scholar.

Richards seniors named Illinois State Scholars this year include pictured, left to right: (front row) Katy Short, Gabriela Maka, Jennifer Collins, Kathleen Biernaciak, Stacy March, Sonam Tanna, Eugenia Gavrilos, Kathryn Miller, Adam Newman; (second row) Kassandra McNelily, Ryan McMillin, Michael Mullen, Jaclyn Kaczmarek, Melissa Taylor, Ashley Taylor, Elizabeth Hudson, Kaycee Sakal, Katherine Kennedy, Sarah Brett; (third row) Rebecca Garner, Brittany LeBeau, Jonathan Dove, Mentor Shala, Alberto Vargas, Amanda Hankes, Nikolas Koulogeorge, Nicole Lesh, Bart Wdowka, Scott Hankes; and (back row) Timothy Morrissey, Ramzi Jafilan, Matthew Mudon, Matthew Weibel, Jeff Wycislak, Matthew Erickson, Brian Dennis, Adrian Zoikos, Bryan Roberts, Daniel Spedale. Not pictured: Lina Bourjas and Kevin Lee.

Pryme Tymers Church Meeting

The Pryme Tymers, an active fellowship that meets at Trinity Church, 9230 S. Pulaski Rd., invites the entire community to their meeting on Thursday, Feb. 22nd at 11 a.m. Abraham Lincoln and his wife, Mary Todd (Max and Donna Daniels from Wheaton), will reenact, in costume, the dramatic last days of the President's life. This is a must-see for everyone celebrating Presidents Month. At noon, a corned beef and cabbage luncheon, prepared by Chef Pitluck, will be served. The cost is only $6 and reservations are required.

Call the church office at (708) 422-5111 or Tom Panush at (708) 636-7548 by Friday, Feb. 16th. Transportation is provided upon request. Canned goods are also collected for the Salvation Army Food Pantry.

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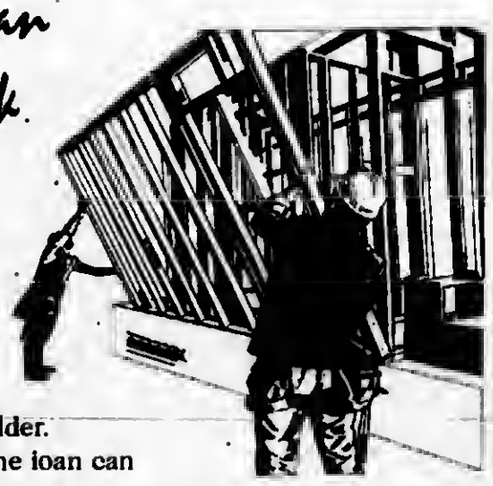

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Jaber Announces Candidacy

Certified financial planner Rafeeq Jaber announced his candidacy for the Ridgeland School District 122 Board of Education on Tuesday, Feb. 8th outlining his goals to save neighborhood schools, improve education for our children, and improve communication with parents.

"Those who know me best and know my track record when it comes to community activism have encouraged me to run for the school board. They are concerned about the direction our schools are going," Jaber said. "Many people are worried about the state of District 122 schools, which have been plunged into poor financial standing because of irresponsible past decisions. The future quality of our children's education is at stake."

Jaber said he would draw on his vast experience as a community volunteer and activist as well as his expertise in financial planning to help steer District 122 down the path to a brighter future. Furthermore, he wants to draw on the true backbone of any educational system – the parents.

As a member of the Board of Education, Jaber said he would continue talking to residents in the community to find solutions to the district's current financial difficulties and improve the quality of education for children. Jaber wants to use his experience as a certified financial planner to analyze the district's spending and cut unnecessary spending. His focus would begin with cuts to administrative operational costs and Board of Education expenses such as administrative overhead, traveling and conference expenses, and discretionary spending. Jaber opposes grade centers because of their potential to hurt the quality of education while also dismantling the neighborhood schools that many families enjoy.

As a community resident who has vast experiences working with elected officials, Jaber wants to make sure parent input is considered. He proposes using technology to make it easier for parents to communicate with the board. He also proposes frequently meeting with community residents who are concerned about issues facing our neighborhood schools.

"Residents face tough choices in the next couple months," Jaber said. "This election will be about improving the educational quality of our children, restoring fiscal responsibility to the budget, and strengthening our local neighborhood schools. We are all going to have to face tough choices and the board needs to lead by example to help put our fiscal house in order."

Jaber is an independent certified financial planner who is a small business owner. He is the father of three children, all of whom graduated from Columbus Manor School where he also participated as a PTA member.

Ash Wednesday Service

Pilgrim Faith United Church of Christ, 9411 S. 51st Avenue, will hold its Ash Wednesday communion service on February 21st at 7:00 p.m. The theme of the service will be "Getting Back on Track."

There will be a special children's service at the same time. Visitors are welcome and all Christians are invited to partake of communion.

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File No. D07105852 on Jan. 25, 2007. Under the Assumed Name of Ad Com Displays with the business located at 10636 S. Kenneth, Oak Lawn, IL 60453. The true name(s) and residence address of the owner(s) is: Jeffrey J. Hansen, 10636 S. Kenneth, Oak Lawn, IL 60453.

Veterans And Soldiers News

By Lori Taylor Ph: 708.388.2425

Hi, I'm getting around better with the walker or cane, but still going to physical therapy twice a week. Next week I'll see the doctor, have X-rays, etc. and approval to drive and go back to work, I hope. I don't think we appreciate being able to drive and being independent until we have to rely on others to help us with normal things and to get us around. Thanks to everyone who has helped me these last few weeks, I'm really very grateful.

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Brian Maxwell, 35, of Oak Lawn was promoted to Lt. Commander in the U.S. Navy on Oct. 1, 2006. He joined the Navy in 1990 and became an officer when he graduated from officers' training school in 1995. Brian finished post-graduate Naval School in Monterey, California where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in Logistics. Brian is now stationed in Hawaii and will possibly be going to Iraq in June. He has already been on duty there four times. Brian and his wife Joanne have a daughter Samantha who is a sophomore in high school in Hawaii. He is the son of William and Linda Maxwell of Oak Lawn. Brian graduated from high school in 1988 in Tucson, Arizona.

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Army Spec. Ryan T. Grant has graduated from Basic Combat Training at Fort Knox, Kentucky. He is the son of Anina and stepson of Brian McSweeney of Sarasota, Florida and son of Tim Grant of Palos Heights. Grant received a Master's degree in 2006 from Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee.

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Air Force Airman Joshua J. Reusnow has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force. Reusnow is a 2006 graduate of Evergreen Park High School in Evergreen Park.

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Army Reserve Pvt. Michael W. Mitchell has graduated from Basic Combat Training at Fort Knox, Kentucky. He is the son of Michael Mitchell of Alsip. Mitchell is a 2005 graduate of Shepard High School in Palos Heights.

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Air Force Airman Samantha K. Pronobis has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. She is the daughter of James and Beverly Pronobis of Burbank and sister of Melanie Scanlan of Romeoville, Ill. Pronobis is a 2006 graduate of Reavis High School in Burbank.

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The old Nimitz Hotel in Fredericksburg will reopen as the Admiral Nimitz Museum on Sunday, Feb. 25th. The three-million-dollar renovation, begun in 2004, provided all new exhibits for the museum, the restoration of the Grand Ballroom and the creation of a new Education Center. The Nimitz Museum is part of the National Museum of the Pacific War complex. The dedication ceremony coincides with the 122nd anniversary of the birth of Fleet Admiral Nimitz in Fredericksburg.

The National Museum of the Pacific War, a Texas Historical Commission property operated by the Admiral Nimitz Foundation located in Fredericksburg, Texas, is the only institution in the continental United States dedicated exclusively to telling the story of the Pacific Theater battles of World War II. The Center, located on a six-acre site, includes the George Bush Gallery, Admiral Nimitz Museum, Plaza of Presidents, Veterans' Walk of Honor and Memorial Wall, Japanese Garden of Peace, Pacific Combat Zone, and the Center for Pacific War Studies. The rededication ceremony will take place at 1 p.m. on the 18th and groundbreaking is scheduled for this spring.

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Hometown-Murray VFW will hold an "Italian Nite" on Saturday, Feb. 24th from 4 to 8 p.m. at the post home, 9092 Main St. in Hometown. You will have a choice of spaghetti with meatballs/sausage or shrimp scampi; salad, bread and butter, and dessert for $5 per person. Proceeds will help defray the cost of holiday baskets for the needy, care packages to the troops, assistance to military families and other programs. Carry-outs are available. For more information, call (708) 422-9800.

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"The Pointe at Kilpatrick" held its annual "Sweetheart Dance" on Valentine's Day. Entertainment was provided by Joey Labriola of Bandstand Karaoke. We wish to thank volunteers from Stone Church and Mother McAuley High School.

Residents Alice Horton, Rita Spisak, Pearl Rajca, Mary Kleczowski, Margaret Clifton, Tony Liberatore, Mary Burke, Carl Jeorse, Georgia Batchos, Pam LaPorte, Therese Heimann and Patricia Griffin made handmade Valentine's for "Operation Support Our Troops" in Naperville. They made approximately 65. As always, "The Pointe" would like to build a strong volunteer program. Varied duties would be assisting with ice cream socials, one-on-one visits, a craft session weekly or monthly, helping with men's club and more. Any interested parties may contact Kimberly J. Kogiones, program director, at (708) 293-0010. Ext. 212.

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Good-bye until next week. God bless you and your family and God bless America!

New Internet Crimes Unit Web Site Dedicated

As part of his aggressive plan to fight Internet crime and protect families and communities from sexual predators, Governor Rod R. Blagojevich launched the new Illinois State Police (ISP) Internet Crimes Unit (ICU) Web site, www.isp.state.il.us/icu. The Web site will serve as a "one-stop-shop" for answers to questions or concerns regarding Internet safety or crime. The new site also provides law enforcement the tools and resources needed to fight Internet crime. While the Internet has many useful applications, it also affords new opportunities for criminals and sexual predators.

"Children can spend hours on the Internet each day – learning and exploring. But, while they're online, they're prime targets for predators. That's why we created a new Internet Crimes Unit at the State Police that approaches Internet crime the same way we approach organized crime, narcotics and other major crimes," said Gov. Blagojevich. "This new Web site is another weapon in our arsenal against Internet criminals. It gives the public a place to report suspicious online behavior. It also provides parents the opportunity to get more information on Internet crime and how to keep their children safe."

The Governor's plan has four main components: creating a centralized Internet Crimes Unit (ICU) under Illinois State Police authority, increasing penalties of Internet crime, designing the ICU Web site to serve as a "One-Stop-Shopping" center where the public can report suspicious online behavior and get information about Internet crime and safety, using the most advanced law enforcement technology available. In addition, the ISP has entered into a partnership with NetSmartz and is putting state police officers into school classrooms around the state to teach kids how to be safe and smart on the Internet.

The ICU is comprised of ten officers, seven computer forensic investigators, and eight crime analysts. This makes the Illinois ICU one of the nation's largest state teams dedicated to fighting Internet crimes. The goal is to create a unique enforcement group capable of educating the public, gathering information from the private sector, coordinating investigations with other bodies and agencies of law enforcement, de-conflicting investigative efforts, researching crime, proactively searching the Web for criminal activity, and then performing the required forensic work to further investigative efforts and assist prosecutors in jailing offenders.

The ICU serves as a point of contact for the general public, schools, and the law enforcement community for all questions/concerns regarding Internet safety or crimes like identity theft, financial fraud, and terrorism. The unit also serves as the initial point of contact for citizen inquiries; a repository for public safety information; provides statewide deconfliction for investigations; and offers criminal intelligence analysis for law enforcement agencies and computer evidence recovery for investigations and trial preparation.

Direct links to the Web site will be placed on all state Web pages so the public can easily report a crime to the Internet Crimes Unit. A toll-free number has also been established for the public: 1-888-70-CRIME (1-888-702-7463).

National Salute To Hospitalized Veterans

In conjunction with the 29th annual observance of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs' National Salute to Hospitalized Veterans, Governor Rod R. Blagojevich issued a proclamation declaring Feb. 12th to 18th as National Salute to Hospitalized Veterans Week in Illinois. The Governor encouraged Illinoisans to visit local hospitalized veterans this week to say thank you for the sacrifices they made for our country. The Governor also urged Illinoisans to learn about volunteer opportunities at medical facilities around the state.

This week at VA medical centers, nursing homes, state veterans homes, and other facilities across the nation, celebrities, youth groups, members of the general public, and veterans service organizations will visit hospitalized veterans to honor those who have contributed to the defense of our nation and the protection of our freedoms. Gov. Blagojevich and Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs Acting Director L. Tammy Duckworth encouraged Illinoisans of all ages to join in this worthy observance and visit the state's veterans.

The annual observance occurs during the week of Valentine's Day because it is a perfect time to communicate feelings of affection and express sentiments of care and respect for loved ones, friends and those we admire. Hundreds of thousands of Valentine's Day cards addressed "Dear Veteran" have been sent to hospitalized veterans over the years.

Illinois is home to 36 veteran hospitals, including seven hospitals located in Chicago. For a full list, visit www.OperationHomefront.org.

January Warmer, Wetter

Despite the recent cold spell, statewide January temperatures of 29.5 degrees were 4.7 degrees above normal, and precipitation of 3 inches was 1.07 inches above normal, based on preliminary data. Temperatures were well above normal the first half of January (12.7 degrees above) and slightly below normal the second half (2.8 degrees below). January marked the third consecutive month with above normal temperatures; November-January temperatures were 4.2 degrees above normal, the 7th warmest such period on record since 1895.

Statewide, January heating degree days (HDDs), a measure of home heating demand, were 12 percent below normal – 1099 HDDs statewide compared to the 1247 HDD normal. For the 2006-07 heating season, beginning July 1st through Jan. 31st, statewide HDDs were 8 percent below normal and averaged 3195 HDDs, compared to the 3458 HDD normal.

The National Weather Service outlook for February-March calls for an increased chance of temperatures above normal across Illinois and precipitation below normal.

Tips To Use Less Electricity

With the recent expiration of the ten-year electric rate freeze and projected average electric bill increasing 22-25%, there is light at the end of the tunnel, thanks to Clean Air Counts, a program of the Chicago Metropolitan Mayors Caucus.

What was created as a program to reduce air pollution in the six-county Metropolitan Chicago region, "Clean Air Counts" offers new tips (see them at www.cleanaircounts.org) to electric consumers that will help them find ways to use less electricity. For example, Clean Air Counts participant Windsor Park Manor, a 200-bed retirement home in Carol Stream, has saved more than $60,000 with more energy efficient lighting as part of the Clean Air Counts program.

"Clean Air Counts is a voluntary program for businesses and consumers to reduce pollution by adopting energy efficiency and low-VOC strategies," explained Kate Agasie, Environmental Director with the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus. "But individuals and companies adopting energy efficient strategies also derive cost savings by reducing their electricity consumption."

"Windsor Park Manor is an excellent example of a significant cost savings created by switching to energy efficient lighting. Their efforts also resulted in a reduction in air pollution emissions of nearly 11,000 pounds," Agasie said. "Other health care facilities, office buildings, manufacturing facilities and homeowners have also had similar experiences."

Windsor Park Manor was able to reduce their energy usage by replacing old incandescent light bulbs with fluorescent light bulbs. Not only did this save energy, but also changing to energy efficient light bulbs reduced pollution by 10,914.87 lbs. In total they replaced 1,583 light bulbs. These lights included wall sconces, overhead lights and table lamps.

Another example is Glenbrook Hospital in Glenview, which reduced its electricity consumption from lighting to 320,000 from 650,000 kilowatt hours in 2005 by changing the light bulbs and fixtures throughout its facility. It also expects to generate additional savings by installing daytime light sensors that will automatically adjust lighting levels based upon the amount of natural light available during the daytime. Both of these strategies are part of the recommendations suggested by Clean Air Counts.

Clean Air Counts Energy Saving Tips: Use Occupancy Sensors in bathrooms, kitchens, locker rooms, file rooms and other small rooms. This can reduce energy usage by 45%. Replace incandescent and less efficient light bulbs with compact fluorescent and other more efficient light bulbs. Compact fluorescent light bulbs use at least 2/3 less energy than standard incandescent bulbs to provide the same amount of light, and last up to 10 times longer. Take advantage of daylight: well designed spaces that take advantage of daylight use 50-80% less energy.

Clean Air Counts offers more detailed suggestions and technical advice to individual and companies interested in exploring energy efficient strategies and other pollution reduction strategies through its website at www.CleanAirCounts.org.

Clean Air Counts is a project of the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus and is made possible through the support of the Grand Victoria Foundation, The John D. And Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, Gaylord and Dorothy Donnelley Foundation, The Searle Funds at The Chicago Community Trust, and the United States Environmental Protection Agency.

Investigate Unlawful Labor Agencies

Governor Rod R. Blagojevich announced that the State has achieved major results in its efforts to protect day and temporary laborers from abuses by unlawful agencies. In the first year after the amendments to the Day and Temporary Labor Services Act went into effect, the Illinois Department of Labor (IDOL) has investigated 104 day and temporary labor agencies, finding 36 in violation of the law, and collecting $60,750 in penalties for registration violations. IDOL is also in the process of collecting an additional $21,266 in back wages for minimum wage and overtime violations.

The Governor signed an amendment to the Day and Temporary Labor Services Act in 2005 to impose stiffer penalties against those who disregard the law's registration, notice and recordkeeping requirements or fail to provide workers with fair working conditions.

IDOL enforces the Act to ensure compliance with basic labor laws within the day and temporary labor industry and to ensure agencies register with the state. The Department reports that approximately 235 day and temporary labor agencies with 689 locations are now registered with the state – a 24% increase in the number of labor agencies registered with the state since the new law went into effect. In addition, the Department's Day Labor Hotline handled nearly 200 complaint calls in 2006.

The new law allows IDOL to impose a $500 penalty against a day and temporary labor agency for each day it is not registered. The Department may fine first-time violators up to $6,000 for all violations found and repeat violators up to $2,500 per violation per day. The new law also requires third-party employers that contract with day and temporary labor agencies to verify that they are registered with IDOL, or they may face monetary fines. To avoid such penalties, employers should review the list of agencies registered with the state on the Department's website before entering into a contract with any day and temporary labor service agency at www.state.il.us/agency/idol. If you are a day or temporary laborer and are a victim of unfair working conditions, call the Day and Temporary Labor Services Hotline at (877) 314-7052 to file a complaint in English or Spanish or log on to the Department's website.

Inducted Into Hall Of Fame

The Girls Catholic Athletic Conference has announced that Jen Rees DeJarld (pictured), Mother McAuley Class of 1987 will be inducted into their Hall of Fame for 2007. Jen played on McAuley's volleyball team during all four of her years at McAuley and then attended University of Iowa where she was a starting player. DeJarld returned to McAuley to join the volleyball program where she coached the lower level and then as assistant varsity coach with then Head Coach Nancy Pedersen . Pedersen endorsed DeJarld as her replacement upon her retirement from coaching. As head coach, Jen has captured the third place crown in the State of Illinois in 2005. This year her team was a Sweet Sixteen finalist in the state. On her induction Jen said "I am honored to be part of the GCAC Hall of Fame. I have been a member of the GCAC since 1983 as a player and now as coach"

The ceremonies will be held on Sunday, March 18th at Monastero's Ristorante & Banquets in conjunction with the 32nd Anniversary dinner of the formation of the Girls' Catholic Athletic Conference. Tickets are $30 per person. Contact Rosaria Cicchetti, ticket coordinator with questions at rcicchetti@Trinityhs.org.

Semiconductor Price-Fixing Conspiracy

Attorney General Lisa Madigan announced a $90 million nationwide settlement with Samsung Semiconductor, Inc. and Samsung Electronics Company Ltd. ("Samsung"), resolving allegations that Samsung, in conjunction with other major computer chip manufacturers, agreed to fix prices of Dynamic Random Access Memory (DRAM). Thirty-seven other state attorneys general joined in this settlement with Illinois.

If approved by the court, the proceeds of the settlement will be paid as restitution to the consumers and governmental agencies that paid more for computers, servers and other electronic devices because of price-fixing of DRAM chips. Under the settlement terms, Samsung also has agreed to strong injunctive relief that will require the company to refrain from conduct that could substantially lessen competition and to cooperate with the states in prosecuting co-conspirators. Additionally, the settlement includes up to $1 million to reimburse the states for legal costs. Illinois consumers' share of the settlement will be determined at a later date.

"This settlement again underscores that companies who choose to conspire rather than compete will be called to account for their actions," said Madigan. "Higher prices for the computer chips, which were the subject of this conspiracy, affect individuals, businesses and government agencies and the settlement we are announcing is a first step toward remedying the significant injury caused by this price fixing."

Illinois and the other states continue to pursue a lawsuit in the U.S. District Court in San Francisco, seeking damages, restitution, civil penalties and injunctive relief for consumers and governmental agencies who paid higher prices for electronics from 1997-2002 as a result of alleged price-fixing by at least seven more companies including Elpida, Hynix, Infineon, Micron Technologies, Mosel Vitelic, Nanya and NEC. The states' suit arose from a multi-state investigation that began in 2004, following a federal criminal investigation that exposed a scheme where DRAM manufacturers profited at the expense of consumers in the computer and electronics industry.

The states' complaint lays out the details of the conspiracy, including an agreement by industry leaders to trim production to artificially raise prices. According to the states' complaint, the defendants violated federal and state antitrust laws by coordinating prices they charged for DRAM.

As background, in June 2002, the U.S. Department of Justice launched a criminal investigation into what officials have called "one of the largest cartels ever discovered." Micron agreed to cooperate with investigators in exchange for amnesty from federal criminal charges. Samsung, Hynix, Infineon, Elpida and numerous individuals have pled guilty to federal criminal price-fixing charges and collectively paid more than $730 million in fines.

In agreeing to this settlement, Samsung does not admit to a violation of the law.

Saint Thomas More Parish Mission

On March 1st, 2nd and 3rd, Saint Thomas More Parish will give its annual Parish Mission. Fr. Richard Simon will be preaching at the 7 p.m. masses on Thursday and Friday evening and on Saturday morning at the 8:30 a.m. mass. Renowned convert to Catholicism from the Jewish faith, Rosaline Moss, will give two talks beginning at 10:30 a.m.: "The Triune God of Abraham" and "God's Will for the Family: How to Live it."

Tickets for the Rosaline Moss portion of the mission are $20 each; an optional $6 box lunch is available by advance reservation only. Free admission to the masses and the special talks given by Fr. Simon.

For more information or to reserve tickets, contact the Rectory Office at (773) 436-4444.

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Energy Efficiency Improvement Program

The Metropolitan Chicago Healthcare Council (MCHC) announced its Energy Efficiency Improvement Program to help metropolitan Chicago area hospitals battle the rising cost of energy.

"The primary goal in this pilot program is to deliver a comprehensive set of services that will significantly improve our member hospital's energy efficiency and overall energy management practices," said Rich Palmer, director of Facilities at MCHC.

According to a nationwide survey of hospitals by Health Facilities Management and the American Society for Healthcare Engineering, one in six hospitals reported an annual energy cost increase of more than 25 percent.

MCHC estimates the 11 participating hospitals spend in excess of $12 million annually in energy costs.

The program will improve each hospital's energy efficiency by applying energy cost reduction measures and improving operating practices. The MCHC estimates that participating hospitals will save more than $600,000 per year in energy costs. The goal of the program is to improve energy efficiency by two percent to ten percent in each hospital.

"Fundamentally, this is a leadership-driven initiative in which we have engaged senior executive sponsorship to help drive maximum success within the participating hospitals," said Kevin Scanlan, MCHC president and chief executive officer.

The Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation (ICECF), a foundation that provides financial support to non-profit organizations, awarded MCHC with a $160,000 grant to aid their efforts. MCHC plans to donate more than $200,000 to the new program.

MCHC will work in conjunction with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) "Energy Star Challenge," a program that encourages building owners to make energy efficiency improvements to their property in an effort to reduce energy use by 10 percent or more.

Through the Operational Energy Efficiency Work Group, MCHC will share the pilot program's most successful energy efficient practices to all interested MCHC members. The work group will meet quarterly to discuss lessons learned and to roll out the EPA's Energy Star Portfolio Manager for benchmarking.

ICECF provides financial support and assistance to 501c3 non-profit organizations and state and local government agencies for programs and projects that benefit the public by improving energy efficiency, developing renewable energy resources and supporting projects and programs intended to preserve or enhance the natural habits and wildlife areas of the state. The foundation was established through an endowment from Commonwealth Edison in December 1999.

The Metropolitan Chicago Healthcare Council is a membership and service association comprising more than 140 hospitals and health care organizations working together, since 1935, to improve the delivery of health care services in the greater metropolitan Chicago area. More information is available on the MCHC web site at www.mchc.org.

Marist Will Induct Hall Of Fame Members

Marist High School will induct four members into the school's esteemed athletic Hall of Fame on Saturday, March 3.

The alumni inductees for 2007 are standout football defenseman Brian Liston '79 (Hinsdale) and track star Marty Manzke '87 (Orland Park). Retired coaches Ray Balcarcel (Orland Park) and Don Kuehner (Lansing) will also be inducted. Balcarcel's 33 year coaching career at Marist included track, football and boxing. Kuehner, who spent 36 years at the school, was a decorated baseball coach.

The group will be inducted at a dinner held at the school. The cost is $100 per person and includes cocktails at 6 p.m. followed by dinner. Sponsorships are also available. Contact Liz Brennan for more information at (773) 881-5365 or brennan.liz@marist.net.

Marist's Hall of Fame started in 1990 and currently boasts 57 members who made an indelible mark on Marist's athletic history.

Celebrating over 40 years of excellence, Marist High School is a Catholic, college preparatory school educating young men and women in heart, mind, and body.

Reducing Dependence On Printing Paper Forms

The Illinois Dept. of Human Services (IDHS) is saving at least $100,000 a month in printing costs through the use of electronic "E-forms." E-forms are electronic versions of forms enabling IDHS to drastically reduce the amount of paper it uses while at the same time cutting costs for storage and shipping.

An E-form can be filled in and saved by DHS staff on the computer. These forms retain all the information typed by the person completing these forms. The forms can then be printed or emailed to other offices. IDHS currently has more than 200 forms published on the Internet.

E-forms make it possible for IDHS to keep forms up to date electronically, rather than have to print out new forms and throw away old, outdated forms. This also ensures that customers will have access to current forms. In the past if a customer filled out an outdated form it could result in a delay in much-needed benefits.

The Smart Forms program, which is used in IDHS local offices by human service caseworkers, is saving each caseworker an average of over 1 hour a day. These forms auto-populate based on database information stored by IDHS. This saves the caseworker the time of having to manually fill in all information on each form.

IDHS continues to work closely with Illinois Dept. of Central Management Services (CMS), the agency that manages the state's computer networks, on this initiative. CMS procured, licensed and coordinated the installation of the application software that allows all governmental entities in the state to use these electronic forms.

IDHS, the state's largest agency, serves more than 1.5 million people annually with an annual budget of nearly $5 billion. IDHS works to improve the quality of life of thousands of Illinois families. The agency provides an array of comprehensive, coordinated services through community health and prevention programs; services for persons with developmental disabilities, mental illness, or substance abuse problems; employment training; and financial support, child care and other family services for low-income families.

Discuss Suburban Transit Priorities

U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin (D-IL) met with Metra Board Chairwoman Carole Doris and Executive Director Phil Pagano to discuss a number of priorities important to the transit line including expansion, improvement and funding.

"A recent study showed that traffic in the Chicago area was among the most congested in the country," said Durbin. "With gasoline prices at an all time high, more people rely on the public transit system as a means of transportation. The improvements we discussed today will allow Metra to keep up with the increase in ridership demands while ensuring the long-term viability of the system."

Durbin noted that Metra makes 300 thousand trips per weekday; about 7 million passenger trips per month on 11 commuter lines – an increase of 7% from 2004 to 2006. With the increase in ridership, Durbin and the members of Metra discussed the need for two new lines. The proposed STAR Line will connect 100 communities in 55 miles of track and allow people to travel in an arc from O'Hare to Hoffman Estates to Naperville to Joliet. The proposed Southeast line would link 20 under-served areas connecting downtown Chicago to Crete and Balmoral Park.

Durbin also stressed the need for improvements to two existing lines, the UP-NW Line and the UP-West Line. The UP-NW Line is Metra's longest serving line currently serving 72 communities, running from Ogolvie Center in Chicago to Harvard. Upgrading this line would allow for an increase from 63 to 74 in the number of trains and would include new rail yards to boost train capacity. Growing population demands have increased the need for service on the UP-West Line which runs 44 miles from Ogolvie Center to Elburn and serves 62 communities in Kane, DuPage and western Cook counties. The planned project would expand the number of daily trains from 59 to 80 and would fix the most congested bottleneck in Chicago.

At the meeting, Durbin also discussed the need for transit funding for the Chicago area. Last year, Durbin secured $2 million from the SAFETEA bill for the Northern Illinois Commuter Transportation Initiative study, which would look into the expansion of Metra to Rockford. The service would help alleviate the heavy congestion on I-90; almost 100,000 cars travel daily on I-90 between Rockford and the growing Chicago suburbs.

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Distinguished Service Awards

Mark Donahue (right), President of the Fraternal Order of Police, Chicago Lodge #7, and William Dougherty (left), 1st Vice President, recently presented Distinguished Service Awards to Chicago Police Officers Kenneth Matlob (center, left) and Saud Haidari (center, right).

President Donahue stated, "it is with great appreciation that the Fraternal Order of Police, Chicago Lodge #7, present Officers Matlob and Haidari with Distinguished Service Awards."

Roll Over College Funds

Parents who watch their children's college funds with nervous anticipation of stock market fluctuations may want to consider moving those funds into a more secure college savings option like *College Illinois!* Through April 24th, the state's 529 prepaid tuition plan is offering a rebate to parents and grandparents who roll over funds from another qualified college savings plan.

Some parents may not be comfortable with riskier investment strategies that keep them guessing about how much money will be available when their child's college freshman orientation rolls around. Because *College Illinois!* acts like an insurance policy that protects participants from future tuition fluctuation, the plan takes the guesswork out of predicting college costs by allowing parents and grandparents to lock in a price now to cover future college tuition and fees.

"There are no tax implications when money from qualified 529 plans, Coverdell Education Savings Accounts and certain series U.S. Savings Bonds is rolled over to the *College Illinois!* programs, said Randy Erford, director of *College Illinois!*. "The convenient rollover option and rebate provides an opportunity for more families to enjoy the peace of mind that comes with maintaining control over rising tuition costs," said Erford.

Parents and grandparents can initiate a rollover by completing a rollover form available at collegeillinois.com. Upon receipt of funds, *College Illinois!* will rebate the application fee for the first contract purchased. For eligibility and specific requirements, interested individuals should visit collegeillinois.com and click on the "Rollover Express Rebate" link.

There are tax advantages to participating in the *College Illinois!* program. In addition to a state tax deduction of up to $20,000 on contributions made to the plan (excluding rollovers from other Illinois 529 plans), plan earnings are also 100 percent exempt from federal and state income taxes. Purchasers also enjoy federal gift tax benefits up to $12,000 per year and estate tax benefits.

Administered by the Illinois Student Assistance Commission, *College Illinois!* is a secure college funding option because benefits do not fluctuate with the stock market. Program benefits keep pace with the increases in tuition and fees equal to those found at in-state, public institutions. Participants can purchase from one semester at a community college to nine semesters at a public university using various payment options, including monthly and annual installments and down payment options. When a beneficiary is ready to go to school, he or she can choose to attend college anywhere because benefits can be used not only in Illinois public universities and community colleges, but at public and private institutions nationwide as well.

Since the program's inception in 1998, an estimated 27,000 families have purchased more than 53,000 prepaid tuition contracts with a value of more than $1 billion. *College Illinois!* is secured by the state of Illinois. The program's Trust Fund is managed by professional money managers, subject to oversight by the program's Investment Advisory Panel and the Illinois Student Assistance Commission.

College Illinois! is open for enrollment through April 24th. For more information about *College Illinois!*, or to initiate a rollover, visit collegeillinois.com or call (877) 877-3724.

Alderman Edward M. Burke To Receive Shield Of Saint Xavier

Saint Xavier University will host its 22nd annual President's Scholarship Ball at the Field Museum on Saturday, April 21. This year, Edward M. Burke, longtime Chicago alderman, will be honored with the Shield of Saint Xavier for his commitment to service and generosity to Chicago's Catholic institutions.

"The Shield of Saint Xavier represents the University's highest distinction," said Saint Xavier University President Judith A. Dwyer, Ph.D., in her letter of invitation to Burke. "It is awarded to individuals who have demonstrated extraordinary commitment and service to the greater Chicago community. We believe that by your generosity to so many institutions, including this University, your life and achievements exemplify the ideals of Saint Francis Xavier, Mother Catherine McAuley and the Sisters of Mercy."

Burke, 63, has served Chicago's 14th Ward for more than 35 years. A recognized expert on city budget matters, Burke is the chairman of the City Council Finance Committee and is responsible for all legislative matters pertaining to the city's finances, including municipal bonds, taxes and revenue matters. Known as the "Dean of the City Council," Burke became 14th Ward Democratic Committeeman in 1968 and alderman in 1969. He also served as a Chicago police officer from 1965 to 1968. He is married to Anne Burke, the newest member of the Illinois Supreme Court and a former Saint Xavier trustee.

The President's Scholarship Ball will be the capstone event to a yearlong series of activities marking Saint Xavier's 160th year as the "First in Chicago" serving the educational needs of the community. The ball has raised millions of dollars for the President's Scholarship Program, which provides financial support to Saint Xavier's most deserving students.

Ball guests will enjoy a cocktail reception at 6:30 p.m., followed by dinner and dancing to the Ron Bedal Orchestra. The black-tie event is open to the public, and reservations are $160 per person. Anyone interested in making reservations should call (773) 298-3311 or e-mail specialevents@sxu.edu with "President's Scholarship Ball" in the subject line.

For the fourth consecutive year, LaSalle Bank N.A. is to be the presenting sponsor of the President's Scholarship Ball. Other major underwriters to date include American Airlines, Chicago Mercantile Exchange, McDonough and Associates, and Henry Bros. Co. Tables are available for corporate sponsorship by contacting Sara Miller-Acosta, director of development, at (773) 298-3322.

Red Cross Response Increases

The 4-11 fire in County Club Hills on Feb. 5th marks the 684th fire that the American Red Cross of Greater Chicago has responded to since July. The number represents a 25% increase in response from the same date a year ago when the chapter had responded to 538 incidents. On the weekend of Feb. 2-4 alone the Greater Chicago Red Cross responded to 21 fires, twice as many as a typical weekend.

The majority of local disasters that occur in Chicago are home fires. While the Red Cross does not track the cause of the fires, it knows that many factors including the unusually cold weather contribute to the increase, said LaForice Nealy, Chief Response Officer of the Greater Chicago Chapter. Disaster assistance provided by the American Red Cross of Greater Chicago may include food, clothing, shelter, mental health counseling and prescription drug/eyeglass replacement. As disaster response increases so does the need for volunteers and financial support, Nealy added.

All Red Cross disaster assistance is free, made possible by voluntary gifts of time and money from the American people. Those interested in volunteering or making a donation to the American Red Cross of Greater Chicago should call (312) 729-6100 or visit www.chicagoredcross.org for more information.

The American Red Cross of Greater Chicago serves more than 8.3 million people in Cook, DuPage, Kane, Kendall, Lake, McHenry and Will counties through the support and generous contributions of individuals, corporations, foundations, and the United Way.

Associate Membership Program Available

Approximately 700,000 Americans have disabilities related to the spinal cord including spinal cord injuries, multiple sclerosis, polio, spina bifida, and amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (Lou Gehrig's disease). Since 1946, United Spinal Association has been committed to enhancing the lives of individuals with spinal cord disabilities, free of charge, through various outreach activities, services and programs.

United Spinal is now introducing an exciting new initiative through an Associate Membership program. This offering will reach out to the larger community of people impacted by spinal cord injuries and disorders. "With our Associate Membership program we're inviting family members, caregivers, advocates, and community and business leaders to join the United Spinal family," said Marlene Harmon-Perkins, Director of Outreach & Member Programs. "The criterion for Associate Membership is simple—anyone who believes in and wants to support the mission of United Spinal Association. We welcome everyone who shares our commitment to enhancing the lives of individuals with spinal cord injuries and disorders."

For an annual donation of $25, Associate Members will receive United Spinal's popular e-newsletter, United Spinal Today; access to the Association's full-service travel agency, ABLE to Travel www.ableto travel.org and access to the Nationwide Roadside Assistance program of the American Drivers Alliance Auto Club. "The $25 annual gift from Associate members will be used to support training and outreach programs; advocacy campaigns, sports and recreational programs, and more," Harmon-Perkins said.

As an added bonus, Associate members can also receive United Spinal's monthly membership magazine Action for an additional $14 above the $25 tax-deductible donation. Associate members will receive Action's timely, lively, and informative articles and editorials on life with a spinal cord disability.

To apply for Associate Membership, please visit www.unitedspinal.org or call the Membership Department at (800) 404-2898, ext. 222, an e-mail can also be sent to dgallino@unitedspinal.org. For more information about membership and other programs and services offered by United Spinal, please visit www.unitedspinal.org.

United Spinal Association is a national membership organization for people with spinal cord injuries or disorders (SCI/D). The mission of United Spinal Association is to provide expertise, create access to resources and strengthen hope, thereby enabling people with SCI/D to fulfill their potential as active members of their communities. Membership in United Spinal Association is free and open to all people with SCI/D.

Shannon Is New Labor Director

Governor Rod R. Blagojevich named longtime labor activist and policy advisor Catherine Shannon as his new Director of the Illinois Department of Labor. Her appointment is effective immediately and requires Senate confirmation. Shannon is currently Acting Director as well as Legislative Director of the Department.

For the past 19 years, Shannon has been a leader on labor issues and in state government. She served as Legislative and Political Director of the Illinois AFL-CIO for nine years, as Legislative Director of the Illinois Federation of Teachers, and on the research and appropriations staff of House Speaker Michael Madigan.

As the Legislative and Political Director of the Illinois AFL-CIO, Shannon drafted and promoted legislation to improve the pay and working conditions of Illinois workers and their families. She was the leading advocate for improvements to Illinois workers' protection laws, including the Prevailing Wage, Equal Pay and Minimum Wage Acts.

Shannon replaces Art Ludwig, who served as IDOL Director from July 2004 through Dec. 2006. Shannon has a bachelor's degree in political science from Northern Illinois University in DeKalb. She lives in Springfield with her husband and two children.

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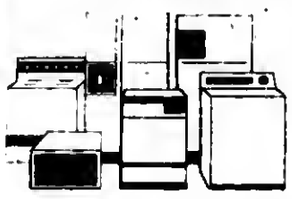

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PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered on October 23, 2006, Kallen Realty Services, Inc., successor to Kallen Financial & Capital Services, Inc., as Selling Official will at 12:30 p.m. on March 13, 2007, at 205 W. Randolph Street, Suite 1200, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real property: COMMONLY KNOWN AS 11805 SOUTH KOMENSKY AVENUE, ALSIP, ILLINOIS 60803. TAX ID# 24-22-414-016 The mortgaged real estate is improved with a dwelling. The property will NOT be open for inspection.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION AMERICAN HOME MORTGAGE ACCEPTANCE, INC. Plaintiff, -v- ERIKA K. JOHNSON, et al Defendant 06 CH 9041 NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on July 5, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on March 2, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 3611 W. 80TH PLACE, Chicago, IL 60652 Property Index No 19-35-338-047 The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION WM SPECIALTY MORTGAGE, LLC WITHOUT RECOURSE, ASSIGNEE OF AMERIQUEST MORTGAGE COMPANY; Plaintiff, vs. JUDITH A. MYERS; Defendants, 06 CH 16529 NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on November 14, 2006, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, March 20, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 6404 85th St., Burbank, IL 60459. P.I.N. 19-31-405-029.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE; Plaintiff, vs. JOANN POLZIN; IRENE T. WATERS; Defendants, 06 CH 15905 NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on October 4, 2006 Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, March 20, 2007 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 2740 W. 98th St., Evergreen Park, IL 60805. P.I.N. 24-12-217-028.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR THE STRUCTURED ASSET INVESTMENT LOAN TRUST, 2006-1 Plaintiff, vs. DONNA OUIMETTE; ET AL., Defendants, 06 CH 16288 NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on October 10, 2006, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, March 19, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 7808 South McVicker Avenue, Burbank, IL 60459. P.I.N. 19-29-314-017 and 018.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION EMC MORTGAGE CORPORATION Plaintiff, -v- JOHN R BAILY, et al Defendant 06 CH 4121 NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on May 2, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on March 2, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 12823 SOUTH KENNETH AVE UNIT C-2, Alsip, IL 60803 Property Index No 24-34-113-024-1014 The real estate is improved with a condo within 3 story brick building, no garage

The judgment amount was $82,157.95. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction, the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If this property is a condominium unit the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale

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For information: Visit our website at http:\\service.atty-pierce.com between the hours of 3 and 5 pm. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602. Tel No (312) 476-5500 Please refer to file number PA0602203. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION HOUSEHOLD FINANCE CORPORATION, III, ASSIGNEE OF MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., Plaintiff, vs. DANIEL HAKE, JOAN H. HAKE, MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., UNDER MORTGAGE RECORDED AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 0418808080, NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, UNKNOWN TENANTS AND UNKNOWN OWNERS, Defendants, 06 CH 16285 NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on October 2, 2006, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Wednesday, March 21, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 8160 West 99th Street, Oak Lawn, IL 60453. P.I.N. 24-08-128-031 and 032.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call Sales Clerk at Plaintiff's Attorney, Law Offices of Ira T. Nevel, 175 North Franklin Street, Chicago, Illinois 60606. (312) 357-1126. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION PHH MORTGAGE CORP. D/B/A COLDWELL BANKER MORTGAGE, Plaintiff V. DEAN C. CASSELL A/K/A DEAN CASSELL; PATTI JO CASSELL A/K/A CASSELL, Defendants 06 CH 15163 NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE Fisher and Shapiro file #06-7550D (It is advised that interested parties consult with their own attorneys before bidding at mortgage foreclosure sales.)

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered on September 25, 2006, Kallen Realty Services, Inc., successor to Kallen Financial & Capital Services, Inc., as Selling Official will at 12:30 p.m. on March 8, 2007, at 205 W. Randolph Street, Suite 1200, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real property: COMMONLY KNOWN AS 5504 WEST EDISON AVENUE, OAK LAWN, ILLINOIS 60453. TAX ID# 24-09-110-020 The mortgaged real estate is improved with a dwelling. The property will NOT be open for inspection.

The judgment amount was $172,986.10. Sale terms: 10% of successful bid immediately at conclusion of auction, balance by noon the next business day, both by cashier's checks; and no refunds. The sale shall be subject to general real estate taxes, special taxes, special assessments, special taxes levied, and superior liens, if any. The property is offered "as is," with no express or implied warranties and without any representation as to the quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to review the court file to verify all information.

For information: Sale Clerk, Fisher and Shapiro, 4201 Lake Cook Rd., 1st floor, Northbrook, Illinois 60062, (847) 498-9990, between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. weekdays only.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION CHASE HOME FINANCE LLC SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO CHASE MANHATTAN MORTGAGE CORPORATION AS SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO AMERICAN RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE CORPORATION Plaintiff, vs. JEFFREY J. NIZIOLEK; CHERYL M. NIZIOLEK; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants, 06 CH 13671

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on 11/20/2006, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Wednesday, March 7, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property: P.I.N. 24-19-412-004. Commonly known as 11619 South Natchez Avenue, Worth, Illinois 60482.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. Sale terms: 25% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.

For information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com. Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602., Tel.No. (312) 476-5500. Refer to File Number PA0606487 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION THE BANK OF NEW YORK TRUST COMOANY N.A. AS SUCCESSOR TO JP MORGAN CHASE BANK N.A. AS TRUSTEE Plaintiff, vs., MICHAEL DALY; LINDA DALY; ROBERT MONACO; 159TH ST. BREMEN TOWN; MINI MALL, LLC; UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants, 06 CH 9614 NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on December 5, 2006 Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, March 6, 2007 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 4904 Cypress Court, Oak Forest, IL 60452. P.I.N. 28-28-219-002.

The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection

For information call William E. Dutton, Jr./Barbara J Dutton at Plaintiff's Attorney, DUTTON & DUTTON, P.C.; 10325 West Lincoln Highway, Frankfort, Illinois 60423. (815) 806-8200. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. Plaintiff, -v.- CAROYLN O'NEAL, et al Defendant 06 CH 14557 NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on November 8, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on February 27, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 8519 S. KEDZIE AVENUE UNIT #103, Chicago, IL 60652 Property Index No. 19-36-308-025-1003 The real estate is improved with a condominium.

The judgment amount was $101,020.47. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department.. Please refer to file number 14-06-8480. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, F/K/A WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, FA Plaintiff, -v.- ADEL ALQARIOI, et al Defendant 06 CH 13901 NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on September 11, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on March 2, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 7953 S. KNOX AVENUE, Chicago, IL 60652 Property Index No. 19-34-105-002 The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $75,054.80. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale

The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

For Information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department.. Please refer to file number 14-06-8200. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE; Plaintiff, vs. MIKE NGUYEN; PHAL ENG; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR PEOPLE'S CHOICE HOME LOAN, INC.; Defendants, 06 CH 14905 NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on November 2, 2006 Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Friday, March 9, 2007 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 3857 W. 84th Street, Chicago, IL 60652. P.I.N. 19-35-311-035.

The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds.. within 24 hours. No refunds.

The property will NOT be open for inspection For Information call William E. Dutton, Jr./Barbara J. Dutton at Plaintiff's Attorney, DUTTON & DUTTON, P.C., 10325 West Lincoln Highway, Frankfort, Illinois 60423. (815) 806-8200. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION CROWN MORTGAGE COMPANY Plaintiff, -v.- BRYAN J. VANKUIKEN A/K/A BRYAN VANKUIKEN, et al Defendant 06 CH 14995 NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 31, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on March 5, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 4662 W. 131ST STREET UNIT #1E, Alsip, IL 60803 Property Index No. 24-34-116-045-1005, Property Index No. 24-34-116-045-1015 The real estate is improved with a condominium.

The judgment amount was $97,506.32. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale

The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department.. Please refer to file number 14-06-6843. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION AURORA LOAN SERVICES, LLC Plaintiff, -v.- MANUEL GOMEZ, et al Defendant 06 CH 13549 NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on September 14, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on March 2, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 4120 W. 101ST STREET, Oak Lawn, IL 60453 Property Index No. 24-10-426-019 The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $268,508.20. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale

The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department.. Please refer to file number 14-06-7954. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALECODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C.15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE, IL 60527 (630) 794-9876 Attorney File No.: 14-06-7954 ARDC# 00468002 Attorney Code. 21762 Case # 06 CH 13549 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE; Plaintiff, vs. SOFIA RAMIREZ; NEW CENTURY MORTGAGE CORPORATION; Defendants, 06 CH 14899 NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on September 26, 2006 Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Friday, March 9, 2007 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 3916 W. 87th Street, Chicago, IL 60652. P.I.N. 19-35-335-032.

The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection

For information call William E. Dutton, Jr./Barbara J. Dutton at Plaintiff's Attorney, DUTTON & DUTTON, P.C., 10325 West Lincoln Highway, Frankfort, Illinois 60423. (815) 806-8200. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR LONG BEACH MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2005-3 Plaintiff, -v.- CAESAR AGUDELO A/K/A CAESAR F. AGUDELO, et al Defendant 06 CH 15968 NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 17, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on March 5, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 6600 W. 87TH STREET UNIT #3NE, Burbank, IL 60459 Property Index No. (19-31-407-129 UNDERLYING), Property Index No. 19-31-407-130-1006, Property Index No. 19-31-407-130-1020 The real estate is improved with a condominium.

The judgment amount was $182,660.77. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale

The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department.. Please refer to file number 14-06-9328. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. Plaintiff, vs. BRIDGEVIEW BANK & TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE, UTA #1-2104 DATED AUGUST 14, 1992; UNKNOWN BENEFICIARIES OF BRIDGEVIEW BANK & TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE UTA # 1-2104, DATED AUGUST 14, 1992; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants,06 CH 14626

PUBLID NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on 10/24/2006, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, March 6, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property: P.I.N. 18-24-309-021. Commonly known as 7717 Colombie Drive, Bridgeview, Illinois 60456.

The improvement on the property consists of a one story, brown brick residence. THE SALE SHALL BE SUBJECT TO GENERAL TAXES, SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS AND TO A PRIOR RECORDED FIRST MORTGAGE. Sale terms: 25% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.

For information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com. Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602. Tel.No. (312) 476-5500. Refer to File Number PA0607058. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION BANK OF NEW YORK AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATE HOLDERS CWABS, INC., ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2004-6, Plaintiff V. TIMOTHY COSGROVE A/K/A TIMOTHY F. COSGROVE; PAMELA COSGROVE A/K/A PAMELA M. COSGROVE, Defendants 06 CH 15300 NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE Fisher and Shapiro file #06-8148D (It is advised that interested parties consult with their own attorneys before bidding at mortgage foreclosure sales.)

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered on September 19, 2006, Kallen Realty Services, Inc., successor to Kallen Financial & Capital Services, Inc., as Selling Official will at 12:30 p.m. on March 7, 2007, at 205 W. Randolph Street, Suite 1200, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real property: COMMONLY KNOWN AS 4659 WEST 89TH STREET, HOMETOWN, ILLINOIS 60456. TAX ID# 24-03-129-041 The mortgaged real estate is improved with a dwelling. The property will NOT be open for inspection.

The judgment amount was $100,239.12. Sale terms: 10% of successful bid immediately at conclusion of auction, balance by noon the next business day, both by cashier's checks; and no refunds. The sale shall be subject to general real estate taxes, special taxes, special assessments, special taxes levied, and superior liens, if any. The property is offered "as is," with no express or implied warranties and without any representation as to the quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to review the court file to verify all information.

For Information: Sale Clerk, Fisher and Shapiro, 4201 Lake Cook Rd., 1st floor, Northbrook, Illinois 60062, (847) 498-9990, between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. weekdays only.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION BANK OF NEW YORK AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATE HOLDERS CWABS, INC. ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-11 Plaintiff, vs. RODOLFO ROMERO; COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS, INC.; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF RODOLFO ROMERO, IF ANY; UKNOFWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants, 06 CH 14967
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on 10/31/2006, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Wednesday, March 14, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property: P.I.N. 28-11-221-016. Commonly known as 14518 Sawyer Avenue, Midlothian, Illinois 60445.
The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence with attached garage. Sale terms: 25% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.
For Information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com. Between 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. only. Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602. Tel.No. (312) 476-5500. Refer to File Number PA0607154. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE, OF ARGENT MORTGAGE SECURITIES INC., ASSET BACKED PASS THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES2005-W4, UNDER THE POOLING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT DATED AS OF NOVEMBER 1, 2005, WITHOUT RECOURSE, Plaintiff, vs. ROMUALDAS GEDVILAS, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON- RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants, 06 CH 8797 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on October 11, 2006, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, March 12, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 9622 South Merton, Oak Lawn, IL 60453. P.I.N. 24-08-109-045.
The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
For information call Ms. Kathy Hudy at Plaintiff's Attorney, Thompson, Rosenthal & Watts, LLP, 1001 East Chicago Avenue, Naperville, Illinois 60540. (630) 369-3535. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION GMAC MORTGAGE CORPORATION; Plaintiff, vs. STANISLAW RUSNAK; ELIZABETH RUSNAK A/K/A ELIZBIETA ZALINKA; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants, 06 CH 8095
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on 6/19/2006, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, March 19, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property: P.I.N. 16-36-311-015. Commonly known as 8404 South 77th Court, Bridgeview, IL 60455.
The improvement on the property consists of a 1 story, brick, single family residence with 2 car garage.
Sale terms: 25% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.
For Information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com. Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. Pierce & Associates, Plaintiffs Attorneys, 1 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602. Tel.No. (312) 476-5500. Refer to File Number PA0602761. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION WM SPECIALTY MORTGAGE, LLC, Plaintiff V. WILLIAM MCCOY; CHERYL L. MCCOY A/K/A CHERYL L. PIERARD; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants 06 CH 13469 NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE Fisher and Shapiro file #06-7013D (It is advised that interested parties consult with their own attorneys before bidding at mortgage foreclosure sales.)
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered on September 20, 2006, Kallen Realty Services, Inc., successor to Kallen Financial & Capital Services, Inc., as Selling Official will at 12:30 p.m. on March 15, 2007, at 205 W. Randolph Street, Suite 1200, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real property: COMMONLY KNOWN AS 4833 WEST 105Th STREET, OAK LAWN, ILLINOIS 60453. TAX IO# 24-16-210-006 and 24-16-210-007 The mortgaged real estate is improved with a dwelling. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
The judgment amount was $222,420.37.
Sale terms: 10% of successful bid immediately at conclusion of auction, balance by noon the next business day, both by cashier's checks; and no refunds. The sale shall be subject to general real estate taxes, special taxes levied, and superior liens, if any. The property is offered "as is," with no express or implied warranties and without any representation as to the quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to review the court file to verify all information.
For information: Sale Clerk, Fisher and Shapiro, 4201 Lake Cook Rd., 1st floor, Northbrook, Illinois 60062, (847) 498-9990, between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. weekdays only.

REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A. Plaintiff, -v.- KEVIN K. BENAVIDES A/K/A KEVIN BENAVIDES, et al Defendant 06 CH 13139 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 24, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on February 28, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 11002 DEBLIN LANE, Oak Lawn, IL 60453 Property Index No. 24-16-422-058 The real estate is improved with a single family residence.
The judgment amount was $210,147.84.
Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department.. Please refer to file number 14-06-7834 THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE- CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE, IL 60527 (630) 794-9876 Attorney File No.: 14-06-7634 ARDC# 00468002 Attorney Code. 21762 Case # 06 CH 13139 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE OF AMERIQUEST MORTGAGE SECURITIES, INC., ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-R1, UNDER THE POOLING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT DATED AS OF FEBRUARY 1, 2006, WITHOUT RECOURSE, ASSIGNEE OF AMERIQUEST MORTGAGE COMPANY, Plaintiff, vs. JOHN L. VALENCIA, JR., GRACIELA F. VALENCIA, CITY OF CHICAGO, DEPARTMENT OF WATER-MANAGEMENT, UNDER LIEN RECORDED AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 0610120057 Defendants, 06 CH 17462 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on November 29, 2006, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Wednesday, March 7, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 3244 West 83rd Street, Chicago, IL 60652. P.I.N. 19-35-226-040.
The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
For information call Sales Clerk at Plaintiff's Attorney, Law Offices of Ira T. Nevel, 175 North Franklin Street, Chicago, Illinois 60606. (312) 357-1125. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION WACHOVIA BANK, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR THE REGISTERED HOLDERS OF AEGIS ASSET BACKED SECURITIES TRUST, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-5, Plaintiff V. PORFIRIO PONCE DE LEON A/K/A PORFIRIO J. PONCE DE LEON; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR AEGIS FUNDING CORPORATION, Defendants 06 CH 16315
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE Fisher and Shapiro file #06-5082D (It is advised that interested parties consult with their own attorneys before bidding at mortgage foreclosure sales.)
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered on October 31, 2006, Kallen Realty Services, Inc., successor to Kallen Financial & Capital Services, Inc., as Selling Official will at 12:30 p.m. on March 20, 2007, at 205 W. Randolph Street, Suite 1200, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real property: COMMONLY KNOWN AS 5845 EDWARD DRIVE, OAK FOREST, ILLINOIS 60452. 28-17-408-026 The mortgaged real estate is improved with a dwelling. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
The judgment amount was $106,232.08.
Sale terms: 10% of successful bid immediately at conclusion of auction, balance by noon the next business day, both by cashier's checks; and no refunds. The sale shall be subject to general real estate taxes, special taxes, special assessments, special taxes levied, and superior liens, if any. The property is offered "as is," with no express or implied warranties and without any representation as to the quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to review the court file to verify all information.
For information: Sale Clerk, Fisher and Shapiro, 4201 Lake Cook Rd., 1st floor, Northbrook, Illinois 60062, (847) 498-9990, between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. weekdays only.

REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION WEST COAST REALTY SERVICES, INC., ON BEHALF OF BENEFICIAL ILLINOIS, INC.; D/B/A BENEFICIAL MORTGAGE CO. OF ILLINOIS; Plaintiff,vs. LARRY CROWDER, SR., ET AL; Defendants,06 CH 6607 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on July 20, 2005 Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, March 12, 2007 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate: P.I.N. 19-36-124-055. Commonly known as: 8250 S. Troy Street, Chicago, IL 60652.
The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence. THE SALE SHALL BE SUBJECT TO GENERAL TAXES, SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS AND TO A PRIOR RECORDED FIRST MORTGAGE. This information is considered reliable but is not warranted. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. The sale is subject to unpaid real estate taxes, assessments, covenants, conditions, easements and restrictions of record. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
This pleading is a communication for the purpose of collecting the mortgage debt, under the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act. If you fail to dispute, in writing, the validity of this debt within thirty days, it will be assumed to be valid. Finally, any information you provide will be used for the purpose of collection. Upon payment, of each portion of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Receipt of Sale. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the mortgaged real estate after confirmation of the sale.
The property will NOT be open for inspection, except by the arrangement and agreement of the current owner or occupant.
For Information: JAROS, TITTLE & O'TOOLE, LIMITED, Plaintiff's Attorney, 20 North Clark Street, Suite 510, Chicago, Illinois 60602, (312) 750-1000. Phone calls will be taken only between the hours of 9:00 thru 11:00 A.M. When calling, please refer to file number 05-30073. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CODK COUNTY, ILLINDIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION BLUE VIEW CORPORATION Plaintiff, vs. GLORIA JONES A/K/A GLORIA A. JONES; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; PEOPLE'S BANK; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF GLORIA JONES, IF ANY; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants, 06 CH 16302
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on 11/2/2006, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, March 20, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property: P.I.N. 19-35-205-037. Commonly known as 3326 West Columbus Avenue, Chicago, IL 60652.
The improvement on the property consists of a brick, 1 story, single family residence with a detached 2 car garage. THE SALE SHALL BE SUBJECT TO GENERAL TAXES, SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS AND TO A PRIOR RECORDED FIRST MORTGAGE. Sale terms: 25% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.
For information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com. Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602. Tel.No. (312) 476-5500. Refer to File Number PA0511396. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122

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Strategic Directions

The Illinois Art Council (IAC) will work over the next five years to educate a growing number of people in the state about the value of the arts and the role art and creativity can play to strengthen communities and contribute to the education of thousands of Illinois children, according to IAC's Strategic Directions submitted to Governor Rod R. Blagojevich and the General Assembly.

Under the new Strategic Directions for 2007-2012, the IAC will shift from making art accessible to actively engaging Illinoisans of all ages and abilities in arts and culture. By increasing public will for the arts, the IAC hopes to build toward a stronger, more creative, and more connected state. With this goal in mind, the IAC will work over the next five years towards increasing art appreciation throughout communities in Illinois, strengthening the cultural community and their connection to the broader community, increasing educational opportunities for Illinoisans – especially children – in the arts, and better equipping their own organization to anticipate and respond to the needs of the Illinois arts community.

Supporting strategies will address, among other issues, the day-to-day challenges facing individual artists, arts educators, and arts and community organizations in Illinois and new opportunities for the arts and cultural community in the global marketplace.

The IAC developed the plan based upon the findings of a public listening tour, surveys, and assessments of the needs of the arts statewide. The Council and a 21-member Strategic Plan Task Force chaired by Council Member Harper Montgomery began a Public Listening Tour in January of 2006. For four months, information gathering sessions were held in 15 communities and attended by artists, arts educators, arts and community organizations, patrons of the arts, libraries, media outlets, park districts, business leaders, legislators and other government leaders, and members of the general public.

Additional input for the plan was gained through topic-specific discussion groups, an online survey, a news audit, agency grant documentation, and a comprehensive review of local and national studies and reports related to building public support for the arts.

Dates and locations are currently being scheduled to present and discuss the new strategic directions throughout the state at each of the Public Listening Tour areas. More information will be provided on the Illinois Arts Council website as soon as it is finalized.

The entire plan, as submitted to Governor Blagojevich and the Illinois General Assembly in January, is available online at http://www.state.il.us/agency/iac/Stratplan1.pdf. Print copies of the Strategic Directions 2007-2012 are available upon request by contacting Alex A.G. Shapiro, IAC Research, Planning & Marketing at (312) 814-6762 or emailing iac.strategic@illinois.gov.

Challenge Match To Elim

The Coleman Foundation, Inc. announced in November 2006 that they will bestow a gift of $300,000 over three years to Elim Christian Services. The gift is to be used to challenge others to donate toward Elim's Capital Campaign program, as The Coleman Foundation, Inc. will match any gift, up to its pledged $300,000, that is given for this purpose. Both the gifts of The Coleman Foundation, Inc. and those of the private funders who choose to give in response to the matching gift opportunity will be allocated toward three projects defined in Elim's Moving Beyond Capital Campaign program. The specific projects to be funded are: 1) Greater Independence through Assistive Technology, 2) the Functional Ability Center, and 3) the Food Service Center.

As part of Elim's Moving Beyond Capital Campaign, Elim will expand its capacity to provide direct services to 20 more adults with developmental disabilities within the Chicago area. Also, through this program, Elim will be established as a Resource Center of Best Practices, sharing the knowledge accumulated through 59 years of excellence in the care and education of children and adults with developmental disabilities.

The Coleman Foundation, Inc. is a private independent grant-making foundation established in 1951. It specializes in grants for Education, Cancer Care, and Services for the Disabled, with a strong emphasis on programs that encourage independence and self-development for individuals with developmental disabilities. Although this is the first gift given to Elim Christian Services by The Coleman Foundation, Inc., those at the foundation are confident it will be put to good use. Rosa Berardi, Program Manager of The Coleman Foundation, Inc., said, "Although this is the Foundation's first experience with Elim Christian Services, I was most impressed by their willingness to teach others to serve people with developmental disabilities."

The mission of Elim Christian Services is to equip children and adults with disabilities to achieve their highest God-given potential. Elim pursues this mission by providing educational, vocational, therapeutic and residential service to over 800 persons with special needs, from learning disabilities to severe disabilities. Elim is located at 13020 S. Central Ave. in Palos Heights. For more information on Elim's Moving Beyond Capital Campaign or any of Elim's programs for individuals with developmental disabilities, contact Carol Hill at (708) 389-0555.

High School Students Succeeding

Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich announced that more Illinois high school students than ever are succeeding on college-level Advanced Placement Program (AP) exams, according to the College Board's third annual Advanced Placement Report to the Nation. The Advanced Placement Program is a cooperative educational endeavor between secondary schools and colleges and universities. Participating students gain college-level skills and in many cases earn college credit while they are still in high school.

In 2006, a record number of Illinois high school students – more than 43,700 – took AP exams, compared to just over 17,600 students in 1996. Since 2001, the number of students participating in AP has steadily increased by 17,034 or 63.7 percent.

In addition, a record 76,683 AP tests were taken by college-bound students with nearly 70 percent scoring at the "3" to "5" levels to receive college credit. That represents a 13.7 percent increase over the number of tests taken in 2005: 67,456. The number of AP exams scored 3 or higher taken has also increased by 19,912 or 59.2 percent since 2001.

The Report shows that more low-income, African-American, and Hispanic or Latino students are taking AP exams. The increase is due in part to a $1.5 million grant awarded in FY 2006 that allowed 28 districts to expand their AP classes and programs. Illinois has also been awarded federal dollars as part of No Child Left Behind to help promote AP classes to low-income students.

The Report uses data from all schools – both public and non-public – that participate in AP to identify schools that are leading the way in AP performance worldwide. Six of Illinois' public and non-public schools were recognized including Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy in Aurora and St. Ignatius College Preparatory in Chicago.

Understanding Credit Scoring

There's a lot of confusion around credit reports and credit scores - what they're used for, how they're calculated and why they're so important if you want to buy a car or house. Lenders, insurers and even employers review your credit history to decide if you're a worthwhile risk, so here's some background information that may help demystify the whole credit scoring process:

Credit bureaus. There are three major credit bureaus: Equifax www.equifax.com, Experian www.experian.com and TransUnion www.transunion.com. Each tracks how many and what types of credit cards and loans you have, how long your accounts have been open and whether you've paid your bills on time.

Credit report. Upon request from you or a potential lender, a credit bureau will compile a credit report - basically a snapshot of your credit history at that moment. You can order one free credit report a year from each of the three bureaus. (Order through www.annualcreditreport.com; otherwise you'll pay a small fee.) They are required by law to investigate any disputed item and correct inaccuracies.

It's wise to order a free report from one of the bureaus every four months; that way, you'll keep regular, year-round tabs on what's being reported about you. Another tip: If you're planning to borrow to make a major purchase, order your credit reports beforehand so you'll know what lenders will see about your credit history.

It's vital to know what's in your credit reports so you can spot fraudulent activity or errors before they damage your credit standing. For more information on what to do if you suspect identity fraud, go to Practical Money Skills for Life, a free personal financial management site sponsored by Visa USA www.practicalmoneyskills.com/security.

Credit scores. Credit bureaus use information in your credit report to create a three-digit credit score. The higher your score, the better your credit rating is. The most commonly used credit scores are called FICO scores, named for Fair Isaac Corporation (FICO), which developed the proprietary software.

Five factors are used to determine your FICO score: payment history, amount owed, length of credit history, newly opened credit accounts, and types of credit used. Scores take into consideration information in all five categories, both positive and negative, but may weigh them differently depending on your individual circumstances.

When you apply for credit or a loan, lenders evaluate one or more of these bureaus' scores along with their own criteria (which may include income, length of employment or other factors), to determine if you are a worthy credit risk. Your overall credit score may affect not only whether or not you get the loan, but also the amount, term length and interest rate.

The differences between excellent, good, fair and poor credit scores can really add up. For example, someone with a top-notch FICO credit score - say above 720 - might qualify for a mortgage rate one or more percentage points lower than someone with poor credit. For a typical 30-year, $200,000 mortgage, this could add up to an extra $50,000 in interest payments over the life of the loan.

For more information on how credit reports and credit scores work - and to purchase a copy of your score - go to www.myfico.com. Remember, it's always a good idea to know what's in your reports ahead of time so you can correct errors before they harm your credit rating.

No-Interest Loans Available

Governor Rod R. Blagojevich announced $1.9 million in no-interest loans to help fire departments and fire protection districts purchase much-needed fire trucks. This is the second phase of a loan program that has already helped 63 fire departments obtain new fire trucks.

The Fire Truck Revolving Loan Program, administered by the Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM), provides no-interest, 20-year loans to local fire departments and fire protection districts for the purchase of fire trucks. The maximum loan award is $250,000. The loan program was created by legislation signed by Gov. Blagojevich in 2003.

Applications for the loans are available on the OSFM website at www.state.il.us/osfm. The agency also will mail applications to each fire department in Illinois. Applications will be accepted from Feb. 1 through April 15. A nine-member review committee comprising representatives of the banking industry and the fire services will review the applications. Loans will be awarded on the basis of need.

In August 2004, 63 fire departments were selected to receive the initial revolving loans. Payments on those loans go into the revolving loan fund, and will be used for this second round of loans.

Air Quality Report

Air quality in Illinois was either good or moderate 90 percent of the time throughout Illinois in 2005, according to the 35th Annual Air Quality Report, released by the Illinois EPA.

While this is a decrease from the air quality numbers in 2004, it is consistent with the air quality trends the state has experienced in the past. Air quality trends still show air pollution levels well below the standards on a statewide basis.

In 2005, Illinois as well as other Midwestern and Northeastern states experienced one of the most unusual air quality episodes in recent history. For the first time in Illinois, Air Pollution Action Days were called outside of the ozone season, May through September, with three action days being called in February due to elevated levels of fine particulate matter. Scientists determined that a combination of a stagnating regional air mass and combustion of winter fuels region-wide was the main cause of this incident.

This unusual episode provided the Illinois EPA with the opportunity to thoroughly discuss fine particulate matter, which led to additional public education about the causes and health concerns of this pollutant.

"While annual trends show the statewide levels of pollutants well below the federal standards, there are still some areas in Illinois where improvement is still needed," said Illinois EPA Director Doug Scott. "The Illinois EPA continues its commitment to improve air quality throughout the state and the region."

Cold Weather Killer

Each year, nearly 5,000 people in the United States are treated in hospital emergency rooms for carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning. This number is, however, believed to be an underestimate of those poisoned because many people exhibiting the symptoms of CO poisoning mistake these symptoms for the flu or are misdiagnosed.

CO poisoning can kill without warning, as your family sleeps. CO gas has no warning properties – you can't smell it, see it, or taste it – even at harmful or life threatening levels. And, since so many deaths occur as the result of defective or poorly operated home heating devices, CO has been termed the "silent cold weather killer."

CO is a colorless, odorless, toxic gas. It is produced by the incomplete combustion of solid, liquid, and gaseous fuels. Appliances fueled with gas, oil, kerosene, or wood may produce CO. If such appliances are not installed, maintained, and used properly, CO may accumulate to dangerous and even fatal levels in cars, homes, or poorly ventilated areas like basements.

CO is produced when fuels are burned, therefore, any fuel-burning appliance in your home is a potential CO source. Electrical heaters and electric water heaters, toasters, etc., do not produce CO under any circumstances. Under normal circumstances, CO should not be detectable in the typical home or workplace.

When fuel-fired appliances are kept in good working condition, they produce very little CO. But improperly operated or improperly vented appliances can produce elevated – or even fatal – CO concentrations in your home. Likewise, using kerosene heaters or charcoal grills indoors, or running a car in a closed garage, can cause levels of CO high enough to result in CO poisoning or even death.

Common sources of CO include the following wood- or gas-fueled appliances: room heaters; furnaces; charcoal grills; cooking ranges; water heaters; automobiles run in closed garages; fireplaces; portable generators; and wood-burning stoves.

Any person or animal in spaces shared with a device capable of generating CO should be considered at risk of CO poisoning. CO exposures especially affect unborn babies, infants, and people with anemia or a history of heart disease. Breathing low levels of the chemical can cause fatigue and increase chest pain in people with chronic heart disease.

Although not always experienced, the initial symptoms of CO poisoning are similar to the flu, but without the fever. They include: dizziness, fatigue, headache, nausea, and irregular breathing

It is critical to note that death from CO poisoning can occur with some or all of these symptoms never being experienced, in which case the overexposed victim simply falls asleep and never regains consciousness.

Dangerous levels of CO can be prevented by proper appliance maintenance, installation, and use. Timely inspections of potentially CO-producing equipment, and the use of CO toxic level concentration alarms, are also key to avoiding a CO fatality.

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Fund Chicago Search And Rescue Team

U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin (D-IL) recently met with Dept. of Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff to ask him to consider Chicago's eligibility for a federally funded search and rescue team. Durbin also discussed the impact of the fiscal year 2008 budget on Illinois' ability to respond to natural disasters and terrorist threats.

"Chicago is the third largest city in the country, yet year after year, we are not included in the 28 cities that receive federal funds for urban search and rescue teams. The State of Illinois has done a tremendous job in funding its own urban search and rescue team, but I expressed my frustration to Secretary Chertoff over the lack of federal support," said Durbin. "Our state deserves to have federal help in fielding these trained and equipped urban search and rescue teams when local resources are overwhelmed."

Currently, there are 28 FEMA-certified urban search and rescue teams that operate as a disaster response task force. The teams operate around the clock, and include engineers, medics and other technical experts, specially trained search dogs and an average of $4.5 million of equipment. The State currently spends approximately $1 million for training each year and has spent $3 million in equipment over the last couple of years in funding its own urban search and rescue team.

In the meeting, Durbin also expressed serious concerns about the impact of the President's FY 2008 budget on Illinois' ability to respond to natural disasters and terrorist threats. The budget the President presented to Congress recently cuts funding for state and local law enforcement assistance by $1.3 billion, dramatically decreases funding for FIRE grants and eliminates the SAFER firefighter- hiring program.

Durbin also raised concerns that the President's budget reduces funding for the FIRE program which provides equipment and training to fire departments in Illinois and across the country to help them prepare and respond to terrorist incidents. Last year, in Illinois, over $13.6 million was awarded to IL fire departments.

The President's budget completely eliminates the SAFER firefighter-hiring program, which provides funding to fire departments to hire additional firefighters and first responders. Last year, $4.4 million was awarded to Illinois fire departments for hiring/recruiting additional firefighters.

Text Message Lawsuit

Attorney General Lisa Madigan recently filed a lawsuit in Federal court in Springfield against C & C Global Enterprises, L.L.C., www.resortsellers.com, Neela Pundit and Charles Rossop, the operators of www.webuyresorts.com and www.resortsellers.com, alleging that they sent millions of unsolicited text messages to Illinois consumers and wireless phones across the country in violation of the federal Telephone Consumer Protection Act and the state Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Business Practices Act.

Beginning on about Nov. 3rd, 2006, Illinois residents began receiving unsolicited text messages alerting them that "We have someone interested in buying or renting your Time Share" and directing the recipient to log on to www.webuyresorts.com or www.resortsellers.com for more information. The web sites vanished from the Internet a few days after consumers began complaining about the unsolicited messages.

Madigan's Consumer Protection Division has received 66 written complaints and 190 complaints by phone from consumers complaining that they received these unsolicited text messages from the defendants.

Blanketing cell phone customers with unsolicited text messages costs consumers. Depending on a consumer's cell phone plan, the consumer either is charged a fee for each message received or her monthly bucket of text messages, for which she pays a monthly fee, is reduced. In addition, receiving and viewing text messages uses precious battery power, which could leave consumers unable to make necessary calls, including emergency calls.

Madigan's lawsuit also raises allegations concerning other aspects of the defendants' business. Specifically, the suit alleges that the defendants' unsolicited text message tells consumers they have a buyer or renter for their time share, but many of the recipients of the unsolicited text message do not own a time share. In addition, Madigan alleges that the defendants accept payment for time-share listing services and then fail to provide the listing. The defendants could not possibly provide the time share listing because they do not request sufficient information from customers to develop a time share sale listing, such as the address of the time share and the unit number, the complaint alleges.

Madigan's lawsuit seeks a nationwide injunction against the defendants, prohibiting them from violating consumer protection laws. In addition, the lawsuit seeks civil penalties of $50,000 and additional civil penalties of $50,000 for each violation of the Consumer Fraud Act found to be committed with the intent to defraud. Madigan also requests that the court order the defendants to pay restitution to affected consumers.

Southwest Area Obituaries

Josephine Zembeck

Mass was said at Our Lady of the Ridge, Chicago Ridge, on Thursday, Feb. 15th, with interment at Resurrection Cemetery, for Josephine Zembeck.

She is survived by her daughter Barbara (Wayne) Pecher, Advertising Representative of the Southwest Messenger Newspapers. She was preceded in death by her husband Joseph, her sister Marie Stefanski and her brother Frank Ciemiega.

David J. Adamson

Services were held at the Schmaedeke Funeral Home, Worth, on Wednesday, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for David J. "Skip" Adamson, 68

He is survived by his wife Beverly; his children Lynda (Jose) Rivera, Kristine (Mark) Clements; his stepchildren Jerry (Jackie), Daryl, Dan Wiederhold and Mikki (John) Bottari; nine grandchildren; his father Thomas C. Adamson and his brothers Tom, Rick (Linda) and Rob Adamson.

Jane Marie Anderson

Services were held at the Brady-Gill Funeral Home, Tinley Park, on Monday, with interment at Mt. Vernon Cemetery, for Jane Marie Anderson, 87. She was a member of the Tinley Park Grandmothers Club.

She is survived by her husband Kenneth; her children Ronald K. (Bonnie and Richard H. (Michelle) Anderson; five grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and her brother Robert and her sister Laverne.

Henry J. Cholewa

Mass was said at St. Bernadette Church, Evergreen Park, on Tuesday, with interment at St. Mary Cemetery for Henry J. Cholewa, 84.

He is survived by his daughter Annjane (Dan) McMahon, his Brothers Mitchell (Irene) and Edward Cholewa.

Patricia B. Collins

Services were held at the First Church of God, Oak Lawn, on Wednesday, with a private interment for Patricia B. Collins, 72. She was a 20-year resident of Oak Lawn and worked for Christ Hospital as a financial counselor for over 25 years. She was also a member and manager of the Crystals Precision Ice Skating Team in Oak Lawn.

She is survived by her children Thomas, Mark (Becky), Patrick, Christine (George) Madsen, Matthew (Denise), Stephanie (Mike) Chiocca and Eileen (Dennis) Robleski; fifteen grandchildren; one great grandchild; and her sister Sheila (Robert) Phelps.

Richard Edward Conry

Mass was held at Most Holy Redeemer Church, Evergreen Park, on Tuesday, with interment at Evergreen Cemetery, for Richard Edward Conry, 59.

He is survived by his wife Marjorie; his children Kevin, Brian and Heather; his brothers Jack and Bob (Trudy) and his sister Maureen.

Katherine Duffy

Mass was said at Incarnation Church, Palos Heights, on Monday, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Katherine "Kay" Duffy.

She is survived by her children Eileen (Dan) Burns, Jack, Mike and Tom (Karen) Duffy; six grandchildren; and her sisters Mary (Robert) Guth, Helen (Al) Salewski, and Jane Murray.

Esther Florene Garrett

Services were held at the First Church of God, Oak Lawn with interment at Paris, Arkansas, for Esther Florene Garrett, 87.

She is survived by her son Bill (Sharon) Garrett; two grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Jeanette M. Glim

Services were held at Kenny Brothers, Evergreen Park, on Thursday, with a private interment, for Jeanette M. Glim.

She is survived by her children Diane (Robert) Bossert, Kathleen (Arthur) Lambert, Robert (Petty), Bernard (Karen), Kenneth (Diane), Gerard (Cindy); twenty-four grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren; and one great-great grandchild; her sisters Dorothy, Corrine, Patricia, Marjorie, Beverly; and her brothers John Charles and Edward Hill.

Dorathy J. Gurgel

Services were held at Hickey Memorial Chapel, Midlothian, on Tuesday, with interment at the First Evangelical Lutheran Cemetery, for Dorathy J. Gurgel.

She is survived by her children Debra (Larry Mulderink) Tenuta, Paul (Caryn) Wiersma and Maureen (Darren) Wisinski; four grandchildren; and her brothers Matthew, Robert and Jerry Leppin.

Donna G. Haggerty

Mass was said at St. Linus Church, Oak Lawn, on Wednesday, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Donna G. Haggerty, 62.

She is survived by her husband John P.; her son Michael (Sara) Haggerty; her mother Grace Latino, and her brother Norm (Donna) Latino.

James D. Hayes

Mass was said at St. Alexander Church, Palos Heights, on Saturday, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for James D. Hayes.

He is survived by his wife Patricia; his children Joan (Denis) Kelly, James D. Jr. (Colleen), Deborah (Richard) Hogan, Terrence P. (Susan), Philip D. (Lori); twenty-one grandchildren; and his brother John J. (Lois).

Marian R. Heindl

Mass was said at St. Germaine Church, Oak Lawn, on Saturday, with a private interment for Marian R. Heindl, 92.

She is survived by her brother Ramon (Amalia).

Scott T. Konopasek

Services were held at the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Burbank, on Saturday, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Scott T. Konopasek, 43.

He is survived by his parents Dennis and Barbara Konopasek and his sister Kimberly (Timothy) Neal.

Veronica Lenard

Mass was said at St. Christopher Church, Midlothian, on Thursday, with interment at Resurrection Cemetery, for Veronica "Jo" Lenard, 86. She was a retired Physical Education Teacher at Tilden High School. She was also a member of the All American Girls Professional Baseball League, a 10-year Veteran. She played for the Rockford Peaches, Lassies, Redwings, Comets and the Blue Sox. She was a good hitter and one of the best defensive outfielders in the league. Jo was named to the All Star Team in 1947.

She is survived by her sister Helen Bulfin, Sr. Aloysianna and Pauline Boland.

Al "Bananas" Mackowiak

Services were held at the Vandenberg Funeral Home, Tinley Park, on Saturday, with a private interment for Al "Bananas" Mackowiak, 81. He was a WWII Army Veteran.

He is survived by his children Dennis (Susan), Gregory (Cynthia Mackowiak and Lorilee (George) Franta; eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; and his sister Eleanor Miller.

Dorothy A. "Dottie" Maicach

Mass was said at St. Elizabeth Seton Church, on Saturday, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Dorothy A. "Dottie" Maicach, 59.

She is survived by her husband Nicholas; her son Matthew (Crystal) and Keith; one grandchild; and her brother William (Sharon) Timmerman.

Elsie A. Petersen

Mass was said at Incarnation Church, Palos Heights, on Tuesday, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Elsie A. Petersen, 81, late of Crestwood.

She is survived by her husband William A.; her children Clyde (Carol), Steve and Jim (Michelle) Petersen; six grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; her brother Frank Cavoto and her sister Theresa (Rich) Layman.

Marie J. Porter

Mass was said at Our Lady of Loretto Church, Hometown, on Monday, with interment at Oak Hill Cemetery, for Marie J. Porter, 80. She was a member of the National Federation of the Blind.

She is survived by her children David (Renee), Kenneth (Linda), Thomas (Carole), Christine (Bill, Sr.) Martin and Jeanne (Gary, Sr.) Lassandrello; sixteen grandchildren; eleven great-grandchildren; and her brother Jack (Jen) and her sister Jeanne Fassett.

James M. Renken

Mass was said at St. Germaine Church, Oak Lawn, on Wednesday, with entombment at Chapel Hill Gardens South Cemetery, for James M. Renken, Sr., 81. He was the past president of the Tilden Tech Alumni Association and has 20 years service to the Oak Lawn Baseball for Boys and was a member of the Brighton Park Good Fellows Sac.

He is survived by his wife Jean; his children James Jr. (Denise), Bruce (Ellen), Ronald (Joan), Kevin (Amy) and Gary (Sharon) Renken; eleven grandchildren; and his sisters Rose Markey, Alice Ivans, Mae Larney and his brother Robert Renken.

John H. Stevenson Sr.

Services were held at the Beverly Ridge Funeral Home, Chicago, on Monday, with interment at Graceland Cemetery, for John H. Stevenson Sr., 91, a Veteran of the USN in WWII on the USS Homet.

He is survived by his children John Jr. "Jack", Marilyn Scarpelli, Lenore (Curt) Siedeman, Margaret (Walter) Hallen and Barbara Bailey; nice grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren.

William E. Strasser

Mass was said at St. Michael Church, Orland Park, on Monday, with interment at St. Casimir Cemetery, for William E. Strasser, a veteran of WWII serving with the US Marine Corps.

He is survived by his wife Irene; his children Gloria (Doug) Wilhite, Bill (Julie) Strasser, Kathy (Mike) Matousek and Annemarie (Bryan) Chiappetti; ten grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

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OAK LAWN LIBRARY NOTES

The Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St., offers Oak Lawn residents who are new parents a free packet of information and gifts to share with their baby. To qualify, parents must bring in proof of Oak Lawn residency and sign up their child for a first library card at the age of six months or younger. Then parents can pick up a newborn packet in the Youth Services Dept. This program has been funded by the Friends of the Oak Lawn Library.

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The library web site, www.oaklawnlibrary.org, now offers two free online resources for avid readers and those interested in finding a good book. Join the Online Book Club and receive an excerpt from a featured book in your daily email. By the end of the week, after reading two or three chapters, you can decide if it's a book that you want to check out from the library and finish. With 11 online book clubs to choose from, there's something for everyone, including audio books with sound clips that you can listen to online. Subscribe to the "Book News" E-Newsletter and select from 22 categories to receive monthly reviews of four books in each genre of your choice, with fiction, nonfiction and children's titles. You may either view the newsletters online at the library's web site or sign up to receive them monthly via your personal e-mail. Funding for these products was provided by the Friends of the Oak Lawn Library.

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The library will host a performance of "Akuba's Dream" by the Von Orthal Puppets from 3 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 25th. Children ages four and up are invited to enjoy a magical tale about a thousand-year-old woman who weaves story, music and dreams to lead three young friends on a journey of the heart. This show features colorful hand, rod and bunraku puppets, as well as music by Chicago's Poi Dog Pondering member Paul Mertens. No advance registration is required. Parents are welcome to attend with their child.

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The library will host a free lecture covering "The Truth about Car Buying" at 7 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 26th. Has the Chicago Auto Show got you thinking about buying a new car? Here's a way to educate yourself before making your second largest personal consumer purchase. Phil Barry from Saturn of Oak Lawn will demystify the car buying process and answer questions in this no-pressure forum. Learn the realities about trade-ins, financing, warranties, safety ratings, adding extras and more.

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The library will host a Teen Game Night featuring Dance Dance Revolution (DDR) from 7 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 28th for students in grades six through ten. Teens are also invited to bring their favorite board or card games to play with others. Prizes will be awarded for the top scores in DDR. Free snacks for all that participate in the games.

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Children ages three to eight are invited to attend a Drop-in Storytime program of stories, songs and action rhymes from 11 to 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 3rd in the Youth Services Program Room. Free admission. No advance registration required. Parents are welcome to accompany their child to this program. Otherwise, they are reminded to stay within the library.

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If you would like to have additional information on any of the above, please feel free to call (708) 422-4990.

Party With The Plaid

Mother McAuley High School is inviting all alumnae, parents, friends and family to come out and have a howling good time at Mother McAuley High School's Party with the Plaid on Saturday, Feb. 24. Featured that evening will be the famous dueling piano performers from Howl at the Moon.

Brother Rice H.S. Annual Catholic Band Competition

Brother Rice High School will be hosting the 27th Annual State of the Arts Catholic Band Competition, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. There will be 21 Catholic High School Bands in this competition, which will take place on Feb. 17th at the high school at 10000 S. Pulaski in Chicago.

Bands will compete for the title of Grand Champion and there are three classes of competition; Class AAA, Class AA and Class A.

Admission to the competition will be adults, $6; children over 5, $5; and seniors 62 and up, $5. Refreshments will be available in the cafeteria.

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Apple Holler

Calling all seniors – The Senior Fellowship Group in Oak Lawn is going to Apple Holler on Thursday, March 15th. The day will start out with enjoying a Wine, Cider and Cheese Sampling Event. There will also be a full-course meal consisting of turkey and a fresh garden salad, mashed potatoes, sweet potato casserole, vegetables, cranberry relish, fresh baked rolls, apple butter, fresh-baked apple pie, cinnamon ice cream and beverage. After our bellies are content we will enter the Red Barn Theatre for their production of "Mysterious Island." There will be time to browse through the Country Gift Store and Bakery before we return home.

The package price for this whole event is $50 per person including tax, tip & transportation. The Trinity Bus will be leaving promptly from Trinity Lutheran Church, 9701 S. Brandt, at 8:30 a.m. The final deadline is Thursday, March 1st.

For your reservation, call Mickey VonAsten at (708) 422-2355 or Noreen Witt at (708) 499-5990.

Preschool Screening

Oak Lawn Hometown School District 123 will be conducting Early Childhood Screening for all children 3 to 5 years of age who reside within the district. The children will be screened in the areas of motor, concepts, self-help, social and speech/language development. All preschoolers who reside in the district are eligible for the screening free of charge. The district boundaries are: north-87th St., south-107th St., east-Pulaski Rd., west-Central Ave.

All children will be screened at Brandt School, 8901 S. 52nd Ave. Appointments are necessary. Screening dates are as follows: Feb. 23rd, March 23rd, April 27th and May 18th.

To schedule an appointment, call the Office of Student Services at (708) 423-8363.

Man Threatened At Oak Lawn Library

An unidentified victim was threatened at the Oak Lawn Library on Tuesday, Feb. 6th. Police reported that the victim was using the computer lab just before noon on Tuesday. It was stated that the victim brushed against another man in the doorway. Apologizing to the man, the victim was threatened.

The victim reportedly went to the second floor of the library and was followed by the man. The victim said that the man repeated the threat and pulled out a silver object that resembled a gun. Both men then fled the scene.

The victim reported the incident to the police on Wednesday. The police are investigating the incident and are trying to find the identity of the man who threatened the patron.

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Healthcare Access Campaign

Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich recently announced that Dick Kay, retired TV newscaster from NBC 5 Chicago, will be working with his administration to advocate for increased access to healthcare for all Illinoisans. This spring Gov. Blagojevich will announce a plan to guarantee the estimated 1.4 million uninsured adults in Illinois have access to affordable health insurance.

"Dick Kay shares my beliefs about the clear need to close the growing healthcare gap in our country," said Gov. Blagojevich. "His life experiences and unrivaled ability to relate to people from all walks of life will make him an asset as we communicate the challenges families and small businesses face now, and introduce our plan for expanding access to health coverage. I am honored that he agreed to leave his comfortable retirement to join our campaign for healthcare."

Throughout his 46 years of broadcast experience, Kay was known as a personality people could relate to. He made the abstract policies he covered clear and easy to understand for his viewers, and he identified with the struggles of everyday Illinoisans.

Kay has dealt with the need for healthcare coverage in both his personal and professional life. As a National Vice-President of the American Federation of Television and Radio Artists (AFTRA) and the former president of the Chicago Local AFTRA, Kay was on the front lines in negotiations for health coverage for union members. As healthcare costs spiraled upward, earnings tests for insurance coverage were raised to keep AFTRA's self-funded plan solvent. With each increase in the earnings test, hundreds of previously covered performers, regardless of age, suddenly found themselves and their families with no health insurance because their earnings were too low to qualify. Many had to leave their chosen careers and find other jobs to pay for private insurance.

As a father, Kay has intimately seen how a lack of insurance can disrupt a life course. Several years ago one of his sons had a medical emergency involving surgery without health insurance; he had to enter a payment plan to cover his medical debts. Today, Kay watches another son, a self-employed professional artist, face denial by health insurance companies. He worries about the odds of his son suffering a debilitating illness followed by debilitating debt from medical bills, and recognizes that these are the fears that 1.4 million uninsured Illinoisans must deal with on a daily basis.

"Healthcare touches our society on so many levels from the uninsured family struck with medical debt, to the small business owner who struggles to cover his employees, to the hospital emergency room doctors that deal with medical catastrophes that yearly checkups could have prevented. Expanded access is a goal worth fighting for, and I am happy to join the governor's efforts," Kay said.

Kay, a graduate of Bradley University in Peoria, worked for various stations in Peoria and Green Bay, Wisconsin before coming to Chicago. At NBC 5, he served as political editor and host of the Sunday morning political show City Desk, retiring May 31st, 2006.

Kay will work with the Blagojevich administration on a contract basis.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

FEBRUARY 27 – Tuesday – OL Village Board Meeting, Municipal Building, 9446 Raymond, 8 p.m.

FEBRUARY 27 – Tuesday – Village Hall open to 8 p.m.

MARCH 1 – Thursday – Alzheimer Support Group, Christ Hospital, 4440 W. 95th St., 6 p.m.

MARCH 1 – Thursday – Historic Preservation Commission, 9446 S. Raymond, 7 p.m.

MARCH 1 – Thursday – Athletic Club Meeting, VFW Hall, 9514 S. 52nd Ave., 8 p.m.

MARCH 1 – Thursday – Traffic Review Committee Meeting, Municipal Center auditorium, 9446 S. Raymond, 8 p.m.

MARCH 2 – Friday – Chamber Golf Outing Committee Meeting, Stony Creek Golf Complex, 8 a.m.

MARCH 2 – Friday – Worth Township Senior Citizens Org. Meeting, Worth Township Center, 11601 Pulaski Rd., 12:30 p.m.

MARCH 3 – Saturday – District II "Trustee Is In," Municipal Center, 9446 Raymond, 9 a.m. to noon.

MARCH 5 – Monday – Fire Department Club Meeting, VFW, 9514 S. 52nd Ave., 8 p.m.

MARCH 5 – Monday – Planning & Development Commission Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 8 p.m.

MARCH 6 – Tuesday – Civil Service Commission, 9446 Raymond, 5:30 p.m.

MARCH 7 – Wednesday – Appeals Board, 9446 Raymond Ave., 8 p.m.

MARCH 8 – Thursday – Fire & Police Commission Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, Conference Room B, 7:30 p.m.

MARCH 8 – Thursday – Quality Control Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 7:30 p.m.

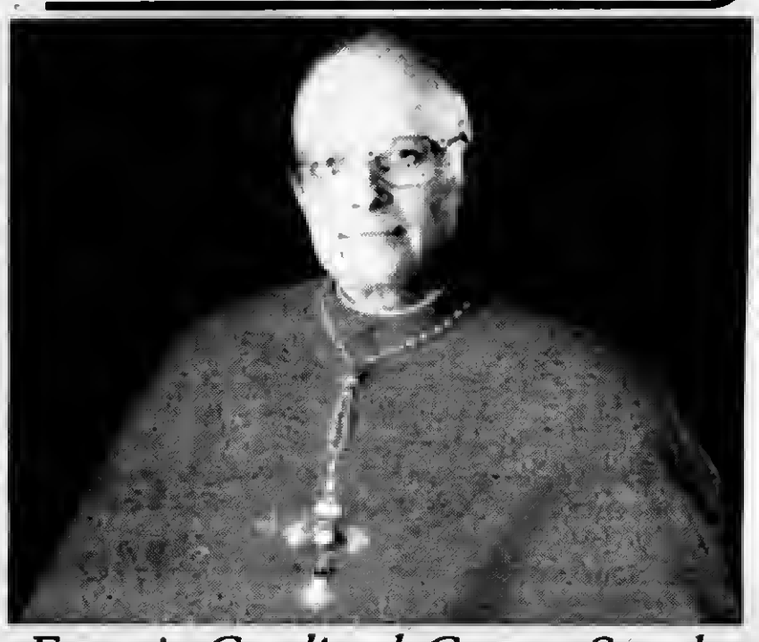
MARCH 8 – Thursday – Athletic Club Auxiliary Meeting, VFW Hall, 9514 S. 52nd Ave., 8 p.m.

Artists Exhibition Opportunities

Artists working in any media are invited to submit exhibition proposals for the Moraine Valley Community College Robert F. DeCaprio Art Gallery's 2007-08 season. The gallery is inside the college's Fine and Performing Arts Center, 9000 W. College Pkwy., Palos Hills, IL, 60465.

All submissions must include a written proposal, resume, artist statement, 20 images in slide or CD format (Mac), image list and a self-addressed, stamped envelope. Send submissions to Meaghan Callan, Gallery director, at the above address by March 30.

If you would like to have additional information, please feel free to call Callan at (708) 974-4231 or e-mail her at allanm6@morainevalley.edu.



Francis Cardinal George Speaks

Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I., Archbishop of Chicago, will speak as part of Saint Xavier University's 160th anniversary Catholic Colloquium lecture series at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 8, in the Butler Reception Room, Warde Academic Center, 3700 W. 103rd St., Chicago. The lecture is free and open to the public.

Cardinal George's lecture is titled "Paradigms of Interpretation: Catholic Universities and Catholic Moral Life." His lecture is the fourth in a five-part series examining what it means to "be in good standing" with the Catholic Church and the challenges facing Catholic universities since the Second Vatican Council, said Michael O'Keeffe, associate professor of religious studies at Saint Xavier, who helped organize the series.

"In this series, we have invited renowned Catholic scholars to provide theological perspectives that could inform our thinking about social, political and religious issues that did not even exist at the time of the Second Vatican Council in the 1960s," said Sister Susan Sanders, R.S.M., vice president for University Mission and Heritage at Saint Xavier, who also helped organize the event. "When Cardinal George came to Saint Xavier in October 2002, he gave a path-breaking theological perspective on pre-emptive war. I am eager to hear his ideas about the role Catholic universities can play in the moral life of Catholics."

Cardinal George was appointed eighth Archbishop of Chicago in April 1997 and was named Cardinal by Pope John Paul II in January 1998. He is vice president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and a member of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops Committee on Liturgy and the ad hoc Committee on Shrines. He is the chancellor of the Catholic Church Extension Society and chancellor of the board of advisors of the University of St. Mary of the Lake/Mundelein Seminary. He is a member of the board of trustees of the Catholic University of America, a trustee of the Papal Foundation, a member of the board of directors of the National Bio-ethics Center in Boston, and a member of the board of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.

Cardinal George was the only Chicago-born cardinal ever to vote in a papal election, participating in the 2005 conclave that selected Pope Benedict XVI. He served as vicar general of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate in Rome from 1974 to 1986. Since 1990, he has been Episcopal Moderator and a member of the board of the National Catholic Office for Persons with Disabilities.

The lecture series, which is funded in part by Saint Xavier's Office for University Mission and Heritage and a generous contribution from the Lilly Fellows Program, is one of many events to celebrate Saint Xavier University's 160th anniversary. The series also celebrates the 175th anniversary of the founding of the Sisters of Mercy by Mother Catherine McAuley in Dublin, Ireland, in 1831.

For more information about the lecture series, contact Kathy Mareska at (773) 298-3981 or mareska@sxu.edu.

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Plunge For Special Olympics

It's not every day that people are willing to "go jump in a lake" – particularly in the winter – let alone do so with thousands of other people, including members of the law enforcement community. But that's exactly what will happen on various weekends in February and March as part of the annual Law Enforcement Torch Run Polar Plunge® to benefit Special Olympics Illinois.

The event has grown from one location in 1999 to 16 locations across the state this year. Six Flags Great America and its Hurricane Harbor is the statewide sponsor of the Polar Plunges. Northern Region Sponsor is National Van Lines.

Any adventurous soul is invited to join law enforcement officers, as well as media and business and civic leaders from their community by donning bathing suits, costumes or any clothing of choice (just no wet suits!) to jump in a lake. Each plunger must collect a minimum of $75 in donations that will be used to support Special Olympics programs in Illinois. All plungers will receive gifts, compete for prizes, and enjoy food and camaraderie with other chilly participants. The more money a plunger raises, the more chances he/she will have to win a trip to Mexico presented by Apple Vacations and Iberostar Paraiso Maya and other grand prizes. For every $500 a plunger raises, he/she will get an entry into the drawing for the grand prizes.

Individuals can register for the plunge on the Special Olympics Illinois website at www.soill.org or by contacting the Special Olympics Illinois staff listed below.

The Illinois Law Enforcement Torch Run is the single largest year-round fundraising event benefiting Special Olympics Illinois. The annual intrastate relay and its various fundraising projects have two goals: to raise money and increase public awareness for the athletes of Special Olympics Illinois. Each year, more than 3,000 officers in Illinois run more than 1,500 miles carrying the Flame of Hope through the streets of their hometowns and deliver it to the State Summer Games in Normal in June.

Spring Lawn Care Presentation

The University of Illinois Extension will hold a Spring Lawn Care Presentation on March 1st at the Extension Office at the Agricultural High School, 3807 W. 111th St., and the Extension Chicago South Office at 8751 S. Greenwood. This presentation is open to the public free of charge.

The main purpose of spring lawn care is to get the grass through the summer. David Robson, Horticulture educator, will provide some tips to help your lawn look great throughout the summer. The presentation will use the University of Illinois Extension "TeleNet" system. This TeleNet program will feature color power point slides accompanied by the live voice of the instructor as people from all over the state participate at once. You will have the chance to asked questions at the end of the program

Interested parties should call Ronald Wolford at the Chicago South Office at (773) 233-0476 and reserve a seat and packet of information.

Gaelic Park Musical Luncheon

Gaelic Park, 6119 W. 147th St. in Oak Forest, will host the Monthly Musical Luncheon on Wednesday, March 7th beginning at noon and until 4 p.m. For the modest cost of $13, the Musical Luncheon includes a delicious sit-down lunch including dessert, music and dancing to the delightful sounds of Joe McShane. Reservations are required. Call Gaelic Park at (708) 687-9323 to reserve tickets or visit www.chicagogaelicpark.org for more information.

Selections For Children's Reading Club

First Lady Patricia Blagojevich announced the February book selections for her Children's Reading Club – Dr. Seuss' *The Cat in the Hat* and Sharon Creech's *Walk Two Moons*. The club, a recommended reading list made up of books the First Lady and her daughters Amy and Annie enjoy at home, encourages parents to read with their children and engage in early development of reading skills.

The Cat in the Hat has continued to help young children learn to read for 50 years. In the book, Theodor Geisel, a.k.a. Dr. Seuss uses a vocabulary of only 236 words to tell the tale of two children, Dick and Sally, who are struck in the house with nothing to do, until a giant cat in a hat shows up, transforming the dull day into a wild and wacky adventure. Written in 1957, this book revolutionized the way children learn to read, and made Dr. Seuss a household name.

Walk Two Moons is an award-winning novel for students at a middle school reading level. In the book, Sharon Creech weaves together two tales, one funny, one bittersweet, to create a heartwarming, compelling, and utterly moving story of love, loss, and the complexity of human emotion.

The First Lady launched the Children's Reading Club literacy initiative in March of 2005, and has selected books such as *Charlotte's Web, Harriet the Spy, The Growing-up Feet, Henry Huggins* and *Number the Stars* for the recommended list. Each month's book selection is featured on the First Lady's website, http://www.illinois.gov/firstlady.

The First Lady hopes the recommended list will enable parents to find books the whole family can enjoy. The club applies to all children, but specifically targets children between the ages of seven and twelve. In conjunction with the passage of the Preschool for All program, the First Lady has added new selections to her reading club, to encourage parents of younger readers to engage in early development of reading skills.

As First Lady, Patricia Blagojevich has worked tirelessly to promote initiatives that help Illinois families bring up happy, healthy, and successful children. In addition to her work with children's literacy, the First Lady spearheaded the Illinois Pediatric Vision Awareness Initiative, the first state sponsored campaign in the U.S. to specifically target Amblyopia, or 'lazy eye,' in children. Mrs. Blagojevich has also brought attention to Healthy Families Illinois, a program that helps prevent child abuse by supporting high-risk parents. In addition, she has promoted the Prevention Development Resource Project, a partnership between the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) and Prevent Child Abuse Illinois, and the Governor's landmark All Kids plan, which makes Illinois the only state in the nation to provide affordable, comprehensive health insurance for every uninsured child in the state.

Lifeguard Testing Applications

If you are physically fit, a confident swimmer, and a people person who would enjoy having the pool or lake as your office view, you might be a good candidate for a lifeguard.

The Chicago Park District is looking for 800 qualified applicants to fill summer lifeguard positions. Applications are now available online at www.chicagoparkdistrict.com or at the Chicago Park District's Administration Office, 541 N. Fairbanks Court. Qualified applicants will be notified of the swim test.

Returning lifeguards have an earlier deadline than new lifeguards. Following are the application deadline dates and the corresponding swim test dates:

March 2 deadline for March 17 test (for returning lifeguards only)
March 30 deadline for April 14 test (all applicants)
April 20 deadline for May 5 test (all applicants)
May 4 deadline for May 19 test (all applicants)

Successful lifeguard candidates will move on to the lifeguard training academy before being placed at one of Chicago's 32 beaches or more than 100 pools. These seasonal positions offer a competitive salary of $11.57 per hour. Applicants must be 16 years old by July 1st. For questions regarding the application process, call the Beaches and Pool Unit at (312) 742-5121.

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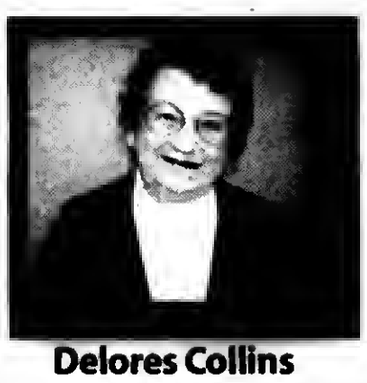

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Appoints Film Production Veteran

Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich named a new Managing Director for the Illinois Film Office to continue to advance the state's aggressive efforts in support of the film industry in Illinois. The Governor tapped Betsy Steinberg, an industry veteran with vast experience in television and filmmaking production, who will work to attract more film and television projects to Illinois, which will help bring even more jobs and revenue to the state. Steinberg replaces Brenda Sexton, who is leaving the Administration after a successful tenure, which saw the start of the film industry's revival in Illinois. The Illinois Film Office is part of the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO), the Governor's lead economic development agency.

Steinberg has 18 years of experience in television and film production. She has produced, written, supervised and directed various documentaries and documentary series and produced numerous commercials. Most recently, Steinberg served as the Vice President of Development for Towers Productions, a leading and award-winning documentary and entertainment production company based in Chicago. In this capacity, she wrote and pitched new series and show ideas to leading networks, including A&E, the History Channel, PBS, National Geographic, Court TV and MSNBC, as well as establishing international co-production relationships. Steinberg will begin on Jan. 29th.

In 2003, Governor Blagojevich signed landmark legislation establishing a competitive film and television production tax credit, which he enhanced last summer by signing Senate Bill 2030. The new law offers a 20 percent credit on total Illinois production spending, which includes all salary and expense costs associated with production activities taking place within the state. This can include salaries, spending with local vendors and lodging. To qualify, minimum Illinois film and television production spending would have to be greater than $100,000 and minimum Illinois commercial production spending would have to be greater than $50,000. It also encourages the hiring of Illinois residents from economically disadvantaged areas.

Over the last several years, a cross section of Hollywood studios have delivered the production and filming of tomorrow's big screen hits to the state, including *The Lake House* (Warner Bros.), *Stranger Than Fiction* (Mandate Pictures), *The Break-Up* (Universal Pictures), *Batman Begins* (Warner Bros.), *The Ice Harvest* (Focus Features), *Roll Bounce* (20th Century Fox) and *Ocean's Twelve* (Warner Bros.). The last several years have also brought more than a dozen television series to the state, including the critically acclaimed *Prison Break* (FOX Television), the state's first dramatic television series in six years.

Clusters' Children's Clothing Sale

Clusters' Children's Spring & Summer Clothing Sale will be held on Saturday, March 10th from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Tinley Park High School, 6111 W. 175th St. in Tinley Park.

Over 80 sellers will be selling gently used children's spring and summer clothing, size preemie to teen. Shoes, games, toys, strollers, cribs, baby supplies, maternity clothing, high chairs, swings, bikes, books, bedding, videos and more will also be available Admission is $1, cash or personal checks only. All sales are final. All admission money is donated to the Tinley Park High School pom-pom squad.

Clusters is a not-for-profit club formed to support and assist mothers of twins, triplets and more by allowing the opportunity to share information, advice and concerns regarding our children. Clusters supports moms of multiples from Southwest Chicago and the Southwest suburbs. Clusters is a proud member of the National Organization of Mothers of Twins Clubs and Illinois Organization of Mothers of Twin Clubs.

Opposes Budget Cut

U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin (D-IL) sent a letter to Senate Finance Committee Chairman and Ranking Member, Sen. Max Baucus (D-MO) and Sen. Chuck Grassley (R-IA) urging them to help prevent Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) from implementing their proposed plan to dramatically cut Medicaid funding.

On Jan. 18th, CMS proposed a rule that would impact more than 57 million Americans and 2 million Illinoisans who rely on the Medicaid program, as well as health care providers who deliver essential services to them. Sen. Durbin was joined by 39 other senators from both political parties in sending the letter.

Catholic Charities Events

With a complete schedule mapped out for the next several months, the members of Catholic Charities Regional Advisory Board plan on a busy year. According to Linda Purkett, chairperson of the RAB, the group meets quarterly and oversees various events and services provided under the umbrella of the nonprofit agency.

"Some of our goals include working on a strategic plan for the south suburban region," Purkett says. Those goals include a comprehensive list such as training programs for employees and volunteers, as well as educational tours of Catholic Charities' programs.

"I'd like to design a program that will familiarize the public with many of the programs offered by Catholic Charities," she says. "There are those who don't know about the agency and its many services."

Feedback on current services as well as the needs in the community can only help to address where help is needed. Purkett would also like to see expansion of some of the services offered by Catholic Charities. That would include expanding the Food Pantry and Clothing Room – both located at the South Holland office, she says.

A board member for four years, Purkett is also a former employee of Catholic Charities. With 27 years of experience, Purkett knows how to get things done. She not only worked as an outreach coordinator for the Mother and Child (MAC) nutrition program, she started the program.

Through a grant from the state of Illinois Department of Agriculture, Purkett started the MAC program in 1982.

Purkett officially retired from Catholic Charities in 1999, but has remained active with various volunteer programs.

Purkett spends a great deal of her free time working for the organization and she's glad to participate.

And while Purkett discussed her history with the agency, she also has her eye on the future of the RAB.

"At our next meeting, we'll discuss the annual rites of re-dedication and our re-commitment to serve on the board." Purkett would like to focus the board members on a more cohesive path.

Additional members of the RAB include: Eugene Purkett, committee chairperson; Linda Abbott, vice-chair; Jennifer Artis, former chairperson; Rev. Kevin Birmingham; Bertrand W. Ellis, former chairman of the board; Edward Harrison; Deacon Arthur Nylen; Patrick Rodgers; Illinois Representative George Scully; Paul Gibson; and Fred Shannon, regional services representative for Catholic Charities south suburban services.

Now in its 90th year, Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago is the largest private, nonprofit social service agency in the Midwest, annually assisting more than 895,000 families and individuals in Cook and Lake counties without regard to religious, ethnic or economic background.

Catholic Charities fulfills the Church's role in the mission of charity by providing compassionate, competent, professional services that strengthen and support individuals, families and communities.

Donnersberger Announces Retirement

Judge David R. Donnersberger has announced his retirement as a Judge in the Circuit Court of Cook County after a distinguished 17 plus year judicial career. Prior to his election as a Judge in 1989, Donnersberger had extensive litigation experience both as an Assistant States Attorney and in private practice.

Judge Donnersberger has served in various assignments. At the time of his retirement he was serving in the Chancery Division. Prior to that he was appointed to the Commercial Section of the Law Division. From 1996 to 2001 Donnersberger served as a Motion Call Judge and Jury Call Judge in the Law Division. During that time he was called upon to sit as a Trial Judge for Medical Malpractice and Personal Injury cases. From 1994 to 1996 he was a Trial Judge in the Domestic Relations Division.

Donnersberger also has extensive experience in settling business and commercial suits, malpractice and personal injury cases, product liability, employment, insurance, real estate and statutory interpretation matters.

Retired Chancery Judge David R. Donnersberger will be Of Council with Lowis & Gellen LLP. He will also be available for private mediation and arbitration services.

Women Voters Meet

The League of Women Voters of Chicago-South Side Group will hold a meeting on Saturday, Feb. 24th at 10 a.m. at the Beverly Unitarian Church, 10244 S. Longwood Dr., to discuss the subject, Tax Increment Financing (TIF). The league is a non-partisan organization that provides informed discussion of current political, social and economic issues. All interested persons are welcome to attend. For more details, call the league office at (312) 939-5935 weekdays.

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Blagojevich To Bush Administration: "Don't Cut Medicaid Funding"

Governor Rod R. Blagojevich has called on President George Bush to back down on his proposal to cut federal funding for public hospitals and other Medicaid providers around the state, and urged the President to increase financial support for states that are working to expand access to healthcare. The Governor also blasted the Bush administration for seeking significant changes to Medicaid through administrative rule and without review or approval by elected members of the U.S. Congress. Last month, the Bush administration proposed new rules that would cut funding to public hospitals and clinics that provide healthcare to the nation's most underserved communities.

Current Medicaid rules allow state and local governments that own or run hospitals to receive more money for Medicaid services, beyond what the standard Medicaid rates pay, and draw a federal match on those additional dollars. The rule proposed by the Bush administration would end that arrangement. and would dramatically limit the services that public hospitals, nursing homes, and clinics could provide. In Illinois, the cuts would mean a loss of $623 million to Illinois' public hospitals and other Medicaid providers, including up to $235 million to the Cook County Hospital System, which is already facing a serious budget shortfall that is threatening the delivery of services to Chicago's most underserved communities.

The Governor also called on President Bush to increase financial support for states that are working to expand access to healthcare. Shortly after taking office in 2003, the Governor increased the income threshold for children in KidCare from 185 percent of the Federal Poverty Level to 200 percent, and in November 2005, the Governor signed All Kids into law, making healthcare affordable for the families of every uninsured child in the state. All Kids made Illinois the first state in the nation to offer affordable, comprehensive health coverage to every uninsured child. Under Governor Blagojevich, the state has provided health coverage to more than 313,000 children who didn't have it before.

Gov. Blagojevich also worked to further expand FamilyCare by increasing the eligibility level for benefits on three occasions, from 133 percent of the federal poverty level (annual household income of $25,740 for a family of four) to 185 percent of the federal poverty level (an annual household income of $35,796 for a family of four). Under Governor Blagojevich, more than 500,000 Illinoisans now have healthcare that did not before.

Words On Poverty Report

Last week, U.S. Senator Dick Durbin (D-IL) made the following statement about the 2007 Illinois Poverty Report. The report is an annual publication of the Heartland Alliance's Mid-America Institute on Poverty. Since 2000, the Institute has published data and analysis on current poverty data, trends affecting the state's economic health, and potential strategies to eliminate poverty in Illinois:

"The annual Report on Illinois Poverty, issued by the Heartland Alliance, makes it clear that in a state as prosperous as Illinois, many hard-working families are falling further behind every year.

"As the cost of health care, education, housing and utilities continue to rise, month after month, year after year, wages don't keep pace and the number facing poverty grows. There are things we can do to cut poverty in our state and nation. We need to increase Pell grants for the first time in four years, cut student loan interest rates, raise the minimum wage, give more low-income households access to the LIHEAP program and create new rental opportunities for low-income families.

"Too many uninsured Illinoisans are one accident away from financial ruin. We need to continue efforts to cover the uninsured, starting with giving small businesses and their employees the ability to join together to find affordable health insurance.

"Hunger in Illinois is still a problem as the workers at our food pantries and meal sites can tell you. We must improve federal nutrition programs, especially for children and the elderly. The federal earned income tax credit must also be expanded. It's one of our most valuable poverty-fighting tools."

Free TAX Guide Available

The TAX Guide for Parents is a free pamphlet available to parents of children with disabilities and their professional helpers, from the Family Resource Center on Disabilities.

The free pamphlet explains the special tax deductions parents of children with disabilities are entitled to: educational services; transportation; professional services; medical treatments; evaluations; lab exams and tests; medicines; equipment and supplies; childcare for employment purposes; and volunteer expenses.

The free pamphlet can be obtained by sending a stamped, self-addressed envelope to: TAX Guide for Parents, c/o Family Resource Center on Disabilities, 20 E. Jackson Blvd., #300, Chicago, IL 60604.

All Points Southwest

By THOMAS E. GAVIN

It hardly seems possible that four years have passed since the last Chicago Primary elections. As a variety of incumbents and challengers work hard to impress voters, the last few days could be filled with sound or print bites specifically crafted to attack or distort a particular candidates record or background. All Points will deliver on its promise to present the men and women whom we believe have earned their constituents trust and vote.

Chicago's incumbent **Mayor Richard M. Daley** has been hailed by local, regional and national leaders as one of the top mayors in the nation! Under his guidance the "City that Works" has done just that. Downtown Chicago is magnificent. New stores, theatres, restaurants and housing have provided Chicagoans with a traveler's Mecca. The city is clean, fresh, well policed and ready and willing to host global events like the 2016 Olympic Games.

Neighborhoods have improved. Streets, sidewalks, parks and libraries have been refurbished or built. Schools have improved since this mayor has taken them over. Certainly there is more improvement on the horizon and Chicagoans can be thankful that they have such a strong, loyal steward at the city helm.

Challengers Dorothy Brown, who serves capably as the clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County and community activist William "Dock" Walls have injected a much appreciated vitality into this mayoral race. They have brought up campaign issues which should be examined and in some cases possibly embraced by the present administration. However, on balance there is no doubt in our minds that the best individual for the mayor's office in Chicago is the incumbent **Mayor Richard M. Daley**. He has earned four more years.

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In the spirit of good government and cooperation we also appreciate former Senator and the appointed acting City Clerk **Miguel del Valle** as the best choice for City Clerk of Chicago. Mr. del Valle has shown that he is capable of making executive decisions, and has offered a number of improvements that will bring the clerk's office into the 21st century. Challenger Jose Cerda III has been a bright light in this campaign and we hope that his talents might find a home in the city's governmental fabric. Diane Jones is the third candidate in this race.

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The 19th Ward always promises an interesting contest and this year is no exception. Incumbent 16 year **Alderman Ginger Rugai** is being challenged by two erstwhile candidates, Cook County prosecutor John Somerville and real estate developer Timothy Sheehan. The fact that Alderman Rugai has developed a legacy of accomplishments has been contested by both Somerville and Sheehan. Somerville is back for his second bite of the apple, having been defeated by Rugai in 2003. He has worked the past four years to develop his image, and his elect ability with neighborhood voters. Timothy Sheehan feels that "if the community wasn't calling for a change, I wouldn't be running."

The 19th Ward, which is comprised of Beverly, Morgan Park and Mount Greenwood, has been well represented by Alderman Ginger Rugai since 1990. She has subsequently won re-election four times ('91, '95, '99, '03) and is seeking her fifth consecutive term. Alderman Rugai has accomplished numerous tasks in her ward. She has been instrumental in acquiring funding for numerous building projects, i.e. .. Beverly Art Center, 22nd District Police Station, CFD Engine Company 121 fire station, as well as business developments on 95th Street and 111th Street. With her help, Saint Xavier University was able to continue its growth and expansion, serving the entire southwest Chicagoland corridor. **Alderman Ginger Rugai** has worked diligently to improve the quality of life for her community and its constituents. She has earned our endorsement and our trust.

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When veteran 18th Ward Alderman Thomas Murphy stepped down so that he could become a Cook County judge, his replacement was former Greater Ashburn Planning Association executive director **Lona Lane**. We feel that her appointment this past December was a prudent one. Ms. Lane knows and has worked tirelessly in the community. She appreciates its problems and is fully aware of its needs. Four other candidates are seeking election. They include: community activist Joseph C. Ziegler, insurance broker Sydney Washington, former city worker Paul Stewart, and Eldora Davis.

The 18th Ward will be best represented by electing Lona Lane for a full four year term. She has our backing.

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While the city's 2nd Ward is a bit out of our territory, All Points wants to remind former Southsiders who have relocated to the South Loop and West Loop that one of their own is a candidate for Alderman. Former Beverly resident **Larry Doody** seeks your support and vote in the 2nd Ward race. A Christ the King and De La Salle graduate, he received his Bachelor's Degree from Arizona State University, majoring in finance. Larry Doody is a licensed insurance, securities, and real estate professional. He is president of his townhome association, active in the Illinois Public Pensions Fund Association, and a member of the Board of Advisors of Mercy Hospital which is located in his ward. His message to voters is simple, "I will focus on policies, not the politics of government." Want to learn more about Larry Doody? Give him a call at (312) 957-9800.

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Dashes to Deadline...Midlothian Mayor Thomas Murawski will be honored at the "43rd Annual President's Ball" on Friday, Feb. 23rd. This outstanding event will be held at the Odyssey Country Club, 19110 S. Ridgeland in Tinley Park. Cocktails 6:30 p.m., Dinner 7:30 p.m. Music will be provided by the Steve Edward Orchestra. Tickets are $60 per person and available by calling (708) 371-8757.

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For an unforgettable night out, visit the Saint Margaret of Scotland "Southside Irish Party" this Saturday, Feb. 24th. An outstanding lineup of Irish musicians and dancers will entertain into the wee-hours. A $20 ticket includes a corned beef buffet, beer and soft drinks and more. This year's annual event will be dedicated to the memory of one of its founders, Donna Earner, whose tireless work and abundant energy brought this splendid event to such success. Join former students, neighbors and friends of the St. Margaret family in an evening of enjoyment and celebration. For tickets call Gene Earner at (708) 636-8827.

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Oak Forest Hospital of Cook County will host a LifeSource Blood Services Blood Donor Drive on Wednesday, Feb. 28th from 9 a. to 3 p.m. in the hospital auditorium. Oak Forest Hospital, an affiliate of the Cook County Bureau of Health Services, is located at 15900 S. Cicero Ave., Oak Forest. To schedule a donor appointment or for more information call (708) 633-3600.

Telecommunications Fraud Attempts

Attorney General Lisa Madigan joined with AT&T and TDS to warn phone customers of fraudulent practices underway to change their long distance providers and increase their rates. Nearly a week since the first notification, telecommunications customers in Illinois, including several served by TDS, are still being approached by a fraudulent company offering significant reductions in long distance calling plans.

In a scam known as "Vishing," which is similar to the "Phishing" schemes online, customers are offered a 35 percent discount on their Long Distance service and are asked to "verify a few things" before receiving the discount. This could mean a customer is asked to clarify their address and phone number, give out a maiden name or other personal identifiable information.

Sometimes the caller says they are with TDS, AT&T or other established companies, which adds to the confusion.

"Consumers need to be prepared if they receive this type of phone call," said Madigan. "Do not provide any personal information over the telephone, and if you believe you have received such a call, report the call to your phone company as well as to the Attorney General's consumer protection hotline."

"Customers of telecommunications services need to be cautious. Generally, customers can tell from the level of professionalism and grammar that it is a fraudulent call. The caller is speaking quickly and trying to confuse the customer with names and requests. And when pressed for more information such as a company Website or name they generally hang up," states Andrew Petersen, Director of Legislative Affairs and Public Relations for TDS.

In the latest fraudulent report received from a TDS customer, it was determined the caller offering the phony long distance deal was using the AT&T name as his employer. When the customer informed the imposter he had TDS for long distance, the caller stated 'TDS and AT&T' have merged to become the same company. "This is simply not true. AT&T and TDS are not the same company," remarked Petersen.

Rob Biederman, a spokesman for AT&T Illinois, said, "AT&T has long been committed to helping consumers and businesses avoid being deceived by the unethical business practices of suspicious marketers. We join Attorney General Madigan and TDS in cautioning potential victims to be on the lookout for this type of marketing behavior."

Both business and residential customers are being targeted. It is possible that consumers other than TDS customers have been or will also be targeted.

TDS urges customers to check directly with the company by calling 1-888-CALL-TDS to validate any promotional offerings they receive. If suspicious, of a request for personal information, AT&T customers can call 1-800-924-1000 to validate any such calls.

Consumers should report any suspicious telemarketing activity to the Illinois Attorney General's Consumer Protection Hotline at 1-800-386-5438.

Testing Program Undergoes Major Change

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Illinois EPA) announced changes to the Vehicle Emissions Inspection Law, that took effect Feb. 1st, and will impact thousands of motorists in the northeastern Illinois and Metro-East St. Louis regions whose vehicles are currently required to undergo regular emissions inspections.

Test notices will no longer be sent to owners of 1995 and older model vehicles that have a current vehicle emissions compliance certificate with an expiration date after January 2007. Exempt status has automatically been applied to these vehicles. Owners of 1995 and older model year vehicles that have not yet passed their most recent emissions tests or received a waiver will be required to test their vehicles. Those vehicles that have not yet passed their most recent test cycle will receive an idle exhaust test and a gas cap test. The emissions testing program will continue to test 1996 and newer model year vehicles using the On-Board Diagnostics (OBD) test. The change to the Vehicle Emissions Law was passed by the General Assembly in 2005 as P.A. 94-526, signed into law in August 2005.

1996 and newer model year vehicles registered in Cook, Lake and DuPage counties and much of Will County are subject to the program, along with the eastern third of McHenry County, the eastern half of Kane County. In the Metro-East area, much of the western half of Madison and St. Clair counties and the northern tip of Monroe County are included. Boundary lines are determined by ZIP code, not by county or municipality boundaries.

The change in the emissions testing program is a result of technological advances in vehicles being driven. Beginning with the 1996 model year, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency required manufacturers to install standardized OBD systems on all light duty vehicles. These systems continuously monitor emissions-related components for malfunctions and/or deterioration. These systems notify the driver of a problem by activating the vehicle's "Check Engine" light before the vehicle's emissions have increased significantly. They also store this information allowing the Vehicle Emissions Test Program to retrieve the data in place of performing the current tailpipe and gas cap tests.

The number of OBD-equipped vehicles is increasing every year. Currently, over 75 percent of vehicles are OBD-equipped, with this number increasing to approximately 95 percent by 2012. The Illinois EPA began phasing in OBD testing for 1996 and newer vehicles in 2002 and fully implemented OBD testing on July 1, 2004.

Motorists with questions regarding the exemption status of their vehicle can contact the Illinois EPA at (847) 758-3400 or (217) 785-7449.

"Teacher Of The Year"

The deadline for accepting nominations for the Illinois 2006-07 "Teacher of the Year" award is midnight March 1st. The announcement came from the award sponsor, Teachers' Insurance Plan, a car insurance program exclusively for members of the educational community.

Teachers, students and parents can nominate any of the State's more than 160,000 accredited teachers. Nomination forms are available online at www.teachers.com/toty. To nominate an educator, or yourself, explain in 250 words or less why this teacher should be the Teacher of the Year. Nominees will be judged on their ability to motivate students, their special talents, and their contribution to their school, students or educational community.

The award will include $1,000 to the winning teacher and a $500 grant to that teacher's school. The state winner will also be eligible for the National Award that includes a special recognition and a $2,500 travel certificate. Winners will be announced at the start of the next school year.

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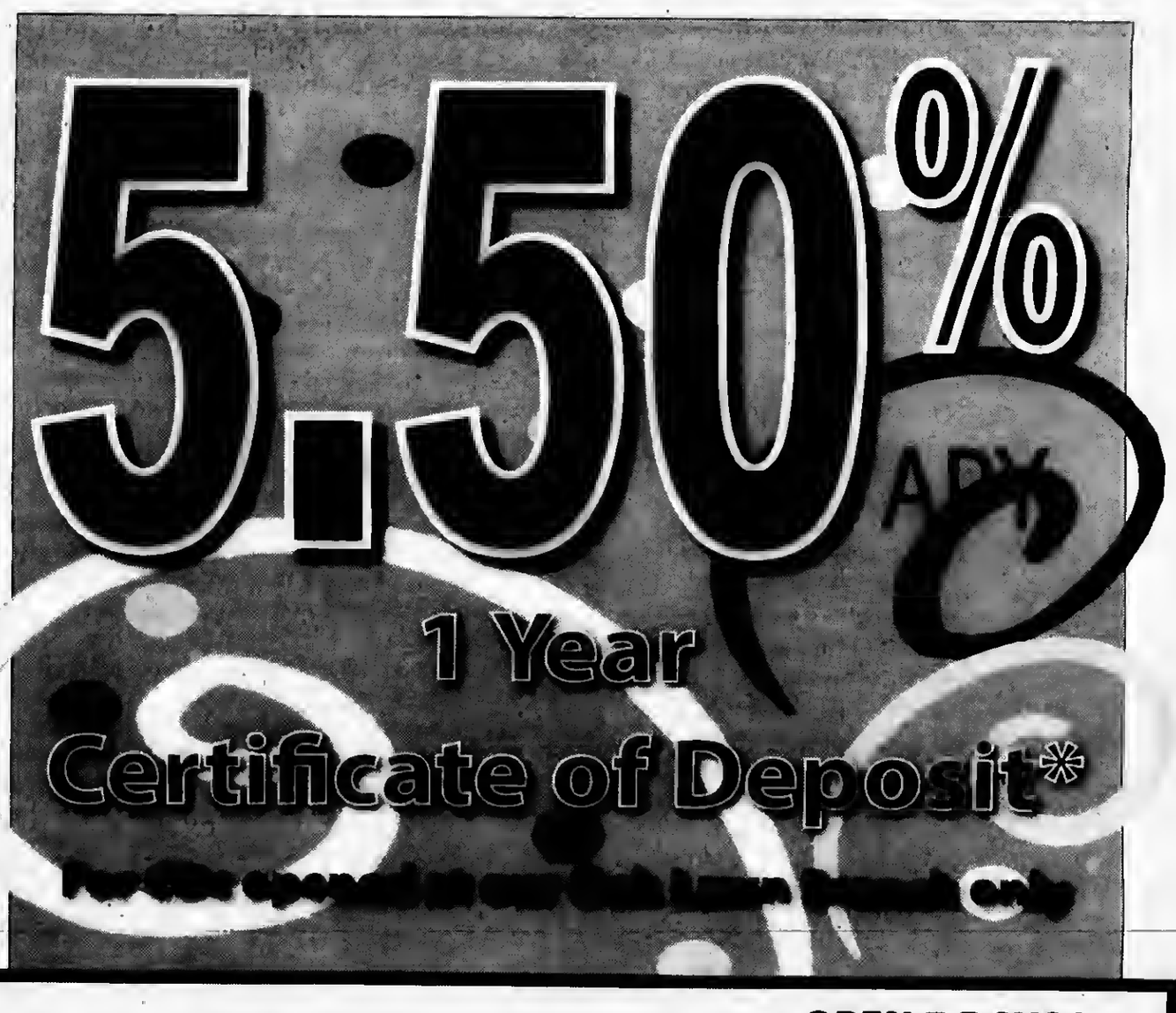

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ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

Celebrates Irish Culture

The Beverly Arts Center (BAC), 2407 W. 111th St., Chicago, will host family activities, music, comedy, contemporary Irish cinema and more during March. The month is highlighted by the Center's 8th annual Chicago Irish Film Festival March 2 through 7, and the 3rd annual South Side Irish St. Patrick's Day Parade Family Fest, Sunday, March 11, noon to 5 p.m.

The acclaimed Chicago Irish Film Festival opens on Friday, March 2 with the opening reception at the Center at 7 p.m. followed at 8:30 p.m. by the screening of the award-winning gothic tale "Middletown." Screenings are also scheduled on Sat., March 3 at 4 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, March 4 at 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.; Monday, March 5 and Tuesday, March 6 at 7:30 p.m.; and Wednesday, March 7, 7:30 p.m., followed by the festival closing reception at Cork & Kerry Tavern, 10614 S. Western Ave., Chicago. Festival passes are $65 and individual screenings $10. For a complete schedule, visit www.chicagoirishfilmfestival.com.

"The Parade celebrates family and tradition," said BAC Executive Director Mike Nix. "We're offering families a place to bring their 'wee folks' to celebrate Irish culture while enjoying Chicago's best parade." The BAC's Family Fest provides a warm, friendly place from which to watch the South Side Irish Parade, as well as entertainment, food and activities.

From its vantage point at 111th and Western, the BAC offers a terrific view from indoors or outside as the South Side Irish Parade's pipers, bands, clans and floats march down Western toward 115th Street.

Inside, families will enjoy live bands playing traditional and not so traditional Irish Music, an Irish comedian, bagpipers, Irish dancers, and movies and crafts for kids.

Admission to the Family Fest is $5 per person or $15 per family.

Start your Parade Day with green bagels! The BAC Auxiliary is selling plain green, plain and cinnamon bagels for $10 a dozen, including cream cheese. Orders must be placed and prepaid by March 3 and picked up from the BAC on March 10.

Irish rock group Black 47 will play Thursday, March 15, 8 p.m. According to Rolling Stone, their music "explodes with declarations of gnashing street poetry punctuated with wailing uillean pipes." The New York Times called their music "Rowdy, catchy and unrepentant." Tickets are $25 ($30 for first four rows) in advance or $30 on the day of the show.

"Tequila & Shamrocks," a comedy show featuring performances by Chicago comedians Paul Kelly and Patti Vasquez, is scheduled for St. Patrick's Day, Saturday, March 17, 8 p.m. Tickets are $20 in advance or $25 at the door.

A master storyteller and quick ad-libber, Kelly's real life humor and unique physical style have made him a favorite headliner in Chicago and across the US. Called Chicago's funniest, most intelligent comedian by Chicago Magazine, Kelly's interactive routines are filled with hilarious situations that audience members recognize and relate to.

Vasquez's show will focus on the unique issues of growing up in a family with one Irish and one Mexican parent. She brings a unique and refreshing perspective to family life, politics and relationships in routines that have been described as "humor with a heart." Vasquez is a regular at Zanies comedy club, and has performed throughout the US and Canada.

Tickets and information about all of these events is available by calling (773) 445-3838 or visiting www.beverlyartcenter.org. Beverly Arts Center is a not-for-profit, multicultural regional facility providing fine arts education and programming.

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Open Auditions

Actors of various ethnicities, ages and backgrounds are invited to audition for a role in Moraine Valley Community College's upcoming production of "Life is a Dream" by Calderon de la Barca, translation by Nilo Cruz. Auditions will be from 6 to 10 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 26, and Tuesday, Feb. 27, in the John and Angeline Oremus Theater in the Fine and Performing Arts Center, on campus, 9000 W. College Pkwy., Palos Hills. Callbacks are scheduled for 6 to 10 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 28.

To audition, performers must prepare a two-minute monologue, classical preferred. Optional cold readings from the script will be available. Performances will be April 27-29 and May 4-6. To register for an audition, call Craig Rosen, director, at (708) 974-5432 or e-mail him at rosen@morainevalley.edu.

Moraine Valley is presenting the regional premiere of a new translation of "Life is a Dream" from 2003 Pulitzer Prize winner Nilo Cruz. The play is a suspenseful story of a king who is forewarned that his son will be a tyrannical ruler. Respecting the omen, he locks the prince away. Releasing and then imprisoning him again, the king convinces his son that it was all a dream and that he was never a prince. Questioning free will and fate, this classic play is an imaginative look at the ethereal nature of fantasy versus reality.

For more information about Moraine Valley's Fine and Performing Arts Center or its 2006-07 season lineup, visit www.morainevalley.edu/fpac.

For news media inquiries, call Jessica Crotty, College and Community Relations coordinator, at (708) 974-5281, or e-mail her at crotty@morainevalley.edu.

Class Reunions

Reavis High School class of 1977 – 30-year Reunion will be held on July 7th, 2007 at the Old Barn in Burbank. Contact reavisclassof77@yahoo.com.

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DuSable High School class of 1951 will hold a 55th-year reunion from Sept. 15th to 17th at the Hilton Oak Lawn Hotel. Call (708) 206-0468.

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Harrison High School - Classes of 1931 to 1960 Reunion on Sept. 24th from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at The Abbington, 3 South 002, Route 53, Glen Ellyn. Call (708) 366-3423.

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New Trier class of 1986 20th reunion will be held on Nov. 4th at the North Shore Skokie Hotel. Visit www.1986.com.

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St. Florian School – An All-School Reunion, celebrating 100 years, will be held Nov. 17th. Organizers are looking for all alumni names, addresses and the year they graduated. Call (773) 646-2868 or visit www.florian.hegewisch.net.

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Chicago Vocational High School class of 1981 Is looking for classmates. Email cvs1981@aol.com.

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Farragut High School, classes of 1952-1954, looking for classmates. Call Carolee (Fotka) Michalek at (815) 407-1934.

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Harrison High School, classes of 1965-1969, looking for classmates. Call (773) 507-4669 or (773) 600-8669.

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Hyde Park High School class of 1996 is looking for classmates. Call (773) 718-1507 or (773) 493-1051.

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Lourdes High School class of 1978 is looking for class mates. Call (708) 258-9096.

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Morton East High School class of 1987 is planning a 20th reunion. Contact Kathy Tokarczyk at imqueenmom@sbcglobal.net or Barb Biman at joyride7207@aol.com.

Chamber Music Concert

A Chamber Music Concert on Sunday, Feb. 25th beginning at 3 p.m. will be held at Classical Symphony Hall, 218 S. Wabash Ave., 2nd floor, in Chicago.

The Classical Symphony Orchestra of Chicago, "A Professionally Oriented Training Orchestra" providing high quality musical education and performance experience for college and graduate students and young professionals, will present this free concert which will feature the "Classical Chamber Players" with members of The Classical Symphony Orchestra of Chicago performing various chamber music ensembles.

Musical selections will include *Devienne – Duos Concertantes for 2 Bassoons; Taffanel – Woodwind Quintet; MacDonald – Devil Dance for Flute and Hand Drums; and Desportes – Les Saisons for 4 Clarinets.*

The concert is free: Further information can be obtained by calling (312) 341-1521.

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ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

Celebrate The Pig

Pig lovers will be in hog heaven at Brookfield Zoo's annual National Pig Day celebration on Thursday, March 1st, when all take time to recognize one of the most intelligent of the farmyard animals.

Hoof it over to Children's Zoo at 10:30 a.m. as Pinto, a Yucatan miniature pig, takes center stage to show off some of his behaviors such as playing basketball and distinguishing scents. Afterwards, guests and staff will sing a rousing rendition of "Happy Pig Day" to the popular porcine as he is presented with a special bouquet of carrots.

After Pinto's fine pork-formance, everyone can join in the annual National Pig Day Parade. In celebration of the Chinese New Year – Year of the Pig – members of the Chicago Seven Star Lion Dance Group will entertain guests along the parade route with their drums, gong, and cymbals. The parade begins at 11 a.m. just outside the Children's Zoo entrance and concludes at Hamill Family Play Zoo.

At the Play Zoo from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., youngsters can participate in pig-themes games and activities, including getting their hands dirty in a Mud-Fest; pig cards, bookmarks, and pig puppets; and playing pin-the-tail on the pig.

National Pig Day was first conceived in 1972 by two sisters, Ellen Stanley of Lubbock, Texas, and Mary Lynne Rave of Beaufort, North Carolina. The day has grown to become a celebration of and appreciation for the pig's best qualities and attributes.

On Thursday, March 1st, admission to the zoo is free. In addition, admission is free to Hamill Family Play Zoo (courtesy of LaSalle Bank) and Children's Zoo. Parking is $8. Brookfield Zoo's National Pig Day celebration is sponsored in part by American Airlines.

The mission of the Chicago Zoological Society, which manages Brookfield Zoo, is to inspire conservation leadership by connecting people with wildlife and nature. Open every day of the year, the zoo is located off First Avenue between the Stevenson (I-55) and Eisenhower (I-290) expressways and is also accessible via the Tri-State Tollway (I-294), Metra commuter line, CTA, and PACE bus service. For further information about Brookfield Zoo, go online to www.BrookfieldZoo.org.

Everyone Is Welcome

Everyone is welcome to "Party with the Plaid" at Mother McAuley High School on Saturday, Feb. 24th. Featured that evening will be the famous dueling piano performers from Howl at the Moon.

The Party will kick off at 7 p.m. with a buffet by Chuck's Southern Comforts Café in Burbank, and a silent auction which includes nearly two dozen hand-painted, themed bar stools. Then at 8 p.m., Howl at the Moon dueling pianos will provide two hours of sing along entertainment. Special thanks to Kinsella Landscaping, Inc. for sponsoring the Howl at the Moon performers.

Party with the Plaid, open to anyone 21 and older, will be held at Mother McAuley, 3737 W. 99th St., Chicago. Tickets are $30 in advance or $35 at the door and include dinner and entertainment with a cash bar. Visit www.mothermcauley.org for tickets and information.

Palos Heights Actress Appears In "Fiddler On The Roof"

Andrea Prestinaro, a longtime resident of Palos Heights who now resides in Chicago, was on her way to a rehearsal in Munster for her role in the ensemble of "Fiddler On The Roof." Soon she'll be on her way to another possible audition for another production.

This is the life of an actress, singer and dancer who yearns for a career in show business, according to Andrea.

"This life is also difficult for relationships for those in show business. It's not easy to meet a man who understands the demands of this profession," she said as she spoke from her ear phone on the way to Munster. "I have to learn four parts for "Fiddler" since I'm understudy to one of the main roles another actress has and the ensemble," she added.

Andrea is a graduate of Mother McAuley High School and a graduate of Ball State University with a degree in music/theater. Her parents who reside in Palos Heights are her main supporters and keep encouraging their daughter to continue forging her career. Dad is an Alderman in the Village of Palos Heights.

Andrea said she has been singing since she was six and once landed a role in the production of "Joseph and the Technicolor Overcoat" at the Chicago Theater when she was 11. "I was so proud when I was part of the chorus," she continued.

Later she would recall a role as one half of conjoined twins in a production called "Sideshow." She was Violet. "Offstage we used to walk as if we were conjoined to keep the momentum," she laughed.

As if auditioning and appearing in shows isn't enough, Andrea has a full-time job as a receptionist for a firm in the Loop. "We all need our benefits like insurance. Not to mention the flexibility of a paycheck," she added.

"Fiddler On The Roof" at Theater at the Center, 1040 Ridge Road, off I-80/94, runs through March 11th. The director is Bill Pullinsi. For tickets call (219) 836-3255.

Extended By Popular Demand

The Shedd Aquarium announced the extension of its popular special exhibit Lizards and the Komodo King. With nearly 2.1 million guests visiting the Shedd last year, the exhibit is one of the aquarium's best-attended special exhibits to date. One of the highlights of the special exhibit is Faust, the first-ever Komodo dragon to be on public display in Chicago.

From a snakelike glass lizard to a black-and-white tegu, and from geckos that can curl up on a quarter to monitor lizards as long as a canoe, lizards come in a wild variety of shapes and sizes. And from the tiny day gecko to the world's largest lizard, the Komodo dragon, they're all part of Shedd's must-see special exhibit, Lizards and the Komodo King, now extended through summer 2008 by popular demand.

Visit the exhibit for the first time or come back for a second or third look. Either way you'll learn why some lizards bark, eject their tails to evade predators, have "beards" and even use their tails to hang from treetops while they sleep. The basilisk can even walk on water! Enter this kingdom of lizards, where your hosts are spectacular creatures – some beautiful, some ferocious, but every one of them fascinating.

The highlight of the exhibit is certainly Faust, the Komodo dragon. Guests can come face to face with all eight feet and 145 pounds of him. With his forked tongue, unbelievable size and ability to take down water buffalo (not that we'd give him the opportunity), Faust shows guests why the Komodo is a ferocious predator. Visitors will learn about Faust's razor-sharp teeth and toxic saliva, which harbors a dangerous mix of bacteria that cause deadly infections.

The exhibit features more than 25 species of lizards. Guests can explore the world of the lizards and learn through several interactive features. For guest information, call (312) 939-2438 or visit www.shedd aquarium.org. Advance tickets are recommended. Contact Ticketmaster at (312) 559-0200 or www.ticket master.com.

St. Paddy's Run/Walk

Whether Irish or not, everyone will be catching Blarney Fever on Chicago's lakefront at the 6th annual "St. Paddy's 5K Run & Walk & Leprechaun Leap" on St. Patrick's Day, Saturday, March 17th, at Diversey Harbor. The run/ walk starts at 9 a.m. and a Leprechaun Leap – a free kids' dash – starts at 10:15.

Registration for the St. Paddy's Day 5K Run/Walk is $25 in advance, $30 on-site (this fee also includes a long-sleeved T-shirt). The Leprechaun Leap is free for kids, 10 years of age and younger, with T-shirts available for $8. Pre-registrations can be made online at www.chicago events.com. For more information, call (773) 868-3010.

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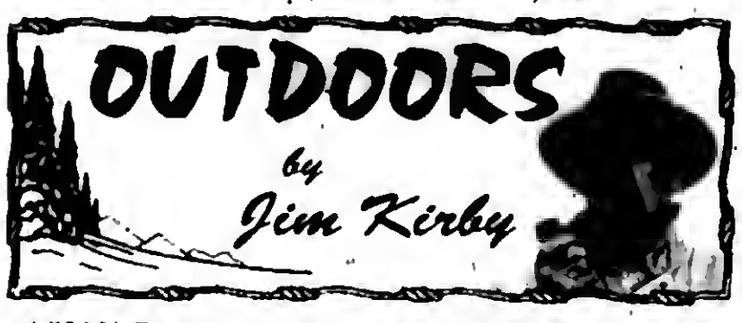

ASIAN CARP IN THE CHICAGO RIVER? At one of Duke O'Malley's recent "Let's Talk Fishing" Saturday shows, I went to hear **Ed Landmiehl Sr.'s** seminar on the problems facing the Great Lakes, and Lake Michigan in particular.

Ed talked about the problem of invasive species, including the Asian carp that if able to hypass the electronic barrier in Romeoville could devastate the Great Lakes fishery. Ed had a DVD that showed huge schools of Asian carp leaping into the air and jumping into boats on the Illinois River.

At the end of Ed's seminar, he introduced me to a gentleman who works near the Fisk Power Plant Sub station and Crowley's Yacht Yard on the South Branch of the Chicago River near Archer Ave. and Halsted St. He has been observing that stretch of the river for years and in 2006, for the first time, noticed large silvery fish leaping up to 4 feet in the air when power boats or barges go by.

This is the same way the Asian carp act in the Illinois River; they are excited by the sound and action of propellers on passing boats, and do their aerial act. (While observing this action in May, I had a leaping silver carp hit me in the head and knock me to the bottom of the boat, I know how dangerous they can be to boaters.)

Is this all a coincidence? I hope so! We have all seen fish jumping out of the water while feeding or trying to avoid being eaten themselves, but if the Asian carp have worked their way past the barrier into the Chicago River, it is only a matter of time until they make their way through the Chicago Lock into Lake Michigan "and there goes the Great Lakes fishery."

Landmiehl intends to stay on top of this situation, and if it appears the Asian carp are indeed in that stretch of the Chicago River, when the weather warms up we will take my boat and stir up the water and see if the propeller action causes the fish to jump and get some photos to determine the species of fish doing the jumping.

By the way, O'Malley's **Let's Talk Fishing** shows run every Saturday through March 31st. The shows feature great speakers, are free, have voluntary raffles, and are a great opportunity to pick up a few pointers on fishing locally. The show is held at the American Legion Hall, 9701 S. Kedzie Ave. in Evergreen Park, from noon until 3 p.m.

■**SCHOLASTIC CLAY TARGET PROGRAM:** A record 8,300-plus students from 41 states were on the 2006 roster for the National Shooting Sports Foundation's Scholastic Clay Target Program. Driven by a network of volunteer coaches, the program enjoyed strong turnout for its national trap, skeet and sporting clay championships, its junior Olympic development camp and its first-ever international-style competition.

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■**HOOKED! THE HISTORY & INGENUITY OF SPORT FISHING:** See the largest display ever of **Dan Basore's** legendary fishing collection. The exhibition features items dating from the Old Copper culture to modern day.

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This interesting exhibit runs March 3rd through Sept. 21st, 2007 at the Lake County Discovery Museum, Route 176 and Fairfield Road, Wauconda, Illinois. The cost is only $6 for adults and $2.50 for ages 4-17. For information, call (847) 968-3393 or www.LCFPD.org/Hooked.

Dan is no stranger to folks who visit the Outdoor Shows. His exhibits always attract outdoor enthusiasts, young and old. He has amassed his collection of fishing artifacts from around the world, and is a walking encyclopedia on the history of fishing tackle.

■**OUTDOOR CALENDAR:** *Saturday, March 3rd – Chicago Chapter Safari Club International 35th Annual Hunter's Banquet – The Lexington House, Hickory Hills. Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, silent and live auctions, hunting trips, sporting equipment and art items. For tickets and information: Kathy Klimes – (708) 425-3552, www.scichicago.com, tickets $65.

*March 3rd – Tallgrass Pheasants Forever Banquet, Orland Chateau, 14500 S. LaGrange Rd. in Orland Park, Boasting & Toasting – open bar 6 p.m. dinner 7 p.m. Auction/Raffles 8:45 p.m. 3 gun raffle – African Safari – Pheasant Hunts & more. For tickets and information, call Gene Swanson at (708) 349-1423. Pheasants Forever is making a big difference for pheasants and other wildlife. Last year alone, PF completed over 20,000 habitat projects. This initiative is ongoing with the support of all Pheasant Forever chapters.

*March 2th-4th – Extreme Muskie Expo, DuPage Expo Center, St. Charles, Ill., (847) 392-9718, www.extrememuskieexpo.com. *Feb. 28th – Crow season closes statewide.

Thunderbolts Group Outings Available

The Windy City Thunderbolts are once again offering a great lineup of group packages for the 2007 season. Groups of all types and sizes can have a fun night out at Hawk Ford Field by combining food, friends, and baseball.

The Miller Lite Party Deck allows groups to enjoy an all-you-can-eat pre-game picnic and one of the best vantage points for watching the game. There are three picnic buffet packages to choose from, including the Grand Slam Buffet with BBQ ribs, steak and chicken breasts. Groups will have their private, tented area on the Miller Lite Party Deck for the entire game, allowing people to socialize or watch the action.

Hawk Ford Field also has two skybox suites that can be rented on a nightly basis. Each suite accommodates 25 people and includes catered food before the game along with wait staff service during the game. There is a private, air conditioned indoor area as well as outdoor seating in both suites. The two suites can be rented out together for larger groups. There is also the smaller Party Box that fits 10-15 people and offers the same perks as the suites.

The Right Field Party Patio will make its debut in 2007. The Patio, located down the right field line, is ideal for groups of 100 or more and includes a pre-game picnic buffet. In addition to table and chair seating, groups on The Patio will have access to the box seats in adjoining Section R at no extra charge.

All groups will be recognized on the message board and public address system during the game. Groups that are just looking for tickets can receive discounts starting at 25 people. Fundraising opportunities are also available for non-profit organizations. Hawk Ford Field is handicap accessible, including all group and picnic areas.

For more information or to book an outing, call (708) 489-2255. Information about 2007 season tickets, birthday parties, and the Field of Dreams program is also available. For the latest team news, visit www.WCThunderBolts.com. The Windy City ThunderBolts are a member of the 12-team Frontier League, an independent league with teams in the Midwest.

Seek Host Families

The Windy City ThunderBolts are in the process of lining up host families for the upcoming 2006 season. The host family program allows members of the community to become more than just fans and play an important role in the lives of the players.

The ThunderBolts fill their roster with players from all across the country. The host family program is a way to provide the players a home away from home during the season. Players and host families form bonds with each other that last well beyond the end of the season.

Host families will need to have space available beginning in early May when players arrive for spring training. The official start date of spring training is May 9th, but players may get into town several days prior. The season will end in early to mid-September. Host families are not expected to provide housing once the season is over. The ThunderBolts play a 96-game schedule with 48 at home and 48 on the road. Due to team travel, players will be gone approximately half of the time.

Players are responsible for their own transportation, phone calls, laundry and dining. Specific arrangements can be worked out between individual players and families. Host families are expected to provide private sleeping accommodations.

In return for their hospitality, host families will receive two full season tickets per player. For more information on becoming a host family, contact Host Family Coordinator Robbin Zaffino at (708) 489-2255. Testimonials from prior host families are available for people who would like to find out more about the program.

NAIA Coach Of The Year

St. Xavier University football coach Mike Feminis was recently named the 2006 American Football Coaches Assn. Schutt Sports NAIA Coach of the Year. One of the nation's leading equipment manufacturers, Schutt Sports has honored the top college and high school coaches of the year since 1997. Now in its 10th year, the Schutt Sports awards symbolize the essence of what makes a coach successful, both on and off the field.

"This award is a testament to all the coaches on our staff who worked so hard during the year to lead us to such a great season," said Feminis. "There were a lot of successful coaches at the NAIA level last fall, so to be named the top one says a lot about our program and staff. Last season was a great one but, as always, our staff has even higher expectations for next year."

St. Xavier had an impressive 2006 campaign finishing with a 10-3 overall record and ranked No. 9 nationally. The Cougars qualified for the NAIA Championship Series for only the third time in the program's 14-year history and advanced all the way to the semi-finals before falling to No. 1 ranked University of St. Francis on Dec. 2nd marking the first time ever that St. Xavier has moved past the first round in post-season play. SXU posted big road wins in the first two rounds of the post-season defeating No. 7 Georgetown University, 42-28, and No. 4 ranked and four-time defending national champion Carroll College, 14-7.

Feminis and the remaining 2006 College and High School Coach of the Year award winners were recognized at the 2007 AFCA Convention in San Antonio, Texas on Jan. 10th.

Basketball Tournament

North American Youth Sports announced that they still have several remaining openings in their annual spring youth basketball tournament in the Northwest Indiana area at the Highland Park and Recreation Dept. Lincoln Center on March 24th and 25th.

This tournament will feature eight different brackets: 5th grade boys; 5th grade girls; 6th grade boys; 6th grade girls; 7th grade boys; 7th grade girls; 8th grade boys; and 8th grade girls. All grades are based on the grade in which a student is currently enrolled.

The entry fee is $115 and guarantees each team a minimum of two games. There will be awards presented in each bracket. The entry deadline is March 2nd.

For additional information or an entry form, call the toll-free NAYS spring tournament hotline at 1(866) 352-5915 or tournament director Keith Jones at (708) 957-0300. For information e-mail Keith at kjones@hfparks.com

etters Of Intent

Ken Hurta, a senior catcher/pitcher/first baseman at Bremen High School in Midlothian, has signed a letter of intent to continue both his athletic and academic career at Saint Xavier University as a member of the Cougar baseball program. Hurta, a Midlothian native, is projected to be a catcher at SXU when he joins the team as a freshman for the 2008 season.

Hurta is currently coached by Brad Esposito at Bremen High School. In 2006, he was a member of the Fall Wooden Bat League All-Star South Team and considered a "Top Prospect" by the Chicago White Sox Academy Fall Exposure Camp.

"We are very excited about Ken becoming a Cougar," said Saint Xavier University head baseball coach Mike Dooley. "Our coaching staff believes he has all the tools and projects well as a catcher in the future."

Ann Godette, a senior middle distance runner at Tinley Park High School, has signed a letter of intent to continue both her athletic and academic career at St. Xavier University as a member of the Cougar women's cross country and track programs. She was coached by Lauren Page (cross country) and Michael Mongan (track) during her prep career for the Titans of Tinley Park.

Godette is the daughter of Mike and Laura Godette of Tinley Park. She plans to pursue a degree in nursing next year at SXU.

"Ann was a leader on her cross country and track teams in high school," said SXU women's cross country/track coach Lisa Ebel. "She has a phenomenal work ethic and strong team spirit. Ann will be a fabulous addition to our running program at St. Xavier."

Danielle Malloy, a senior middle/outside hitter for Tinley Park High School, has signed a letter of intent to continue both her athletic and academic career at St. Xavier University as a member of the Cougar volleyball program. She was coached by Mike Mongan during her prep career for the Titans of Tinley Park.

Malloy is the daughter of Frank and Polly Malloy of Tinley Park. She is a three-time all-conference selection in volleyball and also plays basketball and track for the Titans. In fact, she was a two-time state qualifier in the high jump. Malloy is looking to pursue a degree in mass communication next year at SXU.

"Danielle was a very decorated three-sport athlete at Tinley Park High School," said SXU head volleyball coach Bob Heersema. "I'm very excited that she chose volleyball as the sport to play during her collegiate career and I think she is going to develop into a great player."

Amanda Turek, a senior middle blocker from Oak Forest High School, has signed a letter of intent to continue her athletic and academic career at St. Xavier University as a member of the Cougar volleyball program. She was coached by Amanda Brown during her prep career for the Lady Bengals of Oak Forest.

Last season, Oak Forest finished 19-12-1 overall and 8-3 in the Blue Division of the SICA Central. Turek was also named an honorable mention all-conference selection her senior season. She is the daughter of Dave and Mary Turek of Oak Forest. Turek will play at middle blocker or on the right side next season for the Cougars. She is looking to pursue a degree in nursing next year at SXU.

"Amanda is going to develop into a force to be reckoned with," said SXU head volleyball coach Bob Heersema. "Her best years will be here at St. Xavier University. She has the ability to play either in the middle or on the right side."

Report On "Toxic Childhood" Released

A newly released United Nations report card on the state of children's well-being, which places the United States and the United Kingdom at the bottom of the list of 21 wealthy countries, is "just scratching the surface of a growing crisis in children's health," says the head of the U.S. Alliance for Childhood.

The UNICEF report, released on Feb. 14th, assessed the status of children on six dimensions: material well-being, health and safety, education, family and peer relationships, risky behavior, and children's own sense of well-being. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has criticized the report for the way it defined poverty, saying that the international comparison was "somewhat meaningless." Others have complained that UNICEF ignored the racial and ethnic diversity of the U.S. and U.K. compared with higher-ranking but more homogeneous countries.

But Joan Almon, president of the nonprofit Alliance for Childhood, says the U.N. survey should be taken seriously because it confirms indications that children in the United States are experiencing increasing levels of stress and ill health. "The Alliance was formed eight years ago this month," Almon pointed out, "to try to reverse the trends that have been creating a toxic environment for our children and that we have largely ignored. We are starting to wake up to the problem of childhood obesity, but that is only the tip of the iceberg."

Other signs of "toxic childhood," says Almon, include increasing incidence of allergies, asthma, attention and hyperactivity disorders, learning disabilities, depression, bipolar disorder, autism, failure to develop frustration tolerance, and explosive anger.

The rapid increase in the diagnosis of mental disorders in young children, and the attendant growth of aggressive drug treatment for these youngsters, has many physicians and health advocates worried. In just the last decade, for example, the rate of bipolar diagnosis in children under 13 has increased almost sevenfold, the New York Times reported this week.

"The UNICEF survey didn't take into account a number of important indicators of children's health and well-being," added Almon. "One of them is the opportunity for open-ended, unstructured play, which research shows is quickly disappearing from children's lives." The American Academy of Pediatrics, in a recent clinical report, affirmed the central importance of such play for children's health and detailed various factors in modern family life that threaten play.

The amount of time that children spend in front of TV, computer and video game screens—now averaging 4.5 to 6 hours in the U.S.—is another likely indicator of declining well-being, says Almon: "Screen time is linked to obesity, attention disorders and increased aggression, and may well contribute to other health problems."

Dr. Marilyn Benoit, past president of the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry and vice- president of the Alliance for Childhood, echoes Almon's concerns about increasing screen time. "The exponential technological advances of recent years have afforded the possibility for young children to achieve instant gratification at the touch of a button," says Dr. Benoit. "The brain of the young child is overstimulated by the new multimedia environment with its sound effects, and rapidly changing, attention grabbing images." She speculates that the rise in cases of attention deficit hyperactivity disorder is related to children's constant exposure to rapid-fire stimuli.

Between 32 and 40 percent of U.S. children age 7 and under have televisions in their bedrooms, according to Kaiser Family Foundation research. Studies link having a TV in the child's bedroom with lower standardized test scores, reports the American Medical Association.

"This UNICEF report is very important," says the Alliance's Joan Almon, "but future reports should include other factors strongly affecting children's lives today. Screen time and play time are critical indicators of children's health and well-being."

The Alliance for Childhood has published two reports, available on its web site, raising questions about the effects of advanced technologies on children's development. The Alliance also promotes the importance of play and is organizing a national campaign to restore play to early childhood education.

Networking Event

Southwest Business Cooperative will host a Networking Event on Wednesday, March 7th. This event is hosted by: Alsip Chamber of Commerce, Blue Island Chamber of Commerce, Bedford Park-Clearing Industrial Assn., Bridgeview Chamber, Burbank Chamber of Commerce, Crestwood Chamber of Commerce, Frankfort Chamber, Homer Glen, Lemont Chamber, Mokena Chamber, Oak Lawn Chamber, Orland Park Area Chamber, Tinley Park Chamber, West Lawn Chamber, West Suburban Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Workforce Development & Community Services-Moraine Valley College.

Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres will be from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Hilton Oak Lawn, 9333 S. Cicero Ave. Tickets are $30 per person in advance.

You are cordially invited to attend the 3rd Southwest Business Cooperative Networking Event. "We are uniting to offer this excellent networking opportunity to our members." This event will enable you to make new business contacts with surrounding area businesses, as well as meet with your fellow Chamber members. Bring plenty of business cards!

Send your reservation with your check to the Burbank Chamber of Commerce, 5501 W. 79th St., Burbank, IL 60459. If you have any questions, contact Sandi at (708) 425-4668. Make your reservation by March 2nd. Reservations that are not cancelled will be billed.

Name Regional Scout Council

Girl Scouts of Greater Chicago and Northwest Indiana has been chosen as the name of the Girl Scout council that will debut later this year when seven existing councils join together as one.

Hundreds of suggestions for names were received from local Girl Scouts and adult volunteers. The name Girl Scouts of Greater Chicago and Northwest Indiana ultimately was selected because it clearly identifies and is inclusive of the region to be served. The council is expected to launch in the fall.

"With one name and a shared vision, we now can focus on providing an even better Girl Scout experience for girls through improved regional services," said Alice Watrobka, volunteer co-chair of the Council Realignment Committee, a group of 21 volunteers and staff representing the seven existing councils.

"We are thrilled to announce the name in conjunction with national Girl Scout Thinking Day on Feb. 22nd. This day, often marked by ceremonies and service projects with an international theme, symbolizes each girl's place in a sisterhood of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts around the world," Watrobka said. "That's also the emphasis of our realignment. We currently have separate council names, but ultimately we are all Girl Scouts who will benefit from the pooling of our resources and expertise."

The seven legacy councils included in the realignment are: Girl Scouts of the Calumet Council, Inc.; Girl Scouts of Chicago; Drifting Dunes Girl Scout Council, Inc.; Girl Scouts – Illinois Crossroads, Inc.; Girl Scouts – Prairie Winds, Inc.; Girl Scouts of South Cook County, Inc.; and Girl Scouts of Trailways Council, Inc.

These councils include the Illinois counties of Cook, DuPage, Grundy, Kankakee, Lake and Will, and the Indiana counties of Jasper, Lake, Newton and Porter.

The South Cook County Council alone comprises 49 south and southwest suburban communities, in an area that starts at 71st St. and runs south to the Cook-Will County border. It has approximately 10,000 girl members from 5 to 17 years old as well as adult volunteers.

More than 200 Illinois and Indiana Girl Scout volunteers and staff are currently serving on task groups focused on the local realignment process.

"This regional realignment will provide us with the opportunity to improve services for girl and adult members, encourage greater efficiency, promote economical use of resources, and eliminate unnecessary competition for funding and volunteers in a region characterized by people who often live, work, commute and volunteer across county lines," said Watrobka.

Maureen Jamrock, president of the South Cook County Council, added, "We're very excited about the increased opportunities for our members, as well as all the others throughout this great metropolitan area. This will mean more options for activities, support and ways we can offer an even stronger Girl Scout program."

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Salmonella Increasing

Dr. Eric E. Whitaker, state public health director, warns consumers not to eat Peter Pan and Great Value peanut butter with product code beginning with numbers "2111" purchased since May 2006. This warning comes after a multi-state outbreak of S. ser. Tennessee, a specific strain of Salmonella that may be associated with the consumption of certain brands of peanut butter.

Five people in Illinois have tested positive for a form of Salmonella called Salmonella Tennessee (S. ser. Tennessee) that matches the national outbreak pattern associated with a peanut butter recall. The onset of illness ranges from Dec. 5th to Jan. 27th. The residents, who range in age from one to 27 years, live in areas of Northeastern, Northwestern and Southeastern Illinois.

"Salmonella are a family of bacteria that can cause diarrhea, fever and stomach pain. Salmonella infections usually last 5 to 7 days. This strain of Salmonella also causes urinary tract infections. Anyone experiencing these symptoms after eating the implicated peanut butter is urged to contact their health care provider and local health department," said Dr. Whitaker.

To date, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has linked almost 300 cases of Salmonella in 39 states to the consumption of Peter Pan brand peanut butter. As a precaution, ConAgra manufacturing facility in Georgia is recalling all Peter Pan and Great Value peanut butter beginning with code 2111 on the lid of the jar. No deaths have been linked to the outbreak.

Illinois Dept. of Public Health (IDPH) is working with local health departments and hospitals about this outbreak. Health care providers with suspect cases may submit stool specimens to the IDPH laboratory for testing after consulting with their local health department..

Children's Programs

The Oak Lawn Public Library Youth Services Department will open registration for its spring session of children's programs on Saturday, Feb. 24th. Preference is given to Oak Lawn residents and students of Oak Lawn schools. Each child's library card must be presented at registration.

This season's offerings include: a variety of storytimes for children ages six months through eight years old; "Guy Read," an after school program for boys in third through fifth grade; a chess club for students through 10th grade; Yu-Gi-Oh game events for grades three and up; a book discussion club for mothers and daughters in third through fifth grade; teen game nights, a teen web design class and the Junior Friends of the Library volunteer group for students in sixth through 10th grade; a special reading club and activities to celebrate Curious George month in April for ages two through seven; a Joke Slam event for students in kindergarten through tenth grade; and free weekend programs for young children and families.

For additional information, pick up a program booklet in the Youth Services Department, visit the library's web site at www.oaklawnlibrary.org or call (708) 422-4990.

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OAK LAWN PARK DISTRICT

The Oak Lawn Park District offers the following programs and events.

Outdoor Ice Rink at Stony Creek - The outdoor ice rink at Stony Creek, 5850 W. 103rd, is open. The hours of operation are 8 a.m. until dark, and depend on daily weather conditions. Skating is free. Please bring your own skates and skate at your own risk. Skaters can call the pro shop for more information and daily conditions at 857-2433.

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Youth Art Classes - Learn to Draw for the Young Artist II will teach children how to draw simple animals, insects and objects as well as techniques and terminology. Kids Pastels Animals & More will teach children how to add realism to their work through the use of soft chalk pastels. Kids Learn to Draw Animals is a beginner level course that looks at the shapes within animals and helps children to understand basic techniques. Get the Lead Out II is an intermediate/advanced level class for those students looking to improve their drawing abilities. All classes are held at Oak View Center, 4625 W. 110th St, beginning the third week in February.

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M.S. Group Meeting at the Oak Lawn Park District – The Oak Lawn M.S. support group BEAMS (Become Educated About Multiple Sclerosis) will meet on Wednesday, Feb. 21 at 11 a.m. at the Oak Lawn Park District's Oak View Centert. The meeting's special guest speaker will be Vic Senese a Certified Urology R.N. The discussion topic will be problems of, and solutions for urinary incontinence.

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A self-help group intended to benefit those who have MS or know someone with MS. Whether you attend on a regular basis or intermittently, you are always welcome. For more information, please contact Mary Ellen Tinman, group facilitator, at 708-424-1407.

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Mardi Gras Mambo – Adults with special needs are invited to the Oak Lawn Park District Special Recreation Mardi Gras Mambo on Friday, Feb. 23. This is a great opportunity to celebrate Mardi Gras with a DJ and dancing. The celebration will begin at 7 p.m. at Harnew Elementary School, 9100 S. Austin Ave. Refreshments will be served. Fee for this event is $4 for Oak Lawn Residents and Coop members and $6 nor non-residents. Registration deadline is February 10.

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Adult Computer Classes - The Park District is offering basic computer courses through Compu Train, 5017 W. 95th St. Basic Excel will familiarize you with spreadsheets. You will learn how to change column widths, format cells, basic arithmetic formulas, along with how to copy and move data. This class is offered Saturday, Feb. 24 from 9 to 11 a.m. Basic Word will teach you the basics of word processing, including justification, headers, footers, line spacing and much more. This class is offered Saturday, Feb. 24 from 12 to 2 p.m. The fee for each of these courses is $71 for Oak Lawn residents and $72.50 for non-residents.

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Beginners' Scrapbooking - Learn the basics of scrapbooking at the Oak Lawn Park District on Saturday, March 3 at the Oak View Center, 4625 W. 110th St., from 9 to 10:30 a.m. You will learn tips for organizing, storing and mounting your photos safely and creatively. This class is for those ages 13 and up who want to keep it simple and get their photos in albums in less than 10 minutes per page. You will receive instruction, handouts and a gift to take home. Please bring 7-10 photos to work with during this class. Fee for this class is $12 for Oak Lawn residents and $13.50 for non-residents.

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The Jr. Spa Retreat – Come and pamper yourself at spa retreat at the Oak Lawn Park District on Saturday, March 3. You will enjoy a warm herbal neck wrap, a mini facial, foot treatment, hand and lip facials. You will also learn techniques you can do at home. Please wear comfortable clothing and bring a towel and washcloth. This program will be held at the Oak View Center, 4625 W. 110th St., on Saturday, March 3 from 9:30 to 10:45 a.m. Fee for this class is $19 for Oak Lawn residents and $20.50 for non-residents.

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Scrapbookers Super Saturday – Join the Oak Lawn Park District on Saturday, March 3 at the Oak View Center, from 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. for some time and space to work on your photo albums without interruptions. Bring your supplies, albums and photos. There will be tools available for you to use as well as additional supplies. Bring your own lunch and snacks. Fee for this class is $25 for Oak Lawn residents and $26.50 for non-residents.

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Prom Prep – The Oak Lawn Park District wants to help you get ready for Prom. Prom Prep will help you with proper make-up application, a discussion about skin care, colors best suited for you in selecting your gown and what accessories to use. Prom Prep will be held at the Oak View Center, 4625 W. 110th St., on Saturday, March 3 from 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Fee for this class is $19 for Oak Lawn residents and $20.50 for non-residents.

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One Stroke Painting – Oak Lawn Park District is offering a class using the "One Stroke" painting method. One stroke is quick and easy, even if you have never held a brush before. The class will be held at Oak View Center, on Mondays from 7 to 9 p.m. beginning March 5. Fee for this class is $59 for Oak Lawn residents and $61.50 for non-residents. This class is open to those aged 16 and older.

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Galaxies, Planets and Stars – Join the Park District on Saturday, March 3 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. and learn about the galaxies, planets and stars in the sky above us. The evening will consist of an informational film, followed by stargazing outside at the Oak View Center; 4625 W. 110th St. Telescopes will be provided. Participants will receive handouts to take home. Fee for this class is $7 for Oak Lawn residents and $8 for non-residents.

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Shamrock Supper — Come to the Stony Creek Clubhouse, 5850 W. 103rd St., on either Tuesday, March 13 or Wednesday, March 14 to celebrate St. Patrick's Day at the Oak Lawn Park District annual Shamrock Supper. The evening will feature a traditional Irish dinner with corned beef and cabbage, refreshments and quality entertainment provided by the Trinity Irish Dancers. Dinner will be at 5:30 p.m. followed by entertainment at 6:30 p.m. Fee is $15 for adults and $6 for children 12 years and under. Registration deadline is March 10. For more information call Pat Stasik at (708) 857-2225.

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Start Smart Tot Sports Programs – The Oak Lawn Park District will be offering two tot sport programs at the Community Pavilion, 9401 S. Oak Park Ave., this spring. These programs are designed for children ages 3-5.

Start Smart Soccer - This parent & child program prepares preschoolers for organized soccer without the threat of competition or the fear of getting hurt. Basic soccer skills will be taught. Participants will receive a Start Smart manual, Koosh soccer ball, Kwik Goal Soccer Ball, 1 set of youth shin guards and 4 soccer cones. Classes will be Saturdays, March 10 to April 14, from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. at the Community Pavilion, 9401 S. Oak Park Ave. Fee is $65 for Oak Lawn residents and $85 for non-residents.

Start Smart Baseball - This parent & child program prepares preschoolers for organized tee-ball, baseball and softball in a fun non-competition environment. Basic soccer skills will be taught. Participants will receive a bat & ball set, glove, Koosh ball, Mondo Koosh ball and participant manual. Classes will be Saturdays, March 10 to April 14, from 1:45 to 2:45 p.m. at the Community Pavilion, 9401 S. Oak Park Ave. Fee is $65 for Oak Lawn residents and $85 for non-residents. If you would like to have additional information, please call the Community Pavilion at 708-857-2420 or visit www.olparks.com.

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Adult Indoor Volleyball Leagues - The Oak Lawn Park District is taking current team registrations for the Adult Co-Rec Indoor Volleyball Leagues and the Women's Indoor Volleyball League. New team registration begins on March 5. The Adult Co-Rec Indoor Volleyball Leagues will begin play on Tuesday, March 27 and conclude play on June 5. The Women's Indoor Volleyball League will begin play on Thursday, March 29 and conclude play on June 7. All games are played at the Community Pavilion, 9401 S. Oak Park Ave. Each team will participate in round-robin play with game times varying each week. Team fee is $325. Registration deadline is March 23. Call the Pavilion for more information at 708-857-2420.

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Men's Indoor Basketball Leagues - The Oak Lawn Park District is taking current team registrations for their Men's Indoor Basketball League. New team registration will begin on March 5. Game will be played at the Community Pavilion. The Thursday league will begin play on March 29. The Sunday league will begin play on April 15. Game times will vary each week. The 1st through 4th place teams from each league will qualify for the playoffs. All teams are required to submit their name and jersey color at registration. Team fee is $500. The registration fee must be paid in full, no exceptions. Registration is taken at the Pavilion only. This league is open to those 18 and older. Registration deadline is March 23. Call the Pavilion for more information at (708) 857-2420.

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Parent Forum & Support Group for Parents of Children with Disabilities – The Oak Lawn Park District's Special Recreation Department will be hosting a parents forum and support group for parents of children with disabilities. The Group will meet the 3rd Thursday of every month at the Oak View Center, 4625 W. 110th St. The next meeting will be March 15 at 7 pm. Meet other parents and discuss, review and suggest new ideas for programs and strategies. Light refreshments will be served Free childcare will also be provided. For more information, call Todd Mallo at (708) 857-2200.

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For more information on these programs, classes (days, times, fees), or other events offered at the Oak Lawn Park District, call (708) 857-2200 or visit the website at www.olparks.com.

Lenten Series

"Taking Care of Others" is the topic for the first panel of speakers for the Pilgrim Faith Church Lenten Series on Feb. 28th. Beginning at 7:15 p.m. a panel of members including Mark Baldwin, Kay Harris and Mary O'Young will discuss how they have coped with being in a "caregiver" role for adult family members.

A light supper of soup, bread, cheese and fruit will be served at 6:30 p.m. prior to the program. The series on "Turning Points: God's Help for Life's Twists and Turns" will continue each Wednesday through March 28th, with a different aspect of dealing with life's challenges addressed each week.

A children's program for those in kindergarten through sixth grade will meet at the same time. Child care is provided for children younger than kindergarten.

The church is at 9411 S. 51st Ave. The public is invited to attend. For more information, call the church at (708) 422-4200.

Y-Me Race To Empower

The Y-Me Race to Empower Committee will hold a meeting on Saturday, March 3rd in Oak Lawn at 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at Panera Bread, 10553 S. Cicero, to learn more about the Family Team Program for Y-ME's Race to Empower. Meet the Family Team Committee who will guide you through the process of building a team, introduce you to the online fundraising center and share some great ideas to help you meet your donation goal.

The event is hosted by Panera Bread, sponsors of the Family Team Program. Registration for the Information Session is encouraged. RSVP online, e-mail Kendra at Khilmer@y-me.org or call (312) 294-8565.

This year, more than $4 million will be raised so Y-ME National Breast Cancer Organization can fulfill its mission to ensure that no one faces breast cancer alone, and teams of families and friends will raise half of this total.

Y-ME doesn't raise money for research. The organization is here right now for those who don't have time to wait for the cure, with programs and services for anyone affected by breast cancer. Y-ME has the country's only 24-hour hotline staffed entirely by breast cancer survivors who are trained peer counselors with interpreters in 150 languages.

To register and for more information, visit www.y-me.org or call 877-YME-RACE.

Monmouth Representative

A local representative of Monmouth College will visit Oak Lawn High School on Monday, Feb. 26th.

Admission representative Peter Pitts will be available to meet with high school juniors and seniors beginning at 10:45 a.m. If you would like to have futher information, please feel free to contact the high school guidance office.

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Thoughts On Health & Nutrition

by Lucinda K. Lysen, RD, RN, BSN

Ms. Lysen is currently on vacation. Her column will resume upon her return.

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National Leaders Talk On Affordable Healthcare

Illinois Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich met with Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger in California to discuss an issue at the top of priority lists for leaders across the country: expanding access to affordable healthcare. Both governors have taken innovative steps to move their states forward in this critical area while progress at the federal level has been minimal in recent years. The two leaders were together at the University of California, Berkley, to announce an unprecedented partnership with BP that will create the first of its kind Energy Bioscience Institute to be housed on the campuses of UC-Berkley and the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign.

There are nearly 47 million uninsured people in the United States. Approximately 1.4 million of them live in Illinois. The number of uninsured nationally rose 800,000 between 2003 and 2004 and has increased by 6 million since 2000. By 2006, the number of uninsured was rising at a rate of one million people per year.

The primary cause of the escalating numbers of uninsured people is the rising cost of health insurance. According to the Kaiser Foundation, in 2006 employer health insurance premiums increased by 7.7% - twice the rate of inflation. In 2006, workers contributed nearly $3,000 or 10 percent more for health insurance than they did in 2005. And in 2006, the annual premiums for family coverage significantly eclipsed the gross earnings for a full-time, minimum wage worker ($10,712).

Gov. Schwarzenegger has fought to change his state's healthcare system. In January the governor introduced a comprehensive plan aimed at addressing hidden healthcare costs that result in billions of dollars in higher premiums and taxes. Under his new plan, all Californians will be required to have health insurance coverage. Low-income families will also have expanded access to public programs, and working families will get financial assistance to help with the cost of coverage.

In Illinois, Gov. Blagojevich has made it his mission to make healthcare more accessible. Recently, Gov. Blagojevich announced that he plans to provide health coverage to all Illinoisans. In developing the new plan, his administration is looking at recently announced programs in states like California and Massachusetts, as well as turning to Illinois' own record of success in helping more than 500,000 more people to get access to coverage in the last four years.

At the conclusion of their meeting, the two governors pledged to continue sharing ideas and information about initiatives that could be beneficial to the sizable and diverse populations in both their states.

Diabetes Research Check-off Fund

Illinoisans can help fund research for diabetes through contributions on their 2006 Illinois income tax returns. This is the second year for the Diabetes Research Check-off Fund, signed into law by Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich in 2005. The fund is administered by the Illinois Dept. of Human Services (IDHS) which makes grants to public or private entities in Illinois for research.

Taxpayers may write in a contribution of $1 or more to fund the Illinois Individual Income Tax form or the 1040EZ form. Taxpayers filing electronically or by phone may also make tax check-off contributions. Contributions to these funds are either deducted from a tax refund or added to the taxes owed.

Money contributed to the Diabetes Research Check-off Fund will be distributed equally by IDHS to the American Diabetes Assn. (ADA) for research to develop a cure for all types of diabetes and to the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation (JDRF) to support type 1 or juvenile diabetes research.

The fund received more than $100,000 for diabetes research as a result of contributions to the 2005 check-off.

Top Ten List For Senior Citizens On Preventing Falls

Avoiding a fall is a serious challenge for senior citizens. Thirty percent of seniors living in the community fall each year. Falls represent a major source of injury and death in older people. About 10,000 older adults die each year in the United States as a result of falling.

Especially during winter, with its snow and icy conditions, falls pose a serious health threat to older persons. To help improve safety and well being for seniors, the Illinois Council on Long Term Care, an association of nursing home professionals, offers its "Top Ten List" for preventing falls.

Here are the Illinois Council's top ten recommendations for preventing falls:

Consider medication side effects – Seniors should talk with their doctors about the side effects of their medications and whether they affect coordination, balance and blood pressure. Whenever possible, doctors should reduce or eliminate those medications that increase the risk of falling, such as sedatives and tranquilizers.

Exercise regularly – A regular exercise program helps to improve strength, muscle tone, flexibility and postural stability, all crucial to fall prevention. Seniors who are inactive are at the greatest risk of falling. Consult with a doctor or physical therapist to choose those exercises that are the safest and most effective.

Wear appropriate footwear – When indoors, seniors should wear lightweight gym shoes rather than heavy, clumsy athletic shoes. All footwear should be sturdy and well fitted, with low heels and non-slip soles. Make sure that hems on pants, long skirts and robes are not torn or too long.

Use mobility aids properly – Seniors who require mobility aids such as canes, walkers and wheelchairs should learn how to use them properly and make sure that they are in good condition. Don't overload yourself with packages, as this will make these mobility aids useless.

Watch out for environmental hazards – Keep floors free from litter and clutter. Clean up spills immediately. Keep electrical cords away from walking paths. Secure small rugs and carpets with rubber, non-skid padding. Make sure that chairs are pushed up tightly against tables, and that dresser drawers are shut completely.

Make the bathroom safe – The bathroom is a prime location for falls. Install sturdy grab bars in tub and toilet areas. Put rubber matting at the bottom of the tub. Make sure bathroom floors are not wet. Consider using a shower chair if bathing is difficult.

Be extra careful during winter – During the winter, use extreme caution when walking outdoors on wet or icy pavement. Be sure to clean up any water puddles that are brought in from the outside. Keep your home warm, as prolonged exposure to cold temperatures can lead to dizziness and falls.

Think about vision issues – Seniors need twice as much illumination as younger adults to see properly. Keep rooms, hallways and stairways well lit. Use nightlights in bedrooms, bathrooms and other dim areas. Have your vision checked regularly and wear your eyeglasses as much as possible. Use color contrast in the home whenever possible. Consider marking the edge of each stair in your staircase if you have depth perception difficulties.

Take your time – Make sure to take your time and be very careful in getting from place to place. Use caution in getting up too quickly after eating, lying down or resting. Low blood pressure may cause dizziness at these times. Try to avoid lifting things, especially heavy items, as this can lead to a fall.

Make fall prevention a top priority – Falls represent a huge challenge for seniors that can lead to reduced independence, serious injury and even death. Don't wait to think about fall prevention until after it is too late. Talk with your doctor or physical therapist about fall prevention techniques. Check around your home regularly for hazards. Be aware of your surroundings and use caution at all times.

Women's Health Issues

The Northwest Indiana Group of Y-ME Illinois, an organization dedicated to breast cancer education and support, will hold its next Open Door Meeting on Saturday, March 10th in the Doctors' Meeting Room on the west side of Community Hospital's cafeteria, 901 MacArthur Blvd. in Munster, at 10 a.m. This meeting will feature one lecture entitled "Heart Disease and Women" given by Louanne Lowrance, F.N.P., Cardiology Assn. of Northwest Indiana.

Breast cancer patients, their families and friends, and health professionals interested in the topic are welcome at Open Door Meetings. This session is free of charge and reservations are not necessary.

The mission of Y-ME is to ensure, through information, empowerment and peer support that no one faces breast cancer alone. Y-ME Illinois provides assistance to the nearly 10,000 persons newly diagnosed with breast cancer in Illinois each year, with special emphasis on the underserved populations in Illinois. Y-ME Illinois offers the following free, local programs and services: mammography screening, support groups, educational workshops for adults and teens, wig and prosthesis salons, a resource library, and ongoing advocacy and educational work throughout the state. For more information about Y-ME Illinois, call (312) 364-9071 or visit www.y-me.org/illinois.

For information about the meeting or Y-ME, call Dorothy Gillespie at (219) 838-6111.

Dental Health Month

In a special ceremony held at the State Capitol on Feb. 6th, Governor Rod Blagojevich officially recognized the importance of oral care for children by proclaiming February as Children's Dental Health Month in Illinois.

Governor Blagojevich urged the public, community dentists and children's organizations to participate in upcoming activities and events. The governor stressed the importance of proper oral health care for children, noting that a healthy smile can last a lifetime.

National Children's Dental Health Month was initiated over 50 years ago in an effort to promote good oral health for children. Although things are improving, many children still do not receive proper oral care. Consider that one in ten children ages five to eleven has not visited a dentist. And most cavities in five-year-old children occur by age three. However, with daily brushing and flossing, a healthy diet and regular dental visits, a healthy smile can last a lifetime. Under Illinois law, dental exams are now required for kids in kindergarten, second and sixth grades.

For more information about Children's Dental Health Month, contact the Illinois State Dental Society at (217) 525-1406.

Conference On Blood Cancer

Patients who have been diagnosed with leukemia, lymphoma or myelodysplastic syndromes (MDS), along with families and caregivers, are invited to learn about bone marrow, stem cell and cord blood transplants at a free conference presented by the Leukemia Research Foundation, with support from The Coleman Foundation, on Saturday, March 17th from 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at The Westin O'Hare, 6100 River Road in Rosemont.

A panel of leading medical experts from the Cardinal Bernardin Cancer Center at Loyola University Medical Center (Patrick Stiff, M.D., Tulio Rodriguez, M.D., and Scott Smith, M.D.), Northwestern Memorial Hospital (Jane Winter, M.D.), University of Chicago Hospital (Wendy Stock, M.D.), Rush University Medical Center (Parameswaren Venugopal, M.D.) and Jeffrey Chell, M.D., CEO of the National Marrow Donor Program, will answer questions from the audience. It's like getting a second opinion from most of Chicagoland's transplant centers – all at once. There will also be a patient panel featuring blood cancer patients and caregivers, as well as breakout sessions on lymphomas, acute leukemia, chronic leukemia/MDS, and caregivers. Free parking, continental breakfast and lunch are included.

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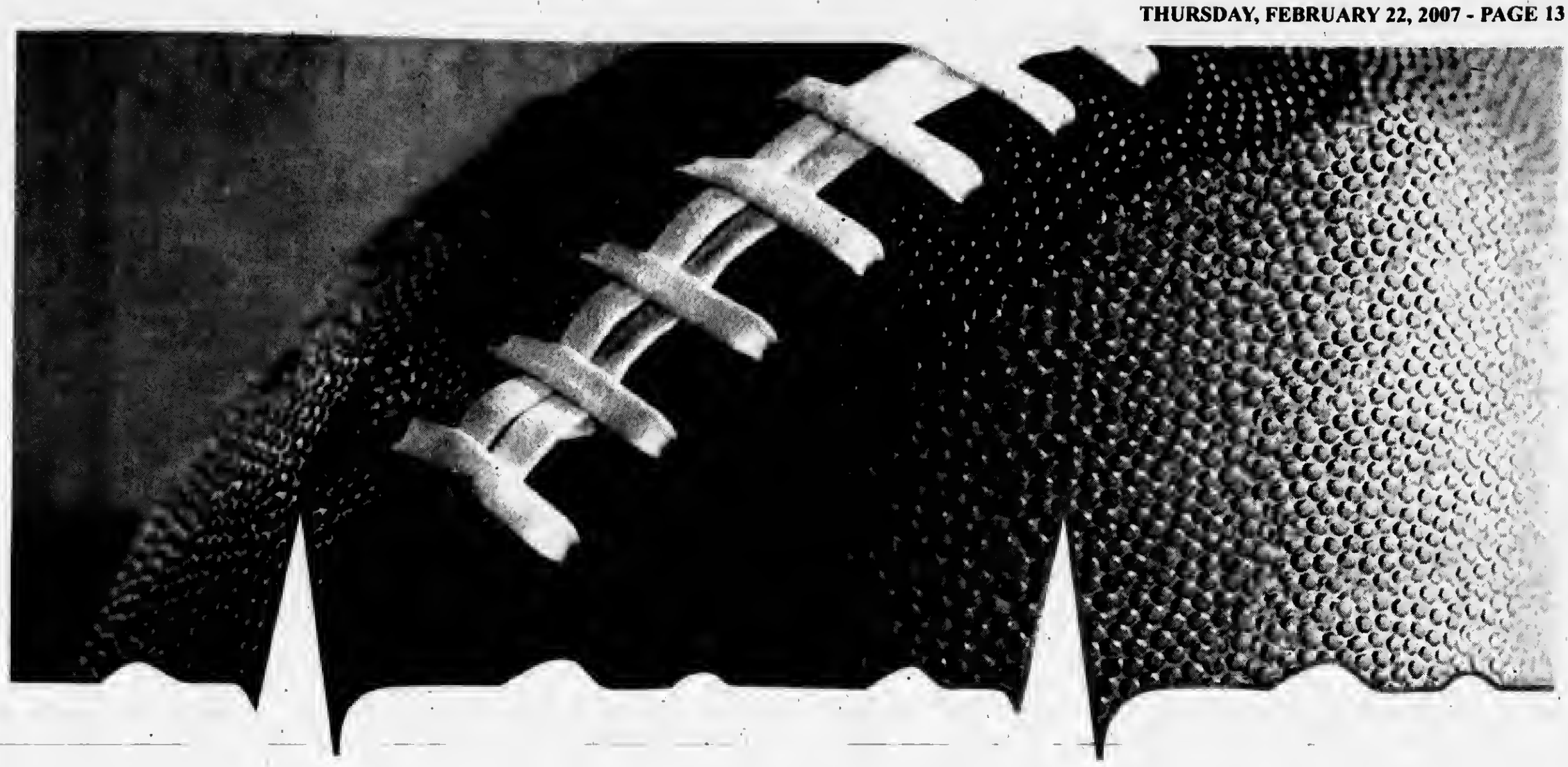

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Veterans And Soldiers News

By Lori Taylor Ph: 708.388.2425

Bryce Colquitt, 16th District VFW and Auxiliary winner in the annual Voice of Democracy Script Writing Contest, was named the 3rd place winner in the state competition. Winners were announced at the State Voice of Democracy banquet last weekend at the Crown Plaza Hotel in Springfield. Bryce, who attends Sandburg High School in Orland Park, was sponsored by Reber Tesmond VFW 2604 in Orland Park and Kenneth E. Brady VFW 7660 in Lansing.

Bryce was named the 16th District winner at a banquet held on Jan. 6th at the Lansing VFW. Other 16th District winners were: 2nd place, Alex Broda of Tinley Park High School, sponsored by VFW 2791 and Auxiliary in Tinley Park; 3rd place, Stephanie Cap of Marist High School, sponsored by Palos Heights VFW Post 7454, Palos Park VFW 4861, Alsip VFW 450 and Auxiliary; 4th place, Sarah Mayer, Oak Forest High School, sponsored by VFW Post 8141 and Auxiliary in Calumet City; and 5th place, Shonda Royal, Hillcrest High School, sponsored by Markham VFW 9801 and Auxiliary. Other contestants receiving honorary awards were: Alexander Bara, Andrew High School, sponsored by VFW 2791 and Auxiliary; Heather Bulthius of Bremen High School, sponsored by Midlothian VFW 2580 and Auxiliary and South Holland VFW 9964; T'kiah Carroll, Chicago High School of Agricultural Science, sponsored by Matteson VFW 311; William Morgan, Crete-Monee High School, sponsored by Oak Forest VFW 4241 and Auxiliary; and Michelle Pritchett of Marian Catholic High School, sponsored by Steger VFW 8283 and Auxiliary.

The theme of this script writing contest was "Freedoms Challenge." Charles Reichart, 16th District Junior Vice-Commander, of Lansing VFW 7660, and Lori Taylor, Past State VFW Auxiliary President, of Midlothian VFW 2580 Auxiliary 2580, are the district VFW and Auxiliary chairmen. Robert White of Palos Heights Post 7454 is the 16th District Commander and Sheila Mysliwiec of Calumet City VFW 8141 Auxiliary is the District President.

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Evergreen Park American Legion Auxiliary 854, 9701 Kedzie Ave., will hold a Penny Social on Monday, Feb. 26th at 6 p.m.

The post will host St. Patrick's and St. Joseph's Day on March 17th at 6 p.m. Tickets are $35 per person and Harrington's corned beef and cabbage will be served.

For more information, call (708) 422-9513 between 8 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

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Here's a Senility Prayer from my church bulletin: "Lord grant me the senility to forget the people I never liked anyway, the good fortune to run into the ones I do, and the eyesight to tell the difference."

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Good-bye until next week. God bless you and your family and God bless America!

Community In Focus Guest

Kevin Durkin (left), President of the Chicago Bar Association, will be a guest on Ed McElroy's (right) "Community In Focus" program which airs weekly on Comcast channel 19. The program will air on Tuesdays, Feb. 27th and March 6th at 8 p.m. on Comcast channel 19.

Durkin has been an attorney since 1980 and is currently a prominent lawyer in the field of aviation. He is a partner of the Clifford Law Firm with offices located in downtown Chicago.

Investigate Iraqi Dinar Investment Deal

The Better Business Bureau (BBB) of Chicago and Northern Illinois is fielding an increasing number of complaints from around the world with many of them from military personnel concerning an alleged investment deal involving purchasing Iraqi Dinars.

The BBB has been advised that the company is allegedly selling Iraqi currency online and not providing consumers with what they have purchased. United World Exchange, dba US Dinar, has been selling Iraqi Dinars through their website – www.usdinar.com on the premise that buying the Dinars could be a great investment if the value of the Iraqi money were to increase.

Potential investors purportedly have bought Iraqi Dinars for anywhere between several hundred to several thousand dollars with the hope that this may possibly be a lucrative investment for them if the value of the Dinars goes up. Civilian investors and service personnel are buying the Dinars but according to the complaints it appears that the company is no longer providing the Dinars nor are they giving the potential investors their money back. Additionally, United World Exchange/US Dinar has stopped responding to the BBB.

According to BBB President & CEO Steve J. Bernas, "our office has received 77 complaints concerning United World Exchange from consumers in 31 states and 5 countries including Singapore, Australia, Malaysia, Canada and Iraq." Bernas went on to say many civilian contractors and soldiers serving in Iraq have also filed complaints with the BBB from abroad and most have reported the same type of experience.

A BBB representative visited the former Chicago location however it turned out this address is for a company renting office space. No representative for United World Exchange was available on site.

"Anyone who trades in foreign currency should be an expert in that vehicle and if you are better off participating in the growth of the American economy by investing a good growth mutual fund," commented William E. Braun, Jr., CFP(r), Financial Educator/Counselor, Fleet and Family Support Center at Naval Station Great Lakes.

Bernas added, "The alleged investment opportunity is especially concerning because it involves taking advantage of all investors including our men and women who are serving in our military both overseas and in this country."

Consumers who have purchased Dinars and have not received them are urged to contact the BBB office via its website, www.chicago.bbb.org or call (312) 832.0500.

Census Bureau Update

Beginning Feb. 18th, nearly 2,000 Census Bureau field representatives will interview about 100,000 households across the nation for the Annual Social and Economic Supplement (ASEC) to the monthly Current Population Survey (CPS).

Interviews for the CPS-ASEC, which is co-sponsored by the Bureau of Labor Statistics and the Census Bureau, will take place during the weeks of Feb. 18th, March 18th and April 15th.

Before the survey, local households selected in the nationwide sample will receive an informational letter from Census Bureau Director Louis Kincannon. Some participants are interviewed by telephone and others are interviewed in person, by field representatives who carry official identification.

Every month, Census Bureau field representatives ask selected households questions relevant to the U.S. labor force, such as their employment status, hours worked, earnings, age, sex, race, marital status, educational attainment, occupation and industry. From these answers come estimates of the unemployment rate, released monthly by the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Results from the CPS-ASEC also enable the following high-profile indicators to be updated: median household income, official poverty rate and percentage of people without health insurance coverage.

"The CPS is the primary source of information for state and local governments, and businesses regarding the country's labor force," said Stanley D. Moore, director of the Census Bureau's Chicago regional office. "The ASEC collects a wide range of socioeconomic characteristics data as part of the annual CPS program."

The Census Bureau's monthly Current Population Survey – which dates from 1942 – is the longest-running household survey in the country.

Pledges Assistance

State Treasurer Alexi Giannoulias will commit $1.7 million to low-income designated credit unions throughout Illinois to assist state residents who don't have access to services offered by traditional banking institutions.

The Treasurer's Office will offer discounted deposits of up to $100,000 to 17 low-income designated credit unions at a 3.5 percent interest rate (1.5 percent below the market rate) for a 12-month period.

Low-income credit unions serve customers who make less than 80 percent of average wage earners, a figure established by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. In Chicago, the average is adjusted by 7 percent to account for the increased cost of living. Most are low-income minorities or immigrants.

The Treasurer's Office is following the lead of other financial institutions, like LaSalle Bank and Northern Trust, which deposit money in credit unions to serve the financial needs of those who cannot get help from mainstream banks.

The local Illinois credit union eligible to receive funds from the Treasurer's Office is South Side Community Credit Union of Chicago.

Kohl's Seventh-Annual Scholarship Program

The rising cost of college tuition is no surprise, but the results of a recent study might be. A 2007 survey* of more than 1,000 parents with school-aged children revealed that nearly 95 percent of parents consider the cost of college a concern, yet more than half are currently saving no money for their child's tuition. To help cover the rising cost of tuition, 75 percent of parents hope to tap into scholarship funds as a resource with a full 70 percent counting on scholarships to cover at least 25 percent of tuition costs.

Parallel to the rising cost of tuition is the rising trend of youth volunteerism in the United States. Whether they're donating time, fundraising or organizing benefits, young adults are tackling an endless list of community service opportunities. Today's teens also find that community service is an important factor when considering college. According to the 2007 survey, more than 60 percent of parents are aware that volunteering can actually improve their likelihood for success in college admissions and 65 percent of families perform volunteer activities at least once a year.

Kohl's is determined to help with the burden of college costs and honor volunteers who help transform their communities. With this in mind, the company will reward nearly 1,600 kids nationwide for their volunteer efforts in 2007 and award more than $200,000 in scholarships through its Kohl's Kids Who Care® Scholarship Program. Nominations are accepted through March 15 at www.kohlscorporation.com.

"Our goal is to recognize the outstanding efforts of youth volunteers while offering an opportunity to help further their education," said Julie Gardner, senior vice president of marketing and chief brand officer for Kohl's. "For the past six years the Kohl's Kids Who Care® Scholarship Program has honored youth and teens in Kohl's communities nationwide. At Kohl's we believe good deeds deserve recognition and helping further a child's education seems like a great investment in all of our futures."

No stranger to volunteering, George Huff (former American Idol hopeful and Season 3 finalist) is a perfect example of how young adults can transform the face of volunteerism in America. Huff knows from personal experience the difference scholarship dollars can make for a student struggling to pay tuition. As a New Orleans native, he's also experienced firsthand the difference volunteerism can make in a community.

"Going home after Hurricane Katrina reaffirmed my belief that volunteers are truly an integral part of every community, especially in the face of devastation. Anywhere you look in our country and our world there are people in need – it's great to see young people helping others," Huff said. "We have to encourage young volunteers to keep up the good work; nominating someone you know for a Kohl's Kids Who Care scholarship is a great way to do that."

Kids aged 6 to 18 are eligible for Kids Who Care scholarships. To nominate a young volunteer in your area, visit www.kohlscorporation.com and submit his or her nomination by March 15. Two nominees from each of Kohl's 800+ stores will win a $50 Kohl's gift card. Store winners then compete for one of 170 regional scholarships worth $1,000 toward post-secondary education. Regional winners are then eligible for one of 10 national prizes worth $5,000 toward post-secondary education. National winners also receive a $1,000 donation to the charity of their choice courtesy of Kohl's. National winners will be announced in July.

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PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on November 14, 2006, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, March 20, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 6404 85th St., Burbank, IL 60459. P.I.N. 19-31-405-029.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE; Plaintiff, vs. JOANN POLZIN; IRENE T. WATERS; Defendants, 06 CH 15905 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on October 4, 2006 Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, March 20, 2007 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 2740 W. 98th St., Evergreen Park, IL 60805. P.I.N. 24-12-217-028.
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Fisher and Shapiro file #06-75110 (It is advised that interested parties consult with their own attorneys before bidding at mortgage foreclosure sales.)
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered on October 23, 2006, Kallen Realty Services, Inc., successor to Kallen Financial & Capital Services, Inc., as Selling Official will at 12:30 p.m. on March 13, 2007, at 205 W. Randolph Street, Suite 1200, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real property: COMMONLY KNOWN AS 11805 SOUTH KOMENSKY AVENUE, ALSIP, ILLINOIS 60803. TAX ID# 24-22-414-015 The mortgaged real estate is improved with a dwelling. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
The judgment amount was $143,017.20. Sale terms: 10% of successful bid immediately at conclusion of auction, balance by noon the next business day, both by cashier's checks, and no refunds. The sale shall be subject to general real estate taxes, special taxes, special assessments, special taxes levied, and superior liens, if any. The property is offered "as is", with no express or implied warranties and without any representation as to the quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to review the court file to verify all information.
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V. PORFIRIO PONCE DE LEON A/K/A PORFIRIO J. PONCE DE LEON; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR AEGIS FUNDING CORPORATION, Defendants 06 CH 16315
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE Fisher and Shapiro file #06-5062D (It is advised that interested parties consult with their own attorneys before bidding at mortgage foreclosure sales.)
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered on October 31, 2006, Kallen Realty Services, Inc., successor to Kallen Financial & Capital Services, Inc., as Selling Official will at 12:30 p.m. on March 20, 2007, at 205 W. Randolph Street, Suite 1200, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real property: COMMONLY KNOWN AS 5845 EDWARD DRIVE, OAK FOREST, ILLINOIS 60452. 28-17-406-026 The mortgaged real estate is improved with a dwelling. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
The judgment amount was $196,232.08. Sale terms: 10% of successful bid immediately at conclusion of auction, balance by noon the next business day, both by cashier's checks; and no refunds. The sale shall be subject to general real estate taxes, special taxes, special assessments, special taxes levied, and superior liens, if any. The property is offered "as is," with no express or implied warranties and without any representation as to the quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to review the court file to verify all information.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION AMERICAN HOME MORTGAGE ACCEPTANCE, INC. Plaintiff, -v.- ERIKA K. JOHNSON, et al Defendant 06 CH 9041 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on July 6, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on March 2, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 3611 W. 86TH PLACE, Chicago, IL 60652 Property Index No. 19-35-338-047 The real estate is improved with a single family residence.
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For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department.. Please refer to file number 14-06-5201. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff V. CHRISTOPHER A. COTILLO; KELLY L. GRANDE; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR FIELDSTONE MORTGAGE COMPANY; SHIBUI SOUTH CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, Defendants 06 CH 17190 NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE - CONDOMINIUM Fisher and Shapiro file #06-7985D (It is advised that interested parties consult with their own attorneys before bidding at mortgage foreclosure sales.)
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered on October 5, 2006, Kallen Realty Services, Inc., successor to Kallen Financial & Capital Services, Inc., as Selling Official will at 12:30 p.m. on March 27, 2007, at 205 W. Randolph Street, Suite 1200, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real property: COMMONLY KNOWN AS 15805 PEGGY LANE UNIT #10, OAK FOREST, ILLINOIS 60452. TAX ID# 28-17-416-009-1070 The mortgaged real estate is improved with a dwelling. The property will NOT be open for inspection. The purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
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PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on October 2, 2006, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Wednesday, March 21, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 8160 West 99th Street, Oak Lawn, IL 60453, P.I.N. 24-08-128-031 and 032.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, TRUSTEE Plaintiff, -v.- MABEL H. WAYNE, et al Defendant 06 CH 10176 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on November 15, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on March 19, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 3733 W. HAYFORD STREET, Chicago, IL 60652 Property Index No. 19-26-312-061 The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was $215,669.49. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
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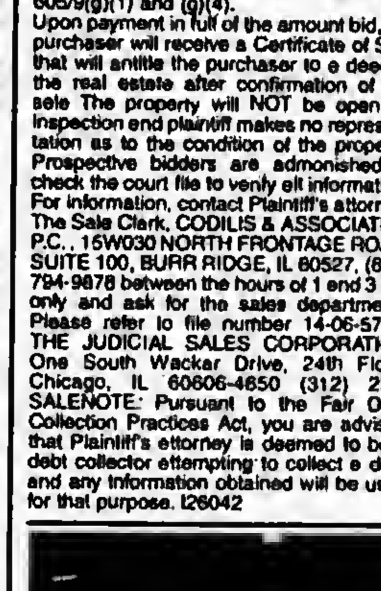
For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department.. Please refer to file number 14-06-5780. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALENOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I26042



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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR THE STRUCTURED ASSET INVESTMENT LOAN TRUST, 2006-1 Plaintiff, vs. DONNA OUIMETTE; ET AL., Defendants, 06 CH 16288 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on October 10, 2006, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, March 19, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 7808 South McVicker Avenue, Burbank, IL 60459. P.I.N. 19-29-314-017 and 018.
The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
For information call Ms. Diane Thomas at Plaintiff's Attorney, Freedman Anselmo Lindberg & Rappe, LLC, 1807 West Diehl Road, Naperville, Illinois 60563-1890. (877) 729-6734. W0606022 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION BLUE VIEW CORPORATION Plaintiff, vs. GLORIA JONES A/K/A GLORIA A. JONES; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; PEOPLE'S BANK; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF GLORIA JONES, IF ANY; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants, 06 CH 16302
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on 11/2/2006, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, March 20, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property: P.I.N. 19-35-205-037. Commonly known as 3326 West Columbus Avenue, Chicago, IL 60652.
The improvement on the property consists of a brick, 1 story, single family residence with a detached 2 car garage. THE SALE SHALL BE SUBJECT TO GENERAL TAXES, SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS AND TO A PRIOR RECORDED FIRST MORTGAGE. Sale terms: 25% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.
For information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com. Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602. Tel.No. (312) 476-5500. Refer to File Number PA0511396. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE OF AMERIQUEST MORTGAGE SECURITIES, INC., ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-R1, UNDER THE POOLING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT DATED AS OF FEBRUARY 1, 2006, WITHOUT RECOURSE, ASSIGNEE OF AMERIQUEST MORTGAGE COMPANY, Plaintiff, vs. JOHN L. VALENCIA, JR., GRACIELA F. VALENCIA, CITY OF CHICAGO, DEPARTMENT OF WATER-MANAGEMENT, UNDER LIEN RECORDED AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 0610120057 Defendants, 06 CH 17462 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on November 29, 2006, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Wednesday, March 7, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 3244 West 83rd Street, Chicago, IL 60652. P.I.N. 19-35-226-040.
The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
For information call Sales Clerk at Plaintiff's Attorney, Law Offices of Ira T. Nevel, 175 North Franklin Street, Chicago, Illinois 60606. (312) 357-1125. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, Plaintiff V. TASHY A. KLINGER A/K/A TASHY KLINGER; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Defendants 06 CH 17797 NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE Fisher and Shapiro file #06-8127D (It is advised that interested parties consult with their own attorneys before bidding at mortgage foreclosure sales.)
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered on October 31, 2006, Kallen Realty Services, Inc., successor to Kallen Financial & Capital Services, Inc., as Selling Official will at 12:30 p.m. on April 3, 2007, at 205 W. Randolph Street, Suite 1200, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real property: COMMONLY KNOWN AS 8755 MELVINA AVENUE, OAK LAWN, ILLINOIS 60453 TAX ID# 24-05-101-017 The mortgaged real estate is improved with a dwelling. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
The judgment amount was $244,009.33. Sale terms: 10% of successful bid immediately at conclusion of auction, balance by noon the next business day, both by cashier's checks; and no refunds. The sale shall be subject to general real estate taxes, special taxes, special assessments, special taxes levied, and superior liens, if any. The property is offered "as is," with no express or implied warranties and without any representation as to the quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to review the court file to verify all information.
For information: Sale Clerk, Fisher and Shapiro, 4201 Lake Cook Rd., 1st floor, Northbrook, Illinois 60062, (847) 498-9990, between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. weekdays only.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION BANK OF NEW YORK AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATE HOLDERS CWABS, INC. ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-11 Plaintiff, vs. RODOLFO ROMERO; COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS, INC.; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF RODOLFO ROMERO, IF ANY; UKNOFWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants, 06 CH 14967
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on 10/31/2006, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Wednesday, March 14, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property: P.I.N. 28-11-221-018. Commonly known as 14518 Sawyer Avenue, Midlothian, Illinois 60445.
The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence with attached garage. Sale terms: 25% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.
For information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com. Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602. Tel.No. (312) 476-5500. Refer to File Number PA0607154. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE, OF ARGENT MORTGAGE SECURITIES INC., ASSET BACKED PASS THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES2005-W4, UNDER THE POOLING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT DATED AS OF NOVEMBER 1, 2005, WITHOUT RECOURSE, Plaintiff, vs. ROMUALDAS GEDVILAS, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants, 06 CH 8797 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on October 11, 2006, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, March 12, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 9622 South Merton, Oak Lawn, IL 60453. P.I.N. 24-08-109-045.
The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
For information call Ms. Kathy Hudy at Plaintiff's Attorney, Thompson, Rosenthal & Watts, LLP, 1001 East Chicago Avenue, Naperville, Illinois 60540. (630) 369-3535. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION GMAC MORTGAGE CORPORATION; Plaintiff, vs. STANISLAW RUSNAK; ELIZABETH RUSNAK A/K/A ELIZBIETA ZALINKA; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants, 06 CH 8095
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on 6/19/2006, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, March 19, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property: P.I.N. 18-36-311-015. Commonly known as 8404 South 77th Court, Bridgeview, IL 60455.
The improvement on the property consists of a 1 story, brick, single family residence with 2 car garage.
Sale terms: 25% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.
For information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com. Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. Pierce & Associates, Plaintiffs Attorneys, 1 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602. Tel.No. (312) 476-5500. Refer to File Number PA0602761. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION WM SPECIALTY MORTGAGE, LLC, Plaintiff V. WILLIAM MCCOY; CHERYL L. MCCOY A/K/A CHERYL L. PIERARD; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants 06 CH 13469 NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE Fisher and Shapiro file #06-7013D (It is advised that interested parties consult with their own attorneys before bidding at mortgage foreclosure sales.)
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered on September 20, 2006, Kallen Realty Services, Inc., successor to Kallen Financial & Capital Services, Inc., as Selling Official will at 12:30 p.m. on March 15, 2007, at 205 W. Randolph Street, Suite 1200, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real property: COMMONLY KNOWN AS 4833 WEST 105Th STREET, OAK LAWN, ILLINOIS 60453. TAX ID# 24-16-210-006 and 24-16-210-007 The mortgaged real estate is improved with a dwelling. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
The judgment amount was $222,420.37. Sale terms: 10% of successful bid immediately at conclusion of auction, balance by noon the next business day, both by cashier's checks; and no refunds. The sale shall be subject to general real estate taxes, special taxes, special assessments, special taxes levied, and superior liens, if any. The property is offered "as is," with no express or implied warranties and without any representation as to the quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to review the court file to verify all information.
For information: Sale Clerk, Fisher and Shapiro, 4201 Lake Cook Rd., 1st floor, Northbrook, Illinois 60062, (847) 498-9990, between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. weekdays only.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION WEST COAST REALTY SERVICES, INC., ON BEHALF OF BENEFICIAL ILLINOIS, INC.; D/B/A BENEFICIAL MORTGAGE CO. OF ILLINOIS; Plaintiff,vs. LARRY CROWDER, SR., ET AL; Defendants,05 CH 6607 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on July 20, 2005 Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, March 12, 2007 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate: P.I.N. 19-36-124-055. Commonly known as: 8250 S. Troy Street, Chicago, IL 60652.
The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence. THE SALE SHALL BE SUBJECT TO GENERAL TAXES, SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS AND TO A PRIOR RECORDED FIRST MORTGAGE. This information is considered reliable but is not warranted. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. This sale is subject to unpaid real estate taxes, assessments, covenants, conditions, easements and restrictions of record. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
This pleading is a communication for the purpose of collecting the mortgage debt, under the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act. If you fail to dispute, in writing, the validity of this debt within thirty days, it will be assumed to be valid. Finally, any information you provide will be used for the purpose of collection. Upon payment, of each portion of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Receipt of Sale. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the mortgaged real estate after confirmation of the sale.
The property will NOT be open for inspection, except by the arrangement and agreement of the current owner or occupant.
For information: JAROS, TITTLE & O'TOOLE, LIMITED, Plaintiff's Attorney, 20 North Clark Street, Suite 510, Chicago, Illinois 60602, (312) 750-1000. Phone calls will be taken only between the hours of 9:00 thru 11:00 A.M. When calling, please refer to file number 05-30073. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION NATIONAL CITY MORTGAGE COMPANY; Plaintiff, vs. CATRINA STUBBS; EDDIE STUBBS; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF CATRINA STUBBS, IF ANY; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants,06 CH 8416
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on 8/15/2006, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, March 26, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property: P.I.N. 19-26-414-017. Commonly known as 3519 West 78th Street, Chicago, IL 60652.
The improvement on the property consists of a 1 1/2 story brick single family residence with 2 car garage. Sale terms: 25% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.
For information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com. Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602. Tel.No. (312) 476-5500. Refer to File Number 0603645. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I25634

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY AS TRUSTEE UNDER THE POOLING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT SERIES ITF INABS 2005-D Plaintiff, -v.- STACY A. JOHNSON A/K/A STACY JOHNSON, et al Defendant 06 CH 16599 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 5, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on March 22, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 2611 W. 83RD STREET, Chicago, IL 60652 Property Index No. 19-36-405-009 The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was $153,812.22. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department.. Please refer to file number 14-06-9756. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALENOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I26433

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK F/K/A WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, FA F/K/A WASHINGTON MUTUAL HOME LOANS, INC. SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST BY MERGER TO FLEET MORTGAGE CORPORATION Plaintiff, -v.- DENNIS T. JOHNSON A/K/A DENNIS JOHNSON, et al Defendants 06 CH 16063 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on November 30, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on March 19, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 4153 W. 69TH PLACE, Hometown, IL 60456 Property Index No. 24-03-206-004
The real estate is improved with a single family residence.
The judgment amount was $153,807.14. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale
The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department.. Please refer to file number 14-06-9367. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE, IL 60527 (630) 794-9876 Attorney File No.: 14-06-9367 ARDC# 00468002 Attorney Code. 21762 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION SOUTH KENTON PROPERTIES, LLC, AS ASSIGNEE OF CITIZENS BANK AND TRUST COMPANY OF CHICAGO; Plaintiff, vs. K & K OFFICE PARTNERSHIP, AN ILLINOIS GENERAL PARTNERSHIP; EDWARD MAZUREK; KEITH VIDOVIC, THE CHICAGO TRUST COMPANY, TB PARTNERSHIP; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants, 05 CH 15762 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on February 6, 2007, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, March 26, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 13801 South Kenton Ave., Crestwood, IL 60445. P.I.N. 28-03-100-139.
The improvement on the property consists of a 1 story, brick, commercial building with a single unit, an industrial warehouse and an office building which may be available for inspection by contacting Mr. Rick Litka at 312-719-9333. Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds.
For information call Mr. David A Shapiro at Plaintiff's Attorney, Bronson & Kahn LLC, 150 North Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60606 (312) 553-1700. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I25620

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION ABN-AMRO MORTGAGE GROUP, INC., SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO BELL FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION. Plaintiff V. ISAAC KING; ROCHELLE KING A/K/A ROCHELLE D. KING; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF MARY CURRY; STATE OF ILLINOIS; ILLINOIS COMMUNITY ACTION ASSOCIATION; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants 01 CH 15916 NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE Fisher and Shapiro file # 05-9543D (It is advised that interested parties consult with their own attorneys before bidding at mortgage foreclosure sales.)
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered on August 15, 2006, Kallen Realty Services, Inc., successor to Kallen Financial & Capital Services, Inc., as Selling Official will at 12:30 p.m. on March 21, 2007, at 205 W. Randolph Street, Suite 1200, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real property: COMMONLY KNOWN AS 8045 SOUTH FRANCISCO AVENUE, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60652. TAX ID# 19-36-114-015 The mortgaged real estate is improved with a dwelling. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
The judgment amount was $151,793.22. Sale terms: 10% of successful bid immediately at conclusion of auction, balance by noon the next business day, both by cashier's checks; and no refunds. The sale shall be subject to general real estate taxes, special taxes, special assessments, special taxes levied, and superior liens, if any. The property is offered "as is," with no express or implied warranties and without any representation as to the quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to review the court file to verify all information.
For information: Sale Clerk, Fisher and Shapiro, 4201 Lake Cook Rd., 1st floor, Northbrook, Illinois 60062, (847) 498-9990, between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. weekdays only.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION GREENPOINT MORTGAGE FUNDING, INC. Plaintiff, -v- ANDRZEJ DLUGOPOLSKI, et al Defendants 06 CH 16021 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 2, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on March 20, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 5059 W. 167TH STREET, Oak Forest, IL 60452 Property Index No. 28-28-204-001 The real estate is improved with a single family residence.
The judgment amount was $166,540.44. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale
The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department.. Please refer to file number 14-08-9327. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE, IL 60527 (630) 794-9876 Attorney File No.: 14-06-9327 ARDC# 00468002 Attorney Code. 21762 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I26025

THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE REGISTERED HOLDERS OF RESMAE ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-1 PLAINTIFF,-vs- LAMAR COLEMAN A/K/A LAMAR S. COLEMAN; QUIANNA COLEMAN A/K/A QUIANNA S. COLEMAN; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS DEFENDANTS 07 CH 1670 PUBLICATION NOTICE The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you Lamar Coleman a/k/a Lamar S. Coleman, Quianna Coleman a/k/a Quianna S. Coleman and Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, Defendants in the above entitled suit, that the said suit has been commenced in the Circuit Court of Cook County, by the said Plaintiff against you and other defendants, praying for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit: Commonly known as 8847 South Mozart Avenue, Chicago, IL 60805 Permanent Index No.: 24-01-108-031 and which said Mortgage was made by Lamar Coleman and Quianna Coleman Mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Resmae Mortgage Corporation as Mortgagee, and recorded in the office of the Recorder of Deeds of Cook County, Illinois, Document No. 0534140021. And for other relief; that summons was duly issued out of the said Court against you as provided by law, and that the suit is now pending. Now therefore, unless you, the said above named defendants, file your answer to the Complaint in the said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County, in the City of Chicago, Illinois, on or before the 30th day after the first publication of this notice which is March 19, 2007 Default may be entered against you at any time after that day and a judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said Complaint Christopher A. Cieniawa Fisher and Shapiro, LLC Attorneys for Plaintiff 4201 Lake Cook Rd Northbrook, IL 60062-1060 (847)291-1717 Ext. 4307 Attorney No: 42168 06-9424D I26300

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE, IN TRUST FOR THE REGISTERED HOLDERS OF ARGENT MORTGAGE LOAN, ASSET BACKED NOTES, SERIES 2005-W1, UNDER THE POOLING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT DATED AS OF APRIL 1, 2005, WITHOUT RECOURSE, ASSIGNEE OF ARGENT MORTGAGE COMPANY, LLC, Plaintiff, vs. DOROTHY EWINGS; BRIAN COLLIER; UNDER MORTGAGE RECORDED AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 0504105218; Defendants, 06 CH 17146 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on November 2, 2006, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Wednesday, March 28, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 2761 W. 86th St., Chicago, IL 60652. P.I.N 19-36-416-001.
The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
For information call Sales Clerk at Plaintiff's Attorney, Law Offices of Ira T. Nevel, 175 North Franklin Street, Chicago, Illinois 60606. (312) 357-1125. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I25702

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, ON BEHALF OF THE HOLDERS OF THE ASSET BACKED SECURITIES CORPORATION HOME EQUITY LOAN TRUST, SERIES NC 2005-HE8, ASSET BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES NC 2005-HE8 Plaintiff, -v.- LINDA VENIACE, et al Defendant 06 CH 18627 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on December 12, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on March 23, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 3232 WEST 85TH PLACE, Chicago, IL 60652 Property Index No. 19-35-421-061-0000 The real estate is improved with a white brick single family 1.5 stories w/attached 2 car garage.
The judgment amount was $257,448.25. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale
The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. For information: Visit our website at http:\\service.atty-pierce.com. between the hours of 3 and 5 pm. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602. Tel No. (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number PA0610354. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE. I26225

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION EMC MORTGAGE CORPORATION Plaintiff, vs. MELVIN CHAVERS A/K/A MELVIN CHAVERS, JR.; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF MELVIN CHAVERS,IF ANY; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants,05 CH 3528 NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on 10/3/2006, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, March 26, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property: P.I.N. 19-35-402-072. Commonly known as 3326 West 83rd Street, Chicago, IL 60652.
The improvement on the property consists of a residencial property. Sale terms: 25% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.
For information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com. Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 North Daerborn Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602. Tel.No. (312) 476-5500. Refer to File Number PA0501742. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I25618

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS, INC. Plaintiff, v.- JUDITH M. DE MAYO, et al Defendant 06 CH 16303 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on November 14, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on March 19, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 12620 S. ALPINE DRIVE UNIT #3, Alsip, IL 60803 Property Index No. 24-28-304-025-1003 The real estate is improved with a condominium.
The judgment amount was $77,853.62. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale
The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department.. Please refer to file number 14-06-9474 THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I25596

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION CITIFINANCIAL MORTGAGE COMPANY, INC. Plaintiff, -v.- ALFREDETTA HARRIS, et al Defendant 06 CH 16093 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 18, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on March 22, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 14633 KEYSTONE AVENUE UNIT 3D, P5, S3D, Midlothian, IL 60445 Property Index No. 28-10-229-041-1018, Property Index No. 28-10-229-041-1040, Property Index No. 28-10-229-041-1049 The real estate is improved with a white brick condo, no garage. The judgment amount was $77,101.48. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale
The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. For information: Visit our website at http:\\service.atty-pierce.com. between the hours of 3 and 5 pm. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602. Tel No. (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number PA0607974. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE. I26286

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION FREMONT INVESTMENT & LOAN Plaintiff, -v.- ROBERT CARTER JR. A/K/A ROBERT CARTER, et al Defendants 06 CH 16871 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on November 15, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on March 26, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 3541 W. 83RD PLACE, Chicago, IL 60652 Property Index No. 19-35-404-068 The real estate is improved with a single family residence.
The judgment amount was $180,386.04. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale
The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department.. Please refer to file number 14-06-9236. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE, IL 60527 (630) 794-9876 Attorney File No.: 14-06-9236 ARDC# 00468002 Attorney Code. 21762 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I28117

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS, INC. Plaintiff, v.- NEVA M. WILLIAMS, et al Defendants 06 CH 16624 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 24, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on March 26, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 3524 WEST 84TH PLACE, Chicago, IL 60652 Property Index No. 19-35-408-067-0000 The real estate is improved with a 1 story single family red brick w/unattached garage. The judgment amount was $105,489.52. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS, INC. Plaintiff, - v.- MARIO CARRILLO, et al Defendants 06 CH 16398 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 11, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on March 21, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 7758 MEADE AVENUE, Burbank, IL 60459 Property Index No. 19-29-305-040 The real estate is improved with a single family residence.
The judgment amount was $231,887.33. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale
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PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 17, 2007, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on March 19, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 7918 SOUTH KOMENSKY AVENUE, Chicago, IL 60652 Property Index No. 19-34-215-053-0000 The real estate is improved with a 1 story red brick single family home raised ranch w/unattached garage.
The judgment amount was $232,666.13. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale
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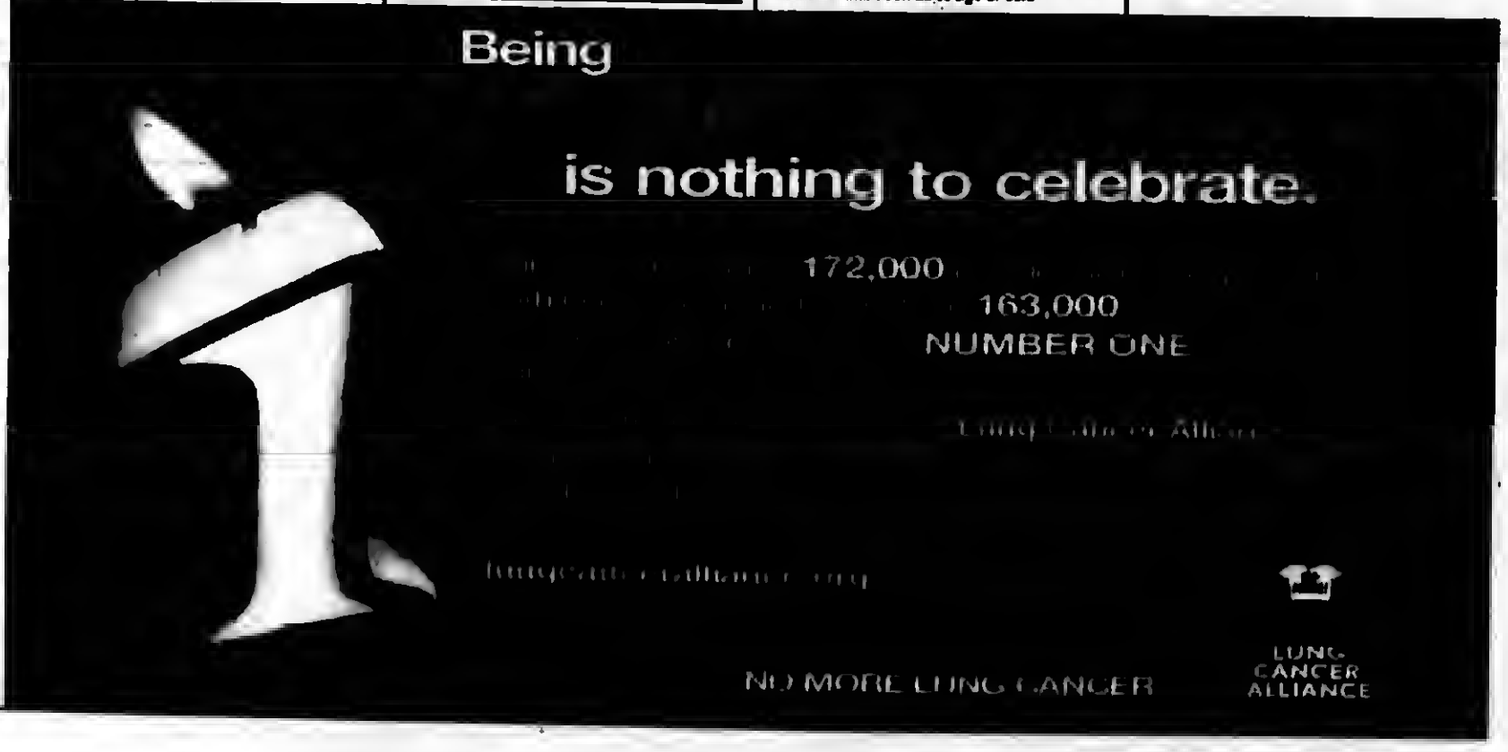
Child Support Collections

Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich recently announced that Illinois' Division of Child Support Enforcement is one of the nation's leaders in child support collected through the federal Passport Denial program. In 2006, Illinois was one of only six states to collect over $1 million through Passport Denial, netting $1.14 million for Illinois children. In addition, Passport Denial collections in Illinois jumped by 43% in 2006, surpassing the national increase by 33%. The State of Illinois' child support collection reached a record-breaking high of $1.1 billion in fiscal year 2006.

The Passport Denial program, which is part of the Federal Offset Program, is designed to help states enforce delinquent child support obligations. Under the program, non-custodial parents certified by a state as having arrearages exceeding $2,500 are submitted by the Federal Office of Child Support Enforcement (OCSE) to the Dept. of State (DoS) which denies them U.S. passports upon application or the use of a passport service. Illinois Dept. of Healthcare and Family Services' Dept. of Child Support Enforcement staff then work with the debtor to make arrangements to pay the child support debt in order for the passport hold to be released. In most cases, full payment of the debt is required. Illinois is one of only seven states to collect over $3 million in child support dues through the Passport Denial program since its inception in 1998.

The Passport Denial program has been effective for parents across Illinois, including Ms. Peggy Carlson of Quincy. The non-custodial parent of her child resided in Germany and needed his passport to continue to live overseas and be able to visit the United States. He paid the entire cash balance of $46,097.06 for the release of his passport.

In August, Illinois was named the 2006 Most Improved Program in the country by the National Child Support Enforcement Assn. (NCSEA). NCSEA recognizes outstanding achievement in child support enforcement and the 2006 award was given to the State of Illinois' program for its increased collections and new programs.



Southwest Area Obituaries

Sara E. Barbour

Services were held at the Damar Funeral Home, Justice, on Thursday, Feb. 22nd, with a private interment, for Sara e. Barbour.

She is survived by her children Rachael (John) Becker, Jacob (Vanessa) Carlson, Leah (Steve) Young and Matthew Isaiah Carlson, ten grandchildren and her brothers Don, Tom, Jim, and Mark.

Ricky D. Brackins

Services were held in Tennessee for Ricky D. Brackins.

He is survived by his children Angela 9Jason) Wartowski, Abby Brackins and Eric; his parent A.D.; and his brothers Phillip, Raymond (Barbara, Johnny (Carol; and his sisters Doris (Gene) Anderson, Kathy (Jim) Sorensen and Susie Brackins.

Irene L. Brockman

Mass was said at St. Patricia Church, Hickory Hills, on Thursday, Feb. 20th, with interment at St. Casimir Cemetery, for Irene L. Brockman.

She is survived by her children David (Kathleen) and Bonnie (Carl) Birgells; eight grandchildren; ten great-grandchildren; and her sister Joan (Martin) Lepczynski.

Margaret J. Coglianese

Mass was said at St. Julie Billiart Church, Orland Park, on Monday, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Margaret J. Coglianese.

Shc is survived by her children Deanna (Albert Wood and Frances Stiglich-Waska; four grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren and many siblings.

Dennis J. "Beef" Dawson

Services were held at the Andrew J. McGann and son Funeral Home, on Monday, with interment at Queen of Heaven Cemetery, for Dennis J. "Beef" Dawson. He was a motorcycle enthusiast.

He is survived by his children Denise (James Drish) and Dennis Dawson Jr.; two grandchildren; and his mother Mary Ann; his brothers Danny (Lucy), David (Lori), Doreen (Dale) Bartlett, Debbie (Paul Holenka) and Diane (Lenny Diericks).

James A. De Vos

Private funeral services were held for James A. De Vos, 68, of Las Vegas, formerly of Oak Forest.

He is survivcd by his wife Anne; his children Anthony (Jamie), Timothy (Gayle) and Todd (Christina); five grandchildren; his brothers Donald, John, Frcd, Thomas, and his sisters Georgetta Vodnik, Doris Kennedy and Judith Webb.

Eileen Patricia "Patt" Doran

Mass was said at St. Barnabas Church, Chicago, on Saturday, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Eileen Patricia "Patt" Doran.

She is survived by her husband Ray; her children Eileen O'Connell, Ray (Donna), Mike, Tom (Maria), Jim (Joann), Bill (Molly), John (Dana), Terry (Corinne) and Patrick; twenty-two grandchildren; her sister Peggy (Denny) Dine and her brother Bill (Elaine) Galvin.

Henry J. Gerard, Jr.

Services were held at Kenny Brothers Funeral Home, Evergreen {ark, on Saturday, with interment at St. Mary Cemetery, for Henry J. Gerard, Jr., 90. He worked at Dean's Ice Cream Company.

He is survived by his son Jim (Gerri) Gerard and his brothers Clifford (Betty) Gerard and Erwin (Barbara).

Robert E. Hynes

Mass was said at St. Cajetan Church, Chicago, on Wednesday, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Robert E. Hynes, 62.

He is survived by his wife Legoria; his children Kevin, Brian (Roberta) and Michael (Isabel) Hynes; six grandchildren; his brother Tom (Judy), Tim CFD (Sharon), Jack (Sara).

Helen E. Jones

Services were held at the Hickey Memorial Chapel, Midlothian, on Monday, with interment at the Mt. Greenwood Cemetery, for Helen E. Jones.

She is survived by her children Gregory (Bonnie) Jones, Cheryl Jones, Colleen (Len) McAbee, Tim (Debbie) Jones, seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Frances Alice Lee

Mass was said at St. Elizabeth Seton Church, Orland Park, on Saturday with interment at St. Mary Cemetery, for Frances Alice Lee.

She is survived by her children Thomas (Carol, Adrienne O'Rourke, James (Cathy) Lec; fifteen grandchildren and thirty-one great-grandchildren.

James W. Lewkowski

Mass was said at St. Barnabas Church, Chicago, on Wednesday, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for James W. Lewkowski, 75, formerly of Roscland.

He is survived by his wife Maryann; his children Cindy (James) Paolino, Linda, Kim (Tony) Morkes, Richard, Michael (Julieann), Mark and Nick (Cheryl) Lewkowski; eleven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Adolph F. Nowak

Mass was said at St. Damian Church, Oak Forest, on Monday, with interment at St. Casimir Cemetery, for Adolph F. Nowak, 94. He was an amateur radio enthusiast, W9COB.

He is survived by his wife Delia; his children Nancy (Tom) Hirtz, Fred (Micki), Frances (Rick) LaBarbara, Julie (Larry) Ojeda, Donald (Carol) and Thomas (Karen); sixteen grandchildren; six great-grandchildren.

Margaret G. Quane

Mass was said at St. Germaine Church, Oak Lawn, on Saturday, with interment at Mount Carmel Cemetery, for Margaret G. Quane. She was a former Social Worker for Evanston Township High School and an Associate of the BVM Order. She was a dedicated volunteer of the Courage Program and God's special Friends.

She is survived by her brother David, Robert (Cecile) William L., Joseph (Mary Jo) and Thomas B. (Margaret; and her sisters Mae, Catherine Hannigan, and Sr. Presentice BVM,

John R. Roman

Mass was said at Sacred Heart Church, Palos Hills, on Wednesday, with interment at Resurrection Cemetery, for John R. Roman, an Air Force Veteran.

He is survived by his wife Rose; his children Christopher and Susan (Michael) Flore; one granddaughter; and his sisters Patricia Bidochka and Theresa (Jeanuel) Browning.

Glenn Charles Schwartz

A Christian Committal memorial service was held on Tuesday, Fcb. 6th, with interment at Bethania Cemetery, for Glenn Charles Schwartz, 78, of Orland Park. He was a veteran of the US Army and scrved as Master Mechanic during the Korean War. He retircd aftcr 40 plus ycars working at Fenn Landscape in Orland Park.

He is survivcd by his sister Dolores C. Jacobson, three nephews.

James E. Taylor

Services were held at the Hills Funeral Home, Palos Hills, on Tuesday, with a private interment, for James E. Taylor, a WWII Navy Vcteran.

He is survived by his wife Corinne; his children Vicki Bartosh and Wendi (John) Orlando; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; and his sister Joan Taylor.

Nick J. Theofore

Mass was said at Sts. Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church, Palos Hills, on Wednesday, with interment at Bethania Cemetery, for Nick J. Theodore. He was the owner of Theodore's Restaurant.

He is survived by his wife Eleni; his children John and Marigo "Mary"; his father Ioannis; his brother Epaminondas (Georgia) and his sister Dina (George) Dedes.

Martha F. Tietz

Mass was said at St. Christina Church, Chicago, on Wednesday, with interment at St. Mary Ccmetery, for Martha F. Tietz, 90.

She is survived by her sisters Emogene Resner and Helen Carman and her brothers Raymond Mathes, and William (Jan).

William J. VanDyck

Mass was said at St. Benedict Church, Blue Island, on Friday, for William J. VanDyck, 74, of Denison TX, formerly of Blue Island.

He is survived by his wife Linda; his children Cheryl, Ellyn, Lori, William, Pamela and Robert; his stepchildren Sheila, Mark, Pam and Elizabeth; and many grand and great-grandchildren.

Anthony Marcel Zurlis

Mass was said at St. Elizabeth Scton Church, Orland Park, on Wednesday, with intermcnt at Resurrcction Cemetery, for Anthony Marcel, 66.

He is survived by his wife Diane, his children Anthony (Nelly), Mark, Michelle; three grandchildren; his mother Marijona; his sister Mary (John) Lally; and his brothers Casimir (Lucy) Zurlis and Michael Zurlis.

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Queen Of Peace Celebrates Catholic Schools Week

In celebration of Catholic School's Week – Jan. 29 to Feb. 2 – Peace planned a host of activities. On Monday, the Peace community gathered for the Catholic School's Week Eucharistic Liturgy, presided over by Reverend Jesus Medina from St. Bede the Venerable Church. During the liturgy, students heard from Peace Administrator Dr. Kathleen Hanlon, who encouraged students to remember, reflect on, teach, and live out the Catholic Social Teaching of Justice in their own lives. "Youth cannot be an excuse or an obstacle to living out the Gospel values." Students were reminded always to respect the dignity and rights of all of God's creatures.

Later on in the week, parents were invited to become the students again. Peace parents spent a morning in their daughter's classes in order to see what a typical high school day is like at Peace. Parents sang in choral classes and wrote essays on Christopher Columbus in history courses.

Teachers also showed students how much they appreciate their hard work and the time, effort, and energy they put into after-school clubs. During the Catholic School's Week Award Assembly, groups ranging from honor roll students, to the Environmental Task Force, to the Amity newspaper staff were honored for their work and dedication.

"Catholic School's Week gives us a forum to celebrate the unique opportunities a Catholic, Christian, faith-based education provides for our students, families and teachers. We are able to highlight the many gifts and talents students bring to and share with the community as we re-affirm the centrality of Catholic, social teachings in the ministry of education," commented Dr. Hanlon.

Pictured: Junior Ashley Tripplet begins the processional during Queen of Peace's Catholic School's Week Liturgy.

AARP Meeting

The Oak Lawn AARP Chapter 3558 will meet on Monday, March 12th at 1 p.m. at the Johnson Phelps VFW Hall, 9514 S. 52nd Ave.

Paid up members of AARP are invited to join this Chapter, you do not have to live in Oak Lawn. Chapter members are from Chicago and other suburbs. Dues for the year is $5.

The March 12th meeting will feature Brenda Celmar, a Certified Laughter Leader from Christ Medical Center. She will talk about the benefits of laughter.

Refreshments will be served after the meeting. For more information call Felix Waitches at (708) 422-4121.

Letter To The Editor

Dear Editor,

There are many issues that will be discussed in the next few weeks before our April election and as a candidate for 5th District Trustee, I feel that one of the most important is that an overpass is desperately needed on Central Avenue (next to the railroad crossing at 108th St.). When the gates are down, most cars do not want to wait. They frequently make a U-turn and proceed to Cook Avenue and other surrounding streets, causing significant congestion.

There have been discussions about the feasibility of an overpass for years. But nothing has been done about this problem. The residents of the Eagle Ridge subdivision do not deserve this continuous traffic headache. It is dangerous for their children and makes it difficult for residents to walk, bike or just enjoy an evening outside in the nice weather. These homeowners are paying some of the highest taxes in Oak Lawn!

If I am fortunate to be the 5th District's Trustee, I will make it a priority to work with officials from the state and county to make an overpass a reality, combining it with a reasonable traffic plan. For starters, when a train is present, no U-turns will be permitted. The light at 107th and Central Ave. will also stay red and a no turn on red will be enforced. This traffic problem is quite difficult for Eagle Ridge residents. At times it is nearly impossible to get out of one's driveway. Cars using these neighborhood streets, usually driven by outsiders, just to avoid the train. Let's put a stop to this dangerous condition.

Respectfully,
James Jelinski
Candidate for
Fifth District Trustee

OAK LAWN LIBRARY NOTES

The Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St., offers a writers group which meets the second and fourth Saturday of each month from 10 a.m. to noon in the Mary Nelson Room, lower level. These informal meetings consist of readings, critiques and writing exercises. Current participants vary in their interests and writing experience. The group is intended for adults high school age and up. No fee or registration is required.

The group will host two special meetings for those interested in becoming a working writer: Writing to Sell on Saturday, Feb. 24th from 1 to 3 p.m. and Screenwriting on Saturday, March 10th from 1 to 3 p.m.

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Show your support for the library by participating in a Jewel-Osco "Shop & Share" fundraiser Monday through Wednesday, March 5th, 6th and 7th. Shop at any Jewel-Osco store on one of those three dates and present a "Shop & Share" identification slip to the cashier. Five percent of your total purchase, excluding tax, will be donated by Jewel-Osco to the Oak Lawn Community Library Foundation. Shop & Share slips are available in the library's lobby.

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Homeschooling families can meet and work together as part of a resource and sharing group sponsored by the library, the second Thursday of each month from 10 a.m. to noon. On March 8th, participants will make spring crafts. No registration is required. All ages are welcome.

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The library will host a Yu-Gi-Oh game event in the lower level meeting room from 4 to 5 p.m. on Thursday, March 8th. Students in grades three and up are invited to bring their own set of Yu-Gi-Oh cards to play with others. No registration is required.

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The library hosts "Guys Read," a free monthly after school program for boys in third through fifth grade. On Tuesday, March 6th from 4 to 5 p.m., participants will share projects that they've made using "how to" books. Advance registration is required at the Youth Services Desk. This program is limited to 30 participants. Light refreshments will be provided.

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Girls in third through fifth grade and their moms (grandmas, aunts, etc.) are invited to take part in a lively discussion of the children's novel "The World According to Humphrey" by Betty G. Birney at a Mother and Daughter Book Club meeting from 11 a.m. to noon on Saturday, March 10th at the library. Register in advance and pick up a copy of the book at the Youth Services Desk. There is a limit of 15 mother/daughter pairs. Light refreshments will be served.

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For additional information on these Oak Lawn Public Library programs call (708) 422-4990 or visit the library's web site at www.oaklawnlibrary.org.

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The Oak Lawn Village Board Votes To

Accept Garbage Contract

Beginning May 1st, the village of Oak Lawn will have a new waste hauler. After much discussion, the Board of Trustees voted to accept the proposal of Veolia ES Solid Waste Midwest, Inc. The contract covers the collection and disposal of refuse, recyclables and landscape waste for a period of 56 months. Included in the contract are a Senior Citizen Discount program and the use of 96 gallon totes for household refuse and a 64 gallon tote for recyclables. Seniors will pay a discounted $15.21 per month while the non-senior fee is $16.90 per month. Toters will cost $1.50 for the 96 gallon toter and $1.55 per month for the 64 gallon recycling toter.

The toters are constructed of sturdy plastic containers on wheels designed to make it easier, cleaner and more orderly on waste pick-up day. Several seniors at the meeting complained at the size of the toters saying that they would not be able to drag the toters to the curb in snow or other bad weather. They also said that they would never be able to fill one as there was only one bag of garbage a week.

It was explained that the toter will keep vermin out of the garbage as they will be covered. It is hoped that by using the toters, there would be no more open cans to deal with or plastic bags on the curb for animals to get into. The contract was set up that every household would get the toters, but Veolia would pick up all receptacles. It was also suggested that with a bigger recycling container more recycling would be done. According to the contract, the village will receive a 50 percent return on the sale of recyclables.

The board voted to accept the contract. Representatives of Veolia said that they are working to make the transition to their services as smooth as possible.

Again after much discussion, the board voted to accept an ordinance banning smoking in public places. The ordinance covers the prohibition of smoking in public places, school grounds or entrances to public places. A business which includes bars will have to obtain a permit from the village to allow smoking but they will also have to post signs and install air cleaners. Smoking will also be banned at community events.

It was brought up that Smoker benefits had been held in school gyms or other buildings in the past and that this was detrimental to school children's health since the smoke does not dissipate for months and this is not good for children with asthma. It was stated that the ordinance states 'school grounds' which means smoking would be prohibited anywhere on the property.

The ordinance will take effect on Jan. 1, 2008.

In other business, it was announced that early voting for the Consolidated Election on April 17th, 2007 will begin in the Clerk's Office on Monday, March 26th from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays through Thursday, April 12th.

It was stated that Oak Lawn will celebrate its 100th anniversary in 2009. It was suggested that the Events committee look into planning activities for a year long celebration. It was also announced that the Public Library is reopening its historical department.

Elks Hoop Shoot

The Oak Lawn Elks #2254 have again completed successfully their portion of the Elks National Hoop Shoot Contest.

The Hoop Shoot is a national yearly free throw competition, open to all children ages 8 to 13 years. Children are placed in age brackets. This year's competition was again hosted by St. Paul's Lutheran School in Oak Lawn.

Local grammar and middle school girls and boys were involved. They received 25 free throws and progressed into rounds local, division, regional and national.

Winners in the girls competition included: 8-9, first place Maryssa Vela of Worth, second Lauryn McManus of Hannum and third Harlee Whitney of Worthwoods; 10-11, first Rachel Johnson of Sward, second Cara Ewert of Worth and third Liz Iwanski of St. Paul Lutheran. Maryssa Vela won first place in District in Pontiac, IL and went downstate in February.

Winners in the boys competitions included: 8-9, first place Yazan Salameh of Sward, second Mohammad Amara of Worthwoods, and third Sean McGuire of Hannum; 10-11, first Matt Dunne of Hannum, second Dylan Woodworth of Worth and third Jordan Moeller of St. Paul Lutheran; 12-13, first Tim Small of St. Paul Lutheran

Give Parents Online Access To Teen Driving Records

The Illinois House Drivers Education and Safety Committee approved legislation initiated by Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White and sponsored by State Rep. John D'Amico (D-Chicago) that will allow parents or guardians access to the driving records of their teenagers via the Internet.

Under the proposal (HB 518), parents and guardians can view their teenagers driving record for free online. Parents will be able to access the youth's record until he or she turns 18-years-old.

"We want to make sure parents are fully involved with their teen as they go through the Graduated Driver's Licensing process," White said. "By giving adults access to their child's driving record, we are giving them a tool to observe their teenagers driving patterns as they proceed through the program."

A successful Graduated Driver Licensing (GDL) program increases driving privileges for safe and responsible drivers in a gradual fashion, while simultaneously identifying those drivers who display dangerous or reckless driving habits. Safe teen drivers will gradually see their driving restrictions ease accordingly as they move from one stage to the next under GDL. Parental involvement is a critical component of any successful GDL program.

Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for people age 15 to 20. Several recent studies concluded comprehensive GDL programs reduce teen traffic fatalities.

White has also initiated new legislation (SB 172) that would strengthen Illinois' GDL program and enhance the safety of young, novice drivers. The bill gives teens more time to obtain valuable driving experience while under the watchful eye of a parent or guardian, limits in-car distractions and requires the teens to earn their way from one stage to the next by avoiding traffic convictions.

Battle Of The Bands

Shepard High School will sponsor a Battle of the Bands on Fri., March 2 to benefit an organization assisting musicians who lost facilities & equipment to Hurricane Katrina.

The concert starts at 7 p.m. in the gym. Tickets are $5 and may only be purchased at the door. Shepard is located at 13049 S. Ridgeland Ave. in Palos Heights.

Eight bands, comprised primarily of Shepard students but including students from other area schools, will compete for monetary prizes ($100 for first, $75 for second, $50 for third). In order to compete, a band must have at least one Shepard student.

All proceeds will benefit Music Rising, an organization dedicated to helping Gulf Coast musicians affected by the hurricane. For more information about the organization, visit www.musicrising.org.

Key Club, the high school affiliate of Kiwanis International, and Photo Club from Shepard serve as co-sponsors of the event. Local professional musicians will judge the contest. For more information, contact teachers Paul Machnick at (708) 371-1111, ext. 3365 or Megan Moeller at (708) 371-1111, ext. 3380.

Pictured, left to right, are Shepard High School students whose bands will compete in the Battle of the Bands competition on March 2: (bottom row) Derek Hassan, Shane Kiaulakis, Tom Ross; (second row) Caitlin Madonna, Brad Liberio, Rob Peto; (third row) Nick Talbot, Nick Apuzzo; and (back row) Jr. Johnson, and D.J. Walano.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MARCH 2 – Friday – Chamber Golf Outing Committee Meeting, Stony Creek Golf Complex, 8 a.m.

MARCH 2 – Friday – Worth Township Senior Citizens Org. Meeting, Worth Township Center, 11601 Pulaski Rd., 12:30 p.m.

MARCH 3 – Saturday – District II "Trustee Is In," Municipal Center, 9446 Raymond, 9 a.m. to noon.

MARCH 5 – Monday – Fire Department Club Meeting, VFW, 9514 S. 52nd Ave., 8 p.m.

MARCH 5 – Monday – Planning & Development Commission Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 8 p.m.

MARCH 6 – Tuesday – Civil Service Commission, 9446 Raymond, 5:30 p.m.

MARCH 7 – Wednesday – Appeals Board, 9446 Raymond Ave., 8 p.m.

MARCH 8 – Thursday – Fire & Police Commission Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, Conference Room B, 7:30 p.m.

MARCH 8 – Thursday – Quality Control Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 7:30 p.m.

MARCH 8 – Thursday – Athletic Club Auxiliary Meeting, VFW Hall, 9514 S. 52nd Ave., 8 p.m.

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Avoid AT&T's Rate Hikes

It's no surprise that AT&T plans a round of rate hikes in March, but here's something Chicago-area callers aren't likely to hear from the company's salespeople: You can avoid these increases and at the same time take a big bite out of your phone bills.

The Citizens Utility Board (CUB) negotiated an agreement with AT&T that freezes the prices on three new, low-cost "Consumer's Choice" calling plans for four years. Most calling plans are bad deals, but CUB got a reluctant AT&T to offer the "Consumer's Choice" plans. They're actually designed to save most customers money – as much as $94 million over the four years of the agreement.

So now is the time for consumers to sign up and capture these savings – before AT&T increases rates. On March 1st, the company plans to raise its monthly line charge – what it costs just to have a working phone line – by $1. Later that month, the price tag for some of its most popular calling features also will jump.

Those rate hikes will hit people on AT&T's standard, per-call rates. The others, on AT&T's bloated calling plans, such as U-Select or Economy Solutions, may be even worse off. These plans charge customers a set monthly price, say $39.99 (before taxes and surcharges!), for unlimited local calling (calls 0-15 miles away) and special features – voice mail, call waiting, etc. Unfortunately, most people don't make enough calls or want all the features to make these fixed-rate plans a good deal.

However, the "Consumer's Choice" plans match how most people use the phone:

Consumer's Choice Basic

Thirty local calls a month plus your line charge (what you pay just to have a phone). Additional local calls cost 6 cents each. The monthly price is $3.05 for downtown Chicago residents, $6.03 for those in Chicago's neighborhoods and near suburbs, and $9.50 throughout Illinois.

Consumer's Choice Extra

Unlimited local calling and the line charge for a monthly fee of $10 in downtown Chicago, $13 in Chicago's neighborhoods and near suburbs, and $16 throughout Illinois.

Consumer's Choice Plus

Unlimited calling, the line charge, and two features of your choice (caller ID and voice mail, for example) for a monthly fee of $16 in downtown Chicago, $19 in Chicago's neighborhoods and near suburbs, and $21 throughout Illinois.

If confusing bills and all these options make your head spin, you're not alone. Call the hotline, 1(866) 688-4282, or go to www.CitizensUtilityBoard.org, which features the Local Phone Cost-cutter, an online calculator that can help you cut your bills.

While weary consumers face rising heat and electric costs, for once they can feel good about their phone bill. So pick it up, give CUB a call, and make the "Consumer's Choice."

Discuss Rules Banning Pets

ACTHA – the Association of Condominium, Townhouse and Homeowners Associations – will offer a program on rule development and enforcement and how it relates to other governing documents as part of its all-day conference on Saturday, March 24th, at the Drury Lane in Oak Brook. Naturally, it will also discuss the art of compromise when you have owners and board on different sides of the issue.

Presenters at this program are Gabriella Comstock, an attorney with Knuckles, Keough and Moody and Christine Evans, President of Vanguard Community Management.

Three different tracks of educational programs will be offered at this event including programs for new elected board members and in-depth discussion focus groups. At the conclusion of the day, there will be an "Ask an Attorney" panel. There is also a trade show open to the public in the morning.

ACTHA is the largest statewide organization representing unit owners and board of directors for condo, townhouse, homeowner and coop associations in Illinois.

Registration is $60 for ACHTA members and $120 for non-members. Registration includes seminars, lunch, Trade Show and materials. For more information and to register visit www.actha.org or call (312) 987-1906.

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Risks Of Tax Refund Anticipation Loans

Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich recently launched a "Get Your Full Refund" consumer awareness campaign to alert Illinoisans about the risks of taking out high-cost refund anticipation loans (RALs). The ads, backed by the Illinois Dept. of Revenue (IDOR) and Financial and Professional Regulation (IDFPR), will warn taxpayers not to be enticed by loan offers that come with excessively high interest rates and urge taxpayers to file their taxes electronically to get their refunds fast. The governor also directed IDFPR to further protect consumers by developing legislation that for the first time in Illinois would license tax preparation companies.

"It's unfair when companies take advantage of hard-working families who want to have access to their tax refund a couple of days earlier. Families and individuals should avoid these high-cost loans. If you file your taxes electronically, you can get your refunds safely in just a few days without having to pay hundreds of dollars in interest and fees and falling into debt," said Gov. Blagojevich.

RALs usually run 7-14 days, and fees for these loans can translate into triple digit Annual Percentage Rates (APR). The public service ad campaign will alert taxpayers to the high costs of these loans and will remind consumers that they can get their Illinois tax refund directly deposited within one week if they file their tax returns electronically. Federal refunds take a few days longer, but they can be processed in about two weeks.

According to a 2007 study issued by the Consumer Federation of America and the National Consumer Law Center, a consumer could pay from $57 to $111 in order to get a RAL for a typical refund of about $2,500. The effective annual interest rate for this loan would be 85 to 170 percent. So far this year more than 1 million Illinoisans have filed their state tax returns electronically while nearly 1.2 million have filed their federal taxes electronically. The average Illinois refund is $270 while the average federal refund is over $2,000.

At the governor's direction, IDFPR is developing legislation to license tax preparation companies and tax preparers operating in Illinois. In order to obtain a license, these firms would have to demonstrate that their employees were properly trained. Tax preparers would be required to give all potential RAL borrowers a clear and easily understood explanation of the costs associated with these loans.

Lower-income workers who are eligible for the Earned Income Tax Credit are the most frequent targets for RALs. Nationwide, low-income workers comprised over 60% of all RAL borrowers. In Illinois, more than 38 percent of all EITC recipients used refund anticipation loans to receive their refunds faster.

Nearly all Illinois taxpayers can file for free on the department's web site at www.tax.illinois.gov, and many can also file their federal taxes online at www.irs.gov.

Shamrock Shuffle Closes Registration

Despite an increased participant capacity of 30,000, up from 25,000 in 2006, The LaSalle Bank Shamrock Shuffle 8K run and 5K fitness walk reached capacity, more than a month in advance of the March 25 race. Registration for both events is officially closed. A Chicago spring ritual, the 28th annual LaSalle Bank Shamrock Shuffle will launch the local running season in Grant Park on Sunday, March 25.

New to the event this year, a late registration option is available for interested participants who missed the deadline. Official charity Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center has a limited number of entries to offer

runners interested in participating as a member of the charity team. Information on how to apply for these entries is available at the charity section of the event web site shamrockshuffle.com or by calling the charity at (800) 876-7522.

Members of Chicago Area Runners Association (CARA), the official training program of the event, also have a unique opportunity to secure a late entry into the race as a membership benefit. More information on the limited number of available entries through CARA can be found at shamrockshuffle.com or by calling CARA at (312) 666-9836.

"The excitement this race generates each spring is always inspiring," commented Executive Race Director Carey Pinkowski. "The celebratory atmosphere that comes with the return to warmer weather, the outdoors and the beautiful Chicago running paths is contagious. We invite everyone to join us in Grant Park or along the course route to get a taste of the energy that recreational running can generate."

Although registration is closed, there are numerous ways runners and non-runners can still be part of the excitement that surrounds race weekend. The public is invited to attend the free LaSalle Bank Health &

Fitness Expo at Navy Pier on Friday and Saturday, March 23-24 and to line the course on race day to cheer on the runners. Volunteer opportunities are also available at shamrockshuffle.com.

The 28th annual LaSalle Bank Shamrock Shuffle will officially usher in the Chicago running season on Sunday, March 25 with an 8K run through the city and 5K fitness walk along the lakeshore. Beginning and ending in

historic Grant Park, the 8K provides an abbreviated preview of The LaSalle Bank Chicago Marathon course as it circles the city's stunning downtown architecture. 5K walkers are treated to a scenic stroll along the shores of Lake Michigan in the shadow of the magnificent city skyline. Online registration for both events closed on February 23 when the 30,000 participant capacity was reached. The entire Chicago community is invited to celebrate along the 8K course or sign up to volunteer.

For more information, visit shamrockshuffle.com.

Letter To The Editor

Editor:

At this, the last P&D meeting of the year, and the last for outgoing Commissioner Quinn Mucker, I wanted to take the opportunity to express my own gratitude, and the gratitude of a good number of business and property owners, to Quinn for his service on the Commission. Having been selected by Mayor Heilmann as a new member of the Commission, I find writing this somewhat awkward, but I really want it to be known we value Quinn's service.

Throughout the difficult years with the town center development – which, as we know, is still ongoing – Quinn has always been extremely sensitive to the varied and complex needs and concerns of the business and property owners on 95th Street. He has listened; he has cared; he has asked the tough questions; and he has always done so with compassion, with kindness and as a consummate gentleman.

My wife, Anne Casey, and I are now and always will be grateful to Quinn for his involvement, his awareness, his perspective and his concern; and we are not alone. Quinn Mucker has served this Commission well, and his service has helped make Oak Lawn a better place. Thank you.

Sincerely,

S/S John Eggert

State Networking Convention

Municipal, not-for-profit, park district, corporate, fraternal, church and school event planners are invited to attend the annual Illinois Special Events Network (ISEN) State Convention on Wednesday and Thursday, March 14th and 15th at the Tinley Park Convention Center, 18501 S. Harlem Ave. The annual convention draws festival and event planners from Illinois, Indiana, Wisconsin, Michigan and Iowa to the Chicago Southland to discuss the state of their industry.

The ISEN State Convention provides regional event planners with insight into the latest trends in festival and event planning and execution, discussions of safety and security issues, marketing, and sponsorship of festivals, fairs, carnivals and special events. Top festival and event planners from across the U.S. are featured in breakout sessions during the convention, discussing topics appealing to planners involved in all stages of festival and event planning.

On Wednesday, March 14th, an entertainment showcase will be featured on the convention's first evening, where attendees enjoy refreshments while entertainers and musicians demonstrate their craft. A vendor expo on Thursday, March 15th from 2 to 4 p.m. features providers of the elements necessary to stage a successful festival, including musical acts, pyrotechnic and amusement companies, insurance providers, audio/visual companies, portable restroom companies, and much more. There is also ample time for planners and vendors to exchange information, strategies and ideas on festival and event planning and production.

The ISEN State Convention also includes a luncheon with presentation of The Skyscraper Awards for best print brochures, advertising materials and festival T-shirt designs promoting Illinois events.

"Our state convention is recognized as one of the best educational workshops in the festivals and events industry and across the Midwest," said Kim Kislowski, Marketing Manager for the Chicago Southland Convention & Visitors Bureau (CSCVB) and organizer of the event.

Registration for the two-day ISEN State Convention on March 14th and 15th is $120 for ISEN/IFEA members and $130 for non-members. Each additional registrant from the same organization is only $115 per person for ISEN/IFEA members and $125 for non-members. One-day registration for either Wednesday or Thursday is $65 per person. Late registration (after March 7th) is an additional $10 per registrant.

A Certified Festival and Event Executive (CFEE) course will be held during the convention; go to http://www.visitchicagosouthland.com/isen/isen.html or call Kim Kislowski at (708) 895-8200 for additional information on the CFEE course requirements.

For those wishing to attend only the Wednesday, March 14th Entertainment Showcase or the Thursday, March 15th Vendor Expo from 2 to 4 p.m. you may register for either event at $20 per person.

Accommodations are available at the headquarters hotel, the Holiday Inn Select Tinley Park, at a special ISEN State Convention rate; call the hotel at (708) 444-1100 for reservation information.

To receive a registration brochure for the ISEN State Convention on March 14th and 15th at the Tinley Park Convention Center, call the Chicago Southland Convention & Visitors Bureau at (708) 895-8200 or toll-free at (888) 895-8233. The brochure may also be downloaded at http://www.visitchicagosouthland.com/isen/isen.html.

Vendors interested in displaying their product or service to the festival and event planners in attendance at the convention may contact Kim Kislowski at (708) 895-8200.

Receives National Honors

Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich announced the Illinois Strategic National Stockpile team spoke at the Local, State and Federal Public Health Preparedness Summit in Washington, D.C. Illinois' SNS team, selected from more than 300 submissions from public health officials nationwide, provided insight on the state's coordinated preparedness efforts in a presentation entitled The Amazing SNS Race: Collaboration Between State Agencies to Get to the Finish. Illinois was selected to highlight its efforts because the state has achieved the highest ranking the past three years for its plan to use local health departments to dispense medications and supplies.

The Strategic National Stockpile consists of large quantities of medications and medical supplies to protect people if there is a public health emergency (terrorist attack, flu outbreak, earthquake, etc.) severe enough to cause local and state supplies to run out. Once federal, state and local authorities agree the stockpile is needed, medications and medical supplies will be delivered to any state in the U.S. within 12 hours. Each state has plans to receive and distribute medications and medical supplies to local communities as quickly as possible. The Illinois SNS team presentation illustrated the necessity of cooperation between state agencies in the planning and implementation of the SNS, as has been rehearsed in prior emergency response exercises, including the 2006 FLUEX exercise.

Hynes Lauds Ethics Reform Initiatives

Comptroller Dan Hynes applauded members of the House State Government Administration Committee for approving ethics reform initiatives that will dramatically reduce the corrupting influence of campaign contributions on the awarding of state contracts and will bring greater transparency to lobbying activities.

"We must bring an end to pay to play politics in Illinois. Taxpayers have a right to good government. We, as elected officials, have a duty to give it to them," Hynes said. "While we have many more hurdles to overcome before these reforms can become law, I applaud the committee's action as a meaningful first step."

House Bill 1, sponsored by Rep. John Fritchey, D-Chicago, advanced to the full House for consideration. The initiative prohibits business owners with more than $25,000 in state contracts from making campaign contributions to officeholders awarding those contracts, requires contractors to disclose previous contributions and prevents individuals with conflicts of interest from receiving fees from state bond sales.

"Some would say that government is fundamentally corrupt. We know that's not true. But the perception is there. It is pretty difficult to convince citizens otherwise when they see headline after headline in the newspaper detailing insider deals, questionable influences, indictments and convictions of government officials in which they've placed their trust," Hynes said in testimony before the committee. "This initiative will help eliminate improper relationships between contractors and public officials and help restore public faith in their government."

Hynes long has been a strong advocate of state government and campaign finance reforms. He issued an Executive Order two years ago requiring his office to adhere to the contract reforms.

HB1 is part of a three-pronged reform package pushed by Hynes that also strengthens laws governing lobbyists and creates a voluntary public financing system for the election of Illinois Supreme Court justices. Previous efforts to enact the proposals have stalled in the Legislature.

Hynes also testified in support of House Bill 8, sponsored by Fritchey, which tightens lobbyist laws in Illinois. It strengthens reporting requirements, creates an enforcement process to ensure compliance and closes the revolving door that currently permits individuals to leave state government employment and immediately lobby former co-workers.

Hynes called the measures "realistic, fair, understandable, enforceable measures that make one very clear, very important statement: Illinois government is not for sale." Both bills were approved by the Committee and advanced to the full House for consideration.

He also praised Fritchey, calling him a relentless advocate and thanked him for "keeping the Legislature's feet to the fire" on ethics reform. "He's not giving up and neither am I," Hynes said. "We simply cannot allow business as usual to continue in Illinois. These reforms will increase government accountability by acting as a strong deterrent to backroom deals, and they will enhance public faith in state government by increasing the public's ability to follow the money."

The reform proposals are the culmination of two years of work and are supported by the Illinois Campaign for Political Reform, Citizen Action Illinois, the Better Government Association, the Citizen Advocacy Center, Common Cause Illinois, Illinois PIRG, the League of Women Voters and Protestants for the Common Good.

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Porker Of The Year

Citizens Against Government Waste (CAGW) announced the final results of its online poll for the 2006 Porker of the Year. Rep. Alan Mollohan (D-W. Va.) received 48 percent of the vote, with co-nominees Sens. Thad Cochran (R-Miss.) and Trent Lott (R-Miss.) receiving 25.5 percent, and Sen. John Thune (R-S.D.) receiving 22.9. The finalists were chosen by CAGW staff from among the 12 Porker of the Month winners for 2006.

Rep. Mollohan was named Porker of the Month in April 2006 for abusing his position on the House Appropriations Committee by securing millions of dollars in earmarks that may have benefited him personally. *The New York Times* (4/08/06) detailed how Rep. Mollohan directed $250 million to five nonprofit organizations that he set up. Rep. Mollohan surrendered his seat as ranking Democrat on the House Ethics Committee in April.

CAGW identified $480 million for pork projects added in the House or in conference committees, most likely by Rep. Mollohan, for his district since 1995. More than half of his earmarks have gone to the five nonprofits, most of which depend almost entirely on government money for funding. To run the organizations, Rep. Mollohan recruited friends and former aides who then contributed to his political campaigns and family foundation. Businesses that are awarded contracts through these nonprofits also make campaign contributions. *The Times* described the network of nonprofits as "plush," with lavish facilities and high salaries. The Canaan Valley Institute, which is building a $33 billion headquarters with earmarked funds, grew out of an effort to create a wildlife refuge near property that Rep. Mollohan owns.

The National Legal and Policy Center filed a complaint challenging the accuracy of Rep. Mollohan's financial disclosure forms. The root question is whether a spike in Rep. Mollohan's personal fortune had any connection to earmarks that he secured. On June 13, Mollohan filed two dozen corrections to his past six annual financial disclosure forms and called the errors "unintentional." The FBI is examining charges that Rep. Mollohan illegally benefited from distribution of funds.

West Virginia ranked fourth in pork per capita in CAGW's 2006 *Congressional Pork Book*, which identified 9,963 pork projects costing a record $29 billion in the 11 appropriations bills for fiscal 2006. Rep. Mollohan received the Molehill into a Mountain "Oinker" Award for his $2.2 million in appropriations for the MountainMade Foundation, which promotes West Virginia arts and crafts on the Internet.

Asked if he was going to change the way in which he directs federal tax dollars to the five nonprofit groups, Mollohan repeated the discredited "power of the purpose" defense of earmarks, saying he is "not going to change a bit…How else would members…get funds if they aren't able to earmark funds? (*The Times West Virginian*, Nov. 8). Local projects are properly the domain of the private sector, nonprofit groups, and state and local government. Federal funding should be distributed according a competitive process or formula to ensure fairness and prevent abuse by appropriators.

For directing earmarks to wasteful projects that have the effect of swelling his campaign coffers and possibly his personal wealth, for pledging to continue his pork addiction in the face of national scrutiny and an FBI investigation, and for opposing earmark reforms, Rep. Alan Mollohan is the 2006 Porker of the Year. More information on the winner and finalists can be found in the Porker of the Month Hall of Shame at www.cagw.org.

Radogno To Take Lead

State Senator Christine Radogno (R-Lemont) was recently named Republican spokesman for the Senate Human Services Committee, and will also join the Senate Executive and Public Health Committees in addition to her ongoing appointment to all three Senate Appropriations committees.

Radogno previously served on the Health and Human Services committee, and noted that she is eager to continue to work on issues that impact the public's access to health care as well as related issues, including welfare reform and senior health care coverage.

"Providing reliable, accessible health care coverage is one of the key responsibilities of state government, and I am glad I once again have the opportunity to serve the people of Illinois in this capacity," said Radogno. "The General Assembly will be considering a number of controversial and divisive health care issues in the coming months, and I look forward to working with my legislative colleagues to fashion responsible, sensible health care policies."

In addition to her duties on the Human Services and Public Health committees, Radogno will also serve for the first time on the Senate Executive Committee, which considers a wide-range of high-profile issues, including changes to the state's constitution and state government policies.

"I'm eager to begin working with the Executive Committee, which is often called to make decisions on Illinois' most pressing and contentious issues," Radogno explained. "While I have not been a member of the Executive Committee before, I am excited to learn more about different areas of state government, and have a hand in shaping a diverse range of public policy."

Additionally, Radogno will continue to serve on all three Senate Appropriations committees, which review the budgetary recommendations of the Governor. Often, lawmakers on Appropriations committees also attend hearings to receive detailed information for use in the committee's consideration of proposed state revenue allocation.

All Points Southwest

By THOMAS E. GAVIN

Those readers that follow All Points regularly should know that there were no major upsets in our Chicago readership neighborhoods. Mayor Richard M. Daley romped to his sixth consecutive term by earning 71 percent of the primary vote to defeat challengers Dorothy Brown and William "Dock" Walls. Daley's running mates, Miguel del Valle (clerk) and Stephanie Neely (city treasurer) were likewise victorious. What is most apparent is that while only about one-third of the 1.4 million registered Chicago voters cast a ballot, these same voters overwhelmingly favored Daley's strong management and leadership, as well as his vision of the city's future.

The Mayor's success encompassed all ethnic and religious borders. Daley found himself the recipient of monumental voter confidence and respect. For those naysayers who would now suggest that with a significant number of potential aldermanic changes in the City Council, Daley might have problems. All Points suggests that these doubters should revisit the history of Chicago. Bigger and better days are on Chicago's horizon. Congratulations Mayor!

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At press time not all votes have been recorded. However, some local races are rather predictable. Here's a brief recap. Congratulations go to the 19th Ward's sixteen-year incumbent Alderman Ginger Rugai, who received 54 percent of the vote to defeat challengers John Somerville (28 percent) and Timothy Sheehan (18 percent).

The 18th Ward's acting alderman Lona Lane could find herself in a runoff April 17th with challenger Paul Stewart. At present Lane holds a 49 percent to 26 percent edge over Stewart. A 50 percent plus one vote plurality is necessary for a primary victory.

Congratulations to the former Secretary to the Board of Cook County Commissioners and acting 8th Ward Alderman Michelle Harris in her successful bid to maintain her seat. Alderman Harris earned nearly 60 percent of the vote in a field of eight candidates.

Likewise, hats off to incumbent 34th Ward Alderman Carrie Austin. Her huge plurality, over 70 percent, in a field of four candidates, swept her into another winning term on the City Council.

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Governor Rod Blagojevich has recently signed a number of laws which will improve the safety climate for Illinois residents. The first new law is designed to protect those who attempt to help injured people from lawsuits. Last summer the Governor signed a law protecting "Good Samaritans" trained in first aid by the American Heart Assn. or the American Red Cross from being sued for helping someone who is seriously injured. This recent law signing extends the same protection to people who received such training from the National Safety Council.

Senate Bill 1195, sponsored by State Sen. John Cullerton (D-Chicago) and State Rep. John Fritchey (D-Chicago) provides that any person who is currently certified in first aid by the American Red Cross, the American Heart Assn. or the National Safety Council, and acts in good faith to administer free first aid, is protected from being sued by the people they are trying to help. The new provision is effective immediately. The law also includes an exception for willful and wanton misconduct on the part of the "Good Samaritan" in providing the emergency care.

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Another program that the Governor signed included $1.9 million in no-interest loans to assist fire departments and fire protection districts, purchase fire trucks. This is the second phase of a previous loan program which assisted in the acquisition of new fire trucks for 63 fire departments across the state.

The Fire Truck Revolving Loan Program provides no-interest, 20-year loans to local fire departments and fire protection districts for fire truck purchases. The maximum loan award is $250,000.

Applications for loans are available on the OSFM (Office of the State Fire Marshal) website at www.state.il.us/osfm or upon request by mail. Applications will be accepted through April 15th. Loans are awarded on a need basis by a nine member review committee.

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Congratulations to State Senator Christine Radogno (R-Lemont), who was recently recognized by the Northern Illinois Public Health Consortium (NIPHC) as a "Public Health Champion," for her ongoing efforts to promote and protect public health.

Radogno was among five Illinois lawmakers to be honored by NIPHC for health-advocacy. The organization applauded her efforts to pass legislation strengthening the State Clean Indoor Air Act, which allows municipalities and counties to enact stronger smoke-free work place laws.

The NIPHC also commended her support of legislative initiatives that increased funding to prevent West Nile Virus, as well as her sponsorship of other initiatives in the area of communicable disease control.

This year Senator Radogno is a chief co-sponsor of Senate Bill 500, the Smoke Free Illinois Act. The bi-partisan legislation calls for all indoor public places and work places in Illinois – including bars, casinos, and restaurants – to be 100 percent smoke free.

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The American Red Cross will present its 2007 CPR Training Day on Saturday, March 10th at Navy Pier, Festival Hall B, 600 E. Grand Ave. in Chicago. The Chicago Chapter of American Red Cross will offer two sessions: 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Morning Session; 1 to 5 p.m. Afternoon Session.

The chapter aims to train 2,000 people in the lifesaving skill of CPR through the course of these events. Classes will be offered in English and Spanish and the cost is only $5 (saving up to $40/person from regular rates!). Only one session is required to get registered in CPR. Pre-registration is required.

To register or volunteer visit www.chicagoredeross.org or call 1-800-337-2338. Remember, you must pre-register.

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Citizens for Jerry Bennet, the popular suburban Palos Hills mayor, will honor their leader with a cocktail party on Friday, March 9th from 7 to 10 p.m. at the Belvedere Chateau, 8055 W. 103rd St. in Palos Hills. A $40 per person donation entitles participants to beer, wine and hors d'oeuvres. A cash bar will also be available. Enjoy the company of neighbors and friends who appreciate the continued productive leadership that Mayor Jerry Bennett and his Board exhibit each year on behalf of their fellow neighbors, business owners and residents of Palos Hills.

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A traveling troupe of six lively and talented Second City comics will deliver an evening of cutting edge, topical humor on Saturday, March 10th at 7:30 p.m. in Moraine Valley Community College's Dorothy Menker Theater, in the Fine and Performing Arts Center, on campus, 9000 W. College Pkwy., Palos Hills. Tickets are $20 for adults and $15 for students and seniors. This performance is partially funded by an Illinois Arts Council grant. For information or to order tickets, call (708) 974-5500. Phone orders are subject to a $1 per order handling fee.

Risks Of Home Heating Options

Dealing with hazardous weather conditions can become a routine of sorts during the last weeks of winter; however, life-threatening risks remain high and focusing on safety can prove to be a life-saving decision. The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) urges the public to continue to be aware of elevated risks associated with winter weather and to take measures to avoid them.

Heating

Home heating remains the second highest cause of fire in the home. NFPA suggests the following for safe heating:

Maintain a 3 feet (or 1 meter) separation between things that can burn and heating equipment.

When buying a new space heater, make sure it carries the mark of an independent testing laboratory and is legal for use in your community. (Some communities do not permit portable kerosene heaters, for example.)

Install your stationary (fixed) space heater according to manufacturer's instructions or applicable codes or better yet, have it installed by a professional.

Plug your electric-powered space heater into an outlet with sufficient capacity and never into an extension cord.

Use the proper grade of the proper fuel for your liquid-fueled space heater, and never use gasoline in any heater not approved for gasoline use. Refuel only in a well-ventilated area and when the equipment is cool.

In your fireplace or wood stove, use only dry, seasoned wood to avoid the build-up of creosote, an oily deposit that easily catches fire and accounts for most chimney fires and the largest share of home heating fires generally. Use only paper or kindling wood, not a flammable liquid, to start the fire. Do not use artificial logs in wood stoves.

Make sure your fireplace has a sturdy screen to prevent sparks from flying into the room. Allow fireplace and wood stove ashes to cool before disposing in a metal container, which is kept a safe distance from your home.

Turn off space heaters whenever the room they are in is unoccupied or under circumstances when manufacturer's instructions say they should be turned off. Portable space heaters are so easy to knock over in the dark that they should be turned off when you go to bed, but make sure your primary heating equipment for bedrooms is sufficient to avoid risks to residents from severe cold.

Do not use your oven to heat your home.

Make sure fuel-burning equipment is vented to the outside, that the venting is kept clear and unobstructed, and that the exit point is properly sealed around the vent, all of which is to make sure deadly carbon monoxide does not build up in the home.

Inspect all heating equipment annually, and clean as necessary. Test smoke alarms monthly; install a carbon monoxide alarm in a central location outside each sleeping area.

Carbon Monoxide

Carbon monoxide poisoning can be confused with flu symptoms, food poisoning and other illnesses. Some symptoms include shortness of breath, nausea, dizziness, light-headedness or headaches.

NFPA suggests the following safety tips to avoid the dangers of carbon monoxide.

Install carbon monoxide (CO) alarms (listed by an independent testing laboratory) inside your home to provide early warning of accumulating CO. CO alarms should be installed in a central location outside each separate sleeping area. If bedrooms are spaced apart, each area will need a CO alarm.

Test CO alarms at least once a month and replace alarms according to the manufacturer's instructions.

CO alarms are not substitutes for smoke alarms. Know the difference between the sound of smoke alarms and CO alarms.

Have fuel-burning heating equipment (fireplaces, furnaces, water heaters, wood and coal stoves, space or portable heaters) and chimneys inspected by a professional every year before cold weather sets in.

When using a fireplace, open the flue for adequate ventilation.

Never use your oven or grill to heat your home.

When buying an existing home, have a qualified technician evaluate the integrity of the heating and cooking systems, as well as the sealed spaces between the garage and house.

If you need to warm a vehicle, remove it from the garage immediately after starting it. Do not run a vehicle, generator, or other fueled engine or motor indoors, even if garage doors are open. Make sure the exhaust pipe of a running vehicle is not covered with snow.

During and after a snowstorm, make sure vents for the dryer, furnace, stove and fireplace are clear of snow build-up.

Portable Generators

portable generators to meet electricity and heating needs.

NFPA, publisher of the National Electrical Code® (NEC®), recommends the following tips for proper use of portable generators.

Generators should be operated in well-ventilated locations outdoors away from all doors, windows and vent openings.

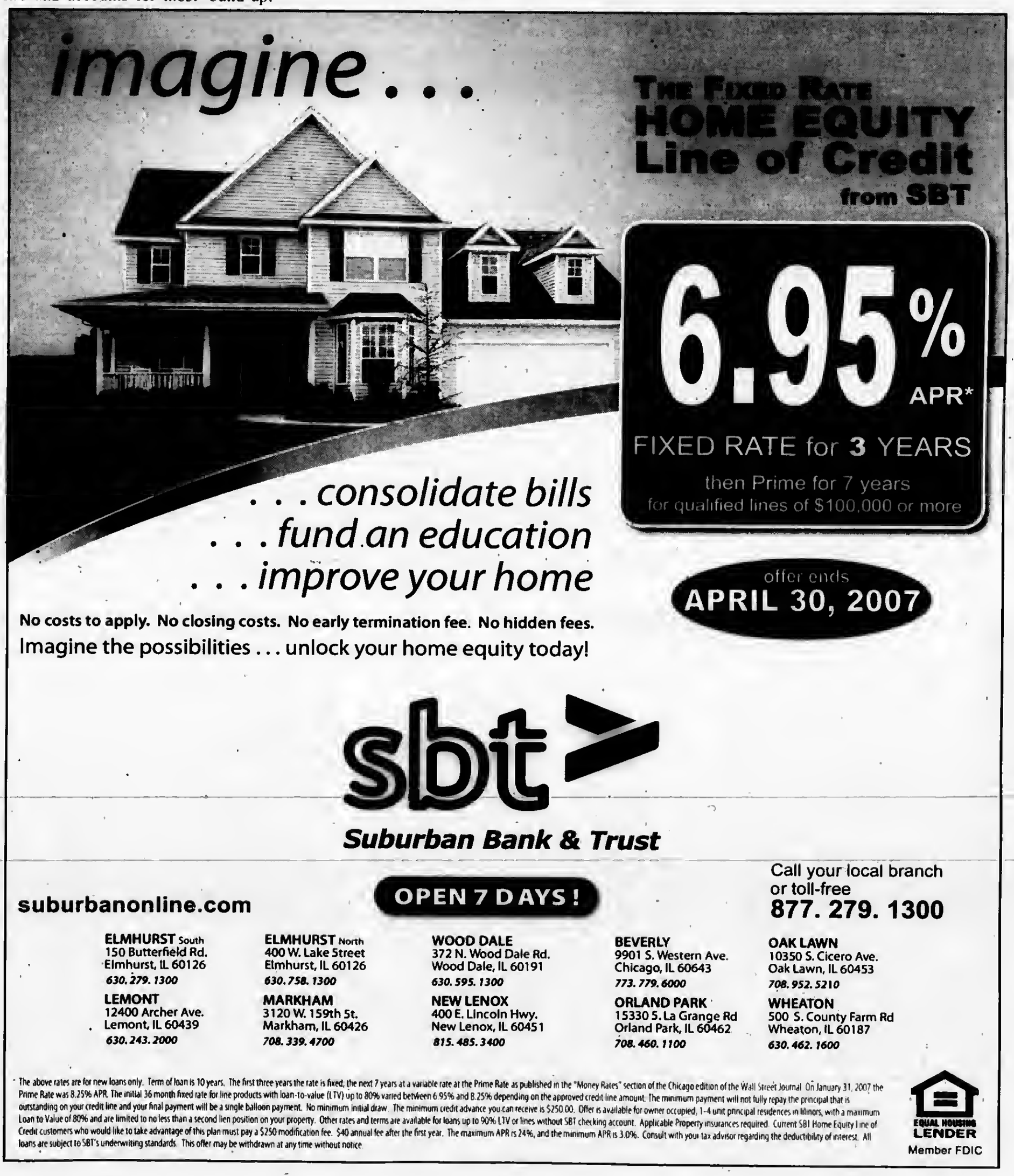
The generator should be located so that exhaust fumes cannot enter the home through windows, doors or other building openings.

Do not refuel the generator while it is running. Turn the generator off and let it cool down before refueling.

Never store fuel for your generator in your home. Gasoline and other flammable liquids should be stored outside of living areas in properly labeled safety containers. They should be stored away from any fuel-burning appliance such as a gas hot water heater.

Plug appliances directly into the generator or use a heavy-duty outdoor-rated extension cord. Make sure the cord is free of cuts or tears and that the plug has all three prongs, especially a grounding pin. Do not try to power the house wiring by plugging the generator into a wall outlet.

If you must connect the generator to the house wiring to power appliances, have a qualified electrician install a properly rated transfer switch in accordance with the NEC and all applicable state and local electrical codes.



ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

Depression Era Glass Show And Sale

Another spectacular year at the Midwest Conference Center at Concord Plaza, 401 W. Lake St. in Northlake. Glass collectors will find The 20-30-40 Glass Society of Illinois members hosting this renowned show with its beauty and history of glass.

The Show and Sale opens on Saturday, March 10th at 10 a.m. and closes at 5 p.m. On Sunday, March 11th it opens at 11 a.m. and closes at 4 p.m. Admission is $7 per person and includes free parking and free shuttle service to the front door.

Visit this very special American Heritage Glass Show and Sale featuring Depression Era Glass from the 1920s through the years including Contemporary Glass.

Save the dates, socialize, learn and support the preservation of this era's glass. The educational possibilities will prove to be outstanding. All attendees will be processed as associate members for this event and receive a "Society Page" newsletter.

The show will feature:

- An extensive library of glass and pottery reference books, belonging to The 20-30-40 Glass Society, plus glass identification by knowledgeable members has been and continues to be a tremendous favorite of visitors. Come in and try to stump the "experts."
- Crystal Repair will again be available. Drop off your treasures that need "help" and continue to search for additional treasures.
- Throughout the two days, door prizes will be awarded, so don't forget to register, you may be a lucky winner.

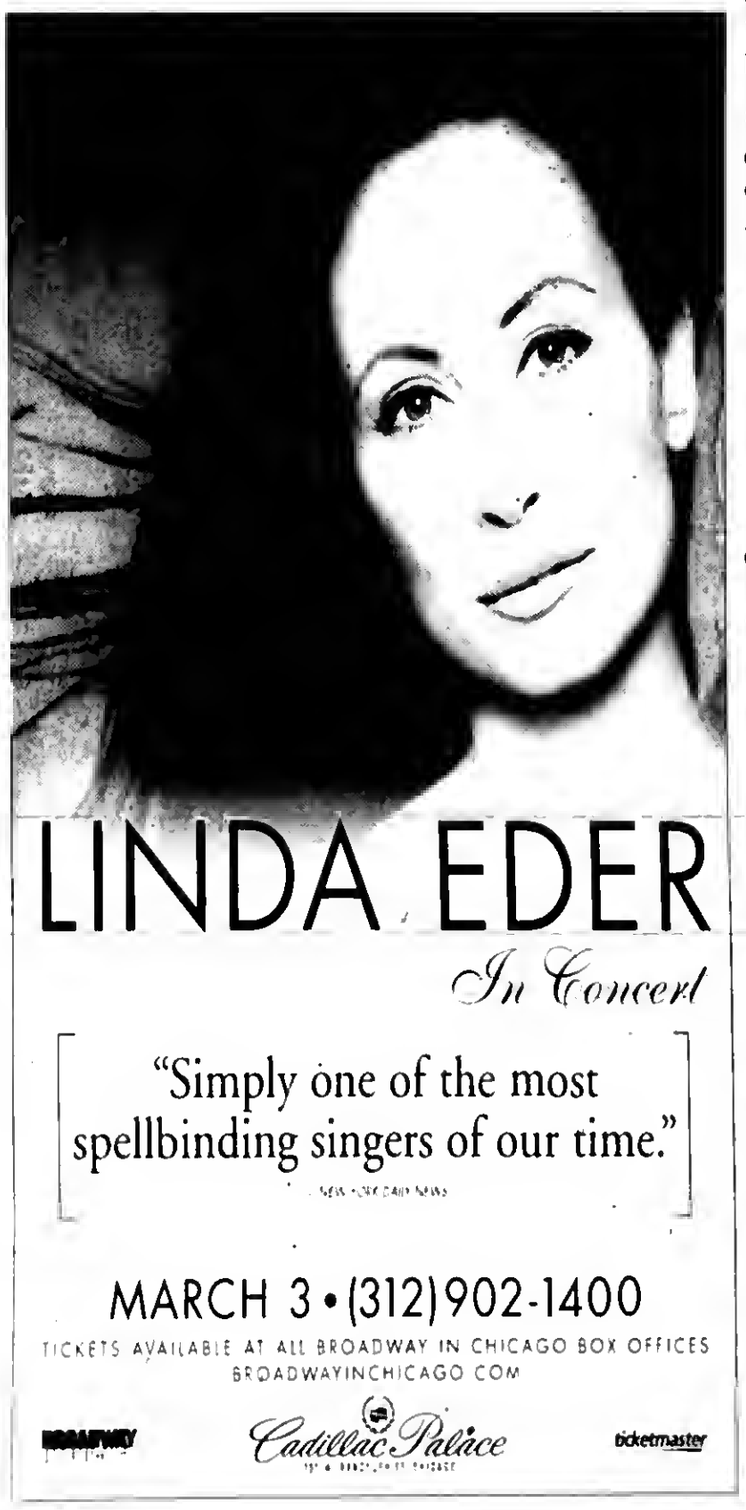
Plan on making the glass show a must on your list to experience.

For show information, contact The 20-30-40 Glass Society of Illinois, P.O. Box 856, LaGrange, IL 60525, or call Neil Unger at (847) 394-2491. Email Glassclub@aol.com or visit the web site, http://www.20-30-40society.org

Festival Queen Contest

Gaelic Park, 6119 W. 147th St. in Oak Forest, will elect a new Irish Festival Queen and a Queen's Court at Gaelic Park's Celtic Supper on Sunday, March 4th. For the admission price of $16, the Celtic Supper, beginning at 4 p.m., includes an all-you-can-eat buffet until 7 p.m. and Irish dancing music provided by Velvet Green until 9 p.m.

Each year, one special young lady is chosen as the Irish Festival Queen and on Sunday, March 4th, all of the Queen contestants will be introduced and the winner will be announced at the Celtic Supper. During St. Patrick's Day week the newly selected Queen and her court will be given the high seat atop Gaelic Park's St. Patrick's Day parade float. Ceremonies, contests and gala festivities at Irish Festival 2007 will be memorable and fun for the Queen and everyone involved. Gifts and prizes valued at over $1,000 will also be presented to the Queen. The newly elected Queen's Court will also receive many prizes.



The Soweto Gospel Choir

Symphony Center presents the Soweto Gospel Choir, a 26-member choir rejoicing the African gospel tradition, in a special concert on Sunday, March 11th at 3 p.m.

Founded in 2002, the Soweto Gospel Choir is under the direction of notable choirmaster David Mulovhedzi and South African director and executive producer Beverly Bryer. The ensemble draws on the talent from the many churches and communities in and around Soweto, an urban area in the city of Johannesburg. Singing in several different languages, their program ranges from traditional to pop. Earthy rhythms, rich harmonies and charismatic performances combine to express South Africa's great hopes for the future.

In 2003, the Soweto Gospel Choir won Best Gospel Choir at the American Gospel Music Awards. The group won over audiences with the January 2005 release of their American debut *Voices from Heaven* (Shanachie Entertainment) which reached number one on the Billboard World Music charts. Recently, the choir won the prestigious Grammy Award in the Best Traditional World Music category for its CD *Blessed*. The 18 tracks on *Blessed* are sung in six of South Africa's 11 official languages including Zulu Xhosa, Sotho, Venda and English.

Soweto Gospel Choir's latest CD, *African Spirit* – a collection of traditional South African spiritual music, South African pop, American gospel and popular inspirational songs from around the world – was released on Jan. 30th. The album is dedicated to the memory of co-founder and producer, the late Clifford Hocking, who passed away in June 2006.

Tickets are $20-$40. Tickets can be purchased by calling CSO Ticketing at (312) 294-3000 or (800) 223-7114, or by visiting either the CSO Web site at www.cso.org or the Symphony Center box office at 220 S. Michigan Ave. For group rates, call (312) 294-3040.

Carraig Pub Hosts Musicians

The Carraig Pub at Gaelic Park, 6119 W. 147th St. in Oak Forest, offers an entertaining atmosphere every day. Enjoy the energetic and free musical entertainment beginning at 9:30 p.m. on Fridays and 10 p.m. on Saturdays.

This month hear:
Patrick Guince, Friday, March 2nd
Katie Sullivan, Saturday, March 3rd
Soichain, Friday, March 9th
DonnaFinn, Saturday, March 10th
Bernie Glim & Country Roads, Friday, March 16th
Dan McGuiness, Saturday, March 17th at 3 p.m.
Gerard Haughey, Saturday, March 17th at 8 p.m.
Velvet Green, Friday, March 23rd
The Ploughboys, Saturday, March 24th
Jerry Eadie, Friday, March 30th
Week Back, Saturday, March 31st

Every Thursday in the Carraig bring the whole family to a traditional Irish music session beginning at 7:30 with The Irish Music School of Chicago and instructors Sean Cleland, Pat Finnegan and their students, friends and family. Bring your favorite musical instrument and join in the session. All ages are welcome.

But don't just come for the music, the Carraig has daily food and drink specials. Irish favorites such as corned beef and cabbage, mouth-watering BBQ ribs, shepherd's pie and Guinness Beef Pie are among some of the items offered in the pub food menu.

Visit Gaelic Park's web site at www.chicagogaelicpark.org for more information and a complete list of specials or call (708) 687-9323.

Class Reunions

St. Augustine Chicago Reunion – High School, Grade, Parish – Sunday, March 25th, Lexington House, Hickory Hills, 12 noon. For information and reservations, call Carol Ann Stashak at (312) 203-6023 or (773) 838-4010 after 5 p.m.

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Reavis High School class of 1977 – 30-year Reunion will be held on July 7th, 2007 at the Old Barn in Burbank. Contact reavisclassof77@yahoo.com.

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DuSable High School class of 1951 will hold a 55th-year reunion from Sept. 15th to 17th at the Hilton Oak Lawn Hotel. Call (708) 206-0468.

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Harrison High School - Classes of 1931 to 1960 Reunion on Sept. 24th from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at The Abbington, 3 South 002, Route 53, Glen Ellyn. Call (708) 366-3423.

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New Trier class of 1986 20th reunion will be held on Nov. 4th at the North Shore Skokie Hotel. Visit www.1986.com.

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St. Florian School – An All-School Reunion, celebrating 100 years, will be held Nov. 17th. Organizers are looking for all alumni names, addresses and the year they graduated. Call (773) 646-2868 or visit www.florian.hegewisch.net.

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Chicago Vocational High School class of 1981 is looking for classmates. Email cvs1981@aol.com.

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Farragut High School, classes of 1952-1954, looking for classmates. Call Carolee (Fotka) Michalek at (815) 407-1934.

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Harrison High School, classes of 1965-1969, looking for classmates. Call (773) 507-4669 or (773) 600-8669.

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Hyde Park High School class of 1996 is looking for classmates. Call (773) 718-1507 or (773) 493-1051.

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Lourdes High School class of 1978 is looking for classmates. Call (708) 258-9096.

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Morton East High School class of 1987 is planning a 20th reunion. Contact Kathy Tokarczyk at imqueenmom@sbcglobal.net or Barb Biman at joyride7207@aol.com.

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New World Frontiers

The Southwest Symphony Orchestra, directed by David L. Crane, is excited to announce its latest concert "New World Frontiers" on Saturday, March 10th at 8 p.m. in the Ozinga Chapel Auditorium at Trinity Christian College, 6601 W. College Drive (Rt. 83) in Palos Heights. The theme of the evening explores American frontier life heard from the ears of two distinctly different composers. Featured are Copland's beloved *Appalachian Spring* and his *Old American Songs*, in which three guest choruses join the SSO: Chicago Symphony Orchestra's Community Chorale, Chip Johnson, director; Community Renewal Chorus, Gerome Bell, director; and Trinity Christian College Choir, Helen Van Wyck, director.

Chip Johnson is a Chicago-based professional organist/pianist and choral conductor. Presently, Johnson serves as Music Director for the Angelic Choir of the Apostolic Church of God; a music teacher for the John Hope College Prep High School and most recently he was appointed by the Chicago Symphony Orchestra as conductor of the South Shore Community Chorus as part of their Musician Residency Program. Since 1990 Johnson has traveled to many concert and orchestra halls throughout Europe and performed a "first time ever" Gospel music concert at the world renowned opera house, at *"a La Scala"* in Milan, Italy in 1999.

Gerome Bell has directed the Community Renewal Chorus since 1994. Active as a guest conductor and workshop leader he has performed at the Copenhagen Gospel Festival and music festivals in Denmark, Norway and Sweden. For five years he was selected to participate in the Robert Shaw Choral Workshop sponsored by Carnegie Hall in New York City.

Dr. Helen Van Wyck is the director of choral studies at Trinity Christian College. She is a mezzo soprano and sings professionally with the New Classic Singers in the Chicago area and participates every summer in the Oregon Bach Festival Chorus, which won a Grammy Award in 2000.

Concluding the concert is Dvorak's epic *New World Symphony* inspired by the Czech composer's visit to the United States in 1893.

Tickets may be purchased in advance, (708) 802-0686, or at the door. Adult $20-25, seniors $16-20, students $5, and children under 12 are free. Groups of 10 or more may purchase tickets for $10 per person.

Governor Honors Jennifer Hudson

Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich proclaimed Feb. 26th, 2007 "Jennifer Hudson Day" in Illinois in recognition of the Chicago native's Oscar win for Best Actress in a Supporting Role for her outstanding performance in the critically acclaimed film "Dreamgirls."

"A new star is born in Illinois. Jennifer's Academy Award win is a testament to her amazing talent and determination and all of Illinois is proud to honor her talent and achievement," said Gov. Blagojevich. "I'm proclaiming Monday, Feb. 26th, 2007 as Jennifer Hudson Day in Illinois, and encourage everyone to join me in recognizing her success. We all look forward to watching her career unfold."

At the age of 25, Jennifer Hudson is only the third African-American woman to receive Hollywood's highest honor and is the eighth youngest woman to ever win this award. In her role as Effie, Jennifer's outstanding performance has earned her numerous accolades, including a Golden Globe and a Screen Actors Guild Award.

Jennifer's career took off after debuting on the FOX Television hit, "American Idol." Although her performance didn't earn her the show's top prize, Jennifer was still a fan favorite and continues to wow audiences with her incredible talent.

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Reunion – A Musical Epic

The Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum (ALPLM) announced that *Reunion – A Musical Epic in Miniature,* will return to the museum's Union Theater for six performances. The musical first debuted at the ALPLM last spring with six shows at capacity crowds.

Set on April 14, 1890, twenty-five years to the day of Lincoln's death, Reunion is a musical play about a troupe of actors who are performing a show about Lincoln and the Civil War. The musical is an attempt to tell the story of the Civil War through the eyes of those who took up the Union cause – an intersection of theater and history, weaving together songs, visual images and dialogue.

The musical's script is written by Jack Kyrieleison from a story by Kyrieleison and Ron Holgate, with traditional music from the period arranged by Michael O'Flaherty. Kyrieleison scripted the play from actual speeches, letters, diaries, military orders – all written by men and women who were there. Their experience is woven into a powerful presentation.

The musical premiered at the Goodspeed Opera House in Connecticut (under the title "Battle Cry of Freedom") in 1996, and with its new title was subsequently produced off-Broadway in New York in 1999 and Ford's Theatre in Washington, D.C. in 2000.

Making up the cast of six are: Greg Donathan, Ed MacMurdo, Brittney McLaughlin, Kevin Purcell, Traci Shaw and Mike Wallace.

The ALPLM's Phil Funkenbusch and Ed MacMurdo will stage the play, which will run in the 240-seat Union Theater and March 2-4. Performances begin at 7:30 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays; 6 p.m. on Sundays. Tickets go on sale to the public Monday, Jan. 29. Tickets are priced at $15 for adults and $12 for children. Foundation members receive a special price of $12 for adults and $10 for children. For tickets, call (217) 558-8934.

This event is co-sponsored by IHPA, the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum, and the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library Foundation.

The Irish Sopranos

The Irish Sopranos will visit Gaelic Park, 6119 W. 147th St. in Oak Forest, on Saturday, March 3rd with the show starting at 8 p.m. The women of the Irish Sopranos are fully experienced vocal artists with tremendous accreditation to their background, which is quite an accomplishment as all three are only in their mid-20s. Come to Gaelic Park and experience their repertoire that includes traditional songs such as Danny Boy, opera masterpieces written by Puccini and Offenbach, various selections from Andrew Lloyd Webber and Rodgers & Hammerstein musicals, and the famous signature of Andrea Boccelli, Time To Say Goodbye. Tickets are on sale now at the cost of $20 per person.

For further information or to reserve tickets, call Gaelic Park at (708) 687-9323 or visit www.chicagogaelicpark.org.

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"The Merchant Of Venice"

The Millikin University Department of Theatre and Dance will present William Shakespeare's "The Merchant of Venice" in Millikin's recently restored Albert Taylor Theatre March 7 to 11. Show times are 7:30 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday with a 2 p.m. performance on Sunday.

Millikin students performing in the cast or crew of the production include Kevin Buscemi of Evergreen Park who is Bassanio in the show. Buscemi is a Musical Theatre major.

A young Venetian asks his best friend for a loan so that he might pursue a beautiful heiress. In order to supply the money, the friend enters into a dangerous agreement with a Jewish moneylender. The story that unfolds is Shakespeare's most controversial play, "The Merchant of Venice." In Merchant, Shakespeare explores the clash of differences in ethnicity, religion, class, sexuality, and gender, exploding in one of the most famous courtroom scenes in dramatic literature. A mixture of romantic comedy and serious drama, "The Merchant of Venice" remains one of Shakespeare's most provocative plays.

The Millikin production will be directed by Laura Ledford, Associate Professor of Theatre and Dance.

Tickets for the show are $11 and are on sale now at the Kirkland Box Office, by phone at (217) 424-6318 or online at www.millikin.edu/theatre/season/merchant. Kirkland Box Office hours are Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Interactive Murder Mysteries

The Bed and Breakfast Innkeepers of Galena presents its annual Murder Mystery Weekends to all theatergoers. Travel back in time with the classmates of 1971's Windy City High and relive their memories of jocks, cheerleaders, nerds, faculty, greasers and gangs in "1956-Flashback-1971, A Class Reunion" on Friday and Saturday, March 9-10.

The cost for the two-day interactive event is $65 per person and includes a Friday night reception, with dinner/theater and interactive murder mystery on Saturday. A two-night lodging reservation is required. The excitement will take place in Galena's historic DeSoto House Hotel at 230 S. Main. Period costumes always add to the fun but are not required. For more information or to order tickets, please call Jess or Kathie Farlow at 815-777-3456. For information about room availability, shopping, dining, attractions, events and more, visit www.galena.org, the Web site of the Galena/Jo Daviess County Convention & Visitors Bureau, or call 1-877-464-2536. The Bed & Breakfast Innkeepers of Galena represent a not-for-profit group of select innkeepers with the common goal of providing their guests with the very finest travel experience.

Second City To Perform

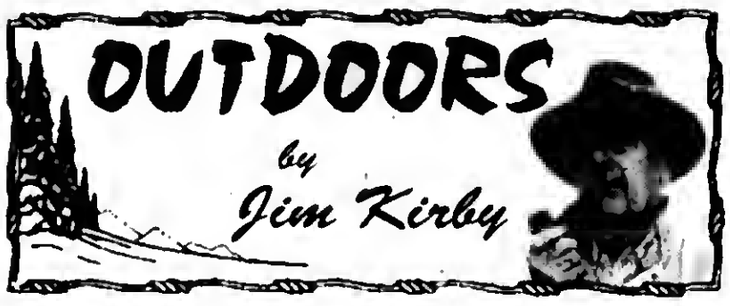
A traveling troupe of six lively and talented Second City comics will deliver an evening of cutting-edge, topical humor during their 7:30 p.m. performance on Saturday, March 10, in Moraine Valley Community College's Dorothy Menker Theater, in the Fine and Performing Arts Center, on campus, 9000 W. College Pkwy., Palos Hills. Tickets are $20 for adults and $15 for students and seniors.

The Second City, founded in Chicago in 1959, is famous for its hilarious and intelligent sketches, and musical and improvisational acts. The company's satirical skits are guided by the audience and performed spontaneously, making the evening an unmapped adventure sure to lead its spectators to uproarious fits of laughter.

The Second City has produced an assortment of professional humorists, including such stars as Dan Akroyd, John Belushi, Bill Murray, Gilda Radner, George Wendt, Martin Short, John Candy, and Chris Farley, as well as current comic entertainers Rachel Dratch (currently on Saturday Night Live) and Ryan Stiles (from The Drew Carey Show and Whose Line Is It Anyway).

This performance is partially funded by a grant from the Illinois Arts Council.

For more information or to order tickets, call the Moraine Valley Box Office at (708) 974-5500. Phone orders are subject to a $1 per order handling fee.



COOK COUNTY CAN'T SEE THE FOREST FOR THE TREES: For obvious reasons, Cook County is again short of money. Part of the solution has been to lay off key personnel, accept a donation of $13.3 million from the Forest Preserve District and propose a ten-cent tax on bullets (in addition to other equally stupid taxes). Why discriminate against gun owners, think of the money they could raise with a ten-cent tax on fishing hooks sold in the County.

If the Forest Preserve District has so much money, why do they keep coming back for increases in the property tax levy every year? With so much surplus money, perhaps the District could do something about reopening the toboggan slides, or at least move on privatizing the slides and other amenities.

At the risk of upsetting the 'tree huggers' and other environmentalists, I offer a possible partial solution to the County's money woes. The following are excerpts from my column of Oct. 23rd, 2003:

"As a possible source of much needed revenue, might I suggest those *dirty* words, *"selective logging."* Before everybody goes ballistic, hear me out. Notice I said *selective logging*. I'm not talking about clear-cutting or raping the land."

"Over the years of hiking and trail-riding in the Forest Preserves, I have marveled at the large stands of mature trees, many of them beyond maturity and destined to die off and add to the ground clutter and fire tinder material on the forest floor; what a waste of a natural renewable resource."

"The District owns about 68,000 acres spread throughout the County, a large portion covered with forests and varying stands and species of trees. Logging is big business in Illinois, finding a reputable logger, or group of loggers (some may even be politically connected) to bid on the contract to selectively log the Cook County Forest Preserves should be no problem. The job could be done without disturbing the perimeter-road-side of the forests by not cutting within 100 yards of the main roads."

"The spin-offs from the logging include: opening the overhead canopy to promote the growth of young trees and plants; a series of interior logging roads and trails for equestrians, cross-country skiers, joggers, hikers and nature lovers."

"The new logging roads would serve as fire-breaks and access roads for fire fighting equipment (a big problem with fighting those devastating forest fires out west was the lack of fire-breaks and the ability to get crews and equipment to the fires)."

"Patrolling for illegal activities would be simplified. The discovery of marijuana plant sites on District property makes me wonder how many other plots are out there. Incidentally, the sites were under surveillance, the plants were destroyed, but no arrests were made. Sounds kind of fishy to me."

"A case in point: For the past 12 years I have been deer hunting from the same tree stand on 300 acres in Southern Illinois. Three years ago, the owner of the property informed me that a timber buyer would be selective logging the property. The next year, I climbed into my tree stand before sun-up, not knowing what to expect. At daybreak, I was pleasantly surprised to see that I was still hunting in a stand of woods that looked a little more open, but still had plenty of cover for deer, turkeys, squirrels and other wildlife. It didn't look that much different to me."

"Out of curiosity, I questioned the landowner how he made out on the logging deal. He was paid $326,000, the area was cleaned up and will be ready for logging again in 15 years. Not bad for only 300 acres. At that point, I couldn't help but speculate on the potential from the more heavily wooded 68,000 acres back home in the Cook County Forest Preserves."

■**OUTDOOR HAPPENINGS: March 1** – Sport fishing for smelt opens (March 1-April 30). **March 1** – Local Snowmobile Trail Enhancement fund grant applications accepted. **March 2-4** – Extreme Muskie Expo, DuPage Expo Center, St. Charles, (847) 392-9718. **March 3** – 35th Safari Club International Hunter's Banquet and Fundraiser, The Lexington House, Hickory Hills. For information, contact Kathi Klimes at (708) 425-3552. For the latest information on what is happening in fishing, hunting, camping, hiking, boating, etc., tune in **Chauncey's Great Outdoors**: ESPN Radio AM 1000 every Saturday morning from 6 to 7 a.m.

■**EASTER HAM SHOOT:** The Palos Sportsman's Club, March 25th, Frankfort, Illinois. Open to the public. (815) 469-4446.

■**PERSONAL COMMENT:** Any comments appearing in this column do not necessarily reflect the views of this publication. I try to strike a balance between hunting, fishing and conservation and make every effort to include governmental actions affecting the outdoors.

Eric Law Expects Successful Senior Year

The Millikin University Big Blue baseball team is eagerly awaiting the start of the 2007 season, and it has plenty to look forward to. With hopes of improving from an 18-22 mark in 2006, this year's team is determined to break into the CCIW Tournament and fight for the conference championship and an NCAA regional bid. For sixth-year head coach Josh Manning, there is plenty to be excited about with a great mix of veteran players and energetic newcomers.

The 2007 Big Blue will rely on improved defense and a strong offensive lineup, but in the end the Big Blue will only go as far as its pitching staff takes it. Manning will count on a group of pitchers with a variety of experience. Seniors Adam Nowicki and Eric Law are expected to log significant innings while sophomores Mike Frigo, Jim Wilson and Tony Garcia, along with transfer Jeff Neisslie, will also strengthen the staff. Freshmen Joe Kentos, Matt Shiring, Matt Nissen, Dan Flores and Joe Frigo will also add depth on the mound. Several other pitchers, including Brian Erlenbach, Kevin Taylor, Brandon Schenck and Marek Rupar will compete for innings throughout the year.

Behind the plate, senior captains George Fear and R.J. Spehn will lead the Big Blue. Fear comes off one of the better seasons in school history pounding out a school record of 58 hits in 2006, which also earned him first team All-CCIW and second team All-Region honors.

A group of young catchers will also work with the Big Blue pitching staff in various capacities. With an eye on a varsity starting spot in the near future, sophomores Chase Lowery, Ben Hendricks and freshman Matt Bieler all have great potential and will add considerable depth.

The 2007 version of the Big Blue will have a lot of competition for position jobs. Senior Law and juniors Matt Balhan, Tom Bastien and Ken Meyer will help man the Big Blue outfield this spring. Also looking to contribute could be freshmen Blaise Sylvester, Dan Ehlert, Mike Gerts, David Godfrey and senior Mike Gentile.

Fear and Law will ultimately battle for the career hits record all year long. A 2006 first-team All-CCIW and All-Region selection and 2006 Team MVP, Law needs to play in 35 games, needs 126 at-bats, needs to record 49 hits and seven stolen bases to tie Millikin career records. Fear needs 60 hits and 73 RBI to tie the career records after earning first-team All-CCIW and second-team All-Region honors as a junior.

The infield will have plenty of talent and competition for playing time. Transfer Kyle McBrain, sophomore James Hafer, juniors Bill Leffler and Kevin Taylor, and freshmen Andrew Bruce and Joe Frigo will play in the middle infield. Senior Chuck Arquilla, junior Brad May, sophomores Mike Frigo and Tony Garcia will play the corner infield positions.

As a freshman, Hafer started in all 40 games and recorded high numbers for the Big Blue (.347 avg. in 147 AB, 42 runs, 51 hits, 66 RBI). For his efforts, Hafer was selected to the All-CCIW second-team and was named the 2006 Big Blue Newcomer of the Year. Leffler also brings experience to the field after playing 35 games in 2006 when he hit .265. With his experience at first base, Arquilla recorded a team high 184 putouts and will look to contribute solidly again in 2007.

The expectation level for the Millikin University baseball program has been continually raised for the last six years. However, the players and coaching staff will not be satisfied until the conference crown comes to Decatur for the first time since 1975. Obtaining a top-notch education, maturing as adults and winning the CCIW are the ultimate goals of the 2007 Millikin University baseball program.

Millikin is scheduled to open its season on March 7th at Blackburn.

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Mlotkowski Signs On

The Windy City ThunderBolts have signed pitcher Mike Mlotkowski for the 2007 season. Mlotkowski started last year with Windy City and made the All-Star team before being traded to Gateway in August.

The right-hander completed his first full season of professional baseball in 2006. Combined between Windy City and Gateway, Mlotkowski went 5-6 with a 4.05 ERA in 19 games. He struck out 83 batters and walked 68 in 95.2 innings pitched. At the All-Star Break, Mlotkowski was 2-3 with a 3.12 ERA. Teammates Clemente Bonilla and Brian Beuning joined Mlotkowski on the victorious West Division squad.

Mlotkowski and pitcher Noah Russo were dealt to Gateway at the trading deadline for outfielder Kevin House. Mlotkowski ended up beating the ThunderBolts in a start for the Grizzlies later in August.

The Virginia native was a standout at Oklahoma City University before signing with the ThunderBolts. He was named the MVP of the 2005 NAIA World Series and was a 2005 NAIA First Team All-American.

The ThunderBolts have released the team's 2007 schedule and will host the Rockford RiverHawks for Opening Night at Hawk Ford Field on May 23rd. The complete schedule can be found at www.WCThunderBolts.com

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Commends Michael Madigan

The IL League of Conservation Voters commends the Speaker of the House, Michael Madigan (22-Chicago) as well as members of the House, for taking an important early step in making Illinois a leader in the fight against global warming. As one of their first acts of the 95th General Assembly, Speaker Madigan and House members proved a commitment to environmental progress by creating six new committees dealing with the environment and sustainable development: Biotechnology, Ethanol Production Oversight, Least Cost Power Procurement, Mass Transit, Renewable Energy, and Smart Growth and Regional Planning.

"The citizens of Illinois deserve a public leadership willing to address the environmental problems we face and investigate new solutions, like alternative energy production and green building practices," said Speaker Madigan.

"Speaker Madigan and members of the House understand the necessity of initiatives to give this state the information on alternative energy it needs to reach sustainable and affordable solutions," said ILCV Executive Director Amanda Espitia. "The Speaker continues to lead Illinois as a pro-environment state."

While there is still considerable development to be done in the field of renewable energy sources to increase efficiency and reliability, significant steps like the creation of these committees will provide the public support necessary for this development. "This is a big opportunity for renewable energy in Illinois," said Mark Burger, President of the Illinois Solar Energy Association. "These committees will help craft innovative and comprehensive legislation to bring the benefits of renewable energy to our communities that will ultimately create new jobs for Illinois residents."

Finding alternative energy sources has been a particular concern for many voters due to skyrocketing gas prices, and this concern has been heightened in Illinois in particular with the possibility of an end to the price freeze on utility rates. A rising public voice for alternative energy has seen veteran environmentalists joined by lower- and middle-income families, who typically feel the impact of such high prices most acutely.

The ILCV will continue to advocate for legislation promoting energy conservation and mainstream renewable energy production.

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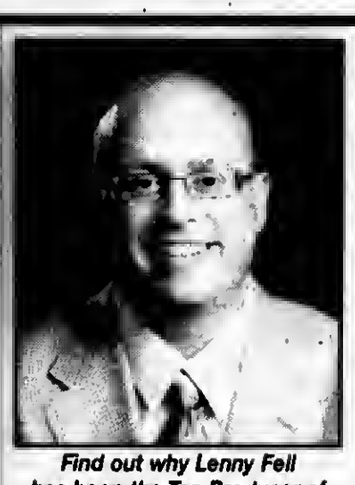

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Letter To The Editor

Thank you. Thank you. That is the message that I want to send to everyone whom I have met since the beginning of the year when I began walking neighbor-to-neighbor from Tinley Park and Orland Park to Palos, Worth, Lyons, and Stickney Townships collecting signatures to get on the ballot for re-election as Trustee of Moraine Valley Community College.

When I met many of you it was, before I traveled to Washington, D.C., to advocate on behalf of education – higher education. For nearly five years, it has been difficult to persuade Congress and the President to increase education funding for our students and our schools. But today, let me be the first to tell you that we now have an opportunity to obtain one of the largest increases in Pell Grants for students attending two- and four-year colleges and universities. It is refreshing to know that both Congress and the Bush Administration have offered substantial increases in Pell Grants, and whichever amount is passed will be so very much needed. I hope this is a start of a new beginning in Washington, D.C., and perhaps could serve as a motivator for our state legislators in Springfield to act on behalf of higher education. I know firsthand the importance of the Pell Grant for our students as well as the many other grants distributed every year to help finance their education. It is times like these that make serving as your Trustee, your Representative to the College so worthwhile to fight for education.

The possible Pell Grant increase is just one example of the many success stories at community colleges especially at Moraine Valley. But the best success of all is having the confidence in people within the MVCC community who have signed my petitions during the last several weeks. Your trust in me will always be remembered and for that I am grateful. And, you can be assured that I will continue to represent our interests on behalf of education and the Moraine community.

Sincerely,
s/s Mary Nolan
MVCC Trustee

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49 Norway's patron saint
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12 Nave furniture
13 Waterproof cover
14 "Bring __, Jeanette Isabella"; Christmas carol
15 Sample
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17 Alarm clock heeder
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24 "__, I saw, I..."
25 Put out __; sail away
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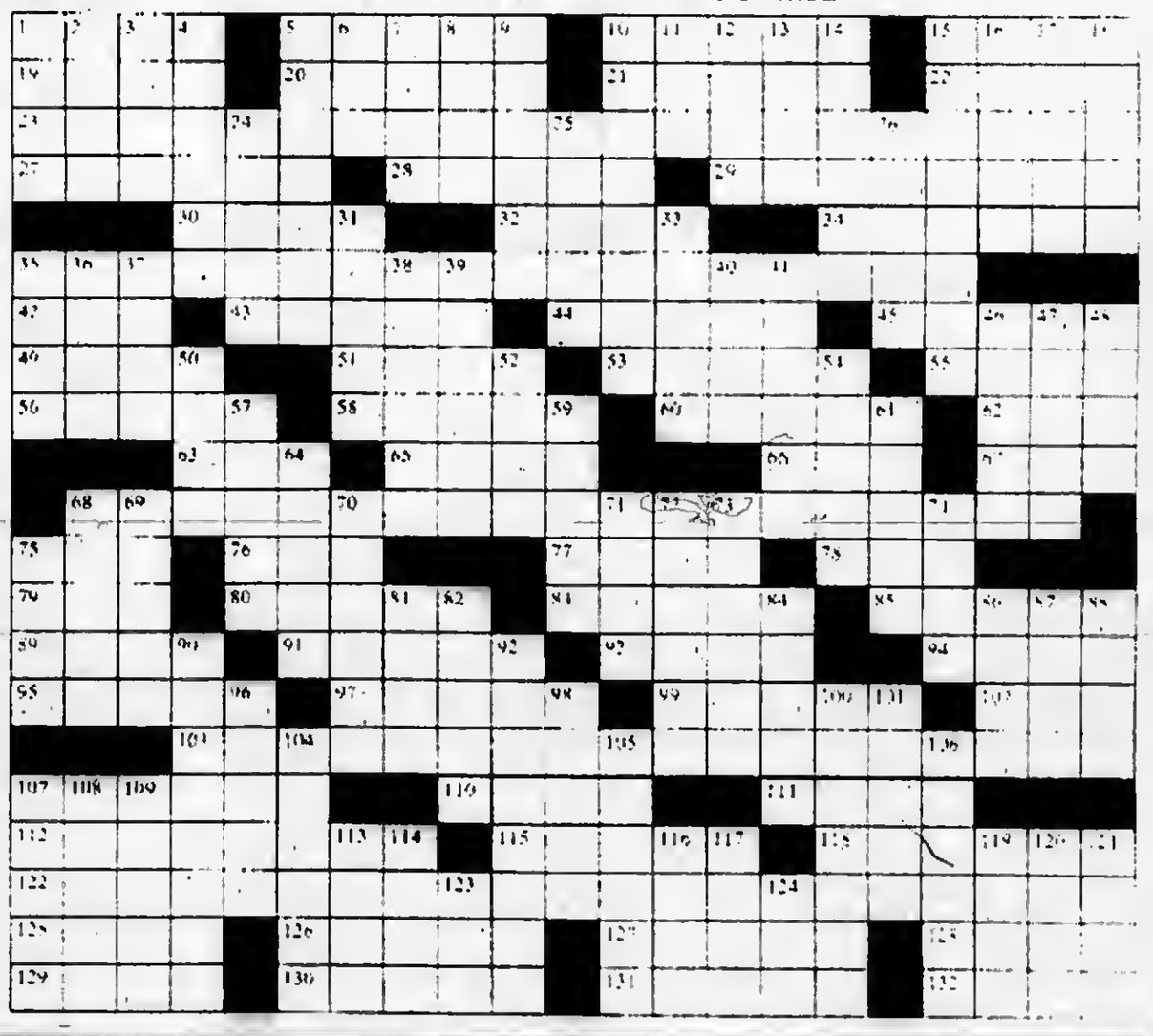

Look on page 30 for the solution to this weeks puzzle

Thoughts On Health & Nutrition

by
Lucinda K. Lysen, RD, RN, BSN

Ms. Lysen is currently on vacation. Her column will resume upon her return.

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AMD Awareness Month

Many people have Age-Related Macular Degeneration (AMD), an eye disease that harms the vision in the center of a person's sight. AMD the leading cause of vision loss in people 65 years or older in the United States, affects more than 10 million Americans according to the National Eye Institute.

"There is no cure for AMD, but early detection and treatment may lessen severe vision loss and slow the progression of the disease," said William Tasman, MD, chair of EyeCare America's AMD EyeCare Program.

In honor of "AMD Awareness Month," taking place in March, EyeCare America is launching the AMD EyeCare Program. This year-round program promotes annual eye exams for people 65 and older, raises awareness of AMD, provides the latest information about treatment options and low vision services, offers free AMD educational materials.

What is AMD? AMD, also known as macular (MAK-yoo-lar) degeneration, means something is wrong with the central area of the retina known as the macula. The retina is made up of layers of nerve cells that sense light and allow you to see.

Someone with macular degeneration might be able to see a clock, but not read the numbers, or when talking to you, not recognize your features. However, AMD usually does not damage the side vision, which is what one uses to get around without bumping into furniture or other objects.

What causes AMD? Most people who get macular degeneration are over age 50. Usually they lose their central vision slowly over many years. In 10 to 15 % of affected patients, vision loss is sudden if abnormal blood vessels leak fluid or blood under the retina.

The AMD program is specifically designed to: Promote eye exams for people who have not yet been diagnosed but are at risk for AMD (Family history, age 65+, smoking, obesity); Increase awareness among those at risk for AMD about the disease and the importance of annual eye exams; Educate those diagnosed with AMD about available AMD treatment options; Inform those diagnosed with AMD about low vision resources and support services that can improve or maintain quality of life.

People can call the toll-free helpline at 1-866-324-EYES (3937) anytime, for themselves and/or family members and friends, to request free AMD educational materials or to see if they qualify for a free eye exam care from one of EyeCare America's 7,300 volunteer ophthalmologists nationwide.

EyeCare America offers multiple eye care programs for which individuals may qualify. Interested callers will automatically be screened to determine the program that provides the most appropriate eye care services. Callers who have not seen an ophthalmologist in three or more years may be eligible to receive a comprehensive medical eye exam and, in most cases, up to one year of care at no out-of-pocket cost for any disease diagnosed during the initial exam.

Eyeglasses, medicines, hospital services and fees of other medical professionals are not included.

Callers who have not had an eye exam in the past 12 months and who are also at increased risk for glaucoma, may be eligible to receive a glaucoma eye exam through our Glaucoma EyeCare Program. Those without insurance receive the exam at no charge.

African-Americans Still Face Asthma Risks

When the FDA approves medication, you assume that means the research behind it has actually proven that the drugs are safe and effective for all prescribed users, according to the Asthma and Allergy Center of Chicago in River Forest. If you're an African-American with asthma, you may want to think twice. Even though African-Americans have the highest prevalence of asthma of any racial group, and are two-to-three times more likely to die from asthma, estimates are that African-Americans have comprised considerably less than 20 percent of all participants in clinical trials submitted to the FDA for asthma medication approval.

"What we know about asthma medication reflects the risks and benefits among the patients who actually participated in the medication clinical trials," states Edward Lisberg, MD, director of the Asthma and Allergy Center. The FDA encourages but does not require pharmaceutical companies to perform studies on specific racial or ethnic groups prior to FDA approval. "In this country," remarks Dr. Lisberg, "that means what we know about asthma drugs is primarily about their risk and benefit for caucasians." Apparently, for those asthmatics at greatest risk, African-Americans, doctors apparently lack valuable information about the safety and benefit of asthma medications.

This issue has become increasingly important as more data point to the fact that race and genetics play a large role not only in who may develop asthma but also in how minorities with asthma may respond differently to asthma medications. Experiments examining white blood cell responses in African-Americans, with and without asthma, demonstrate that African-Americans' white blood cells fail to respond as well as caucasians to the main preventive class of asthma therapy, corticosteroids. According to Ronina A. Covar, MD, National Jewish Medical and Research Center, Denver, CO, this demonstrates that African-Americans have a genetic "predisposition" to be less responsive to this important class of preventive asthma medications.

Not only may African-Americans be less responsive to currently recommended asthma medications but other research indicates that certain asthma medications may actually increase the risk of dying from asthma.

CPR Training Day

Learn how to save a life through the American Red Cross of Greater Chicago's CPR Training Day program. It costs only a few hours of your time and just $5 to participate.

The Greater Chicago Red Cross aims to train thousands in this lifesaving skill through its CPR Training Day program. Participants will learn how to confidently carry out life-saving techniques in cardiac and breathing emergencies.

CPR Training Day will be held on Saturday March 10th at Navy Pier, Festival Hall B, 600 E. Grand Ave., Chicago. Two sessions are offered. The morning session is from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and the afternoon session is from 1 to 5 p.m. Only one session is required to get registered in CPR. To register visit www.chicagoredcross.org or call 1-800-337-2338. Pre-registration is required.

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Medicaid Improvements

Illinois State Medical Society (ISMS)-backed legislation just introduced in the Illinois General Assembly will better ensure Medicaid patients' access to medical care resources in Illinois. If enacted, SB 530 and its companion bill, HB 1328, would streamline reimbursement payments, within 30 days, to medical providers, as well as update Medicaid's woefully low fee schedules to at least equal Medicare rates. Many Medicaid reimbursements, especially those for specialty-specific physician care, have lagged behind inflation and ever farther behind physician practice cost increases for a decade or more.

The ISMS would like to thank the bills' sponsors for introducing this urgently needed and long-overdue measure. They are Sen. Kwame Raoul (D-Chicago), Rep. Esther Golar (D-Chicago) and Rep. Lisa Dugan (D-Kankakee).

"Doctors want to care for Medicaid patients," said Peter E. Eupierre, M.D., ISMS President, "but the financial shortfalls are making it more and more difficult to do so." He cited an almost 35 percent increase in practice costs for doctors from 1993 to 2006, far exceeding any Medicaid payment increases over the same time period. "To care for patients, doctors first have to keep open the doors to their practices, pay the staff, rent and utility bills," he said. "Medicaid's low reimbursement makes it nearly impossible to do so."

The bottom line: fewer doctors accepting Medicaid, and patients having difficulty finding care.

The state did increase Medicaid rates for certain pediatric preventive care services last year after a lawsuit was filed by patient advocacy groups claiming low reimbursement rates prevented access to care. However, the increased payment rates still only average about 88 percent of equivalent Medicare payments. According to statistics from the Kaiser Family Foundation, Illinois ranks 42nd among the states in terms of equivalency of Medicaid fee for service rates to Medicare rates. In 2006, the Illinois Adequate Health Care Task Force, which was charged by the state legislature to develop a plan giving all Illinois residents access to quality and affordable health care, recommended increasing Medicaid physician payments by at least 78 percent.

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Newlyweds Really Can Say "I Do" To Home Buying

Experts say one of the best investments a newly married couple can make is buying a home.

For couples planning to marry, making the purchase of a new home part of the long-term wedding plan can be an excellent way to get used to talking openly about money. Since you are already talking about wedding expenses, you can make a smooth transition into discussing your permanent finances.

"This is a great opportunity to speak candidly regarding finances, and deciding if, in preparation to buy a home, paying down debt and improving credit scores are a factor to consider," said Ennio A. Garc'a-Miera, Vice President, GMAC Mortgage. "Start focusing on the first investment goal of owning a home by discussing your financial priorities with each other and seek the help of an experienced loan officer who can get you on the right track toward home buying."

Here are some other tips to help make home buying easier:

- Draft a budget of where you'd like to be in a year, five years or 10 years. It's not even too early to start thinking about retirement. Review your plan regularly, possibly with a financial planner, and update it as necessary.
- Commit to a realistic budget you both can afford and live by. You'll want to save enough for your closing costs, which vary depending on the financing you'll receive. Also consider saving for unexpected home repairs and maintenance. Lenders generally like to see about three to six months' of living expenses in reserve to cover unexpected expenses.
- Determine your monthly expenses and outline how to consistently save. Saving takes perseverance and discipline, especially when you are doing it together. Those who save the most are generally willing to give up minor pleasures and control spending. Start a "cappuccino fund." If you and your spouse each spend $3 a day on cappuccinos and you divert that money to savings, you could easily and painlessly save $2,190 in a year.

The most important factor on which a mortgage lender bases the terms of a mortgage is your credit score. A credit score of at least 700 is an indication of good credit and will allow you to secure a competitive interest rate.

If you need to improve your credit score, consider the following steps:

- If you have little or no credit, look for ways to improve your score, such as opening a secured credit card with your bank.
- If you have "too much" credit, work on eliminating your credit card debt. Newlyweds can't afford to fall deeper into debt than they already are.
- If you know of errors or past due accounts that have already been paid, contact the three major agencies to correct this on your report. It may be a time-consuming task, but in the end you'll be happy you took care of this before meeting with a mortgage lender.

For additional tips regarding credit and the home-buying process, you can log on to www.gmacmortgage.com. The online resource center offers a detailed section regarding your credit, a mortgage calculator and an A-Z buying guide. For Latino newlyweds, bilingual GMAC Mortgage loan officers are available by calling (888) 330-4622.

Reputable mortgage institutions can help you understand the different products and loan options available to newlyweds purchasing their first home together. A mortgage lender can provide you with the most important step of the home-buying process, a preapproval letter. This gives you an idea of the value of the home you can afford to buy.

Once you have the preapproval letter, you'll know the price range of homes you can consider, whether it's a three-bedroom home in the suburbs or a trendy loft in the city. Remember, you'll no longer be renting but making a monthly investment in owning your own home.

Taking the necessary steps to assess your situation and prepare for the home-buying process will help you achieve your goals as a couple. With your spouse, you can make home buying a priority and be in your new home even sooner than you think.

Finding A Wedding Gift That Newlyweds Will Really Use

Buying wedding gifts is no longer a seasonal endeavor -ceremonies take place in December, September and April, as well as June. In fact, October is almost as popular as June, with May following close behind. December is now the most popular month for engagements, with September and August tied for second place.

But whatever month couples choose to tie the knot or announce impending nuptials, one thing remains constant: Ninety-five percent of brides who register list their first gift preference as cookware and bakeware, according to a recent Cond? Nast Bridal Group survey. Cookware/bakeware tops a list of popular registry items such as appliances, stemware, casual dinnerware, flatware and fine china.

For example, a top-selling bridal registry item that never seems to go out of style is CorningWare® French White® stoneware. The enduring fluted stoneware collection is popular in every shape, from ramekins to casserole dishes and mixing bowls.

Sixty-five percent of newlyweds expect to prepare meals at home and have friends over, entertaining as often as twice a week. The beautiful bakeware and serveware collection can be a bride's (or groom's) best friend when it comes to one-dish baking and serving. The collection recently added a three-bowl set that can cover a variety of mixing, cooking and serving needs.

Classic bakeware is not only a practical gift, but one newlyweds can use to prepare many shared romantic meals.

Here's a dish for two that's perfect for a romantic dinner but can also be multiplied for a formal dinner with guests:

Lovers Duckling In Orange Sauce
Serves 2

1 3-to-4-pound duckling, trimmed of fat, rinsed and patted dry
3 tablespoons butter
3 tablespoons flour
1 1/2 cups bouillon
1 1/2 teaspoon thyme
1 sprig parsley
Salt and fresh black pepper to taste
1/2cup orange juice concentrate
3 tablespoons orange zest
1 tablespoon lemon juice
2 tablespoons triple sec (orange liqueur)

Orange sauce: In a heavy saucepan, melt butter. Add flour and blend well over medium heat. Lower heat and let simmer for 3 minutes.

Heat bouillon in separate saucepan and stir into the flour mix. Stir until sauce thickens. Add herbs, lower heat and let simmer for 2 minutes. Stir in the orange juice concentrate, orange zest and lemon juice. Simmer 5 minutes and add the orange liqueur to complete the glaze.

Preheat oven to 325° F. Prick the skin of the duck all over and place breast side up in a CorningWare French White baking dish (9" x 13"). Brush duck with half of the glaze. Roast uncovered for 2 1/2 hours, basting occasionally.

When done, carve duckling, coat pieces with remaining glaze and serve promptly with white or wild rice.

For more information, visit www.corningware.com.

Butterfly Releases

Butterfly Releases offer the viewer the chance to see beauty in flight. The viewers have the opportunity to experience the beauty of one of nature's most symbolic and beautiful creations. The butterfly symbolizes new beginnings and rebirths. What better way to celebrate the beginning of a new life together than with the releasing of butterflies at your wedding.

There is an old Indian legend that tells the story of why the butterfly was created. It is often read at butterfly releases as the guests make a wish and release their butterflies. Butterfly Releases are both magical and momentous. Every release is unique and special just as every wedding, every anniversary, every birthday, and every moment of our life is unique and special. Each of us has been given a beautiful gift of life that we must take the opportunity to experience and enjoy.

Butterflies can be released from the shipping envelopes they arrive in, with every guest having their own butterfly or with only the wedding party having their own release envelope. You may also choose to have a mass release with all of the butterflies placed in one container. Either option is special depending on the effect you are trying to achieve.

Butterflies should only be released outside during daylight hours on a sunny or overcast (not rainy) day with a temperature above 60 degrees. The butterflies should be set free no later than two hours before sunset. This allows the butterflies time to eat and find a hiding place for the night. Releases should be held in areas protected from the wind or the butterflies will quickly disappear. A warm, sunny flower filled area or garden is best. No matter how you choose to release your butterflies, a butterfly release is a beautiful, unusual, and exciting way to celebrate your new life together.

Submitted by: Butterflies Abound www.butterfliesabound.com Wedding Butterflies and Butterfly Releases for Weddings, Anniversaries, and all of Life's Memorable Moments. Remember Your Moments and Watch Your Dreams Take Flight.

The Front Cover is a photo of Mr. and Mrs. James Zaring of Orland Park on their wedding day, November 10, 2005, at Frenchman's Reef, St. Thomas, V.I. Mr. Zaring is the President and CEO of Family Bank and Trust, Palos Hills. The bride, Mrs. Zaring, known to most as "Lucinda K. Lysen," is Assistant Publisher and Medical Editor of the 14 Messenger Newspapers. The Lysen family has owned and operated the Messenger newspaper chain for over 56 years.

Love is, above all, the gift of oneself.

The Cost Of Getting Married

Even if you don't have cold feet about marriage, odds are you're a little nervous about the cost of your wedding.

The average ceremony costs between $20,000 and $25,000-up about 70 percent from 15 years ago, with nearly half of all couples spending more than they originally planned.

And as Echo Boomers-the demanding children of Baby Boomers-get ready to walk down the aisle, that price tag is expected to keep growing. (A sure sign that they're savvy shoppers who want the best: Echo couples now spend a total of $4 billion annually on furniture, $3 billion on housewares and $400 million on tableware alone in preparation for their new lives together.)

So how could anyone drop $20,000 on a wedding, you wonder?

Well, little things do add up. As in: $1,000 and more for the bride's gown; $500 for the groom's rented tuxedo; $900 to $1,500 for music; $800 for flowers, $350 to $500 for invitations.

But prioritizing is key, and there's nothing more important than the three rings: the bride's engagement ring (signifying the promise) and his and her wedding bands (signifying commitment).

Men usually spend about two months salary on the engagement ring alone, with the general rule of thumb for the engagement ring being 80 percent going towards the diamond and 20 percent on the setting. That's a big investment, but-unlike most wedding expenses-the right ring tends to be one of the best long-term investments you can make. And if you opt for Platinum rings and bands-and about 81 percent of brides do prefer it, according to Condz Nast Bridal Group-you certainly know you're getting value from a precious metal that will hold a diamond securely forever, no matter which of a variety of styles you choose.

The best news for would-be buyers may be that even the upscale Cartier starts at a relatively affordable Platinum engagement ring for $4,200, while prices on the popular Web site BlueNile.com are as affordable as $1,000.

"Platinum rings range in style from the sleek and shiny to the textured and funky," says jewelry and style expert Michael O'Connor. "Designers such as Gumuchian boast nontraditional, diamond-intensive Platinum bands, while other designers-such as Jeff Cooper and Novell Design Studio-jazz up their Platinum designs by creating a multitextured appearance."

But whatever ring you choose and whatever you end up spending, take heart: There will always be one wedding that costs more. Indian steel magnate Lakshmi Mittal recently dropped about $60 million dollars on his daughter's wedding, making it the most expensive ever.

For more information, visit www.engagementguide.com.

Send Save The Date Cards?

You've probably heard about Save the Dates since they have become quite popular with brides, but you might not know exactly what purpose they serve.

People's lives are getting increasingly busier and more tightly scheduled so that's where Save the Date announcements come in handy. You want to make sure that your guests, especially family and close friends, keep the date of your wedding open when planning their schedules. To ensure this, you'll want to consider sending out Save the Date notices shortly after you have set your wedding date, especially if it's several months in the future or around a holiday.

Proper etiquette doesn't dictate that these advance notices have to be sent but in today's world it helps your guests in their planning so they can be sure to be with you sharing in the celebration of one of the most important days of your life. If you do decide to send them out, you are not required to send them to every one of your guests but you'll probably want to at least include close family members and friends.

Guests who will have to travel to be in attendance will find them especially helpful for giving them plenty of travel preparation time particularly if you are having a destination wedding.

It's easy to be creative when sending out your Save the Dates since there are so many different varieties and designs available.

Magnets have become a favorite selection and why not since your guests can easily stick them onto their refrigerator as their reminder. Some magnets have the option of including a photo and some actually show a calendar of your wedding date month with your date circled for easy reference.

Scratch Off Cards are a fun, unique way of announcing your wedding date. Your date will only be visible to guests after they have scratched off the appropriate area on the card similar to lottery tickets. They come in great playful designs sure to make your guests smile.

Announcement Cards can be as creative or as simple as you like. They come in varying designs, colors and themes from whimsical to more traditional. Some of them even come in creative shapes. All designs are printed with your wedding date and names and some even give the option of including the wedding location. Blank white mailing envelopes are usually included in the price no matter which design you choose. Be sure to list at the bottom of your Save the Date the added line, "invitation to follow", so guests won't assume that this is the actual wedding invitation. This is also why it's imperative that everyone who receives your Save the Date will also receive your wedding invitation.

Wedding invitations play an important role in planning your wedding, and in today's society, Save the Dates are becoming increasingly popular because of your guests' busy schedules. You want to do everything you can to make sure family and friends will be able to share in the joy of your wedding day.

Traditional Anniversary Presents

For those of you who just don't have a clue year to year as to what to get your spouse for your anniversary, you're in luck. There's a "proper" gift, that according to tradition, you should get your spouse on your anniversary.

Now this is just a general guide, it doesn't list exactly what gift to get, but it'll point you in the right direction.

First Year – Paper
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Fifth Year – Wood
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10th Year – Tin
12th Year – Linen
15th Year – Crystal
20th Year – China
25th Year – Silver
30th Year – Pearl
40th Year – Ruby
50th Year – Gold
75th Year – Diamond

Information provided by Ellye Howell Glovers's "Dame Curts y's" Book of Novel Entertainment's for Every Day of the Year 1907.

Tips On Creating A Wedding To Remember

Brides everywhere know that you don't need a fortune to look like a million dollars on your wedding day.

The same holds true for the service and the reception. Experts say that with a little ingenuity and attention to detail, it's possible to put together an exotic event to remember for under $15,000.

Here are some tips:

Using a wedding planner can be a wise investment. According to Jenny Bauman of Bliss Events in San Diego, a wedding planner often knows the vendors and venues and can actually help keep a wedding on budget and on schedule.

Do the invitations yourself. Since invitations provide the first impression for a wedding, think about making your own. Some brides gather their bridesmaids together to make the invitations. It can add the personal touch and eliminate or reduce professional printing costs.

Create a signature drink that goes with the theme of the wedding. When Jaelee Jones was planning her wedding, Bauman suggested that Jones create a signature cocktail to make the day more memorable.

Jones decided to make something with Kahlua, her favorite cocktail. The drink, aptly named the Kahlua Exotic Bliss, was a combination of Kahlua, Stoli vodka, Hiram Walker raspberry schnapps, half & half and grenadine. The rich and elegant drink was a perfect cocktail to toast the happy bride and groom.

Additionally, Bauman suggested that Jones go to the Web Site www.kahlua.com to order customized gift labels for small Kahlua bottles.

The bottles were used as place cards on each table at the reception, and then as a keepsake for the guests.

"This unique and personal memento was a big hit with all of our guests. No one at the reception had ever received anything like it," said Jones. "And the best part about it was that the gift labels were free!"

Location, location, location. Even though the event location can frequently be one of the most exorbitant costs of a wedding, there are ways to reduce it.

For example, look for a venue where catered food and liquor could be brought in. This can increase your menu options and make it easier to stay within your budget.

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- William Shakespeare, Sonnet CXVI -

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The Bridezilla Syndrome

In a fast-paced world of wedding planning, stress levels are high, and immune systems are low. Over the course of the past 20 years, brides have transmitted what has become a bridal epidemic of our time.

The number of victims has steadily increased; and to date, there is no cure. It's been called by various clinical names: Multiple Personality Disorder, Schizophrenia, Temporary Insanity. However, in the world of matrimony, for anyone who's been exposed - fiancé, family, friends, and victims themselves -- this broadening illness has been commonly termed "Bridezilla Syndrome" or "BS."

A contagious condition, Bridezilla Syndrome has become more prominent and has plagued today's busy, wedding-planning women. In a preliminary study, the disease has spread at an alarming rate. Symptoms of victims of Bridezilla Syndrome -- better known as Bridezillas -- include reoccurring mood spells, bouts with selfishness, signs of controlling behavior, and feelings of meticulousness. Unfortunately fiancé, bridal party members, friends and family eventually fall victim to the actions and attitudes of a Bridezilla.

Research suggests that symptoms are recognized most often by the fiancé, and Maid of Honor, and are completely undetectable by the actual victim. In some cases; when a bridal party member, who having had too much to drink, confronted the Bridezilla, the result has most often been an emotional breakdown of the victim which intensified her condition. In a survey of 100 Maids of Honor, an alarming 85% said they avoided confrontations with the Bridezilla, for fear it would only exasperate the illness.

So, we must ask the underlying questions: Where is all this Bridezilla Syndrome coming from? How does one know when she's a Bridezilla?

Unfortunately the source has not been found, though it is believed it has existed since the dawn of the institution of marriage. A short-term condition (symptoms persist for about 1 to 2 years, depending on one's wedding date), Bridezillas seem to have been unfairly blamed for their actions, which some believe they have no control over, albeit their control over everything else. In fact, it's been clinically proven that a Bridezilla actually does have feelings -- feelings of selfishness, insecurity, anxiousness and stress!

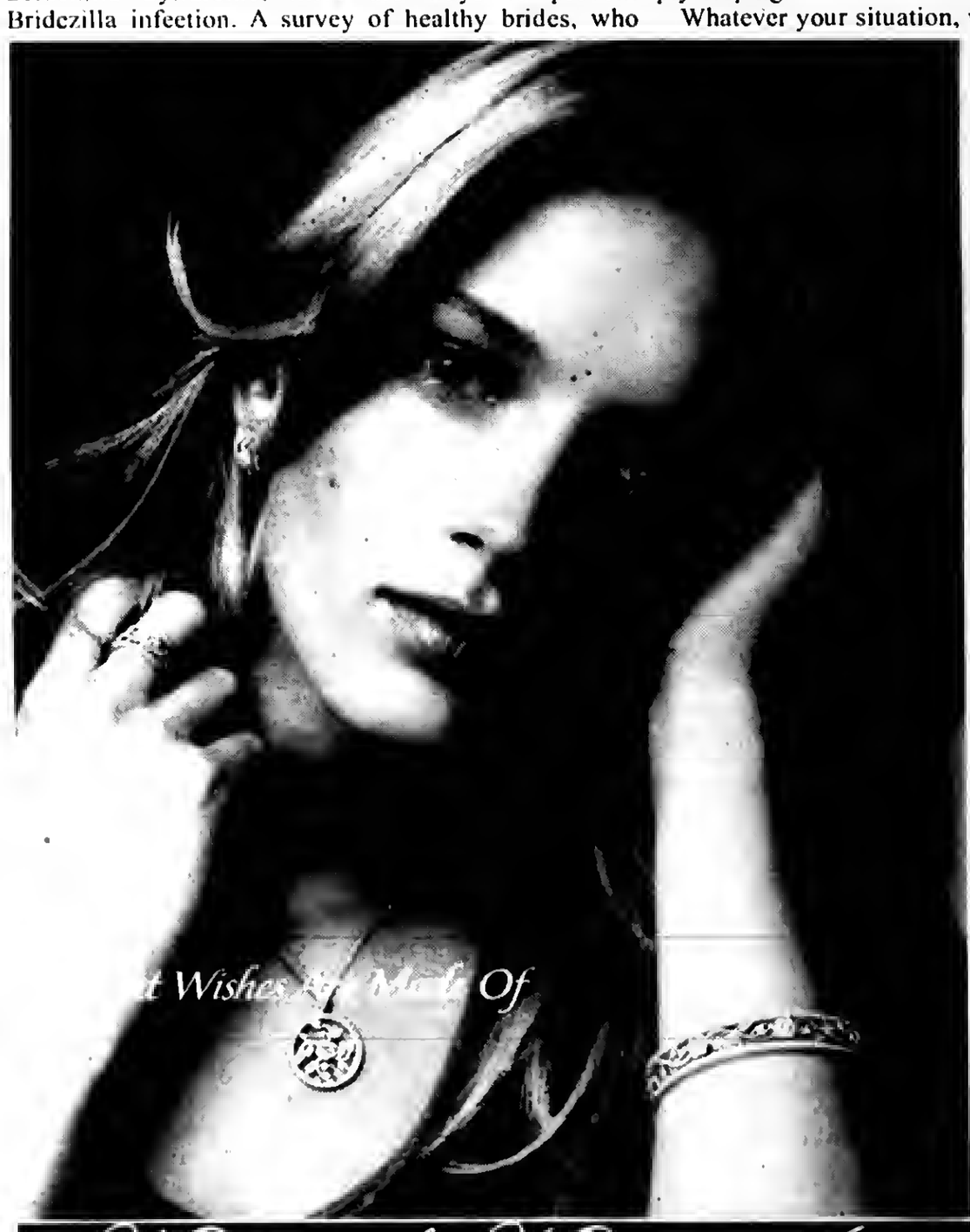
Even though it's been said there is no cure for the Bridezilla Syndrome, there are ways to prevent Bridezilla infection. A survey of healthy brides, who successfully planned their weddings without contracting the Bridezilla disease, was conducted. Results showed commonalities of the actions performed to avoid the disorder. Doctors, psychologists and wedding planners strongly suggest the following preventative therapy:

- Keep Thing in Perspective - remind yourself that the wedding is only *one* day in your life. When things get out of control, close your eyes and remember the reason why you are planning this wedding in the first place.
- Don't Assume Your Groom Doesn't Want to Help - ask him what he'd like to take responsibility for; *and then let him* . (note: some grooms may follow the cliché and decline this offer.)
- Know That You Can't Control Everything - realize this and accept it!
- Delegate. Delegate. Delegate - If you act like you can handle everything, people will let you. Spread the duties.
- Don't Sweat the Small Stuff - people won't remember whether or not your invitations had those cute little tissues enclosed.
- Treat The People You Cherish with Love - the wedding is one day; your family and friends are forever.
- Allow Others to Vent - give your fiancé, family, and bridesmaids, permission to tell you when you're going off the deep-end.
- Take the Heat - give yourself permission to hear them.
- Do Something for Yourself Every Day - the catch is that it must *not* involve the wedding.
- No Wedding Talk After 10 p.m.

Although preventative therapy is available, some brides inherently fall victim and still contract Bridezilla Syndrome. But there is hope! This is not a terminal illness. In fact, in most cases, the Bridezilla bride has been known to be miraculously cured once she has returned from her honeymoon. Doctors and psychologists theorize that the change in altitude from flying, coupled with excessive levels of the love hormone, Oxytocin counteracts the disease by boosting the immune system, thus eliminating symptoms of the Bridezilla Syndrome.

In cases of remission, the disease has been known to resurface when a person, under certain circumstances, may be planning her wedding *again*. According to research, those brides with a higher IQ score avoided the reoccurrence of Bridezilla Syndrome symptoms by simply eloping.

Whatever your situation, whether a Bridezilla, fiancé, friend, or family member of one, -- join in the fight! With love, hope and education, our brides of the future and their bridal parties will have a winning chance against the Bridezilla Syndrome!



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Proposal Tips

(NAPSI)-It has been estimated that 85 percent of women were disappointed with the way their husbands or fiancés proposed. Fortunately, if you're one of the 2.3 million men who are going to propose this year, it can be easier than you think to avoid disappointment.

Wedding planner Angie Bloom Hewitt of TLC's "For Better Or For Worse" offers some simple tips for a practically perfect proposal:

- Make A Plan-Keep in mind that she will be telling this story for the rest of her life and you want her to be proud of it. So think through all the details of when, where and how.
- Match Her Personality-Match her personality and her interests with the proposal, not yours. If she's shy and private, don't propose in public.
- Just because you are a sports fan doesn't mean she wants a proposal at the big game. If she loves board games, use Scrabble letters to spell out "Will you marry me?" If she loves scuba diving, write "Will you marry me?" on your diver's slate and propose underwater. If she loves mysteries, send her on a treasure hunt with you on your knees as the end. In general, remember the proposal is about showing her you understand her, care for her and want to be committed to her forever.
- Pick The Right Ring-Just as she will be telling the story of how you proposed, she'll be showing and wearing her engagement ring forever. For a lot of men, picking out the perfect ring causes a lot of anxiety, but honestly, it is easy if you enlist the right help. The professionals at Kay Jewelers have an independently certified diamontologist in each store who is trained to know everything about diamonds and can help you select something you know she'll love. A good suggestion is The Leo Diamond, the first diamond to be independently measured and certified for its superior brilliance. You can hold up a Leo Diamond next to a conventional diamond and see the difference immediately. Visit your Kay Jewelers store or www.kay.com for more details.
- • Don't Hide The Ring In Food-While you may be tempted to hide the engagement ring in food, there are three good reasons not to do so. First, it is passé-done and overdone. Second, it poses hazards, from choking to teeth cracking. Finally, you've just picked out a beautiful, sparkling ring. You want to dazzle her when she first sees it.
- Videotape the Proposal-If possible, capture the proposal on videotape. She will likely be so emotional that many of the event's details will slip by her. Videotaping is a great way to save the memories for posterity. And, a videotaped proposal can be easily incorporated into the wedding reception, rehearsal dinner events or even your wedding video.

Grooms Cake Making A Comeback

Having its roots in Southern tradition, the groom's cake has been around for quite some time and is making a fashionable comeback on the wedding scene Traditionally, a groom's cake was sliced and boxed for the unmarried girls attending the wedding to take home and place under their pillows in hopes that the man they dreamed of would be their future husband.

It's a personal choice when to serve the cake - either at the rehearsal dinner, as an alternate dessert with the wedding cake, or as a late night dessert for the wedding party. Just because primarily groom cakes tend to be a fruit cake or a chocolate cake shouldn't dictate what the bride and groom should have. Obviously being named "Groom's Cake" it should be a flavor and theme that the groom enjoys. The following are some examples of how that was achieved:

The cake can either be ordered by the bride as a surprise for her groom, the groom can order it himself, or the bridal couple. Most importantly if the cake is to be displayed, near the wedding cake, its design and presence should not compete with the wedding cake. The wedding cake should always have top priority in design and place of honor.

If the cake is to be pre-boxed and not served at the reception but to be taken by the guests as favors, then the following two sites offer some alternative possibilities. One is presented at http://www.marthastewart.com/weddings/flowers/ wfl08_000_0005.asp?category=cakes where the slices are individually boxed and then placed to simulate a tiered cake on a cake stand. This stylish design from Martha Stewart.com makes a wonderful display. Another idea is from Gail Watson, http://www.gailwatsoncake.com/groomscakes.html, a premier New York cake designer, she offers the idea of individual petite four cakes in place of a full size cake. These petite fours can then be boxed for the guests.

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"Wedding Superstition" From Brides Around The Nation

Did you know that it is good luck to get married when the second hand of the clock is going upward? Did you know that it is bad luck to see the bride in all her glory before she walks down the aisle? The following is a list of "wedding superstitions" compiled from brides around the nation.

Hang Gift Bows over Door
The couple should hang all of the gift bows in a bunch over the front door for a year. It brings good luck.

Rain and Tears
If it rains on your wedding day, you'll shed many tears during your married life.

Tears of Pearls
The bride should wear pearls on her wedding day to ensure she would not cry.

Over the Threshold
When a newly married couple enters their home, the groom should carry the bride over the threshold because if the bride should stumble entering the home, it is a bad omen.

Tying Tin Cans
Tying tin cans to the back of the newlyweds' car is good luck because the noise will frighten away evil spirits.

Rose Petals
Do you know why flower girls drop flower petals as they walk down the aisle? So the new couple will have lots of chances to have babies!

Top layer of your Wedding Cake
In the United Kingdom it is traditional to save the top layer of your wedding cake for the christening of your first child.

Smashing Glasses
When you and your husband toast your new life together you must smash the glasses that you toast with. This way the glasses are never used for a better purpose.

Lucky Day to Marry
The Victorians believed it was lucky to marry on a day during the week the groom was born. But the luckiest day to marry was on the groom's actual birthday.

The White Wedding Gown
White dresses have nothing to do with virginity. In ancient times cloth was very expensive to bleach and more than one bleaching was required. The whiter the cloth, the more affluent the bride's family. Some symbols of virginity/purity are the bride's hair worn down at the ceremony, orange blossoms, or a wreath of flowers worn on the head.

Throwing Rice
It was said throwing rice at the new couple was to "feed" the evil spirits and distract them, thus keeping the new marriage safe.

Top Layer of the Wedding Cake
The top layer of the wedding cake should be saved for the couple's first anniversary. It should be wrapped in plastic wrap, then paper towels, then freezer paper, then taped with freezer tape and frozen to ensure that it will not ruin. You can put the cake in the freezer for an hour or so to set the icing before wrapping if you want. In the first anniversary, remove the cake from the freezer, let thaw, and enjoy the memories of your wedding day.

"Bow"-quet
Make sure you hold on to the bows and ribbons that you untie at your bridal/wedding shower. Thread the ribbons through a paper plate (any color) and decorate the plate with all the bows to make "flowers." On the day or night of your rehearsal, utilize your "bow"-quet in place of your real floral bouquet for good luck.

Tears of Pearls
A superstition from Mexico has it that the bride cannot wear pearls on her wedding day for the pearls are the tears she will cry in her marriage.

No Knives, Please
In the Jewish tradition it's bad luck to receive knives as a wedding gift. In case someone should give knives, the bride should transform the exchange into a financial transaction by giving a penny or nominal sum for the knives.

Stand-in Bride
The bride is never supposed to practice walking down the aisle during her rehearsal or it will bring bad luck. The most popular alternative is to ask a close friend not in the wedding party to be your "Stand-in Bride."

Tears of Happiness
If a bride cries on her wedding day, those shall be the last tears she ever sheds over her marriage.

Penny Loafer
Put a penny in your shoe for wealth in your marriage.

I'm on the left and you're on the right
The bride is on the left side of the groom in Christian marriages so that the groom could have easy access to his sword to defend his bride from rival suitors.

Virgin Mary Figurine in the Window
If you want a sunny wedding day, it was a good idea to place a figurine of the Virgin Mary in your window the week before the date. This was to help guarantee that the day would be sunny and wonderful in many ways.

A Special Kiss
It's good luck for the bride to be kissed by a chimney sweep on her wedding day.

The Veil
The veil is to disguise the bride from evil spirits.

The Bridesmaid's Dress
Dressing the bridesmaids is to fool the evil spirits – so they won't know who is the bride and who is not.

Throwing Rice
Throwing rice is supposed to be a way of wishing fertility and prosperity to the bride and groom.

The Second-Hand of the Clock
Rumor has it that couples should marry when the second-hand of the clock is going up instead of going down. For example, 2:30 p.m. or 10:45 a.m.

Full Moon
Superstition has it that if there is a full moon 1-2 days before the wedding, then your married life will be filled with luck and good fortune.

Estate And Antique Jewelry

Tired of looking at the same engagement rings and wedding bands everyone has? Do you want something original? Well, then, estate jewelry might be for you.

Estate jewelry is defined in two ways, according to William Noble, owner of William Noble Diamonds in Dallas, TX. It's any pre-owned jewelry bought one year ago to 200 years ago or it is any antique or period jewelry such as art deco, Victorian or Edwardian period. Don't get confused, though. There is a difference between antique jewelry and estate jewelry according to Ruth Fortunoff, VP of Fortunoff. "Antique jewelry is 100 years old or older. Estate jewelry is anything in-between and usually previously owned."

So why is someone else's cast-off better than a brand new engagement or wedding ring? Well, when you buy an estate piece you're buying a little bit of history. "For those who adore nostalgia and a link back to a bygone era, an antique diamond engagement ring could be the right choice," said Richard A. Winick, a partner at New York's Manny Winick & Son, Inc. Estate jewelry is also known for its top-notch workmanship and a one-of-a-kind look. Sometimes older pieces are even more valuable than newer ones.

Like any jewelry, it is important to examine your estate ring carefully. Ask the history of the piece:

- Has it been altered or changed since the original construction?
- Are any of the stones treated?
- What period or part of the world is it from?
- Any famous ownership?

Ken Gold, owner of Stardust Antiques in New York, suggests checking all the settings since resizing a ring, as well as daily wear, can often make stones loose. Remember, since this ring is previously owned, it may appear worn - this is frequently a sign of authenticity. Also according to Gold, older stones (prior to the 1920s) were cut flat. So make sure the culet (the stone's bottom) isn't pointed (aka a brilliant cut). If it is, the stone, if not the ring, is fairly modern.

Most importantly, you should love the ring. Don't buy it solely for its value - how many of us end up selling our engagement or wedding rings anyway? As Winick says, "Remember this is an investment not only of the pocketbook, but of the heart as well."

Although you can find estate sales through posted auctions, you might want to consider purchasing your ring from a reputable wholesale, retail or antique jewelry store where you can benefit from the advice of an experienced jeweler. After all, "estate sale bargains can be no bargain at all if the jewelry turns out to be something other than as described or represented," says Winick.

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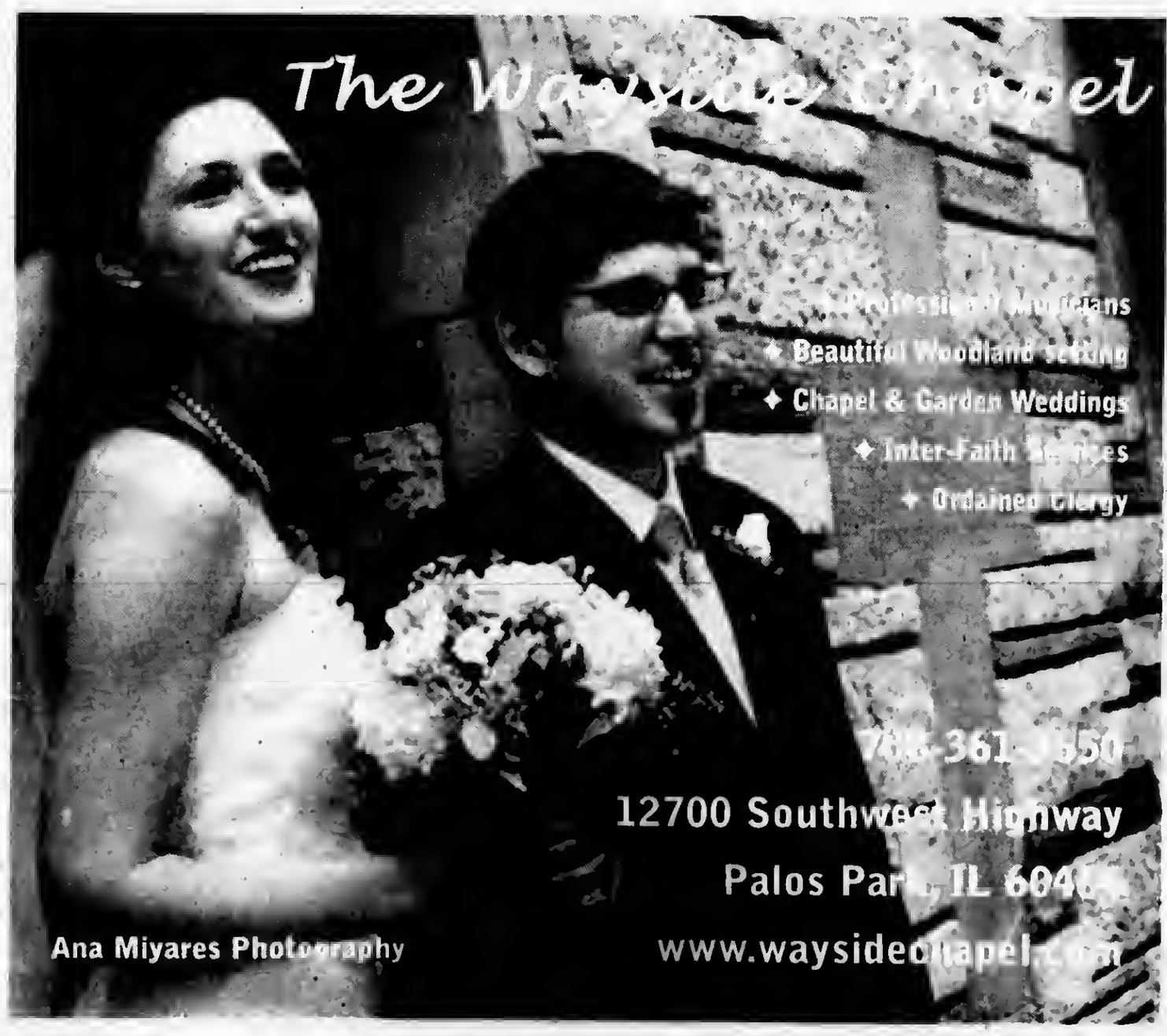

Robert E. Hynes Dies

Robert E. Hynes, brother of former Cook County Assessor and State Senator Thomas Hynes, died of a heart attack on Friday, Feb. 16th at his Palos Heights home. Mr. Hynes was a partner in the Loop law firm of O'Keefe Lyons and Hynes and was a tax lawyer for 40 years.

He served as close advisor to his brother Thomas Hynes and was the uncle of Illinois Comptroller Daniel Hynes. Mr. Hynes was born in Chicago on April 5, 1944 and was one of five boys in his family. His parents immigrated to the United States from Ireland in the 1920's. The family was raised in the Brainerd Community of Chicago's South Side. He attended St. Killian Elementary School and Leo High School. He attended Loyola University and obtained his bachelor's degree in 1965 after which he attended law school at night.

At this time he married Legoria, his wife of 42 years. Legoria had been his childhood sweetheart and she lived across the street from him. He received his law degree from Loyola University in 1969 and admitted to practice law in Illinois in 1969. He was an agent with the Internal Revenue Service, then became an assistant general counsel at the Illinois Department of Revenue. He was also general counsel for the Cook County Assessor.

He eventually went into private practice. He became a partner with O'Keefe Lyons and Hynes three years ago.

He lived in the Beverly neighborhood where he lived for 25 years before moving to Palos Heights.

According to family members, Mr. Hynes was involved with many charities and organizations; he also funded scholarships at Mount Carmel High School and at Loyola Law School.

Mr. Hynes is survived by his wife Legoria; his children Kevin, Brian (Roberta) and Michael (Isabel) Hynes; six grandchildren; his brother Tom (Judy), Tim CFD (Sharon) and Jack (Sara).

Mass was said at St. Cajetan Church, Chicago, on Wednesday, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

Aglow International

The Oak Lawn Chapter of Aglow International will meet on Thursday, March 8th at Mama Luigi's Restaurant, 7500 S. Harlem in Bridgeview.

The featured speaker for March will be Adeline Kramer. She has been a member of the Oak Lawn Community Church for over 40 years. She is an ordained Elder, Prayer Ministry Chairman, TEAM Calling Ministry Director, Lay Coordinator, and was a member of the choir for many years. She will speak about PADS and give information and statistics about our community and the plight of the homeless. She has spoken at our lighthouse chapter in the past, about her experiences as a hospice worker.

Dinner tickers are $13 and are available at 6:30 p.m. at the door. Dinner is served promptly at 7 p.m. Reservations are required by March 5th. For additional information and reservations, call June at (708) 424-1656.

Aglow international is an inter-denominational organization of renewed Christian women with over 2,600 fellowships, which regularly hold meetings, retreats, and conferences on six continents.

Aglow holds bible studies and publishes leadership training materials, books and tracts, reaching out to women in prisons and hospitals, teenage girls with intercessory prayer groups and support groups. Aglow's mission is to lead women to Jesus Christ and provide an opportunity for Christian women to grow in their faith and minister to others.

Unveil Sign For Local Ronald McDonald House

Ronald McDonald House Charities® of Chicagoland & Northwest Indiana (RMHC- CNI) announced the sign unveiling for the fourth Ronald McDonald House in the Chicagoland and Northwest Indiana chapter.

RMHC- CNI unveiled the sign at the site of the future House on the northeast corner of 93rd and Kostner in Oak Lawn. The sign was placed on the lot of the new house until construction is complete.

"Unveiling the sign for the fourth House is taking us one step closer to opening the doors for awaiting families in need," said Doug Porter, CEO RMHC-CNI. "it is truly a privilege to add another House to our chapter."

The new Ronald McDonald House will be a home-away-from-home for the families of young patients that are hospitalized at Advocate Hope Children's Hospital.

The house will be 22,000 square feet, with 16-bedrooms. The Oak Lawn location is ideal for patients traveling long distances from southern Illinois and surrounding states. It will facilitate families of critically-ill children in the Advocate Hope Children's Hospital with a restful place to sleep and shared living space that allows families to cook, relax, and meet other families in their same circumstances.

RMHC-CNI chose the architectural team of Constantine Vasilios, LLC and ArchitectureIsFun as the architects for this project. Leopardo Construction has been chosen as the general contractor.

"We are enthused for completing the beginning stages of the new House," said Mary Agnes Laguatan, Director of Programs and Services for RMHC-CNI. "Not only will the new House benefit families, it will enrich the Oak Lawn community at large."

The groundbreaking for the new house is scheduled for late this spring with an opening day planned for mid-2008.

Pictured: Dr. James Briscoe, Superintendent of School District 229; Doug Potter (CEO, RMHC-CHI); Travis Toumey, Board of Education SD 229; Paul Clark, Dr. Rabi Sulayman, Mike Haught, Marge Joy; Dr. Pipit Chlemmongkoltip (Advocate Hope Children's Hospital Cardiologist); and Rick Hendricks, Business Manager SD 229.

Women's History Month Celebration

Moraine Valley Com-munity College will celebrate Women's History Month 1960s style to coincide with the college's yearlong 40th anniversary celebration, which begins March 1st. Free events, including a Moraine Valley Woodstock and a health day featuring a video and a talk by a doctor, are scheduled throughout March that will highlight the feminist movement while also focusing on topics important to women today. All events are open to the public and will be held in the Marge and Bob Bobb Student Life Center, Building C, on campus, 9000 W. College Parkway, unless otherwise noted.

Dig out those tie-dyed shirts and bell-bottom jeans and come to the Women's History Month kickoff event, a Moraine Valley Woodstock, on Tuesday, March 6th from noon to 2 p.m. Members of the award-winning Moraine Valley Speech Team will perform speeches delivered by famous women of the feminist movement, while a DJ spins music from the 1960s. Pizza and canned Coca-Cola, popular food from that decade, will be served.

Women's History Month Health Day will be Thursday, March 8th from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The day starts with an 11:30 showing of the PBS documentary "The Pill," which discusses the impact the birth control pill had on American society in the 1960s. At 1 p.m. the Moraine Valley Speech Team will present a short, duo interpretation called "Breasts," a comedy/tragedy play about breasts, breast cancer and mammograms. Dr. Shana Sewel, in conjunction with Moraine Valley's Peers Educating Peers Club, will follow the play at 1:15 with a presentation on "HPV, the Vaccine and Cervical Cancer Prevention."

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SHOP AND SAVE IN OAK LAWN

Senator Christine Radogno Is Named Spokesperson For Human Services Committee

State Senator Christine Radogno (R-Lemont) was recently named Republican spokesman for the Senate Human Services Committee, and will also join the Senate Executive and Public Health Committees in addition to her ongoing appointment to all three Senate Appropriations committees.

Radogno previously served on the Health and Human Services committee, and noted that she is eager to continue to work on issues that impact the public's access to health care as well as related issues, including welfare reform and senior health care coverage.

"Providing reliable, accessible health care coverage is one of the key responsibilities of state government, and I am glad I once again have the opportunity to serve the people of Illinois in this capacity," said Radogno. "The General Assembly will be considering a number of controversial and divisive health care issues in the coming months, and I look forward to working with my legislative colleagues to fashion responsible, sensible health care policies."

In addition to her duties on the Human Services and Public Health committees, Radogno will also serve for the first time on the Senate Executive Committee, which considers a wide-range of high-profile issues, including changes to the state's constitution and state government policies.

"I'm eager to begin working with the Executive Committee, which is often called to make decisions on Illinois' most pressing and contentious issues," Radogno explained. "While I have not been a member of the Executive Committee before, I am excited to learn more about different areas of state government, and have a hand in shaping a diverse range of public policy."

Additionally, Radogno will continue to serve on all three Senate Appropriations committees, which review the budgetary recommendations of the Governor. Often, lawmakers on Appropriations committees also attend hearings to receive detailed information for use in the committee's consideration of proposed state revenue allocation.

Named Illinois State Scholars At St. Rita

Illinois State Scholar is recognition given to the top 10% of the Senior Class of 2007 in Illinois. Recipients who receive this distinction do so based on class rank and the composite score on the ACT/SAT exams. The twenty-four Illinois State Scholars at St. Rita High School represent 13% of their senior class.

Pictured: Front row from left: Vice-President for Academic Affairs, Mrs. Sally Deenihan; James Lopez (Chicago-West Lawn); Eric Krull (Chicago-Scottsdale); Anthony Yerkes (Chicago-West Lawn); Steven Ocampo (Chicago-West Lawn); Christopher Malobabic (Chicago-Beverly); Mark Biszewski (Evergreen Park).

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Wedding Dress Styles To Match Your Romantic Mood

Dress Styles: A-Line/Princess - The A-line dress features a shape that is fitted around the bodice and flows out to the ground, resembling the outline of an uppercase A. The dress flows fluidly from the bust to the hem with an unbroken line. Due to its classic and simple style, the A-line dress is appropriate for any occasion, from a quiet backyard gathering, to a traditional church ceremony.

The princess cut is the most dramatic variation of the A-line dress. This style emphasizes the clean lines of the A-line by utilizing vertical panels that run from the neckline to the hem. The princess style provides elongating lines that create a slimming effect since your eye focuses on the length created by these long, smooth seems.

Dress Styles: Column - The column dress has a narrow shape that flows straight down from the neckline to the hem. This dress, also referred to as a sheath, tends to hug the body and show any and all of your curves The column is appropriate for all types of weddings, especially causal occasions on the beach, or Intimate evening events at a banquet hall.

The column silhouette works well with many different skirt lengths. The classic look barely grazes the floor, but you can mix it up with a knee length skirt for a casual afternoon wedding, or add a bustle and train for winter church wedding. Because of the simplicity of this style, the length of your dress can add character and formality to your gown.

Mermaid - The mermaid silhouette contours to the body from the chest to the knee, then flares out to the hem. This is a very sexy look that highlights the curves of a woman's body. For this reason, you must be confident and comfortable in your skin to pull off this dramatic style.

The mermaid cut is not for everyone. This daring design is best worn by slender figures, both short and tall. Since the mermaid dress is made to hug the body and show every curve, it is not well suited for those brides with full figures. However, if you are on the voluptuous side and want to accentuate your curves, this is the perfect dress for you. The most important thing to keep in mind when considering a Mermald style dress is whether or not you will feel comfortable wearing it on your big day.

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Modern Times Brings New Twist To Old Traditions

Ever get the feeling that planning a wedding means answering to some unseen wedding gods, who long ago decided everything that is "supposed to" be done on the big day? As you sort through the stack of supposed-to's, you might find yourself wondering: who decided all this stuff anyway?

Vicky Plaut, a fall 2000 bride from Atlanta, GA, agreed that the pressure to keep up with tradition was a real part of wedding planning. "Pressure came from all over - first and foremost from the wedding industry, second from parents, even though they tried very hard to not impose their preferences."

Despite this type of pressure, today many traditions are being yanked to reflect modern sensibilities. For example, the custom of the bride wearing a veil over her face is an ancient one of uncertain origin - perhaps to conceal the bride from jealous old boyfriends, to keep her hidden from a groom she had never met, or to confuse evil spirits. Needless to say, many traditions are throwbacks to long-ago times when lifestyles were much different than they are today.

Today's brides typically wear the veil away from the face, and some are skipping the veil entirely, choosing to wear a wreath of flowers or adorned hairpins instead. The manner of walking down the aisle is changing with the times as well. Some brides aren't fond of the symbolism of their father walking them in, feeling that the idea of being "given away" is ill-suited to an independent woman. Many brides now walk arm-in-arm with both parents - capturing the sentimental spirit of the father-only tradition while avoiding what some perceive as its negative aspects. There's also nothing that says the groom can't be by your side as the two of you walk in together, or that you can't be escorted by a friend or sibling, or simply make a solo entrance.

One of the more storied wedding traditions is that of tossing the bouquet and garter. To replace a tradition that to some suggests inappropriately that single men and women are anxiously awaiting marriage, you might instead present a single flower to each of the women in the crowd, or give small bouquets to guests who aren't otherwise recognized, like a special aunt.

Picking and choosing your personal combination of old and new is fun. Plaut and her new husband, Robert Bartlett, included some traditions in their ceremony while excluding others. "We did keep a lot of traditions because we thought they were fun and because we knew the guests would enjoy them too," Plaut said. On the other hand, Plaut said, "Some traditions we simply ignored because they didn't make sense to us."

Examples of new twists on old themes abound. Consider greeting your guests at the door rather than remaining unseen before the ceremony. Let the members of the wedding party select their own outfits rather than having each dress the same. Speak at the reception rather than letting the best man do all the talking, or ask others to give a toast as well - someone like a favorite old teacher or the best man from your parents' wedding. Dream up an alternative to a traditional wedding cake - select a new style rather than the traditional multi-tier variety, choose an edible decoration like fruit or candies rather than the customary flowers, or include an entirely different dessert altogether, perhaps one that reflects your cultural background.

Jill Kester and her fiancé Frank Silady, planning a July 2001 in Twin Lakes, CO, have kept traditions in mind while planning a non-traditional wedding. Kester says she appreciates the value of tradition, calling it a "common vocabulary" that can unite the couple with their guests. Still, she and Silady are planning an outdoor ceremony without an officiant, choosing instead to marry themselves. In another new-millennium twist, the couple is sending family and friends on their invitation list an e-mail with a link to their detailed wedding web page in lieu of printed invitations. Guests can RSVP on-line. The couple is also planning a "multi-day event," complete with an organized raft trip and a barbecue.

This is all not to say that old traditions aren't worthy of inclusion in weddings in the new millennium - if you've spent years looking forward to the bouquet toss or can't imagine not having your dad walk you down the aisle, then go for it! Consider the personalities involved. If you know your happy clan will find the garter toss an absolute riot, then you should definitely stick with it. Just know that you don't have to conform to traditions. The most important thing is that you create a day that feels just right for you.

Finding Rings To Suit Your Style

(NAPSA)-Most wedding dresses don't take 98 yards of white satin to make or cost $100,000. Then again, most weddings don't involve 500 guests, celebrity chefs and fireworks-as did Donald Trump's lavish nuptials to Melania Knauss.

"...That's why the Donald's a trump," Billy Joel jokingly sang at the ceremony.

But not everyone will have as lavish a wedding as The Donald and Melania. What's important is that the wedding fits the couple's personality. Jewelry and style expert Michael O'Connor offers these ideas on various styles of weddings:

- Romantic-Imagine being on a cliff overlooking the sea at sunset. Sound like a wedding to remember? Then chances are you're a romantic. Romantic couples often opt for an outdoor wedding with breathtaking scenery. O'Connor says brides usually like engagement rings with micropave bands, similar to Christina Aguilera's. For wedding bands, the preference is Platinum rings by Kwiat, Dreamz Design, or A. Jaffe with vintage attributes.
- Modern-Find yourself gravitating toward the hottest galleries and clubs? If so, you're probably part of a modern couple. O'Connor says brides may prefer Platinum and diamond engagement rings with a split shank leading to a center stone-similar to the ones worn by Britney Spears and Sheryl Crow. Modern wedding band styles range from square-cut diamonds, set in Platinum, to oval shapes with inset filigree by top designer Cynthia Wolff.
- Traditional-If you plan to wear the same dress your mother wore, you're most likely a traditionalist. For such brides, O'Connor suggests Platinum solitaire or classic three-stone engagement rings by Ritani, Hearts on Fire, or Jeff Cooper. Thin, matte wedding bands without any gemstones, similar to Jennifer Garner's, are designed by Vassi and Furrer-Jacot.
- Free-Spirited-If your wedding dress can double as a sun-dress, you're probably part of a free-spirited couple. O'Connor suggests getting married on a yacht or some other unique destination. Eternity bands as engagement rings by Sol Rafael are popular with such couples. For a wedding band, consider matching thick Platinum rings with engravings.

Regardless of personal style, O'Connor says couples usually agree on at least one thing: the jewelry. "Most couples choose Platinum engagement rings and wedding bands because of the metal's inherent qualities-it's pure, rare and will last a lifetime," he says. For more information, visit www.pre ciousplatinum.com

The Legend Of Bridal Showers

This event has its roots in Holland. When a bride's father did not approve of the husband-to-be, he would not provide her with the necessary dowry. The brides friends would therefore "shower" her with gifts so she would have her dowry and thus marry the man of her choice. While dowries are long gone today, the practice of giving gifts to the bride-to-be remains.

Bridal showers were also meant to strengthen the friendships between the bride and her friends, give her moral support, and help her prepare for her marriage.

The idea to give gifts is fairly new, dating from the 1890's. At one shower, the bride's friend placed small gifts inside a Japanese parasol, and then opened it over the bride's head so all of the presents would "shower" over her. When word of this hit the fashion pages, people were so charmed, they decided to do the same at their showers

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North American Wedding Traditions

North America encompasses many cultures and many wedding traditions. Mexican wedding traditions have been influenced by Spain, France, and by their own ancient and rich cultural traditions stretching as far back as the Aztecs. The melting-pot wedding traditions in the United States have been influenced by virtually every country and every culture on Earth, making for a rich and varied amalgam of traditions. Canadian traditions have been influenced strongly by both English traditions as well as French traditions.

This makes North American Wedding traditions some of the most flexible and varied in all the world. No matter what your dream wedding may be, it is sure to find a welcome place in grand scheme of North American wedding Traditions.

In Mexico, for example, it is customary during the vows for a white ribbon or for a rosary, called a "lasso," to be draped around the necks of the newlyweds to symbolize their joining together. It is also customary for the groom to present his wife with thirteen gold coins during the ceremony, symbolizing the groom's commitment to support his new wife. As the couple leaves the church it is customary for red beads to be tossed at them as a means of insuring the new couple good luck.

At a Mexican wedding reception it is customary for the guests to form a heart-shaped circle around the wedding couple as they engage in their first dance as husband and wife.

A paper maché piñata, often shaped like a heart and filled with candy, is suspended from the ceiling and the children take turns swinging at it with a stick until it is broken and the candy is shared among all the guests.

In Victorian times American brides customarily wore white gloves which were symbols of both modesty as well as a symbol of romance. Even today many brides wear white gloves as a romantic gesture.

Today's wedding ceremony in the United States can be a rather elaborate affair, especially among the affluent, but small backyard weddings are also common. No matter what the setting it is becoming more and more common for American couples to write their own wedding vows, expressing their love and commitment for each other in their own words and expressing their own unique feelings.

Traditionally wedding ceremonies in North America end with the couple exchanging wedding rings – the circular ring, with no beginning and no end symbolizing ever-lasting love – and the traditional wedding kiss, to seal their union in front of friends and family.

As the newlyweds leave the ceremony tradition calls for rice to be tossed at the couple as a symbol of fertility.

Wedding gifts are also a customary North American wedding tradition. Wedding gifts are a way for friends and family to help the young couple set up their new home together and to help smooth the path of their new life together.

North American wedding traditions embrace virtually any ethnic or cultural tradition practiced anywhere in the world. So no matter what the wedding of your dreams might look like, if you can envision it, you can realize it within the ideal of the North American wedding tradition.

The Legend Of The Wedding Cake

Beginning in early Roman times, the cake has been a special part of the wedding celebration. A thin loaf was broken over the bride's head at the close of the ceremony to symbolize fertility. The wheat from which it was made, symbolized fertility and the guests eagerly picked up the crumbs as good luck charms. This tradition evolved and spread to England in the Middle Ages where the guests of a wedding would bring small cakes and stack them together. During the Middle Ages, it became traditional for the couple to kiss over a small cluster of cakes. Later, a clever baker decided to amass all these small cakes together, covering them with frosting. Thus, the modern tiered cake was born.

The three-tier wedding cake is based on the unusual shape of the spire of Saint Bride's Church in London. The bride and groom make the first cut of the wedding cake to signify sharing their life together. Every guest then eats at least a crumb of the cake to ensure good luck. And if a single woman sleeps with a piece of wedding cake under her pillow, she will dream of her future husband.

The wedding cake, to be shared by the newlyweds and their guests, signifies the "breaking of the kinship." The brides knife signifies that the new wife is ready to accept the responsibilities of her role as keeper of her own household.

As reported in a February, 1840 edition of The London Times, Queen Victoria's wedding cake was more than nine feet in circumference. A second tier arose from this "plateau," supported by two pedestals. On the second tier was a sculpture of the mythical heroine Britannia gazing upon the royal pair frozen at the moment of their exchanging vows. At their feet were two turtle doves (symbolizing purity and innocence) and a dog (representing faithful attachment). Completing the scene were various sculpted Cupids, one of them writing the date of the wedding with a stylus on a tablet.

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Solemn Pledge

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Marriage is the most solemn pledge we make in our lifetimes. Traditionally the wedding pledge is made in front of family and friends who take special pains to stand up and witness our pledge. The wedding pledge is to be true and faithful and loving to another human being. To wed is both the most basic of all human pledges, and at the same time the most sublime.

Marriage carries with it the most solemn of promises, but it also embodies the potential for the greatest joy of human existence – the pure joy that flows from two hearts beating as one. There are few joys in life as deep or as long lasting as the joy that springs from the well of true love and a lasting marriage.

We even have a term for it: soul mates. Two people, individual but at the same time inextricably a part of each other, so in-tune with the wants and the needs and the desires of the other that often words are not necessary. A mere glance between two lovers speaks volumes.

In almost all cultures the marriage ceremony ends with the bride and groom exchanging a kiss. The wedding kiss transcends cultures, it bridges tribes, it is one of the very few things that bind all of us together as human beings. From ancient times to the modern day, from the deepest jungles to the tallest skyscrapers, the wedding kiss symbolizes for all people everywhere the physical uniting of two souls.

Marriage is a bringing together. It is a bringing together of two people, of two families, or two tribes, or two villages, or even two countries. Marriage is that powerful. Marriage is not something to be entered into lightly. Marriage is a pledge meant to last a lifetime.

Yet it is one of the unceasing marvels that we are able to express something as basic as love and marriage in so many wonderful and touching ways. Such is the wonder of human existence. The ceremonies and the traditions may be different, they may seem strange or outlandish or they may touch feelings in us that we never knew we had, but there is something about marriage that is instantly recognizable no matter what the language.

It has often been said that love transcends everything, that it knows no barriers. If you are looking for a unique or thoughtful way of showing your love, then perhaps you have come to the right place. Here you will find many ways to "tie the knot." Perhaps you will discover a charming wedding tradition that you can make all your own. If you have decided to make the pledge, then be prepared to embrace love and marriage in all its splendors, and the world will be yours.

Something Old Something New

This good luck saying dates back to Victorian times and many brides try to arrange their wedding attire accordingly.

Something Old represents the link with the bride's family and the past. Many brides choose to wear a piece of antique family jewelry or a mother's or grandmother's wedding gown or handkerchief.

Something New represents good fortune and success and her hopes for a bright future in her new life. The wedding gown is often chosen as the new item.

Something Borrowed is to remind the bride that friends and family will be there for her when help is needed. "Borrowing" is especially important, since it is to come from a happily married woman, thereby lending the bride some of her own marital bliss to carry into the new union.

Something Blue is the symbol of faithfulness and loyalty. Often the blue item is the garter. Brides of ancient Israel wore blue ribbons on the border of their wedding cloths to denote, love, modesty and fidelity. These are ideals still associated today with that color. Blue also denotes the purity of the Virgin Mary and is the most popular of all colors. In ancient Israel brides wore a blue ribbon in their hair to symbolize their fidelity

A Silver Sixpence in her Shoe is to wish the bride wealth. Some brides still place a penny in their shoe during the marriage ceremony.

This bridal custom is the most purely symbolic custom of all and its meaning has remained unchanged throughout the years.

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Are You And Your Spouse Financially Compatible?

by John Addison

(NAPSI)-A successful marriage will leave enough room to accommodate each person's individual taste and style. Just because one person likes Jimmy Buffet and the other is a fan of Warren Buffet doesn't mean a marriage is headed for trouble.

However, when it comes to how you handle money--both individually and as a couple--compatibility is critical if a marriage is to thrive.

When you commit to a marriage, you also commit to a lifelong dialogue about money. Experts say differing attitudes about money-not just how much you have-are often at the root of many serious marital conflicts.

The following Money Magazine quiz can give you some insight into your and your spouse's financial values. Answer them individually.

1. Are you proud of how your spouse handles money?

2. Do the two of you agree about your financial goals?

3. Do you both agree with the family's investment strategy?

4. When you make financial decisions, does the same person always have the last word?

5. Do you fight about the monthly bills?

6. Have you and your spouse agreed to consult each other about major purchases or investments? Does the word "major" have a specific dollar amount attached?

7. Do you both know your family's net worth without having to dig through statements?

8. If one of you lost your job, could you adjust your budget without extended arguments?

Experts say the answers to all questions except 4 and 5 should be "yes." If you answer three or more of the questions incorrectly--or your spouse gave answers different from yours on three or more questions-it's a good idea to have a serious discussion about your finances.

If you and your spouse are finding it difficult to agree on your financial goals, you may want to speak to someone who may be able to help. The financial professionals at Primerica have created a guide that shows you how to take control of your financial life. To get a copy of "How Money Works," write to Primerica, 3120 Brekenridge Blvd., Duluth, GA 30099, ATTN: Corporate Relations, call 770-564-6329 or visit www.primerica.com.

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What's Your Ironing Personality?

Americans are ironing more than ever and have revealed their "ironing personalities" by exposing what they're pressing and what they're wearing or not wearing while ironing. The results may surprise you!

A recent survey found that Americans iron everything from puppets, pillowcases and pet paraphemalia to T-shirts, tennis shoes, term papers and towels. Additionally, in some homes, ironing boards have been replaced by such items as buckets, bathtubs, barstools and bleachers.

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1. Do you enjoy ironing?
   - A lot-30
   - From time to time-20
   - If I really need to-10
   - Not at all-0

2. How often do you iron?
   - Every day- 30
   - A few times a week-25
   - Once a week-20
   - A few times a month-15
   - Once a month-10
   - Less than once a month-5

3. How many items do you typically iron in one session?
   - More than 10-30
   - Five to 10-25
   - Two to five-20
   - One-15

4. How long is your typical ironing session?
   - Over one hour-30
   - 31-60 minutes-25
   - 16-30 minutes-20
   - 10-15 minutes-15
   - Less than 10 minutes-10

5. Have you ever taught someone else to iron?
   - Yes, several times-30
   - Yes, at lease once-20
   - Never, but I might-10
   - No, I never will-0

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Social Security Columns
By John Flynn
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If you don't have a number or you need one for a dependent, call or visit Social Security. You'll need to show your age, citizenship or lawful alien status, and verify your identity. To learn more about the sort of information and documents you may need to submit, visit Social Security's Card and Number web site at http://www.socialsecurity.gov/ssnumber/.

You should also check the Social Security number on your W-2 statement and pay stubs to make sure it matches the one on your card. If it does not match, tell your employer immediately and also contact Social Security.

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GENERAL

Q. I'm 55 years old and have worked since I was 18. So I have well over the 40 credits I need to qualify for Social Security. Why do I have to keep paying Social Security taxes if I already qualify for maximum benefits?

A. As long as you are working, the law requires Social Security tax withholding for almost all wage earners. Only some government employees and career railroad workers are exempt from Social Security taxes because they pay into a separate retirement fund. In addition, you should not confuse the eligibility rules with the benefit calculation rules. Although you need only 10 years, or 40 credits of coverage, to be vested in Social Security, your retirement benefit is based on your highest 35 years of earnings. In other words, if you were allowed to drop out of Social Security after meeting the 10-year vesting rule, you would receive a very small Social Security benefit when you reach retirement age, because we would have to add 25 years of "zero" earnings into your retirement calculation.

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Q. Can you settle a bet I have with a friend? She told me I need 40 credits from Social Security to collect retirement benefits. But I'm sure I read 10 years of work is the requirement. Who's right?

A. Both of you are right, because 40 credits and 10 years of work are roughly the same thing. In 2007, you get one Social Security credit for each $1,000 you earn, but you can only earn up to four credits in a year. Obviously, people with breaks in their work history will take longer than 10 years to earn the 40 credits they need for Social Security.

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RETIREMENT

Q. My brother and I are both retired and get Social Security benefits. We worked side by side in the same factory for years, but he gets a higher Social Security payment. Why does he get more?

A. Unless you are twins and made exactly the same amount every year of your careers, you wouldn't get the same benefits as your brother. Social Security benefits are based on your age and your lifetime of earnings – generally the top 35 years. In order to get the same benefit as your brother, you and he must have been the same age, had the same earnings for each year and would had to have started and stopped working at the same time.

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DISABILITY

Q. It has been about a month since I applied for Social Security disability benefits and I still haven't heard anything. How long does a decision usually take?

A. The amount of time it takes for a decision on a disability claim varies. The nature of your disability and how quickly we are able to get medical evidence from your doctor or medical sources can make a difference in how long it takes. Generally, to get an initial decision on your case, it takes about three to five months. If your claim is initially denied, there are several steps in the appeal process that you can pursue.

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Q. My 3-year-old son is autistic. My husband and I have been told that he may be eligible for disability benefits from Social Security. How would he qualify for benefits? My husband and I both work full-time and pay Social Security taxes.

A. Social Security administers the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program that does pay disability benefits to some children. SSI is a needs-based program, so if your family is having a hard time making ends meet, your son might qualify for a monthly SSI payment. And if he gets SSI, he might also get Medicaid coverage. The only other way your son would qualify for payments is as a dependent on either your or your husband's Social Security record. When either you or your husband retire – or if either one of you becomes disabled and begins drawing a Social Security disability payment – he could collect because he's your dependent child.

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SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME

Q. My parents reeently moved into a retirement community and they are signing their house over to me. Can I still get Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or will home ownership make me ineligible?

A. You can own a home and still receive SSI as long as you live in the home you own. In most cases, when determining SSI eligibility we don't count the home you own and live in or the car you use as resources.

What Every Parent Should Know About

Most people think of Social Security as a part of their retirement plan, but Social Security is also a family protection plan with benefits for children too. About 4 million children receive approximately $1.9 billion each month because one or both of their parents are disabled, retired or deceased. Those dollars help to provide the necessities of life for family members and help to make it possible for those children to complete high school.

So it's important that parents are aware of who can get benefits based on their Social Security earnings record – and when.

The easiest way to check just what "family" benefits are available is to go to our "Parents' Place" page on the Internet at www.socialsecurity.gov/kids/parent1.htm. Also here you will find information on *Baby's First Social Security Number, Who Can Get Benefits, How Much Work You Need for Benefits for Your Children, Benefits for Grandchildren, Benefits for Disabled Children*...and more.

For example, if you visit the web page on *How Much Work You Need for Benefits for Your Children,* you will find that "The amount of work you need to qualify for Social Security benefits depends on how old you are when you retire, become disabled, or die. The younger you are, the less work you need." The web page goes on to explain that parents under the age of 24 need as little as one and one-half years of work under Social Security for their children to receive Social Security benefits. The amount of work needed increases with age, but no one would need more than 10 years of work to be insured for all benefits.

If you visit the web page on *Benefits for Grandchildren,* you would learn that "More and more parents are finding themselves raising grandchildren. Social Security will pay benefits to dependent grandchildren if benefits are not payable on the work record of a parent." The web page goes on to explain that generally the biological parents of the child must be deceased or disabled, or the grandchild must be legally adopted by the grandparent to receive benefits.

If you do not have access to the Internet, you can find out basic information about Social Security that all parents should know by calling Social Security toll-free at 1(800) 772-1213, TTY 1(800) 325-0778. Just ask for the publication, *Benefits for Children.*

The Importance of Social Security Survivors Benefits

On Sept. 11th, the nation commemorated the fifth anniversary of the terrorist attacks on America. The nation suffered devastating losses on that day. Social Security employees, for example, handled more than 5,000 individual claims related to Sept. 11th. Although some were disability claims from people who survived the attacks, most were for survivors' benefits for the spouses and dependent children of those who died.

Looked at from another perspective, about 97 percent of persons aged 20-49 who worked in 2005 have survivors insurance protection for their young children and the surviving spouse caring for the children.

To see what your family could receive, check your *Social Security Statement,* which is sent each year to every worker age 25 or older. The *Statement* gives an estimate of survivors' benefits that could be paid, as well as an estimate of retirement and disability benefits and other important information.

If you would like more information about Social Security survivors benefits, visit www.socialsecurity.gov/planners/index.htm or call Social Security at 1(800) 772-1213, TTY 1(800) 325-0778, and ask for the publication, *Survivors Benefits.*

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Introduce New Bilingual Education Materials

First Lady Patricia Blagojevich and the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) introduced a new set of Spanish-language educational materials for teachers to use in the classroom. The materials unveiled focus on Illinois' trees. The activity book is the ninth book offered through the IDNR with both an English- and Spanish-language version. A 10th activity book is expected to be available sometime next year. The posters are the first to be completed in a Spanish-language version.

"Educating our children is one of our top priorities in Illinois. It is also important to provide children with new and exciting ways to learn," said the First Lady. "I know these materials will be a great help to many teachers and to thousands of Spanish-speaking students in classrooms throughout Illinois."

The following items are now available through the IDNR Division of Education:

Datos de Los Bosques de Illinois (Illinois' Forest Facts) Students can learn about trees, leaves, fall colors, tree products and other tree-related topics with this 24-page activity book that is designed for use with students in grades K-3.

Colores de Otoño de Illinois (Illinois Fall Colors) The beautiful leaf colors of an Illinois autumn are presented in this poster along with information about where and when to see the best fall colors, why leaves change colors and other tree-related resources available for teachers.

Árboles de Illinois (Illinois Trees: Seeds and Leaves) Leaves and seeds of 15 common Illinois trees are illustrated on the front of the poster, while the back side contains information about each species and offers tips on tree identification.

Each of the items may be obtained through the IDNR online order form at http://dnr.state.il.us/lands/education/classrm/edmatsot.htm. English-language versions are also available. All materials incorporate the learning standards that are in place in Illinois schools. Lesson plans for teachers interested in using the materials in a classroom setting are also available from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources.

In addition to bilingual educational materials, the IDNR Division of Education offers educational programs and materials for educators at all levels. ENTICE (Environment and Nature Training Institute for Conservation Education) workshops offered through the department can be used for Continuing Professional Development Units (CPDUs). In 2005, the IDNR began offering online courses through the University of Illinois at Springfield (UIS) as part of the Master of Teacher Leadership degree program. Teachers can also take the UIS courses for CPDUs at a reduced cost. The IDNR also offers a variety of activity books, CD-ROMs, and posters, focusing on Illinois' biodiversity for educators to use in the classroom.

In May 2005, First Lady Patricia Blagojevich introduced the first Illinois Department of Natural Resources educational materials to be translated into another language. The series of children's books translated into Spanish focused on the state's wildlife.

Offers Free Course

Registration is open for a free 12-session NAMI educational program for families and friends of individuals with serious mental illness.

The "Family-to-Family" training course will begin on Sunday, March 11th, at the Calvary United Protestant Church, North Orchard Dr. at Lincoln Highway (U.S. Route 30) in Park Forest. Classes begin at 4:30 p.m. and go to about 7. The course is taught by trained NAMI members who have experienced mental illnesses in their own families. All materials used in the course are furnished at no cost to participants.

Held on successive Sundays, the course is offered by NAMI South Suburbs of Chicago, an affiliate of the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) and is taught by NAMI members who have experienced mental illnesses in their own families.

Prior registration is required as the number of participants is limited. Those interested in attending this comprehensive training program should contact John Rowley at (708) 798-3862.

Nation-wide, thousands of family members have attended Family-to-Family courses since they were developed and have benefited from the up-to-date information presented. Some of the topics covered are: family responses to the trauma of mental illness; diagnosis and dealing with schizophrenia, major depressions and mania; depression and bipolar subtypes; panic disorder; obsessive compulsive disorder; borderline personality disorder; co-occurring brain and addictive disorders; the biology of the brain and emerging scientific discoveries; problem solving; review of medications; understanding the inner experience of having a mental illness; communications skills; self-care; rehabilitation services; and advocacy and fighting stigma.

NAMI South Suburbs of Chicago is a local, volunteer-run, not-for-profit, self-help, grass-roots organization that advocates for a truly comprehensive system of mental health care for all those who have such illnesses.

Seeking Host Families

YFU-USA is a private, non-profit educational program dedicated to preparing young people for their responsibilities and opportunities in a changing, interdependent world. YFU is certified by CSIET standards. Youth For Understanding is one of the world's oldest, largest, and most respected international exchange programs. Since 1951, YFU offices around the world have exchanged approximately 200,000 students. In one year alone, approximately 4,500 students will participate in our programs worldwide. Through the exchange experience, YFU students gain skills and perspectives necessary to meet the challenges and benefit from the opportunities the fast-changing global community has to offer. The

Heartland District covering the Midwest and Colorado placed 522 students with local Host Families.

YFU USA conducts exchanges with more than 50 countries around the world. Each exchange is coordinated by a worldwide network of national YFU organizations all dedicated to providing the highest quality international educational experience for exchange students and their host families. With nearly 2,500 volunteers in communities across the United States, YFU USA is fully equipped to support every student and host family.

The students are coming to the Heartland for the full school year, however, we offer hosting opportunities of 12 weeks, one semester or up to the full school year. We will identify a new family for students coming into a 12-week placement in the same school district so they will not have to change schools. It seems to be much easier to find families once a student has arrived and becomes known in the community and/or school.

Hosting an international exchange student can be an enriching experience for the entire family that will last a lifetime. By opening your home and heart to a student from overseas, your family will gain a new global perspective, many memories, and - quite possibly - a new

family member! When you volunteer to host an exchange student, you agree to:

*Welcome your new son or daughter as a member of your family.

*Help your student adapt to your family and to U.S. life and culture.

*Provide a safe and loving home environment including a bed, a place to study, and three meals a day.

*Attend orientation events, read the preparation materials, and maintain regular contact with your local volunteer.

*Understand policies and encourage your student to adhere to those policies.

*Familiarize your student with your community and its resources.

To find out more about becoming a Host Family or to volunteer for YFU-USA, the web site is www.yfu-usa.org or call the Heartland District office at 1-866-493-8872.

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Veterans And Soldiers News

By Lori Taylor Ph: 708.388.2425

I'm still not allowed to go back to work or to overdo my activities but I did attend my first social function (got out for something other than physical therapy) on Friday. I attended Mayor Murawski's Presidents Ball at the Odyssey Country Club. About 600 people attended this annual gala event. It was a great evening with good food, great orchestra and best of all I got to visit with many wonderful people.

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Army Pvt. Susan M. Heuss has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbus, South Carolina. She is the daughter of Timothy Keeton of Vandalia, Ill. and Christine Riffle of Hometown, Ill.

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Air Force Tech. Sgt. Beverly A. Bull has graduated from the Air Force Noncommissioned Officer (NCO) Academy at Tyndall Air Force Base, Panama City, Florida. Bull is a gastroentcrology element superintendent with 13 years of military service, and assigned to the 88th Medical Operations Squadron, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio. She is the daughter of William Gleason of Crestwood. Bull graduated from Maria High School in Chicago and received an associate degree in 1997 from Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College, Biloxi, Miss.

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The Ed Fitzgerald 2nd Support the Troops benefit will be held on Sunday, March 4th from 1 to 6 p.m. at 115 Bourbon Street, 3400 W. 115th St. A $20 donation includes food, wine and beer, live entertainment, raffles, split the pot and a silent auction. The fee for children 6 to 12 is $10 (payable at the door) and children under 5 are free.

All funds from this benefit are used to send boxes of needed items to the troops in the Middle East.

The late Ed Fitzgerald was instrumental in helping raise money for postage, which has helped send over 3,800 packages to our troops since 2003. This benefit will not only honor our troops but also a great man who fought for our country.

Ed worked tirelessly with Jean Dansky, St. Christina Church and many volunteers to send packages to our troops. Jean's grandson, Kevin Sullivan, who was serving in the U.S. Army in the Middle East, told of the need for supplies such as basic toiletries and other items. The items are sent directly to the soldiers who cannot get them while in the field. Jean said Kevin is now home safe but there are other soldiers still out there.

Volunteers make sure each box contains necessary items plus well wishes from home, tins of homemade cookies, etc.

If you would like to donate items, bring them to this event or contact Jean at (773) 239-4982. Among some items needed are T-shirts, socks, hard candy, condiments, beer jerky, packages of Kool-Aid which helps flavor the water, phone cards and toiletries.

The packages cost $25 to $30 to send so this benefit is very important.

Jean, her husband Larry and grandson, Frank Tortorelli, make monthly trips to the post office to mail the packages of items they collect.

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As thousands of American soldiers remain overseas fighting for our country in Iraq, author Galliano D'Alessandro shares the story of his son's tour of duty in Vietnam in his new book Agent Orange.

Born into a military family, Nicky D'Alessandro was raised listening to his grandfather's stories of World War I and his father's stories of World War II. It came as no surprise to his father when Nicky enlisted in the military.

Hoping to avoid the turbulence in Vietnam, Nicky elected to serve in Europe. However, after months in Europe he decided to complete his commitment with a tour of duty in Vietnam. After an impressive record with the United States 1st Air Cavalry, Nicky became ill the last week of his duty in Vietnam. Consequently, he was moved to Hope Ship Hospital, Tokyo Hospital in Japan and finally returned to the United States where he was treated at Walston Army Hospital in Fort Dix, New Jersey; Philadelphia VA Hospital and Walter Reed Hospital in Washington, DC.

D'Alessandro's proud recollection of his son "warms the heart and touches the soul." Recounted through phone conversations, letters and stories shared by his son, the book portrays the life of an American soldier in Vietnam, which is as relevant today as it was 30 years ago.

The book is published by AuthorHouse. For information, visit www.authorhouse.com.

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Some facts: The Agriculture Dept. states about 1.5 billion pounds of pumpkins worth $106 million were sold in 2005. Also, Norway, Iceland, Australia, Ireland and Sweden rank as the best 5 countries to live in, according to a U.N. report; the U.S. ranks 8th after Canada and Japan.

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Some Common Sense: There are three ways to get something done:

Do it yourself.
Hire someone to do it.
Forbid your kids to do it.

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Good-bye until next week. God bless you and your family and God bless America!

Praises Lipinski's Plan For Iraq

Early this year, Congressman Dan Lipinski announced a proposal entitled, "A New Path for America's Iraq Policy." In this proposal, Congressman Lipinski called for President Bush to seek broad international engagement to provide stability and reconstruction in Iraq, as well as to address political, economic, and religious issues in that country. That plan is already receiving praise from Lee Hamilton, co-chair of the Iraq Study Group.

Hamilton served in the House of Representatives for over 30 years until 1999. He has since been a member of several national security advisory boards. Most recently, Hamilton was a co-chair of the Iraq Study Group, a 10-person panel that released a bipartisan set of 79 recommendations for American policy in Iraq.

In a letter to Congressman Lipinski, Hamilton wrote, "I commend you for your excellent proposal. I agree with you completely on the importance of broad-based pressure from a variety of international sources to push Iraqi leaders in the direction of national reconciliation."

Hamilton went on to add, "I appreciate your careful analysis of why we cannot simply pull our troops out as soon as safely possible and leave it to the Iraqi people to work out a solution. As you point out, our stakes in the region are great. As dire as the situation is today, it could get much worse."

Congressman Lipinski's plan, which was introduced in the House of Representatives as H.Res. 152, calls on the President to (1) Encourage achievement of important goals in national reconciliation, security, and governance by arranging a peace conference for Iraq's ethnic and religious factions. This conference could be similar to the one that led to the Dayton Accords which ended the conflict in Bosnia. (2) Bring the world community together to seek solutions in Iraq, including calling an international conference to put together a peacekeeping force and an international reconstruction program. (3) Require the Administration to give Congress detailed reports on the situation in Iraq. Complete and accurate information is necessary for Congress to make informed decisions regarding Iraq's reconstruction funding and deciding when American forces can be safely redeployed.

"I appreciate Lee Hamilton's words of support for my proposal," said Congressman Lipinski. "As a member of the Iraq Study Group, he has an excellent understanding of the challenges facing Iraq. If these recommendations are followed, I believe American troops can begin redeployment in 2007, leaving a secure, stable Iraq."

Houlihan Recognized As Friend Of The Neighborhoods

For his understanding of diverse communities, his lifetime commitment to public service and his ability to address the economic challenges of our times, James M. Houlihan was named this year's Friend of the Neighborhoods at the 13th annual Community Neighborhood Development Awards on Feb. 20th.

"Jim has devoted his life to serving Illinois residents," said Andrew Mooney, Senior Program Director of LISC/ Chicago, the co-founder of the CNDA. "He has fought tirelessly for the preservation and maintenance of affordable housing in our county, and through numerous innovative measures, his work has strengthened the fabric of our communities."

Whether it comes from his degrees in philosophy and theology or his deep commitment to family, longtime activist and now County Assessor Jim Houlihan has led a storied political life that has remained deeply rooted in his strong moral sense.

In 1997, Jim brought his commitment to neighborhood development, civil rights and social justice into his position as Cook County Assessor where he worked to restructure both the office and the assessment system to create greater fairness and transparency. Recognizing that well maintained and affordable housing is an integral part of a healthy community, Jim has worked tirelessly to protect the affordability of both rental and owner-occupied housing.

While Jim has won numerous accolades for his work, perhaps his most widely known and successful effort was his 2003 proposal for the landmark 7% Expanded Homeowner Exemption. The Exemption was created to offset the impact of rising property values on the tax burden of working families. It has been lauded by neighborhoods whose residents would have found their long-term homes otherwise unaffordable.

Among Jim's many other innovations has been a direct mail campaign to ensure that all seniors are aware of their exemption options including two measures aimed at keeping elderly residents from being displaced as a result of shifting real estate markets, an aggressive outreach program to communities and community organizations and the creation of an on-line database that allows every resident to view their own property and compare it to other ones in their area and throughout the county as a whole.

The Cook County Assessor's office is responsible for the evaluation of 1.7 million separate parcels of real estate in order for them to be appropriately taxed. The sheer volume of that workload requires much to be determined through computer-assisted statistical models; however, Jim puts a human face and a human touch to this process that truly distinguishes him as a genuine Friend of the Neighborhood.

Purchase Complex For State Police Facility

Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich recently announced that the state has reached a landmark agreement with American General Life Insurance Co. (AIG American General), a member company of American International Group, Inc. (AIG), to acquire its current office buildings and to retain the company's operations and at least 400 jobs in Springfield. In the coming months, AIG will invest $25 million as it constructs a new facility that will serve as a life insurance processing and service center.

Purchasing AIG's current facilities – commonly known as the Franklin Life complex – will allow state property management experts to consolidate many Illinois State Police functions being managed throughout the capital city, and transition additional agencies into the remaining space as an important initiative that will increase efficiency and reduce administrative costs. This acquisition will increase the state's portfolio of owned space by nearly 375,000 square feet and up to 1,500 employees will be located at the facility.

As part of the agreement to purchase the complex, AIG American General agreed to maintain a presence in Springfield for its life insurance business. The company will construct a 115,000 square foot building for its use at a site on the southwest side of Springfield. AIG considered consolidating at locations out of state.

After the state and AIG American General complete the real estate transaction in March, Illinois State Police (ISP) employees will begin to transition to the complex from up to eight separate offices that are currently located throughout Springfield, which is expected to increase the efficiency of the agency and eliminate ongoing leasing costs.

Under terms of the agreement, the state will pay $13.25 million for the facilities; AIG American General will pay nearly $300,000 in upgrades to prepare the facility for state occupancy. The purchase will take place entirely in FY 2007 using FY 2007 appropriations.

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Blagojevich Applauds East West Gateway

Governor Rod R. Blagojevich applauded a vote by the East-West Gateway Council of Governments in favor of the Martin Luther King Bridge coupler plan that will provide four additional lanes of traffic across the Mississippi River.

East-West Gateway voted 12-10 in favor of building a four-lane bridge immediately north of the current Martin Luther King Bridge.

"East-West Gateway took a big step in the right direction when they voted in support of our plan to build lanes across the Mississippi River," Gov. Blagojevich said. "We've offered an affordable plan to achieve our goal of relieving congestion across the Mississippi River without charging drivers tolls. I look forward to meeting with Governor Blunt in the near future so we can work together to make this bridge a reality."

"I applaud East-West Gateway for voting to build new lanes across the Mississippi River. We must move forward to ensure that the people in this region don't have to suffer the headaches and frustration of bottlenecks and traffic. This is a quality of life issue for citizens in the Metro East. We owe it to them to act and do so without charging them tolls," said Illinois State Rep. Jay Hoffman (D-Collinsville).

Illinois has agreed to pay $261 million toward the cost of the $525 million project. The Federal government would contribute $239 million, and East-West Gateway agreed to cover the remaining $25 million of the cost.

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Madigan Files Suit Against Fraudulent Towing Companies

Attorney General Lisa Madigan announced that her office has filed a lawsuit against three Cook County towing companies alleging various violations of the Illinois Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Practices Act and the Uniform Deceptive Trade Practices Act.

Madigan filed the suit against: Road America Automotive, Inc., doing business as Premier Auto Collision, Inc.; Premier Auto Collision, Inc. doing business as Target Towing & Recovery, Inc.; and Target Towing and Recovery, Inc., doing business as Road America Automotive, Inc. All three companies operate out of the same business address at 3055 W. 131st St. in Blue Island. The suit also names as an individual defendant Tareq A. Alhindi, the president of Road America Automotive, Inc. Since 2005, Madigan's Consumer Fraud Bureau has received 18 complaints against the three defendant towing companies.

The lawsuit alleges a pattern of conduct through which the defendant towing companies defraud consumers. According to the lawsuit, tow truck drivers employed by the three companies often arrive at the scene of traffic accidents without being summoned by either the participants in the accident or by the police. When they arrive at the scene, the tow truck drivers approach the drivers of the damaged cars and offer to tow the cars. The tow truck drivers often mislead accident participants by falsely claiming to be affiliated with motor club services. Moreover, the tow truck drivers fail to fully disclose the high towing, storage fees and other miscellaneous fees that the defendant companies charge for the towing service.

"These towing companies take advantage of consumers when they have been in an accident and are most vulnerable," Madigan said. "We are working to protect consumers from this egregious conduct."

The lawsuit details how the defendants often falsely tell motorists that the cost of the towing fee will be covered entirely by the consumers' insurance companies. According to the complaint, after consumers have authorized the tow, the defendants tow disabled vehicles to lots owned by the defendants and refuse to release the vehicles until full payment is made. Consumers are charged excessive towing, storage, and other miscellaneous fees ranging from $340 to $1,650. Even though consumers are told that their insurance will cover the towing charges, many insurance companies deem the towing charges excessive and refuse to cover the entire cost. As a result, consumers are often forced to pay the excessive fees and incur substantial out-of-pocket costs.

"I encourage consumers to act carefully and be wary of companies that seek your business during stressful situations," Madigan added. "Consumers should also keep the name and number of a few reputable towing companies in their glove compartment and should carefully read and review all forms prior to giving their authorization."

Madigan's lawsuit asks the court to prohibit the defendants from engaging in the business of towing and towing-related services in Illinois. The lawsuit also asks the court to rescind the contracts that the defendants entered into by using unlawful practices and to order the defendants to pay restitution to the impacted consumers. The lawsuit seeks a civil penalty of $50,000 and additional penalties of $50,000 for each violation found to have been committed with the intent to defraud. Finally, Madigan's lawsuit asks the court to order the defendants to pay the costs of the prosecution of this case.

Assistant Attorney General Cecilia Abundis is handling the case for Madigan's Consumer Fraud Bureau.

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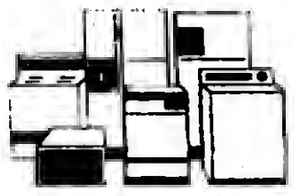

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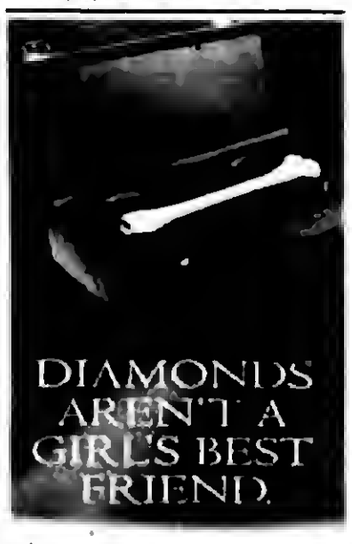
The judgment amount was $98,587.74. Sale terms: 10% of successful bid immediately at conclusion of auction, balance by noon the next business day, both by cashier's checks; and no refunds. The sale shall be subject to general real estate taxes, special taxes, special assessments, special taxes levied, and superior liens, if any. The property is offered "as is," with no express or implied warranties and without any representation as to the quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to review the court file to verify all information.
For information: Sale Clerk, Fisher and Shapiro, 4201 Lake Cook Rd., 1st floor, Northbrook, Illinois 60062, (847) 498-9990, between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. weekdays only.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION HOUSEHOLD FINANCE CORPORATION, III, ASSIGNEE OF MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., Plaintiff, vs. DANIEL HAKE, JOAN H. HAKE, MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., UNDER MORTGAGE RECORDED AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 0418808080, NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, UNKNOWN TENANTS AND UNKNOWN OWNERS, Defendants, 06 CH 16285 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on October 2, 2006, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Wednesday, March 21, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 6160 West 99th Street, Oak Lawn, IL 60453. P.I.N. 24-08-128-031 and 032.
The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
For information call Sales Clerk at Plaintiff's Attorney, Law Offices of Ira T. Nevel, 175 North Franklin Street, Chicago, Illinois 60606. (312) 357-1125. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, TRUSTEE Plaintiff, -v.- MABEL H. WAYNE, et al Defendant 06 CH 10178 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on November 15, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on March 19, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 3733 W. HAYFORD STREET, Chicago, IL 60652 Property Index No. 19-26-312-061
The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was $215,669.49. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information: contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department. Please refer to file number 14-06-5780. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I26042



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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION BLUE VIEW CORPORATION Plaintiff, vs. GLORIA JONES A/K/A GLORIA A. JONES; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; PEOPLE'S BANK; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF GLORIA JONES, IF ANY; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants, 06 CH 16302
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on 11/2/2006, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, March 20, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property: P.I.N. 19-35-205-037. Commonly known as 3326 West Columbus Avenue, Chicago, IL 60652.
The improvement on the property consists of a brick, 1 story, single family residence with a detached 2 car garage. THE SALE SHALL BE SUBJECT TO GENERAL TAXES, SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS AND TO A PRIOR RECORDED FIRST MORTGAGE. Sale terms: 25% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.
For information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com. Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602. Tel.No. (312) 476-5500. Refer to File Number PA0511396. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE OF AMERIQUEST MORTGAGE SECURITIES, INC., ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 2005-R8 UNDER THE POOLING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT DATED AS OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2005, WITHOUT RECOURSE, ASSIGNEE OF AMERIQUEST MORTGAGE COMPANY; Plaintiff, vs. EDWIN D. SMITH; CITY OF CHICAGO, DEPARTMENT OF WATER MANAGEMETN, UNDER LIEN RECORDED AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 0610135492, Defendants, 06 CH 15890 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on December 21, 2008, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Wednesday, April 4, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 2536 W. 79th Place, Chicago, IL 60652. P.I.N. 19-36-203-039.
The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
For information call Sales Clerk at Plaintiff's Attorney, Law Offices of Ira T. Nevel, 175 North Franklin Street, Chicago, Illinois 60606. (312) 357-1125. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I26742

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, Plaintiff V. TASHY A. KLINGER A/K/A TASHY KLINGER; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Defendants 06 CH 17797 NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE Fisher and Shapiro file #06-8127D (It is advised that interested parties consult with their own attorneys before bidding at mortgage foreclosure sales.)
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered on October 31, 2006, Kallen Realty Services, Inc., successor to Kallen Financial & Capital Services, Inc., as Selling Official will at 12:30 p.m. on April 3, 2007, at 205 W. Randolph Street, Suite 1200, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real property: COMMONLY KNOWN AS 8755 MELVINA AVENUE, OAK LAWN, ILLINOIS 60453. TAX ID# 24-05-101-017 The mortgaged real estate is improved with a dwelling. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
The judgment amount was $244,009.33. Sale terms: 10% of successful bid immediately at conclusion of auction, balance by noon the next business day, both by cashier's checks; and no refunds. The sale shall be subject to general real estate taxes, special taxes, special assessments, special taxes levied, and superior liens, if any. The property is offered "as is," with no express or implied warranties and without any representation as to the quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to review the court file to verify all information.
For information: Sale Clerk, Fisher and Shapiro, 4201 Lake Cook Rd., 1st floor, Northbrook, Illinois 60062, (847) 498-9990, between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. weekdays only.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION SHOREBANK, AN ILLINOIS BANKING CORPORATION Plaintiff, -v.- BARRY A. PARKS, PARKS RESTORATION INC., UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants 06 CH 16353 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on December 27, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on March 29, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 8600 S. CENTRAL AVENUE, Burbank, IL 60459 Property Index No. 19-32-416-007-0000
The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was $273,911.27. (Count I) and $72,143.63 (Count II) Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.
The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: LAW OFFICES OF BROOKINS & WILSON, 100 NORTH LASALLE STREET, STE. 1710, Chicago, IL 60602, (312) 360-0898. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE LAW OFFICES OF BROOKINS & WILSON
100 NORTH LASALLE STREET, STE. 1710 Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 360-0888 Attorney Code. 36704 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I27132

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION GMAC MORTGAGE CORPORATION; Plaintiff, vs. STANISLAW RUSNAK; ELIZABETH RUSNAK A/K/A ELIZBIETA ZALINKA; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants, 06 CH 8095
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on 6/19/2006, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, March 19, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 719A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property: P.I.N. 19-36-311-015. Commonly known as 8404 South 77th Court, Bridgeview, IL 60455.
The improvement on the property consists of a 1 story, brick, single family residence with 2 car garage.
Sale terms: 25% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.
For information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com. Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. Pierce & Associates, Plaintiffs Attorneys, 1 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602, Tel.No. (312) 476-5500. Refer to File Number PA0602781. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION CITIFINANCIAL MORTGAGE COMPANY, INC., Plaintiff V. PATRICIA STEJSKAL, Defendant 06 CH 6243 NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE Fisher and Shapiro file #05-1431D (It is advised that interested parties consult with their own attorneys before bidding at mortgage foreclosure sales.)
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered on September 5, 2006, Kallen Realty Services, Inc., successor to Kallen Financial & Capital Services, Inc. as Selling Official will at 12:30 p.m. on April 2, 2007, at 205 W. Randolph Street, Suite 1200, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real property: COMMONLY KNOWN AS 7736 SOUTH OCTAVIA AVENUE, BRIDGEVIEW, ILLINOIS 60455. TAX ID# 19-25-422-017 The mortgaged real estate is improved with a dwelling. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
The judgment amount was $162,235.38. Sale terms: 10% of successful bid immediately at conclusion of auction, balance by noon the next business day, both by cashier's checks; and no refunds. The sale shall be subject to general real estate taxes, special taxes, special assessments, special taxes levied, and superior liens, if any. The property is offered "as is," with no express or implied warranties and without any representation as to the quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to review the court file to verify all information.
For information: Sale Clerk, Fisher and Shapiro, 4201 Lake Cook Rd., 1st floor, Northbrook, Illinois 60062, (847) 498-9990, between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. weekdays only. I26652

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION CREDIT BASED ASSET SERVICING AND SECURITIZATION, LLC, Plaintiff V. ESTHER ESCAMILLA; IGNACIO ESCAMILLA; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR ACOUSTIC HOME LOANS, LLC., Defendants 06 CH 16324 NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE Fisher and Shapiro file #06-7923 (It is advised that interested parties consult with their own attorneys before bidding at mortgage foreclosure sales.)
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered on January 9, 2007, Kallen Realty Services, Inc., successor to Kallen Financial & Capital Services, Inc., as Selling Official will at 12:30 p.m. on April 10, 2007, at 205 W. Randolph Street, Suite 1200, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real property: Commonly known as 7915 Massasoit Avenue, Burbank, IL 60459 Permanent Index No.: 19-32-205-008 The mortgaged real estate is improved with a dwelling. The property will NOT be open for inspection. The judgment amount was $209,279.29. Sale terms: 10% of successful bid immediately at conclusion of auction, balance by noon the next business day, both by cashier's checks; and no refunds. The sale shall be subject to general real estate taxes, special taxes, special assessments, special taxes levied, and superior liens, if any. The property is offered "as is," with no express or implied warranties and without any representation as to the quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to review the court file to verify all information.
For information: Sale Clerk, Fisher and Shapiro, 4201 Lake Cook Rd., 1st floor, Northbrook, Illinois 60062, (847) 498-9990, between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. weekdays only.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION NATIONAL CITY MORTGAGE COMPANY; Plaintiff,
vs. CATRINA STUBBS; EDDIE STUBBS; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF CATRINA STUBBS, IF ANY; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants,06 CH 8418
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on 8/15/2006, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, March 26, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 719A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property: P.I.N. 19-26-414-017. Commonly known as 3519 West 79th Street, Chicago, IL 60652.
The improvement on the property consists of a 1 1/2 story brick single family residence with 2 car garage. Sale terms: 25% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.
For information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com. Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602. Tel.No (312) 476-5500. Refer to File Number 0603846. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I25634

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY AS TRUSTEE UNDER THE POOLING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT SERIES ITF INABS 2005-D Plaintiff, -v.- STACY A. JOHNSON A/K/A STACY JOHNSON, et al Defendant 06 CH 16599 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 5, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on March 22, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 2811 W. 83RD STREET, Chicago, IL 60652
Property Index No. 19-36-405-009 The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was $163,912.22. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department. Please refer to file number 14-06-9756. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I26433

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK F/K/A WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, FA F/K/A WASHINGTON MUTUAL HOME LOANS, INC. SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST BY MERGER TO FLEET MORTGAGE CORPORATION Plaintiff, -v.- DENNIS T. JOHNSON A/K/A DENNIS JOHNSON, et al Defendants 06 CH 16063 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on November 30, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on March 19, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 4153 W. 99TH PLACE, Hometown, IL 60456 Property Index No. 24-03-206-004
The real estate is improved with a single family residence.
The judgment amount was $153,807.14. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.
The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department. Please refer to file number 14-06-9367. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE, IL 60527 (630) 794-9876 Attorney File No.: 14-06-9367 ARDC# 00468002 Attorney Code. 21762 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION SOUTH KENTON PROPERTIES, LLC, AS ASSIGNEE OF CITIZENS BANK AND TRUST COMPANY OF CHICAGO; Plaintiff, vs. K & K OFFICE PARTNERSHIP, AN ILLINOIS GENERAL PARTNERSHIP; EDWARD MAZUREK; KEITH VIDOVIC, THE CHICAGO TRUST COMPANY, TB PARTNERSHIP; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants, 05 CH 15762 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on February 6, 2007, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, March 26, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 13801 South Kenton Ave., Crestwood, IL 60445. P.I.N. 28-03-100-139.
The improvement on the property consists of a 1 story, brick, commercial building with a single unit, an industrial warehouse and an office building which may be available for inspection by contacting Mr. Rick Lilka at 312-719-9333. Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds.
For information call Mr. David A. Shapiro at Plaintiff's Attorney, Bronson & Kahn LLC, 150 North Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60606. (312) 553-1700. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I25620

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION ABN-AMRO MORTGAGE GROUP, INC., SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO BELL FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff V. ISAAC KING; ROCHELLE KING A/K/A ROCHELLE D. KING; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF MARY CURRY; STATE OF ILLINOIS; ILLINOIS COMMUNITY ACTION ASSOCIATION; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants 01 CH 15919 NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE Fisher and Shapiro file # 05-9543D (It is advised that interested parties consult with their own attorneys before bidding at mortgage foreclosure sales.)
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered on August 15, 2006, Kallen Realty Services, Inc., successor to Kallen Financial & Capital Services, Inc. as Selling Official will at 12:30 p.m. on March 21, 2007, at 205 W. Randolph Street, Suite 1200, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real property: COMMONLY KNOWN AS 8045 SOUTH FRANCISCO AVENUE, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60652. TAX ID# 19-36-114-015 The mortgaged real estate is improved with a dwelling. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
The judgment amount was $151,793.22. Sale terms: 10% of successful bid immediately at conclusion of auction, balance by noon the next business day, both by cashier's ch[illegible]: and no refunds. The sale shall be s[illegible] to general real estate taxes, spec[illegible]s, special assessments, special taxes [illegible]d, and superior liens, if any. The prope[illegible] is offered "as is," with no express or implied warranties and without any representation as to the quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to review the court file to verify all information.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION GREENPOINT MORTGAGE FUNDING, INC. Plaintiff, -v- ANDRZEJ OLUGOPOLSKI, et al Defendants 06 CH 16021 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 2, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on March 20, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 5059 W. 167TH STREET, Oak Forest, IL 60452 Property Index No. 28-28-204-001 The real estate is improved with a single family residence.
The judgment amount was $166,540.44. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale
The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 16W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department. Please refer to file number 14-06-9327. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE, IL 60527 (630) 794-9876 Attorney File No.: 14-06-9327 ARDC# 00468002 Attorney Code. 21762 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I26025

THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE REGISTERED HOLDERS OF RESMAE ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-1 PLAINTIFF,-vs- LAMAR COLEMAN A/K/A LAMAR S. COLEMAN; QUIANNA COLEMAN A/K/A QUIANNA S. COLEMAN; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS DEFENDANTS 07 CH 1670 PUBLICATION NOTICE The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you Lamar Coleman a/k/a Lamar S. Coleman, Quianna Coleman a/k/a Quianna S. Coleman and Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, Defendants in the above entitled suit, that the said suit has been commenced in the Circuit Court of Cook County, by the said Plaintiff against you and other defendants, praying for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit: Commonly known as 8847 South Mozart Avenue, Chicago, IL 60805 Permanent Index No.: 24-01-108-031 and which said Mortgage was made by Lamar Coleman and Quianna Coleman Mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Resmae Mortgage Corporation as Mortgagee, and recorded in the office of the Recorder of Deeds of Cook County, Illinois, Document No. 0534140021. And for other relief; that summons was duly issued out of the said Court against you as provided by law, and that the suit is now pending. Now therefore, unless you, the said above named defendants, file your answer to the Complaint in the said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County, in the City of Chicago, Illinois, on or before the 30th day after the first publication of this notice which is March 19, 2007. Default may be entered against you at any time after that day and a judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said Complaint. Christopher A. Cleniawa Fisher and Shapiro, LLC Attorneys for Plaintiff 4201 Lake Cook Rd Northbrook, IL 60062-1060 (847)291-1717 Ext. 4307 Attorney No: 42168 06-9424D I26300

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE, IN TRUST FOR THE REGISTERED HOLDERS OF ARGENT MORTGAGE LOAN, ASSET BACKED NOTES, SERIES 2005-W1, UNDER THE POOLING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT DATED AS OF APRIL 1, 2005, WITHOUT RECOURSE, ASSIGNEE OF ARGENT MORTGAGE COMPANY, LLC; Plaintiff, vs. DOROTHY EWINGS; BRIAN COLLIER; UNDER MORTGAGE RECORDED AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 0504105218; Defendants. 06 CH 17146 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on November 2, 2006, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Wednesday, March 28, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 2761 W. 86th St., Chicago, IL 60652. P.I.N. 19-36-416-001.
The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
For information call Sales Clerk at Plaintiff's Attorney, Law Offices of Ira T. Nevel, 175 North Franklin Street, Chicago, Illinois 60606. (312) 357-1125. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I25702

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, ON BEHALF OF THE HOLDERS OF THE ASSET BACKED SECURITIES CORPORATION HOME EQUITY LOAN TRUST, SERIES NC 2005-HE8, ASSET BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES NC 2005-HE8 Plaintiff, -v.- LINDA VENIACE, et al Defendant 06 CH 18627 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on December 12, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on March 23, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 3232 WEST 85TH PLACE, Chicago, IL 60652 Property Index No. 19-35-421-061-0000 The real estate is improved with a white brick single family 1.5 stories w/attached 2 car garage.
The judgment amount was $257,448.25. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale
The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. For information: Visit our website at http:\\service.atty-pierce.com. between the hours of 3 and 5 pm. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602. Tel No. (312) 478-5500. Please refer to file number PA0610354. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE. I26225

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION EMC MORTGAGE CORPORATION Plaintiff, vs. MELVIN CHAVERS A/K/A MELVIN CHAVERS, JR.; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF MELVIN CHAVERS,IF ANY; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants,05 CH 3528 NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on 10/3/2006, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, March 26, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property: P.I.N. 19-35-402-072. Commonly known as 3325 West 83rd Street, Chicago, IL 60652.
The improvement on the property consists of a residencial property. Sale terms: 25% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.
For information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com. Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602. Tel No. (312) 476-5500. Refer to File Number PA0501742. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I25618

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS, INC. Plaintiff, v.- JUDITH M. DE MAYO, et al Defendant 06 CH 16303 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on November 14, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on March 19, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 12620 S. ALPINE DRIVE UNIT #3, Alsip, IL 60803 Property Index No. 24-28-304-025-1003 The real estate is improved with a condominium.
The judgment amount was $77,853.62. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale
The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department. Please refer to file number 14-06-9474. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I25596

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION CITIFINANCIAL MORTGAGE COMPANY, INC. Plaintiff, -v.- ALFREDETTA HARRIS, et al Defendant 06 CH 16093 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 18, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on March 22, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 14633 KEYSTONE AVENUE UNIT 3D, P5, S3D, Midlothian, IL 60445 Property Index No. 28-10-228-041-1018, Property Index No. 28-10-229-041-1040, Property Index No. 28-10-229-041-1049 The real estate is improved with a white brick condo, no garage. The judgment amount was $77,101.46. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale
The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. For information: Visit our website at http:\\service.atty-pierce.com. between the hours of 3 and 5 pm. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602. Tel No. (312) 478-5500. Please refer to file number PA0607974. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE. I26286

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION FREMONT INVESTMENT & LOAN Plaintiff, -v.- ROBERT CARTER JR. A/K/A. ROBERT CARTER, et al Defendants 06 CH 16871 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on November 15, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on March 26, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 3541 W. 83RD PLACE, Chicago, IL 60652 Property Index No. 18-36-404-068 The real estate is improved with a single family residence.
The judgment amount was $180,386.04. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale
The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department. Please refer to file number 14-06-9236. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE, IL 60527 (630) 794-8876 Attorney File No.: 14-06-8236 ARDC# 00468002 Attorney Code. 21762 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I26117

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIB COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS, INC. Plaintiff, -v.- NEVA M. WILLIAMS, et al Defendants 06 CH 16624 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 24, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on March 26, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 3524 WEST 84TH PLACE, Chicago, IL 60652 Property Index No. 19-35-408-067-0000 The real estate is improved with a 1 story single family red brickw/unattached garage. The judgment amount was $105,489.52. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale
The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. For information: Visit our website at http:\\service.atty-pierce.com. between the hours of 3 and 5 pm. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602. Tel No. (312) 478-5500. Please refer to file number PA0608572. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE PIERCE & ASSOCIATES One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300 CHICAGO, IL 60602 (312) 476-5500 Attorney File No.: PA0608572 Attorney Code. 91220 I26215

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS, INC. Plaintiff, -v.- MARIO CARRILLO, et al Defendants 06 CH 16398 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 11, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on March 21, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 7758 MEADE AVENUE, Burbank, IL 60459 Property Index No. 18-29-305-040 The real estate is improved with a single family residence.
The judgment amount was $231,887.33. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale
The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 784-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department. Please refer to file number 14-06-8592. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60608-4650 (312) 236-SALE CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE, IL 60527 (630) 794-9878 Attorney File No.: 14-06-9592 ARDC# 00468002 Attorney Code. 21762 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I26191

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION UBS REAL ESTATE SECURITIES, INC. Plaintiff, -v.- JOSEPH KEMPF, et al Defendant 06 CH 17169 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on November 13, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on March 27, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 8207 WILLOW LANE, Bridgeview, IL 60455 Property Index No. 24-08-317-011
The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was $220,950.76. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale
The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9878 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department. Please refer to file number PA0611035. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE I25941

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION BANK OF NEW YORK AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS, CWABS, INC. ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-7 Plaintiff, -v.- MARTHA LOPEZ, et al Defendant 06 CH 19949 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 17, 2007, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on March 19, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 7918 SOUTH KOMENSKY AVENUE, Chicago, IL 60652 Property Index No. 19-34-215-053-0000 The real estate is improved with a 1 story red brick single family home raised ranch w/unattached garage.
The judgment amount was $232,666.13. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale
The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. For information: Visit our website at http:\\service.atty-pierce.com. between the hours of 3 and 5 pm. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602. Tel No. (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number PA0611035. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago,. IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE I25941

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY AS TRUSTEE, Plaintiff, vs. MARY OLSON; DONALD OLSON; MERS AS NOMINEE FOR DECISION ONE MORTGAGE COMPANY, LLC, Defendants, 06 CH 17736 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on November 27, 2006 Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, April 3, 2007 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 16401 George Drive, Oak Forest, IL 60452. P.I.N. 28-22-305-001
The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection
For information call William E. Dutton, Jr./Barbara J. Dutton at Plaintiff's Attorney, DUTTON & DUTTON, P.C., 10325 West Lincoln Highway, Frankfort, Illinois 60423 (815) 806-8200. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I26736

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, Plaintiff, vs. RONALD WASHINGTON, SR.; BARBARA O. WASHINGTON Defendants, 08 CH 17622 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on October 17, 2006 Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, April 3, 2007 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 8801 S. Talman, Evergreen Park, IL 60805 P.I.N. 24-01-207-001 & 002.
The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence. THE SALE SHALL BE SUBJECT TO GENERAL TAXES, SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS AND TO A PRIOR RECORDED FIRST MORTGAGE. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection
For information call William E. Dutton, Jr./Barbara J. Dutton at Plaintiff's Attorney, DUTTON & DUTTON, P.C., 10325 West Lincoln Highway, Frankfort, Illinois 60423. (815) 806-8200. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I26735

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION US BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR THE STRUCTURED ASSET INVESTMENT LOAN TRUST 2006-2; Plaintiff, vs. MARY K. BELFORD; ET. AL., Defendants, 06 CH 15914 NOTICE OF SALE
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION HOUSEHOLD FINANCE CORPORATION, III; Plaintiff, vs. KENNETH R. HANSEN; ET. AL.; Defendants, 08 CH 17585 NOTICE OF SALE
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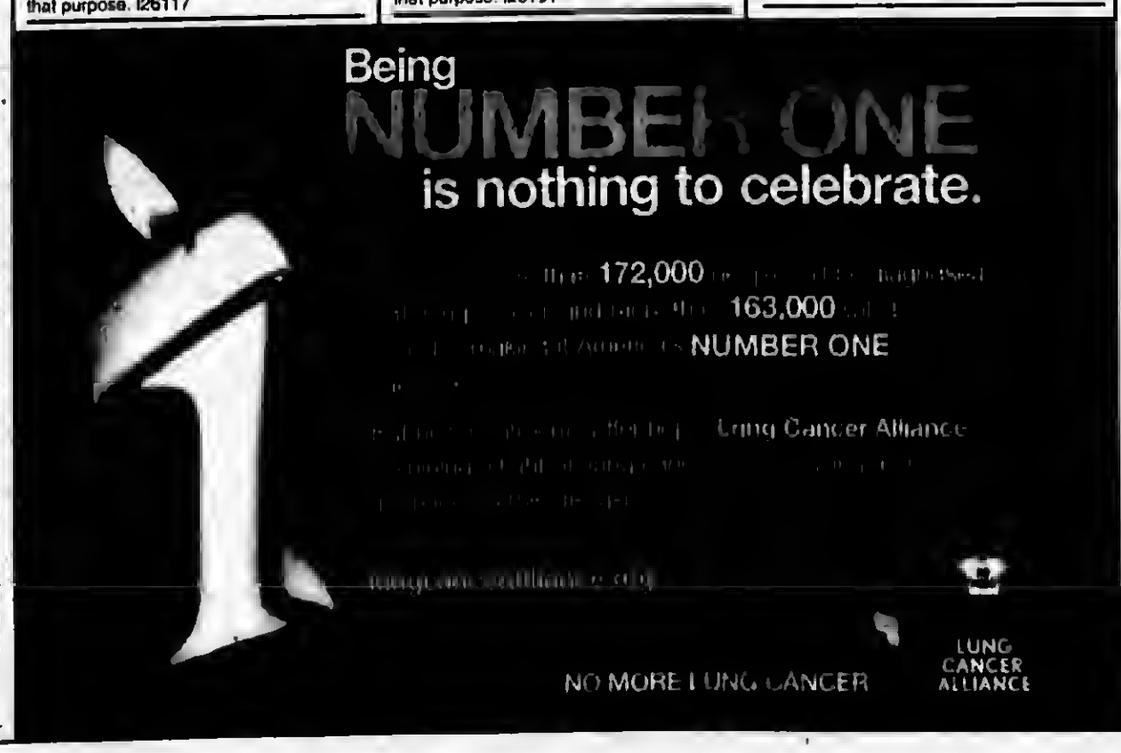

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Understanding Credit Scoring

There's a lot of confusion around credit reports and credit scores - what they're used for, how they're calculated and why they're so important if you want to buy a car or house. Lenders, insurers and even employers review your credit history to decide if you're a worthwhile risk, so here's some background information that may help demystify the whole credit scoring process:

Credit bureaus. There are three major credit bureaus: Equifax www.equifax.com, Experian www.experian.com and TransUnion www.transunion.com. Each tracks how many and what types of credit cards and loans you have, how long your accounts have been open and whether you've paid your bills on time.

Credit report. Upon request from you or a potential lender, a credit bureau will compile a credit report - basically a snapshot of your credit history at that moment. You can order one free credit report a year from each of the three bureaus. (Order through www.annualcreditreport.com: otherwise you'll pay a small fee.) They are required by law to investigate any disputed item and correct inaccuracies.

It's wise to order a free report from one of the bureaus every four months; that way, you'll keep regular, year-round tabs on what's being reported about you. Another tip: If you're planning to borrow to make a major purchase, order your credit reports beforehand so you'll know what lenders will see about your credit history.

It's vital to know what's in your credit reports so you can spot fraudulent activity or errors before they damage your credit standing. For more information on what to do if you suspect identity fraud, go to Practical Money Skills for Life, a free personal financial management site sponsored by Visa USA www.practicalmoneyskills.com/security.

Credit scores. Credit bureaus use information in your credit report to create a three-digit credit score. The higher your score, the better your credit rating is. The most commonly used credit scores are called FICO scores, named for Fair Isaac Corporation (FICO), which developed the proprietary software.

Five factors are used to determine your FICO score: payment history, amount owed, length of credit history, newly opened credit accounts, and types of credit used. Scores take into consideration information in all five categories, both positive and negative, but may weigh them differently depending on your individual circumstances.

When you apply for credit or a loan, lenders evaluate one or more of these bureaus' scores along with their own criteria (which may include income, length of employment or other factors), to determine if you are a worthy credit risk. Your overall credit score may affect not only whether or not you get the loan, but also the amount, term length and interest rate.

The differences between excellent, good, fair and poor credit scores can really add up. For example, someone with a top-notch FICO credit score - say above 720 - might qualify for a mortgage rate one or more percentage points lower than someone with poor credit. For a typical 30-year, $200,000 mortgage, this could add up to an extra $50,000 in interest payments over the life of the loan.

For more information on how credit reports and credit scores work - and to purchase a copy of your score - go to www.myfico.com. Remember, it's always a good idea to know what's in your reports ahead of time so you can correct errors before they harm your credit rating.

No-Interest Loans Available

Governor Rod R. Blagojevich announced $1.9 million in no-interest loans to help fire departments and fire protection districts purchase much-needed fire trucks. This is the second phase of a loan program that has already helped 63 fire departments obtain new fire trucks.

The Fire Truck Revolving Loan Program, administered by the Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM), provides no-interest, 20-year loans to local fire departments and fire protection districts for the purchase of fire trucks. The maximum loan award is $250,000. The loan program was created by legislation signed by Gov. Blagojevich in 2003.

Applications for the loans are available on the OSFM website at www.state.il.us/osfm. The agency also will mail applications to each fire department in Illinois. Applications will be accepted from Feb. 1 through April 15. A nine-member review committee comprising representatives of the banking industry and the fire services will review the applications. Loans will be awarded on the basis of need.

In August 2004, 63 fire departments were selected to receive the initial revolving loans. Payments on those loans go into the revolving loan fund, and will be used for this second round of loans.

Air Quality Report

Air quality in Illinois was either good or moderate 90 percent of the time throughout Illinois in 2005, according to the 35th Annual Air Quality Report, released by the Illinois EPA.

While this is a decrease from the air quality numbers in 2004, it is consistent with the air quality trends the state has experienced in the past. Air quality trends still show air pollution levels well below the standards on a statewide basis.

In 2005, Illinois as well as other Midwestern and Northeastern states experienced one of the most unusual air quality episodes in recent history. For the first time in Illinois, Air Pollution Action Days were called outside of the ozone season, May through September, with three action days being called in February due to elevated levels of fine particulate matter. Scientists determined that a combination of a stagnating regional air mass and combustion of winter fuels region-wide was the main cause of this incident.

This unusual episode provided the Illinois EPA with the opportunity to thoroughly discuss fine particulate matter, which led to additional public education about the causes and health concerns of this pollutant.

"While annual trends show the statewide levels of pollutants well below the federal standards, there are still some areas in Illinois where improvement is still needed," said Illinois EPA Director Doug Scott. "The Illinois EPA continues its commitment to improve air quality throughout the state and the region."

Cold Weather Killer

Each year, nearly 5,000 people in the United States are treated in hospital emergency rooms for carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning. This number is, however, believed to be an underestimate of those poisoned because many people exhibiting the symptoms of CO poisoning mistake these symptoms for the flu or are misdiagnosed.

CO poisoning can kill without warning, as your family sleeps. CO gas has no warning properties – you can't smell it, see it, or taste it – even at harmful or life threatening levels. And, since so many deaths occur as the result of defective or poorly operated home heating devices, CO has been termed the "silent cold weather killer."

CO is a colorless, odorless, toxic gas. It is produced by the incomplete combustion of solid, liquid, and gaseous fuels. Appliances fueled with gas, oil, kerosene, or wood may produce CO. If such appliances are not installed, maintained, and used properly, CO may accumulate to dangerous and even fatal levels in cars, homes, or poorly ventilated areas like basements.

CO is produced when fuels are burned, therefore, any fuel-burning appliance in your home is a potential CO source. Electrical heaters and electric water heaters, toasters, etc., do not produce CO under any circumstances. Under normal circumstances, CO should not be detectable in the typical home or workplace.

When fuel-fired appliances are kept in good working condition, they produce very little CO. But improperly operated or improperly vented appliances can produce elevated – or even fatal – CO concentrations in your home. Likewise, using kerosene heaters or charcoal grills indoors, or running a car in a closed garage, can cause levels of CO high enough to result in CO poisoning or even death.

Common sources of CO include the following wood- or gas-fueled appliances: room heaters; furnaces; charcoal grills; cooking ranges; water heaters; automobiles run in closed garages; fireplaces; portable generators; and wood-burning stoves.

Any person or animal in spaces shared with a device capable of generating CO should be considered at risk of CO poisoning. CO exposures especially affect unborn babies, infants, and people with anemia or a history of heart disease. Breathing low levels of the chemical can cause fatigue and increase chest pain in people with chronic heart disease.

Although not always experienced, the initial symptoms of CO poisoning are similar to the flu, but without the fever. They include: dizziness, fatigue, headache, nausea, and irregular breathing.

It is critical to note that death from CO poisoning can occur with some or all of these symptoms never being experienced, in which case the overexposed victim simply falls asleep and never regains consciousness.

Dangerous levels of CO can be prevented by proper appliance maintenance, installation, and use. Timely inspections of potentially CO-producing equipment, and the use of CO toxic level concentration alarms, are also key to avoiding a CO fatality.

Fund Chicago Search And Rescue Team

U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin (D-IL) recently met with Dept. of Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff to ask him to consider Chicago's eligibility for a federally funded search and rescue team. Durbin also discussed the impact of the fiscal year 2008 budget on Illinois' ability to respond to natural disasters and terrorist threats.

"Chicago is the third largest city in the country, yet year after year, we are not included in the 28 cities that receive federal funds for urban search and rescue teams. The State of Illinois has done a tremendous job in funding its own urban search and rescue team, but I expressed my frustration to Secretary Chertoff over the lack of federal support," said Durbin. "Our state deserves to have federal help in fielding these trained and equipped urban search and rescue teams when local resources are overwhelmed."

Currently, there are 28 FEMA-certified urban search and rescue teams that operate as a disaster response task force. The teams operate around the clock, and include engineers, medics and other technical experts, specially trained search dogs and an average of $4.5 million of equipment. The State currently spends approximately $1 million for training each year and has spent $3 million in equipment over the last couple of years in funding its own urban search and rescue team.

In the meeting, Durbin also expressed serious concerns about the impact of the President's FY 2008 budget on Illinois' ability to respond to natural disasters and terrorist threats. The budget the President presented to Congress recently cuts funding for state and local law enforcement assistance by $1.3 billion, dramatically decreases funding for FIRE grants and eliminates the SAFER firefighter- hiring program.

Durbin also raised concerns that the President's budget reduces funding for the FIRE program which provides equipment and training to fire departments in Illinois and across the country to help them prepare and respond to terrorist incidents. Last year, in Illinois, over $13.6 million was awarded to IL fire departments.

The President's budget completely eliminates the SAFER firefighter-hiring program, which provides funding to fire departments to hire additional firefighters and first responders. Last year, $4.4 million was awarded to Illinois fire departments for hiring/recruiting additional firefighters.

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Southwest Area Obituaries

Arlene C. Barbush

Mass was said at St. Louis DeMontfort Church, Oak Lawn, on Tuesday, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Arlene C. Barbush, 72.

She is survived by her children Daniel (Kathy), Anthony (Margaret) and Karen (Brad) Goodroad, three grandchildren and her brother Warren (Madeline) Mielcarek.

John M. Conversa

Mass was said at Sacred Heart Church, Palos Hills, on Thursday, March 1st, with a private interment, for John M. Conversa, 43, he was a member of the Painters and Decorators Union Dist. Council #14 and the Downers Grove Sportimers Club.

He is survived by his wife Laura; his parents Nick (Judy) and Joan; his sister Kathleen (Tom) Rogowski, Michael (Eve) and Joseph (Megan).

Edward W. desLauriers

Mass was said at Most Holy Redeemer Church, Evergreen Park, on Monday, with interment at Resurrection Cemetery, for Edward W. desLauriers.

He is survived by his wife Gloria E., his children Danielle (Jim) Thorpe and E.J. desLauriers.

Donald W. Forsyth

Mass was said at St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church, Oak Lawn, on Friday, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Donald W. Forsyth, 80, a veteran of the US Navy.

He is survived by his wife Constance, his children Cynthia (Kevin) Nelson and Candace (Nicholas) Trevor and two grandchildren.

Peter J. Gallo

Mass was said at St. Elizabeth Seton Church, on Wednesday, with entombment at Good Shepard Mausoleum, for Peter J. Gallo, a veteran of WWII.

He is survived by his wife Edith; his children Yvonne, John (Jeanie), Denise (Richard) Nugent, Michelle (Michael) Roninella and Daniel (Marcy) Gallo; his parents Rose and Mariano Gallo; fifteen grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; his brothers Mike (Tina), Frances Damico; and his sister Mary Ann (Ed) Severa, Katherine (Bill) Cole, Angeline (Frank) Telerico and Lucille Gagliano.

Emil J. Gucwa

Mass was said at Queen of the Universe Church, Evergreen Park, on Monday, with interment at Resurrection Cemetery, for Emil J. Gucwa, a veteran of WWII serving with the US Navy, USS Arcadia.

He is survived by his wife Anne; his children Linda (Paul) Engler, George (Judy), Ronald (Peggy), Susan (Tom) Tragos and Terri (Rick) Bogart; ten grandchildren; his sisters Irene Rygiewicz and Celé Zemenick; and his brother Leonard (Charlotte).

Bertha Leona Hazzard

Services were held at Blake Lamb Funeral Home, Oak Lawn, on Monday, with interment at Fairmount Willow Hills, for Bertha Leona Hazzard.

She is survived by her husband Thomas, her children Joyce Josepher, Judith Tullock, Cindy Clark and many grand and great-grandchildren.

Nellie M. Hoelle

Services were held at the Lawn Funeral Home, Burbank, on Wednesday, with interment at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, for Nellie M. Hoelle.

She is survived by her husband Louis; her children Lana (Frank) Pedersen, Raymond (Frances), Louis, Brian, Denise and Martine; eight grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren; her brother Raymond (Margie) Haney and many other stepbrothers and sisters.

Janet M. Kedrouske

Services were held at the Krueger Funeral Home, Blue Island, on Wednesday, with a private cremation, for Janet M. Kedrouske, 62 of Blue Island.

She is survived by her daughter Jeanne (Juan) Padron; one grandchild and her brothers Oliver "Skip" (Bonnie) and David (Bonnie).

Frank W. Kissel

Mass was said at Sacred Heart Church, Palos Hills, on Monday, with interment at St. Casimir Cemetery, for Frank W. Kissel, 90, of Palos Hills, formerly of Chicago's Brighton Park Community. He was an Army Air Force veteran of WWII. He was a member of Darius-Girenas American Legion Post 271.

He is survived by his wife Mary; his children Margie (Robert) Katz and Daniel (Kimberly); four grandchildren; and his sister Eleanor Vitkas.

Joseph P. Klazura

Mass was said at Sacred Heart Church, Palos Hills, on Tuesday, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Joseph P. Klazura.

He is survived by his children Marilyn (Howard) Havlik and Dr. Paul (Molly) Klazura, five grandchildren and his sisters Frances Marshal, Susan Klazura, MaryAnne Klazura and Estelle Redmond.

Felix E. Kuderka

Mass was said at St. Linus Church, Oak Lawn, with interment at Resurrection Cemetery for Felix E. Kuderka, a veteran of WWII serving with the Army.

He is survived by his brother John (Eleanor) and his sisters Helen Jaliuch, Ann Pulalla, Barbara Bruno, Lottie Webber; and his brothers Edward and Walter Kuderka.

Rosalie E. LaVela

Services were held at the Lawn Funeral Home, Burbank, on Saturday, with interment at Resurrection Cemetery for Rosalie E. LaVela.

She is survived by her children Janice (John) Roth and Terrence (Patricia) LaVela, ten grandchildren and sixteen great-grandchildren.

John Gerald Leahy

Mass was said at St. Linus Church, Oak Lawn, on Saturday, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for John Gerald Leahy, owner of Leahy Heating and Cooling Corp. He was a past member of the St. Linus Men's Guild and BPOE 1596.

He is survived by his wife Julia; his children John (Kathleen) Leahy, Patricia (Martha Jo, Daniel, Edward, James (Patricia) and Julie (Patrick) Heslin; fifteen grandchildren; and his brother Daniel (Mariann) Leahy.

Dr. Olivo V. Leopando

Services were held at Becvar and Son Funeral Home, Crestwood, on Friday, with entombment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Dr. Olivo V. Leopando. He was a board certified cardiologist, internist and geriatric specialist for over 40 years.

He is survived by his children Philippe, Mark and Charmaine, his brothers Oscar, Odded and Osman Leopando and his sisters Malyn Jewsbury, Malou Clarke and Matyt Adler.

Ellen Marie Madsen

Mass was said at Our Lady of Loretto Church, Hometown, on Monday, with a private interment, for Ellen Marie Madsen. She was an employee of Christ Medical Center.

She is survived by her husband Thomas; her children Kristen Marie Evans and Thomas Corridon Madsen; her parents Genevieve "Jean" and Lawrence Corridon; her brother Lawrence J. (Emily) and Mary (Mark) Charles.

James Raleigh McGee

Mass was said at St. Christina Church, Mt. Greenwood, on Monday, with a private interment, for James Raleigh McGee, 14.

He is survived by his mother Gena Shaughnessy; his sister Kimberly McGee and his brother Timothy Shaughnessy; and his grandparents Raleigh and Zita McGee.

Jean Neises

A Memorial Mass was held on Tuesday, at St. Julie Billiart Church, Tinley Park with entombment at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, for Jean Neises.

He is survived by her husband Robert; her children Daniel, Catherine Kenning, Robbie O'Donnell, Marty, Jim, Mary Rog and Mike; sixteen grandmother; and seven great-grandchildren.

James F. O'Connor

Mass was said at St. Albert the Great Church, on Tuesday, with a private interment, for James F. O'Connor, a veteran of WWII serving with the 8th Air Force.

He is survived by his wife Dorothy; his children Michael and Ellen (Charles) Borawski; two grandchildren; his sister Mary Curran and his brothers Timothy and Robert.

Stella V. Remiasz

Mass was said at St. Bernadette Church, Evergreen Park, on Monday, with interment at Resurrection Cemetery, for Stella V. Remiasz, of Evergreen Park, She was a teacher, author and publisher.

She is survived by her children Robert (Peggy), Vincent (Maureen) and Victoria Remiasz Mile; six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren; and her stepbrother Leo Masiulis.

Wilbur R. Sager

Mass was said at St. Damian Church, Oak Forest, on Thursday, with entombment at Resurrection Cemetery, for Wilbur R. Sager, 84, a veteran of WWII serving with the Army Air Corps.

He is survived by his wife Patricia; his children Ellen (Michael) Lekas, Thomas (Andrea) Sager, Laura Beedon, Denise (John) Betken, Debbra (Phillip) Rucker, Michael (Laurie) Hausfeld, Sharon (Rick) Serrano, William, Vanessa and Matthew Sager; twenty four grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren; his brother Paul (Anna Jane) Sager; and his sisters Wilma Sager and Ruby (Donald) Kaufman.

Tania Tisocco

Mass was said at St. Francis of Assisi Church, Orland Park, on Saturday, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Tania Tisocco.

She is survived by her children Loris (Ana Rosa) Tisocco, M.D., Rokita (John) Szostak and Tania Elizabeth Tisocco; eight grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

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Camera Club

Everyone is welcome to come on out to the Oak Lawn Camera Club meeting. Meetings are held the first and second Friday of each month, October through May, at 7:30 p.m. at Oak View Center, 4625 W. 110th St.

This month, March 2nd is competition night. The subject for the month is "Zoo Photos." The following Friday, March 9th, will feature CACCA Salon Winners Slide Show.

Learn more about photography, improve your skills, socialize with other photographers or just come out to see some beautiful pictures and have some fun.

For information, call Betty Nehls at (708) 534-1912.

Lenten Series

"Surviving Life's Twists and Turns" is the topic for the second program in the Pilgrim Faith Church Lenten Series on March 7th at 7:15 p.m. A light supper of soup, bread, cheese and fruit will be served at 6:30 prior to the program.

The series on "Turning Points: God's Help for Life's Twists and Turns" will continue each Wednesday through March 28th, with a different aspect of dealing with life's challenges addressed each week.

A children's program for those in kindergarten through sixth grade will meet at the same time. Child care is provided for children younger than kindergarten.

The church is at 9411 S. 51st Ave. The public is invited to attend. For more information, call the church at (708) 422-4200.

Pryme Tymers Meeting

The Pryme Tymers, a very active fellowship that meets at Trinity Church, 9230 S. Pulaski Road, invites the entire community to its meeting on Thursday, March 8th at 11 a.m.

Beverly residents Elaine and Carl Spencer will present a Travelogue of Japan. These world travelers will show many Oriental highlights, including the beautiful cherry blossom gardens. Japanese clothing will also be on display. A chop suey luncheon, prepared by Chef Pitluck, will be served at noon, with a set of chopsticks at every table for the most accomplished diners. The cost is $6 and reservations are required.

Call the church office at (708) 422-5111 or Tom Panush at (708) 636-7548 by Friday, March 2nd. Transportation is provided upon request. A canned goods item is also collected for the Salvation Army Food Pantry.

"My Fair Lady"

The Oak Lawn Park District Theatre production of My Fair lady will run at the Oak View Center, 4625 W. 110th St., for two consecutive weekends: March 9-11 and March 16-18. Friday and Saturday shows are at 8 p.m. and Sunday shows are at 3 p.m. Tickets are $19 for adults and $18 for seniors and children.

Production staff Includes: Dave Heilmann, executive producer; Erlea Heilmann, producer/director; Julie Benos, assistant director; Cassie Dawe, choreographer; Andy Sheils, musical director; Bill Hansen, conductor; Gil Oliva, lighting and set design.

The cast includes: Gerald Cross, Oak Lawn, Harry/Cockney; Dennis Dawe, Oak Lawn, Jamie/Cockney; Christy Graham, Oak Lawn, Mrs. Higgins/Mrs. Hopkins; Nissa Harvey, Chicago, 2nd Maid; Tanna Houston, Ensemble; Corinne Kalebich, Oak Forest, Ensemble; Gene Kolenda, Prof. Karpathy Zoltan; Mark Korres, LaGrange, Alfred Doolittle; Laila Maali, Burbank, Ensemble; Kathy Miller, Tinley Park, Mrs. Eynsford Hill/ 1st Maid; Steve Miller, Tinley Park, Pickering; Bridget Murphy, Chicago, Ensemble; Shannon Murphy, Chicago, Ensemble; Reid O'Connell, New Lenox, Freddy Eynsford Hill; Rachel Page, Oak Lawn, Ensemble; Aishling Pembroke, Oak Lawn, Ensemble; Joe Peterson, Chicago Ridge, Bystander/Butler; Jacqueline Pugh, Oak Lawn, Flower Girl/ Maid; John Reidy, Orland Park, Cockney/Hoxton Man; Dominic Rescigno, Oak Lawn, Selsey Man; Ron Rescigno, Oak Lawn, Police/Ano. Bystander/Lord Box; Jessica Saldana, Chicago, Ensemble; Cara Scott, Homewood, Eliza Doolittle; Amanda Smothers, Chicago, Ensemble;

Joe Spencer, Hickory Hills, Henry Higgins; Toula Spencer, Hickory Hills, Lady Boxington; Laura Swiat, Tinley Park, Maid; Arlene Tyszkiewicz, Oak Lawn, Mrs. Pearce; Manasa Vedula, Willowbrook, Ensemble;

Matthew Walsh, Orland Park, Bartender/ Footman; Brian Whitlock, Chicago, Servant; and Dorothy Zmich, Oak Lawn, Queen of Transylvania.

For more information on the production, call the Oak Lawn Park District at (708) 857-2200.

Journalism Awards

The Xavierite, the student newspaper of Saint Xavier University, won three awards recently at the annual Illinois College Press Association convention. The awards recognize the very best in student journalism in the state of Illinois.

The following Saint Xavier University students won awards: Anthony Gallelli, 2nd place, Open Division, advertisement campaign; Sean Reynolds, Honorable Mention, non-dailies over 4,000, headline writing; Megan Murphy and Chris Lonergan, Honorable Mention, non-dailies over 4,000, feature page design

Rob Quicke, director of student media for Saint Xavier University, said, "I congratulate these winners who have achieved this recognition, and I am proud of the whole Xavierite staff who made 2006 such a great year."

There were more than 1,000 entries and only 300 winners. More than 400 students from across Illinois attended the awards banquet and convention. Quicke, who served the ICPA as second vice president, also organized this year's competition. At the annual ICPA board meeting on Feb. 17, ICPA members unanimously elected Quicke as first vice president.

Spaghetti Dinner

Trinity Lutheran Church, 97th & Brandt Ave. (2 blocks west of Cicero), will have its annual Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, March 3rd from 4 to 7 p.m. The cost for the tickets is $6 for adults and $3 for children. The price includes spaghetti with homemade sauce, salad with homemade dressing, fresh bread, desserts and beverages. Meatballs and Italian sausage will be sold separately.

The event is sponsored by Trinity Luther League, the high school youth group. It is truly the best!

Choral Presentation

All area choristers and singers are invited to join in a community choral presentation of "Requiem" by John Rutter on Sunday, April 1st at 3:30 p.m. at the Morgan Park Presbyterian Church, 110th Pl. & Longwood Drive. Accompanied by a chamber orchestra, the Requiem is a beautiful meditation appropriate for Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter. Rehearsals will be held on Saturdays at 10 a.m. on March 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th. All are welcome to join in singing this sacred musical.

For more information, contact the church office at (773) 779-3355.

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OAK LAWN LIBRARY NOTES

The Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St., will host a free Sweet Adeline concert from 2 to 3 p.m. on Sunday, March 11th. More than a dozen female singers from the Western Lights Chorus will perform much-loved old standards and other favorites in the four-part harmony barbershop-style. Sponsored by the Friends of the Oak Lawn Library.

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The Oak Lawn Community Partnership will offer free blood pressure screenings from 10 to 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, March 14th at the library. Screenings will be performed by personnel from the Oak Lawn Fire Dept.

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The library will host a free financial planning seminar about annuities at 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 14th. Participants will learn the basics of these fixed and variable products and discover how to properly use them to generate income for life. Presented by Geoff Peterson and Eric Degnan, CMFC, financial advisors for Waddell & Reed.

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Members of the community are invited to stop by the Youth Services Dept. of the library to view an exhibit of artwork created by students of St. Linus School in Oak Lawn through March 15th.

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For more information on these or any library program, call (708) 422-4990 or visit oaklawnlibrary.org.

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Blessed With Ashes

To mark the Lenten season, St. Rita High School students were blessed with ashes during an all-school Ash Wednesday Mass. Students and faculty listed their Lenten promises and deposited the lists in a basket prior to receiving ashes and purple silicone bracelets that read, "The time is now...St. Rita Lent 2007".

Pictured: Rev. Walter McNicholas, OSA, of St. Rita High School, rubs ashes on the forehead of senior William O'Brien (Evergreen Park), while senior Andy McCarthy (Oak Forest) hands his classmate a purple Lenten bracelet during St. Rita High School's Ash Wednesday Mass.

Springing Forward

Starting this year, Daylight Saving Time has been changed from its traditional calendar dates to a start three weeks earlier -- Sunday, March 11 -- and a finish one week later-Sunday, Nov. 4. Daylight Saving Time is practiced in order to gain an extra hour of daylight during the early evening, resulting in the conservation of energy by substituting natural sunlight for electrical lighting.

According to *The Old Farmer's Almanac*, Daylight Saving Time first began in 1918 during World War I to allow for more evening light and save fuel for the war effort. Since then, Daylight Saving Time has been used on and off, with different start and end dates.

Benjamin Franklin first suggested the idea in 1784. It was later revived in 1907, when William Willett proposed a similar system in the pamphlet The Waste of Daylight. The Germans were the first to officially adopt the light-extending system in 1915, followed by the British, and in 1918 the United States, when Congress passed the Standard Time Act, establishing our time zones.

The Old Farmer's Almanac is one of several publications published by Yankee Publishing of Dublin, New Hampshire. The Almanac family of products also includes several themed calendars for 2007. Folks who can't find *The 2007 Old Farmer's Almanac* where books and magazines are sold can order individual copies or subscriptions at Almanac.com (where you can also find articles on a variety of Almanac topics, recipes, trivia, and a unique home-page personalization option) or by calling 800-223-3166.

Pay Cook County Property Taxes Via Internet

Cook County property owners who missed paying current property tax bills by the due date of March 1, can pay on the website of Cook County Treasurer Maria Pappas or at a Chase Bank with a 1.5 percent monthly penalty.

Pappas said that full or partial payment can be made for the first installment of tax year 2006 and for delinquent bills issued in 2006.

Pappas said the online option at www.cookcountytreasurer.com makes it easier for taxpayers to pay late. The 1.5 percent monthly penalty will be reflected in the amount showing as owed.

"If a late payment is necessary, it's easy to know what you owe and easy to pay because of our website," Pappas said.

Payment also can be made at nearly 300 Chase Bank locations, some in Dominick's Food Stores or by direct debit at 214 participating community banks which pay via Pappas' website.

To check what is owed, taxpayers should have their Property Index Number and visit www.cookcountytreasurer.com or call (312) 443-5100.

Cook County has nearly 1.7 million parcels of property on which more than $9 billion is collected in two installments yearly. The revenue goes to local taxing agencies.

March Is Poison Prevention Month

Year after year, millions of accidental poisonings occur in America - the majority of them affecting children. Last year, the Illinois Poison Center (IPC) handled more than 107,000 exposure and information calls - 51 percent involving children age 5 and under - on everything from household products and carbon monoxide to medicines and mushrooms.

Each year, the third week in March is recognized as National Poison Prevention Week; however, the Illinois Poison Center is tackling a bigger challenge this year. In 2007, the Illinois Poison Center will recognize the entire month of March as Illinois Poison Prevention Month.

"A week-long observance of this vital health awareness initiative is insufficient. Poison prevention education needs to be a year-round activity," said Michael Wahl, MD, managing medical director, IPC. "By using the entire month of March as a means to increase awareness of this serious public health issue, we hope to reduce the incidence and injury caused by poisonings."

Illinois Poison Center outreach staff will dedicate the month of March to educating Illinois residents that they can reach the poison center 24 hours a day via a toll-free phone number, 1-800-222-1222. With the IPC's help, 90 percent of poison exposure calls from the general public are managed at the site of exposure without referral to a health care facility by providing simple first aid instructions over the phone.

According to Illinois Poison Center experts, preparing yourself and your family is the best way to avoid a potential poisoning. Take the following precautions to prevent poisonings: make sure all potential poisons are out of the sight and reach of children; keep medicines and household products in their original containers with original labels; always read labels before using medicines, cleaners and other products; teach children to ask first before eating or drinking anything; never call medicine candy or make a game out of taking it; keep the IPC phone number, 1-800-222-1222, on all phones in the house and other handy locations and store the number in your cell phone.

Established by Congress in 1961, National Poison Prevention Week, March 18-24, is an opportunity to educate communities on poison prevention and the dangers of unintentional poisonings.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MARCH 12 – Monday – AARP Meeting, VFW Hall. 9514 52nd Ave., 1 p.m.

MARCH 12 – Monday – OL Park District Board Meeting, 4625 W. 110th St., 7:30 p.m.

MARCH 12 – Monday – Business Development Commission Meeting. 9446 S. Raymond, 7:30 p.m.

MARCH 13 – Tuesday – Chamber of Commerce Luncheon, Jenny's Steak House, 12 p.m.

MARCH 13 – Tuesday – Worth Township Board Committee Meeting, 11601 S. Pulaski, 7:30 p.m.

MARCH 13 – Tuesday – OL Village Board Meeting, Municipal Building, 9446 Raymond, 8 p.m.

MARCH 13 – Tuesday – Village Hall open to 8 p.m.

MARCH 13 – Tuesday – VFW 5220 Meeting, 9514 S. 52nd Ave., 8 p.m.

MARCH 15 – Thursday – Senior Free Vision Screening, Worth Township, 11601 S. Pulaski, 9 a.m. to 12 noon, Appointments necessary, call (708) 371-2900, Ext. 28.

MARCH 15 – Thursday – Public Works Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 7:30 p.m.

MARCH 15 – Thursday – Athletic Club Meeting, VFW Hall, 9514 S. 52nd Ave., 8 p.m.

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Richards High School Speech Team

Although they brought home no hardware from the state finals, the speech team – led this year by a new varsity head coach – from Richards High School nevertheless enjoyed noteworthy success during the 2006-2007 season. More Bulldogs advanced to the sectional tournament, one level below the state finals, this year than in the previous 20 years combined.

"This season was a great step forward for us," said coach Michael Badger, an English teacher who also serves as drama director at Richards. "We hope to keep building a winning attitude and improve upon the success the 2006-2007 season gave to us."

From the Illinois High School Association regional meet, Richards advanced eight competitors to the sectional tournament, including the Performance-in-the-Round cast. Among the eight, four advanced to the sectional final. Students must place in the top three in their categories at the sectional tournament to qualify for the state finals.

Pictured, left to right, are members of the Performance-in-the-Round Back cast from Richards High School (back row) Jim Wallace, Erin Moeller, Kate Brett, Catlyn Hicks, Taylor Marler; (middle row) Steve Duenas, Jana Mazan, Mike Keeney, Eileen Kennedy, Paul Piane; and (front row) Lauren Dyer and Samantha Murphy.

At the South Suburban Conference meet earlier this month, Richards placed second in their division and sixth overall out of 32 schools. Molly Ruthenberg led the Bulldogs with a conference title. Other competitors winning awards at conference included Lanita Warner (fourth); Carly Heiser, Kate Miller and Sarah Quintos (fifth); Matt Weibel and Becca Calvillo (seventh); and, Sarah Quintos (eighth).

Pictured, left to right, are members of the speech team from Richards High School (back row) Julie Kaiser, Becca Calvillo, Molly Ruthenberg, Lanita Warner, Jason Roepke and (front row) Brian Greco, Elizabeth Betsanes, Matt Weibel, Sarah Quintos, Kate Miller, and Carly Heiser. Not pictured is Dan Flood.

At the IHSA regional, junior Lanita Warner won first place in Verse and placed second in Dramatic Interpretation. The Performance-in-the-Round cast tied for second.

The Bulldogs started their season by winning the 18-school "Ram Yam" tournament at Reavis High School in November. Students winning individual titles at the Reavis meet included Carly Heiser (Humorous Interpretation) and Matt Weibel (Original Comedy). Speech team followed its success at Reavis by placing eighth (Thornridge), seventh (Oak Lawn), third (Shepard) and ninth (Thornwood) at various tournaments that featured between 20 and 25 schools.

"This year, we knocked on the door. It is our team's hope that next year we will knock down the door that leads to state and walk through it. I am extremely proud of the team and coaching staff for their efforts this year," Badger said.

Loretto Lenten Fridays

Our Lady of Loretto Women's Guild is having 'Lenten Fridays' at the church hall, 8925 S. Kostner, on March 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th from 4 till 7 p.m. On the menu is cod fish dinner $6, breaded fried shrimp $7.50, including potato, salad and dessert; grilled cheese, chips and dessert $3; soup bowl $1. All meals include coffee or punch.

Take-out and delivery available (limited delivery area). For delivery, call that day – after 5 p.m. (708) 857-9344. For more information, call (708) 424-7471.

Panel Discussion

"Changing Directions" is the topic for the panel of speakers for the Pilgrim Faith Church Lenten Series on March 14th. Beginning at 7:15 p.m. a panel of members including Mike Cusack, Kary Roorda and Ron Stancik will discuss how they have changed directions in their work or life. A light supper of soup, bread, cheese and fruit will be served at 6:30 prior to the program.

A children's program for those in kindergarten through sixth grade will meet at the same time. Child care is provided for children younger than kindergarten.

The church is at 9411 S. 51st Ave. The public is invited to attend. For information, call the church at (708) 422-4200.

50th Anniversary Service

The First United Methodist Church of Oak Lawn, 100th St. & Central Ave., will be celebrating its 50th anniversary on Sunday, March 11th. It will be held during the worship service at 10:30 a.m. with former ministers and guests attending, and a dinner afterward. For more information, call (708) 423-1170.

OAK LAWN SENIOR HAPPENINGS

March is here and it is time to dig out and join in the many activities coming to the Senior Center. On Monday, March 19th, Jennifer Silk will be performing her "Strings of Silk" show. It is a musical potpourri of her most popular requests and true stories about her career performing for famous people, places and events. Her violin will tug at your heart strings. Refreshments will be served at the conclusion of her performance.

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Wednesday, March 21st the Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce will be hosting a Health and Wellness Fair at the Senior Center. Participating members will include chiropractors, nutritionists, insurance companies, senior care groups, podiatrists and so much more. The event will run from 9 a.m. to noon. There is no charge for visitors.

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On Thursday, March 29th seniors will meet for Box Lunch Day. The event was created to provide an affordable lunch and social time for many seniors in the village. A hot lunch, dessert, refreshments and bingo are provided with the help of a sponsor. Founder's Bank, a premier lender and source of Reverse Mortgages in the greater Chicago and south suburban area is the sponsor for this event. A Reverse Mortgage is essentially a loan program designed specifically for senior homeowners. It provides access to money that has been built up over the years in the form of equity. The Reverse Mortgage has no income, medical or credit requirements and no repayment is necessary as long as the senior lives in the home as their primary residence, maintains their property and keeps taxes and homeowners insurance current.

Founders Bank has many locations including 10515 S. Cicero in Oak Lawn and 7103 W. 111th St. in Worth. Representatives from Founders will be at the Oak Lawn Senior Center to explain and answer questions seniors may have. Founders is an equal housing lender and Member FDIC. The presentation begins at 10:30 a.m. and must be attended to receive a lunch. The cost to the senior is $3 and tickets may be purchased at the Senior Center, 5330 W. 95th St. Seating is limited. On behalf of the seniors thank you Founders Bank.

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For more information on these or other Senior Programs, call (708) 499-0240.

Area Nursing Homes Fined

It has been reported that two area nursing homes have been fined for insufficient care.

The Manorcare of Oak Lawn, 9401 S. Kostner Ave., was fined $25,000 for the treatment of an 81-year-old woman who was hospitalized and died in July. State investigators determined that the nursing home's staff neglected to take care of a catheter that was placed in the woman's bladder during a hospital stay two months before she died from an infection.

The Countryside Healthcare Center, 1635 E. 164th St. in Dolton was fined $45,000 for failing to adequately monitor six patients' blood-sugar levels and administer insulin as directed by the patients' doctors.

Both nursing homes requested hearings on the penalties.

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Madigan Alerts Consumers To Identity Theft

In response to a recent theft of consumer information at the parent company of T.J. Maxx, HomeGoods, Marshalls and A.J. Wright's stores, Attorney General Lisa Madigan urged consumers who shopped at those retailers in 2003, 2004, or 2006 to monitor their financial records and credit reports closely.

TJX Companies, Inc., which operates T.J. Maxx, HomeGoods, Marshalls and A.J. Wright, recently announced that it had suffered an unauthorized intrusion into its computer systems that process credit card, debit card, check, and returned merchandise transactions for TJX customers. Customer information – including financial information – is stored on these systems. The hacking has put customers at risk of credit card fraud and identity theft. There are 36 T.J. Maxx, 40 Marshalls, 13 HomeGoods and 14 A.J. Wright stores in Illinois according to the TJX website.

TJX learned of the breach in late December 2006 and began cooperating with law enforcement, including the U.S. Secret Service, to determine the nature and scope of the breach and to catch those responsible. The company believes that the breach affects only those customers who shopped at the affected stores in the years 2003, 2004 and 2006, although Madigan recommends that any customer who shopped at the stores between 2003 and 2006 take precautionary steps.

Although credit card and debit card numbers may have been compromised, card numbers were not linked with customers' names and addresses. Similarly, TJX believes that debit card personal identification numbers (PINs) were likely not accessed. TJX has established a toll-free helpline for consumers, which can be reached by calling (866) 484-6978. TJX also continues to post information on its website at www.tjx.com.

In addition to credit and debit card information, the intrusion compromised a limited number of drivers license numbers for customers who returned merchandise without a receipt to T.J. Maxx, Marshall's, and HomeGoods stores during the last four months of 2003 and May and June 2004. Affected Illinois consumers will be receiving notification from TJX if it appears that their drivers license numbers, names, and addresses were compromised.

Attorney General Madigan urged consumers whose personal information may have been compromised as a result of this security breach to take the following steps:

Work with your credit card companies, banks and other lenders to determine if any suspicious or unauthorized activity has occurred on your accounts.

Contact the toll-free number of any of the three consumer reporting companies to place a fraud alert on your credit report and order a free copy of your credit report. When you receive your credit report, review it carefully and look for any suspicious activity.

To place an initial fraud alert, contact Equifax at 1-800-525-6285, www.equifax.com, P.O. Box 740241, Atlanta, GA 30374-0241; Experian at 1-888-EXPERIAN (397-3742), www.experian.com, P.O. Box 9532, Allen, TX 75013; and TransUnion at 1-800-680-7289, www.transunion.com, Fraud Victim Assistance Division, P.O. Box 6790, Fullerton, CA 92834-6790.

Be on the lookout for warning signs that your information is being misused. Such signs include: receiving credit cards you did not apply for, being denied credit or offered credit at less favorable terms for no apparent reason, receiving calls or letters from debt collectors or businesses about merchandise or services you did not buy, and missing bills or other pieces of mail.

Carefully review your credit report to look for unauthorized charges.

Take advantage of your right to one free copy per year of your credit report from each of the three consumer reporting companies by calling 1-877-322-8228 or ordering online at www.annualcreditreport.com. Request a report from one of the reporting companies every four months and carefully review this report for suspicious activity.

For more information on how to protect against identity theft, Madigan urged consumers to visit her office's Web site at http://www.illinoisattorneygeneral.gov/consumers/hotline.html. Consumers also can contact Attorney General Madigan's Identity Theft Hotline at 1-866-999-5630, TTY 1-877-844-5461.

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Widespread Support For 2016 Olympics Bid

Nearly 2,000 people participated in a fundraising effort tonight in support of Chicago's bid to host the 2016 Olympic and Paralympic Games. The $9.4 million event helped raise will fund the activities Chicago will have to conduct if it makes it to the international stage of the bidding process. In total, the bid committee has raised in excess of $30 million.

Appropriately titled "You Can Make It Happen", the event is said to be one of the most successful fundraising efforts of its kind in the city's storied history of public-private partnership. It took place at McCormick Place, the proposed future site of 12 Olympic competition venues, as well as the Main Press Center and the International Broadcast Center, and featured Olympic hopefuls, ages 8 to 13, putting on displays of sport and athleticism atop elaborate staging placed throughout the ballroom.

"The level of enthusiasm for hosting the 2016 Olympic and Paralympic Games in Chicago is quite simply astounding," said Andy McKenna, co-chair of the Chicago 2016 Development Committee. "The 79 co-chairs, whose tables were valued at $100,000 each, plus the more than 300 additional companies, individuals, and organizations that bought tables or tickets, together raised more than $9.4 million."

Like the Olympic Games themselves, contributions to the hosting of this event went beyond monetary giving. Dozens of local companies and individuals donated their time and effort or provided their services at cost to help ensure the funds raised went toward the bid. These Value-in-Kind contributions were not included in the fundraising totals.

"The wide array of donated goods and services ensures that the funds raised by tonight's event are used for the appropriate purpose," said Deb DeHaas, co-chair of the Chicago 2016 Development Committee. "Chicago proved it's the 'City That Works' once again. Everyone came together to pull off a spectacular evening."

"Tonight was a huge success so I want to thank Andy, Deb and everyone else who contributed to this event," said Patrick G. Ryan, chairman and CEO of the Chicago 2016 Exploratory Committee. "While we have exceeded the minimum the USOC required us to have at our disposal, we will continue to ask for support as the process evolves. We are running a tight ship, but winning on the international stage will take a great effort, and these contributions enable that.

"It is an investment in the future of Chicago in many ways. We hope to inspire our youth, some of whom may actually get a chance to compete in 2016. And we want to leave the types of sport, urban and social legacies hosting the Games can bring."

The next step for the Chicago bid is an evaluation committee visit by the United States Olympic Committee (USOC) next week on March 6th and March 7th. The USOC will then make a final decision on the domestic phase of the bid April 14th. The International Olympic Committee will not make their final decision until October 2009.

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"FCC Commissioner Looks Once Again To Help Big Media"

"The FCC is once again looking at a series of controversial FCC media ownership rule changes that would permit greater concentration of ownership in TV and print media," said Steve Macek, an assistant professor of speech communication at North Central College and Mitchell Szczepanczyk, an organizer with Chicago Media Action. "These changes would allow the few remaining media giants to downsize their workforces, increase ad revenues and reuse the same basic content throughout their various print and broadcast outlets."

"By consolidating control over our media more firmly in the hands of a few already enormously powerful conglomerates, the rules changes would further stifle the diversity of viewpoints made available through our culture's most powerful channels of communication, further limiting the public's access to local perspectives and unconventional ideas," Macek states in an article for the Illinois Editorial Forum.

What's shocking is that these rule changes are being reintroduced by FCC chairman Kevin Martin who helped suppress reports – which were compiled by FCC employees in 2002 and 2003 about this very issue," Szczepanczyk adds. "One of those reports found that eliminating ownership rules for radio shrunk the number of radio station owners despite an increase in commercial radio stations. A second study concluded that eliminating TV ownership rules led to reduced local TV news coverage. Evidently, senior officials at the agency ordered that all copies of the offending reports be destroyed."

"The Republican-dominated FCC – with Martin as the deciding vote – unsurprisingly approved the new rules sought by big media," Macek states. "But the agency soon faced a massive and unprecedented public backlash. Three million people wrote letters and sent e-mails opposing the new policies. Concerned citizens held unofficial public hearings and protests nationwide. In the end, Congress voted its disapproval of the FCC's decision and an emergency court order temporarily blocked the rule changes. A subsequent court ruling demanded that the FCC start all over and revisit its media ownership policies"

The FCC has reopened the issue, but unfortunately they are seeking to change the rules to favor big media.

"It is up to the public to again weigh in on these crucial policy decisions," Macek and Szczepanczyk conclude. "Indeed, citizen involvement is the very reason this issue is still on the table three years after its presumed completion."

Stormwater Management Plan

The Board of Commissioners of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (District) has adopted the Cook County Storm water Management Plan. The plan is not a regulatory ordinance and does not set forth any rules, regulations or standards to which a municipality will be held or be required to enforce. Rather, it is a high level organizational plan wherein the overall framework for the countywide program is established. The District was required to adopt such a plan per Illinois Act (Public Act 93-1049) which gave the District stormwater management authority.

The Cook County Stormwater Plan contains the mission and goals of the program and guidelines for preparing a Detailed Watershed Plan for each of the six watersheds within Cook County. The Detailed Watershed Plans will include, among other things, an assessment of existing conditions and problems, hydrologic modeling, identification of stormwater projects, best managements practices and cost estimates for potential projects.

Commissioner Patricia Young, Chairman of the District's Stormwater Management Committee said, "The District has embarked on an important mission to provide stormwater management for all of Cook County. We have received letters from 34 municipalities, and comments from 450 individuals to draft this plan. We are confident that the plan gives us a good first step in establishing a countywide stormwater management program."

The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago collects and treats wastewater from more than five million people and the industrial equivalent of another 4.5 million people in Cook County. The District also operates the Deep Tunnel Project to collect and treat sewer overflows, and provides stormwater management for all of Cook County. The District's 2007 budget is $1 billion. The District's web address is www.mwrd.org.

All Points Southwest

By THOMAS E. GAVIN

In a most interesting development Governor Rod Blagojevich recently directed the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulations (IDFPR), to immediately suspend the Illinois Predatory Lending Database Pilot Program, also known as HB 4050.

An overview of this law might suggest that a well-meaning piece of legislation pushed by House Speaker Michael Madigan has been shown to have a detrimental impact upon several minority communities in the Pilot Program. Despite the overwhelming objections from the financial industry, Speaker Madigan was able to propel HB 4050 to approval. The consequences of this action are disturbing. A recent report from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign showed that housing sales in the HB 4050 zip codes have dropped by nearly half over the fall of 2006. Comparable zip codes in which the pilot program is not being applied have seen a decline of 20 percent. The report also stated that the pilot program does not offer borrowers additional consumer protections.

Late last year the Governor asked IDFPR to consult with community members affected by the pilot program. The "Pilot Program Area" zip codes included: 60620, 60621, 60623, 60628, 60629, 60632, 60636, 60638, 60643, and 60652. Upon reviewing significant information from the afore mentioned zip codes, the data studied suggests that prior designation may be detrimental to the Pilot Program's purpose, namely, to curb predatory lending practices in areas with high rates of foreclosure or residential home mortgages.

The ultimate affect was that the Governor was getting major heat from the Rev. Jesse Jackson because according to Rev. Jackson, the law was preventing lots of poor African Americans from qualifying for mortgages. And the Governor responded to this pressure. We're sure we haven't heard the end of this unusual turnaround by the Governor.

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The executive board of the Illinois AFL-CIO voted unanimously last week to elect Michael T. Carrigan as the new president of the one-million member labor organization.

Carrigan will serve out the remaining two years of the unexpired term of recently retired president Margaret Blackshere.

Carrigan has served as secretary-treasurer of the Illinois AFL-CIO since 2000. Prior to that he was the business manager/financial secretary for IBEW 146 in Decatur.

The executive board also voted to begin the process of filling the vacant secretary-treasurer position. Affiliated unions have approximately 40 days until the next scheduled meeting to identify potential candidates and introduce them to board members.

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Citizens for The Active Party (Chicago Ridge) have announced that a reception to re-elect the Active Party candidates, present Chicago Ridge Village Trustees Juanita Babcock, Dan Badon and Don Pratl, will take place Thursday, March 15th, from 7 to 10 p.m. at the Garden Chalet, 110th and Ridgeland Ave., in Worth. Donations for tickets are $25 each. Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres are included.

Active Party candidates Juanita Babcock, Dan Badon and Don Pratl site their past experience, knowledge and their successful community service to the residents of Chicago Ridge as part of their platform for continued progress in the Village. For more information, call (708) 692-4576.

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Last week, Robert Morris College announced that its Graduate School would be named the Morris Graduate School of Management. "We want our graduate school to establish its own identity, yet indicate a connection to Robert Morris College," said Michael P. Viollt, president.

Morris Graduate School of Management offers a Master of Business Administration degree and a Master of Information Systems degree. The graduate school began in 2005 as a direct response to the needs of bachelor's degree graduates in the Chicagoland area, with a desire to earn a graduate degree from a national leader in applied education.

"Robert Morris College has a history of working to fulfill the higher education needs of our communities," Mr. Viollt continued. "Individuals are discovering that a graduate level degree can open more doors to a successful future, and RMC is offering quality, non-for-profit, graduate level programs with reasonable costs and flexible schedules."

Students can complete the program in as little as 18 months, taking two courses per quarter. They have the option of attending school full time or part time, day, evening and/or weekend. With RMC's rolling enrollment, students can begin the program in February, July, September or December.

Classes in the Morris Graduate School of Management are held at the downtown Chicago campus at 401 S. State St., the Orland Park campus at 82 Orland Square Drive (708-226-5333), and the DuPage campus in Aurora. Application information on the Morris Graduate School of Management is available through the RMC website at www.masters.robertmorris.edu or by calling (800) 225-1520.

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On Wednesday, April 11th the 'Active Senior Expo,' will be held at the Holiday Inn Select Convention Center located at 18501 S. Harlem Ave. in Tinley Park (I-80 and Harlem Ave.). Show hours are 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

'Active Senior Expo' is an event dedicated to inform, educate and entertain senior citizens. It features hundreds of products and services designed specifically for seniors. Offerings include assisted living, health care, retirement communities, financial, insurance, legal estate planning, home care, travel, vision, hearing, consumer products and government programs.

Special attractions include free health screenings by Jewel-Osco, free seminars, Krispy Kreme doughnuts (while supplies last) and door prizes. Live entertainment will be presented at noon.

No registration is necessary and regular admission to the event is $2. However, free admission coupons will be widely available and attendees can obtain a free admission coupon by visiting www.activeseniorexpo.net. Parking is free.

For more information call (630) 620-6347.

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Thompson & Kuenster Funeral Home, located at 5570 W. 95th St. in Oak Lawn will be hosting the second of a series of 'Senior Fitness Seminars' on March 13th at 7 p.m. These seminars include: "Have Happy Feet" conducted by Dr. David Finkelstein, Podiatric Physician & Surgeon; "Healthy Eyes Glaucoma Screening" by Dr. Sandra Bury, Optometrist; and "Medicare Concerns & Veteran's Issues" by Jerry Mulvihill & Lenore Goodfriend of Congressman Dan Lipinski's office.

Owner/director Robert Kuenster wishes to remind friends and neighbors that all Seminars & Events are held free of charge at his Thompson & Kuenster Funeral Home. Call (708) 425-0502 for further information or to R.S.V.P.

Letters To The Editor

Connecting Drug-War Dots

What we have here is a failure to connect the dots – an intelligence failure – even though all the dots appear on the same day in same newspaper.

Dot one is on page 10, section 1 of the *Chicago Tribune* ("Coach loses everything to addiction," *Chicago Tribune*, 2/15/07); dot 2 is on page one, section 2 ("Cocaine raid stuns neighbors"); and dot three is on page 4, section 1 ("Growth spurt projected for American's prisons"). (Is the Cook County Board listening? The Illinois General Assembly? Congress?) Get out your dot-connecting crayon.

One neighbor is charged with possessing 300 kilos of cocaine worth $5.7 million stashed in his garage. Connect the drug-cache dot to the story of the neighbor (a winning volleyball coach who doesn't smoke or drink) charged with armed robbery, the heist money reportedly needed to pay for his crack habit. And connect these drug prohibition stories with dot three, a private study reports that the nation's prison population is expected to jump by 200,000 inmates over the next five years. The US is already the biggest prison keeper in the world with the highest rate of incarceration of any country in the world 2.3 million people behind bars and stripes, (US Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, Prisoners in 2005, "Washington D.C.: US Department of Justice, Nov. 2006, p. 1), thanks in large part to drug prohibition.

Setting the newspaper down for a moment and connecting a dot from a recent Lou Dobbs' show, Lou says, it's incredible that 4% of the world's population consume two-thirds of the world's illicit drugs.

For those without a crayon – connect the dots with a line of cocaine, crack, heroin, meth, PCP, ecstasy, marijuana seeds or whatever drug your neighborhood offers. Don't know a drug dealer? Ask any school kid for directions.

In fact, some parents don't need to ask a student, they can ask their school principal, if they live in Bethlehem, PA. Connecting the dots to a second issue of the same newspaper, a middle school principal was arrested and charged with selling crystal methamphetamine out of his school office (*Chicago Tribune*, 3/1/07, "Principal accused of selling meth at Pennsylvania school"). This is against D.A.R.E. school policy and drug curriculum, principal or not.

Connecting drug-war dots from today's newspaper, draw a line from the school-principal story to the music-producer-on-trial story ("Music producer, wife go on trial," *Chicago Tribune*, 3/1/07). According to drug conspiracy charges, the music man conspired to move 900 grams of heroin, valued at $950,000, and prosecutors say police found six kilos of drugs in a duffel bag in a storage facility in a south Chicago suburb. These dots are not to be confused with the arrest of dozens of other people Wednesday (part of 400 people arrested the past 20 months) on drug-trafficking and money-laundering charges ("4 west suburban men held in U.S. drug-trafficking problem," 3/1/07), one of whom used a Melrose Park restaurant to sell drugs.

Proceed from the Melrose Park dot to the big dot, multi-state bust that netted more than $45 million in cash and tons of cocaine, heroin and marijuana in San Diego with Wednesday arrests of 66 persons in Illinois, Arizona and California (*Chicago Tribune*, 3/1/07), "Suspects in drug cartel swept up in raids").

First assistant U.S. atty. Gary Shapiro in Chicago made a drug-war dot Wednesday, speaking of the arrest of persons involved in the illegal gun trade," "When you add illegally obtained heavy-caliber firearms to the already volatile mix of gangs and drugs on the streets of Chicago, the result to say the least is an unacceptable lever of violence (*Chicago Tribune*, 3/1/07, "19 seized in gun-trafficking").

Al Capone said, responding to similar rhetoric from Elliott Ness a prohibition ago, "The Thompson submachine gun is a tool of our trade. My boys got a fortune in my liquor and speakeasies to protect. And we protect 'em. And let me say, I'm for prohibition and there ain't a day I don't thank Elliott and his boys for it."

Connect the dots – [Dot] [Dot] [Dot].

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Dear Editor,

Jan. 22nd was a special day in the hearts and minds of many. Couples who have had the heartbreak of not being able to complete their families through the beauty of adoption now have greater hope. Women and men who have given their time at adoption agencies, crisis pregnancy centers, homes for unwed mothers, and organizations specializing in placing special needs and foster children, could now get a helping hand.

Federal Judge David Coar got it right in his ruling when he stated that he assumed "that a request for a Choose Life specialty license plate was prompted by a sincere interest in promoting adoption, that the message was protected speech." No matter how others who choose to see this as a threat to the abortion business, or as an income loss to the abortionist, who missed one more "customer," it is all about adoption. The vast majority of Americans view adoption as a positive choice for mothers in a "crisis" pregnancy.

Those who would not agree certainly do not include the adoptive parents and the child being adopted.

Eighteen states across America have this beautiful program. There are another 17 states working towards the same goal. Here in Illinois our Illinois Choose Life Board made the trip to Springfield four times playing by the rules in applying for our specialty plate. We were denied a hearing from both houses of the legislature. They kept if from even getting out of the assigned committee.

Judge Coar got it right. It never was about abortion, only a sincere effort to offer yet another choice, at a time of a difficult pregnancy. Don't let others try to frame this argument any differently. Certainly we welcome those who do not agree, to consider offering their own plate proclaiming they are pro choice. After all, they are claiming it is all about abortion. Isn't that truly the American way?

James Finnegan
President Choose Life Illinois
Board Member Illinois Family Institute

ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

Fox Valley Antique Show

The 50th Annual Fox Valley Spring Antique Show to benefit Garfield Farm Museum will be held on Saturday and Sunday, March 10th and 11th beginning at 10 a.m. each day at the Kane County Fairgrounds in St. Charles. The show ends on Saturday at 6 p.m. and on Sunday at 4 p.m.

There will be 55 dealers from 14 states featured at the show that is produced by the Chicago Suburban Antique Dealers Assn. (CSADA). This year a special theme will be Antiques for the Garden.

The CSADA is a special group with a limited, selective membership that requires the highest standards of authenticity of the antiques offered, ethical conduct, courtesy, honesty and friendly professional service to the public. Many of the dealers only exhibit at shows so this is a rare opportunity to see their prized inventory. There is an abundance of 18th and 19th century American and English pieces from furniture, accessories, folk art, paintings, ceramics, glass, clothing, books, prints, pottery, textiles, and more to be found at the show.

During the show there will also be "Five Minute Lectures" by individual exhibitors for the public's education. On Saturday at 2 p.m. a talk on Botanical Prints will be given by Chelsea Galleries, Booth #47, and at 3 p.m. Donna Finegan will speak on early-mid 19th Century Clothing at Booth #35. On Sunday at 12 noon, a talk on Art Restoration will be offered by Landmarks Gallery, Booth #37, and at 1 p.m. someone from the Garfield Farm Museum will speak on Heirloom Flowers at Booth #10A.

Admission to the show is $8 per person and parking is free. Luncheon and refreshments offered by Inglenook Pantry of Geneva will be available.

For further information, visit www.csada.com or call (815) 838-0606 or e-mail info@garfieldfarm.org or call the museum at (630) 584-8485. The Kane County Fairgrounds are located on the west side of Randall Road between Ill. Routes 64 and 38.

Class Reunions

St. Augustine Chicago Reunion – High School, Grade, Parish – Sunday, March 25th, Lexington House, Hickory Hills, 12 noon. For information and reservations, call Carol Ann Stashak at (312) 203-6023 or (773) 838-4010 after 5 p.m.

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Reavis High School class of 1977 – 30-year Reunion will be held on July 7th, 2007 at the Old Barn in Burbank. Contact reavisclassof77@yahoo.com.

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DuSable High School class of 1951 will hold a 55th-year reunion from Sept. 15th to 17th at the Hilton Oak Lawn Hotel. Call (708) 206-0468.

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Harrison High School - Classes of 1931 to 1960 Reunion on Sept. 24th from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at The Abbington, 3 South 002, Route 53, Glen Ellyn. Call (708) 366-3423.

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New Trier class of 1986 20th reunion will be held on Nov. 4th at the North Shore Skokie Hotel. Visit www.1986.com.

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St. Florian School – An All-School Reunion, celebrating 100 years, will be held Nov. 17th. Organizers are looking for all alumni names, addresses and the year they graduated. Call (773) 646-2868 or visit www.florian.hegewisch.net.

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Chicago Vocational High School class of 1981 is looking for classmates. Email cvs1981@aol.com.

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Farragut High School, classes of 1952-1954, looking for classmates. Call Carolee (Fotka) Michalek at (815) 407-1934.

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Harrison High School, classes of 1965-1969, looking for classmates. Call (773) 507-4669 or (773) 600-8669.

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Hyde Park High School class of 1996 is looking for classmates. Call (773) 718-1507 or (773) 493-1051.

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Lourdes High School class of 1978 is looking for classmates. Call (708) 258-9096.

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Morton East High School class of 1987 is planning a 20th reunion. Contact Kathy Tokarczyk at imqueenmom@sbcglobal.net or Barb Biman at joyride7207@aol.com.

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Thomas Edison Dramatization

Professional actor R.J. Lindsey will perform as Thomas Edison at The Center, 12700 Southwest Highway, Palos Park, on Tuesday, March 13th at a 12 noon luncheon.

Lindsey will present a first-person dramatization of the famous inventor, telling of his boyhood, his lack of schooling, and his favorite inventions, such as the phonograph, the motion picture camera and the electric light bulb.

The luncheon begins at 12 noon, at a cost of $14 per person, and requires advance reservations.

For further information, interested persons should call The Center at (708) 361-3650.

St. Christopher Celebrates 85th Anniversary

St. Christopher Parish in Midlothian will celebrate its 85th anniversary at a dinner dance on Friday, April 13th at the Odyssey Country Club, 192nd and Ridgeland Ave. There will be a social hour at 6:30 p.m. with a cash bar and dinner will be served at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are $50 per person with a choice of chicken breast and filet or orange roughy. Tables of 10 are available and may be reserved by calling the parish office at (708) 388-8190.

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What's Old Is New

Despite its condition in the past, the Silver Flash Restaurant at 14547 S. Kedzie in Posen has had its loyal customers. Recently, co-owners Steve Saeks and Mike Holmgren closed the business, but in eight days, the Silver Flash had undergone a welcome new change. Brightly decorated as a 1950's diner in clean white and black tiles with touches of red, the Silver Flash is back and it's better than ever!

Pictured: Steve Saeks, Mayor Don Schupek, and Mike Holmgren

Steve Saeks told of a diner that was opened for nine years before he and Holmgren took the establishment over. Catering to seniors with a menu that is loaded with great home style fare with breakfast, lunch and dinner at reasonable prices. "Quality food and good prices have always kept our customers coming back," Saeks said. Saeks said that he kept the same staff so that the "regulars" would still feel at home.

There are more changes planned for the future. Saeks spoke of expanding the restaurant to include a bar with live entertainment and room for banquets. "Posen doesn't have facilities like this," Steve said, "Even the mayor and the village board had to take their Christmas party outside of Posen. I would like to see the Silver Flash expanded so that village residents have a place to hold their parties and other functions." He also said that the restaurant will soon become 'Wifi', wired for internet, for patrons and their laptops, bringing the restaurant into the 21st century.

Silver Flash's grand opening was held on Saturday, March 3rd. Posen Mayor Don Schupek, Village Clerk Veronica Grabowski and members of the board of trustees were on hand to help celebrate the day. Mayor Schupek is excited that the restaurant had opened in Posen. Elected four years ago, Mayor Schupek said that Posen needs more businesses to come into town. With the re-opening of the Silver Flash and other new businesses that have come into town, Posen is beginning a new era of economic development.

According to Saeks, the restaurant serves mostly senior citizens 55 and over, but he wants to see the Silver Flash serving everyone. There are daily specials, a children's menu and, of course, a senior menu. There are theme nights such as Monday's two dinners for $11 and Thursday's Mexican Night, featuring delicious Mexican foods and Friday night's Catfish dinners; and there are more to come.

Open from 5 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily, the Silver Flash serves quality home style cooking at affordable prices, has a wait staff that will greet you with a smile and quick service and excellent chefs; you will get this all when you come to the New Silver Flash. Take out orders are also available.

A Hero To Taxpayers

Americans for Tax Reform President Grover Norquist issued the following statement following Congressman Judy Biggert's courageous vote against Big Labor and for the taxpayers of Illinois.

"Congressman Judy Biggert is a true leader and deserves all the praise in the world for voting against H.R. 800. This bill would balloon the power of Big Labor, leading directly to more government employees, thus resulting in higher taxes. Judy Biggert has the guts to take on Big Labor, despite unrelenting negative attacks from enemies of Illinois taxpayers."

H.R. 800 passed the U.S. House of Representatives last week on a nearly party-line vote. It represents the biggest power grab by organized labor in a generation. The bill would strip workers of their right to a federally-supervised, private ballot election. It would replace this personal choice with a public "card check" campaign. Under this public scheme, the worker's decision is made public to his boss, the union organizers, and his co-workers.

Antique Road Show

The Swallow Cliff Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution will hold its annual Antique Road Show on March 17th at the Trinity Christian College in the Library Conference Room at 1 p.m. at 6601 W. College Dr., Palos Heights.

Antiques dealer Kay Shelander of Orland Park and two appraisers will attend and estimate the value of antiques brought in by the members of the Swallow Cliff Chapter.

Perspective members are welcome. Call (708) 974-1710 for information and reservations.

The Dublin City Ramblers

The Legendary Folk and Ballad Group, The Dublin City Ramblers, will perform in concert, on Saturday, March 10th, at Chicago Gaelic Park, 6119 W. 147th St. in Oak Forest

The Dublin City Ramblers have been an Irish favorite for over 35 years with 35 albums, 10 top 10 albums and eight gold albums and several awards for Best Ballad/Folk Group. The Dublin City Ramblers have played Carnegie Hall, Albert Hall and Cork City's Opera House. The group has also played for Maureen O'Hara at a banquet in her honor and with the late Ray Charles in Paris. The Dublin City Ramblers perform great Irish folk and ballad songs such as "Fields of Athenry," "Dublin in the Rare Ould Times," "Dirty Old town," "Galway Races" and "The Town I Loved So Well."

The doors of Gaelic Park open for this musical event at 7 p.m. with the show beginning at 8 p.m. Call Gaelic Park at (708) 687-9323 to reserve tickets, admission is $20. Visit the Gaelic Park website at www.chicagogaelicpark.org

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by Jim Kirby

Outdoors by Kim Kirby (my guest columnist this week)

While it may be still too cold for some anglers to brave the waters in the Chicago area, Southwest Missouri and the Ozark Mountains are ready to receive anglers with comfort and bounty. A 'mini vacation' is a great way to jumpstart your fishing season and this is the perfect place to do it. An easy one-day drive (about 8 hours) will give you unlimited options for fishing, nighttime entertainment, and family activities after you dock for the day. The time between March and June are a perfect time to visit this beautiful area, rich in game and fish, history and solitude. Within a one-hour drive of Branson, Missouri lie lakes and rivers of spectacular beauty and most any species of fish any angler could want, and they are plentiful!

Tablerock Lake, Branson, Missouri: As probably the best known of our lakes, its reputation precedes it for good reason. It is our busiest tourism lake 'in season' and borders much of Branson's waterside resorts. Between March and June it is relatively easy to find nice, affordable accommodations on the water. It's best to make reservations before arriving. An Internet search will give you plenty of options to choose from to best fit your ideal vacation. Tablerock is a large, deepwater lake with excellent structures for all species to breed in comfort. Start your early morning around some of this lake's tall rock structures and you will find some nice perch waiting underneath. Then cast to the shoreline with a Texas Rig Chartreuse worm that will net you some great bass. Finish off your day with an evening crappie fest. They are ravenous for most any live bait and there are enough nice pan-size ones waiting so don't hesitate to throw those smaller ones back.

Bull Shoals Lake, Diamond City, Arkansas: You can't talk bass without Bull Shoals Lake in the conversation. Bull Shoals is one of the top ten cleanest lakes in the country. The Pro Am's have been held here numerous times because the bass thrive in the peace of this huge lake. You won't find much traffic on the lake as it is well away from the tourist areas; however, Diamond City has a newly built marina, impeceable campsites and a new golf course so you can feed two of your favorite activities at one time. The locals are mainly from the southwest suburbs of Chicago so you should feel right at home. You don't have to go far to find the big ones. Hug the south shoreline from the marina to 'The Devils Backbone' and you will have every species of fish available in this area at 'keeper' size.

Lake Taneycomo, Branson, Missouri: One of the original parts of the White River Chain left intact, this is a spring-fed body of water that originates at the Bull Shoals Dam and ends at the Tablerock Dam. This is trout heaven! Its cold water and fast current make for exciting trout fishing and is the perfect habitat for these beauties to thrive in. Make sure you check your Missouri DNR handbook as some areas are fly-fishing only and others are shoreline only due to the proximity and strong currents from the dams.

There are so many other wonderful spots in the Ozarks. Investigate them all in the Missouri DNR Handbook (available at the Branson Chamber of Commerce or any Missouri Wal-Mart Sporting Goods Department).

Kim Kirby with a "keeper" Northern Pike caught on a Canadian fishing trip with her Dad, Jim Kirby.

My Father's cause. My father has devoted a great amount of his lifetime advocating quality family time in the great outdoors, whether it be hunting, fishing, hiking or camping, or whatever gets you together with your family in peace and solitude. This world moves so fast and children grow up surrounded by electronics instead of family and nature. Communication is easily lost simply because of the way things have evolved in society. As a direct result of his influence I know I can tell my father anything, even at this age. But to those of you in my generation who enjoy the sporting life, remember where you got this appreciation. Pass on your love of the outdoors but ask someone else to join you once in a while. To that end, **"Hey Dad...Let's go fishing!"**

De La Salle Catholic League Standing

De La Salle wrapped up the regular season with an overall record of 17-7 and a mark of 6-1 in the Catholic League South.

Members of the Meteor varsity were: Elliott Brown (Bronzeville); Terry Brown (Auburn-Gresham); Mashawn Chamberlain (Woodlawn); Zack Cline (Archer Heights); Damien Essex (Washington Heights); Joe Ganta (Garfield Ridge); Andrew Harris (Greater Grand Crossing); Caleb Harris (South Shore); DeAndre Jackson (Plano); Booker Johnson (Lawndale); Jeremy Leonard (East Side); Joshua Letourneau (Oak Lawn); MiRon Leveston (Morgan Park); Brandon Lewis (Dolton); Jordan Little (Evergreen Park); Derek Needham (Dolton); John Villa (Garfield Ridge); William Watson (South Shore); Kyle White (Garfield Ridge); Joe Wojcik (Garfield Ridge) and Rodriguez Wright (Scottsdale).

Tom White served as De La Salle's head coach with John Brogan, Joe Carbonara, Joe Considine, Eron Leveston and Mike Walsh his assistants.

In addition to their achievements on the court, several members of De La Salle's varsity are also successful in the classroom. Leveston (No. 26), Letourneau (No. 42) and Johnson (No. 57) rank in the top half of the 151-member Class of 2007. As for the 188-member Class of 2008, Cline (No. 4), Villa (No. 12), Wojcik (No. 14), Andrew Harris (No. 20), Little (No. 39), Kyle White (No. 50), Ganta (No. 67), and Wright (No. 71) rank in the top half. An experience like no other, De La Salle offers a quality education in a co-institutional environment that transcends the classroom. Diverse perspectives, Christian values and our tradition provide students an education that lasts a lifetime.

Pictured: (front row) Leonard, C. Harris, Leveston, Letourneau, Jackson, Johnson, Mgr. Jimalle Ridley, E. Brown; (back row) Watson, Needham, Lewis, Little, Wojcik, Chamberlain, Cline, Essex, Ganta, A. Harris, K. White, Villa.

Looking For Two Fastpitch Softball Players

The Chi-Town Express is an elite fastpitch softball organization and is looking for two players to complete their 10 and under team for the 2007 season. Players receive top fundamental instruction and will play a 50+ game schedule including 10 local tournaments this summer. Girls born in 1996 or after are eligible and we will train any girl who displays a positive attitude. Experience level is not important as Chi-Town takes pride developing the skills and fundamentals of girls who desire to play at the best. This is also an opportunity to play for Coach Mike who is regarded as one of the best in the area at developing young talent.

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Hosting D-Final Event

On April 2, 2007, De La Salle Institute will be hosting the 16th Annual D-Final Event in its Parmer Activity Center.

De La Salle's D-Final Event features the NCAA men's basketball championship game on four 9 x 12 foot television screens, as well as numerous other televisions. Also offered to those in attendance will be a buffet dinner, beverages and a silent auction, along with the opportunity to win cash and prizes through several contests. All proceeds from the 16th Annual D-Final Event benefit De La Salle's athletic program.

In addition, $25,000 will be given away through the D-Final Super Raffle. Super Raffle tickets are $50 each. There will be only 1,500 tickets sold with 75 guaranteed winners and a grand prize of $14,000.

Admission tickets for the event are $35 if purchased in advance and $40 at the door. Tables of 10 can be reserved for $350.

Sponsorship and advertising opportunities are also available.

For more information, contact De La Salle's Director of Alumni Relations, Bob Fiorentino, at (312) 842-7355 ext. 146 or by e-mail at fiorentinor@dls.org.

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No Radio Technology In Personal IDs

Citizens Against Government Waste (CAGW) declared a victory for taxpayers and drivers after the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) released proposed regulations for personal identification that do not mandate the use of radio-frequency identification (RFID) technology. The REAL ID Act requires DHS to establish federal standards for state-issued driver's licenses and identification cards.

To meet the REAL ID requirement that licenses be "machine readable," DHS recommends the use of 2D bar codes, the technology that most states already use to make secure cards at a reasonable cost. No state currently uses RFID, an automatic identification method that relies on storing and remotely retrieving data using radio waves.

CAGW has released two reports, *Real ID: Big Brother Could Cost Big Money and Border Security: PASS Card Fails on Cost, Privacy*, criticizing RFID-based identification. The total cost of issuing new licenses with RFID chips could reach $17.4 billion and the average cost of a license would shoot from between $10 and $20 to more than $93. In contrast, the National Conference of State Legislatures estimated that it would cost $9 to $13 billion to implement REAL ID Act regulations based on current licensing techniques. RFID also threatens privacy, raising the possibility of identity thieves remotely accessing their victims' personal information with a hand-held scanner.

In December 2005, CAGW delivered more than 5,200 petitions from its members to DHS Secretary Michael Chertoff urging DHS not to include RFID chips in its REAL ID regulations. CAGW also sent a letter to Secretary Chertoff on behalf of a coalition of 21 organizations opposing RFID.

The READ ID Act was buried in an $82 billion military spending bill and passed without any congressional debate in May 2005. On Jan. 25, Maine became the first state in the nation to demand repeal of the law and others are considering similar legislation.

"CAGW activists successfully thwarted RFID-based licenses, saving taxpayers $4.4 to $8.4 billion and heading off a grave risk to privacy. However, REAL ID remains problematic. It is an unfunded mandate on the states, and despite DHS statements to the contrary, moves the country closer to a national ID card," Schatz concluded.

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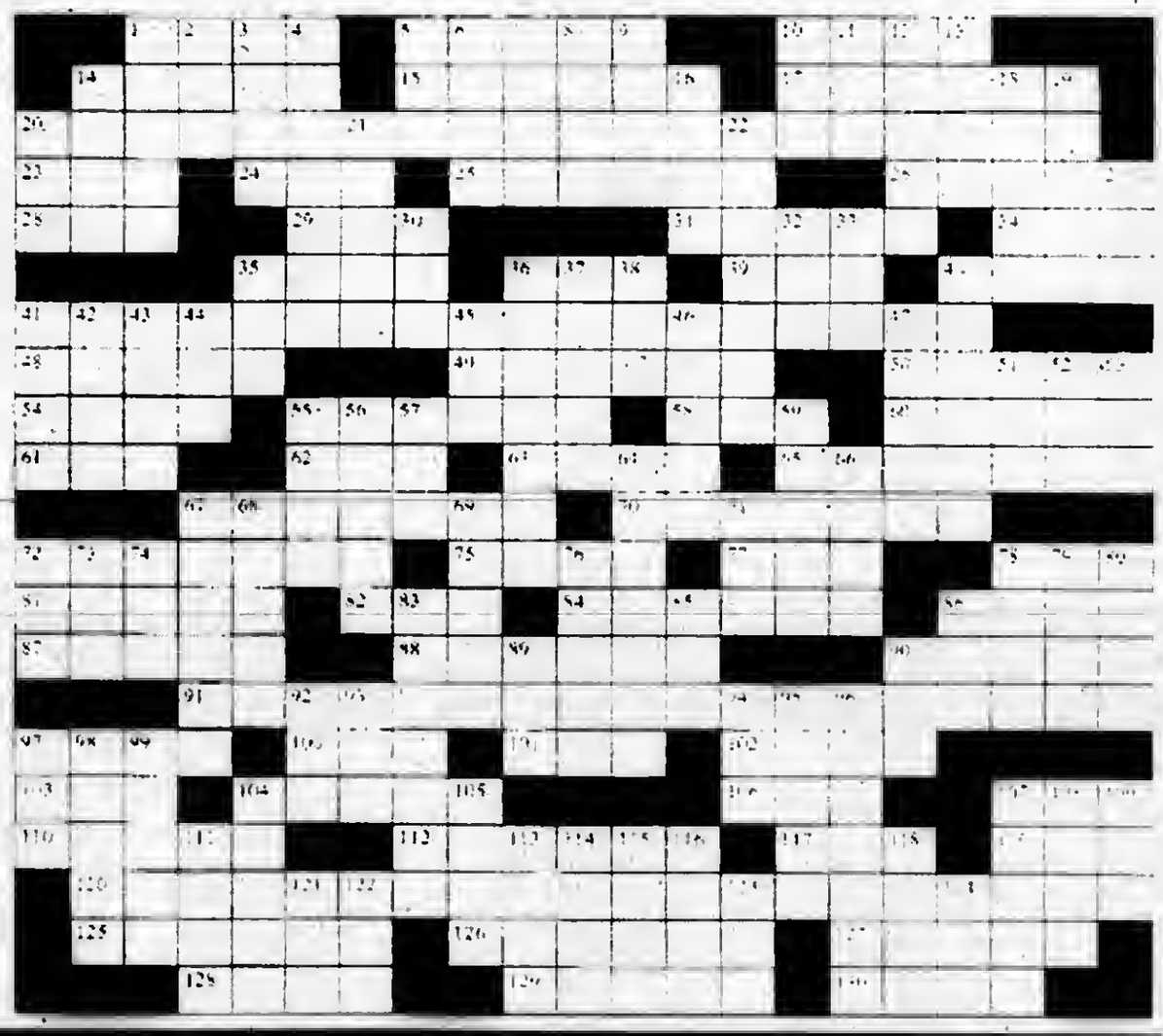

Look on page 13 for the solution to this weeks puzzle

Thoughts On Health & Nutrition

by
Lucinda K. Lysen, RD, RN, BSN

Ms. Lysen is currently on vacation. Her column will resume upon her return.

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Fall Back On Sun Protection

Daylight Saving Time will begin two weeks earlier this year, starting Sunday, March 11 at 2 a.m. An extra hour of daylight each day means more exposure to ultraviolet radiation. With more than 90 percent of all skin cancers caused by sun exposure, The Skin Cancer Foundation reminds everyone about the importance of using sun protection before going outdoors.

"After a long, cold, and dark winter, Daylight Saving Time is something we all look forward to," said Perry Robins, MD, President of The Skin Cancer Foundation. "However, it's important to remember to keep skin protected, even when the sun may not feel that strong."

Up to 90 percent of visible skin changes commonly attributed to aging are caused by the sun. So as Daylight Saving Time approaches, make sure to follow these safety tips from www.skincancer.org:

Use a broad-spectrum sunscreen with an SPF of 15 or higher. Apply sunscreen liberally and evenly to all exposed skin. Don't forget areas such as underneath the nose and chin, where skin is exposed to reflection from sidewalks and sand.

Reapply sunscreen at least every two hours, and more often after swimming or sweating.

Cover often-missed spots: lips, ears, around eyes, neck, scalp and hands. Keep lips protected with an SPF 15+ lip balm.

Wear protective clothing including a wide-brimmed hat and UV-blocking sunglasses with wraparound or large frames.

Seek the shade, especially between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Protect children from the sun and teach them sun safety.

Practice skin self-examination once every month. If you spot anything suspicious, see a physician immediately.

See your physician every year.

The Skin Cancer Foundation is the only global organization solely devoted to the prevention, detection and treatment of skin cancer. The mission of the Foundation is to decrease the incidence of skin cancer through public and professional education and research. For more information about melanoma and to learn more about how to protect your skin, visit www.skincancer.org, or call 1-800-SKIN-490.

Eye Donor Month

Five-year-old Chicago resident Anthony Diaz was born with compromised vision, a scarred cornea, which prevented light from passing through the pupil. As he matured, the sight in his left eye worsened to the point where his vision was less than 20 percent. In June of 2006, Anthony became a recipient of the incredible gift of sight when he underwent a successful cornea transplant. After his surgery, Anthony, an avid soccer player and fan, was afraid to open his eyes. It was his family who finally got him to open his eyes by turning on the television so he could see the World Cup game. Anthony is back in school and on the soccer field, and is passionate about spreading the word about the importance of eye donation.

Since 1983, March has been designated by Congress as national Eye Donor Month in order to increase public awareness of the need for eye donations. Nearly 1,700 Illinois citizens received corneal transplants last year and over 4,000 are waiting for a sight-restoring or life-giving transplant. For those who cannot be helped by a corneal transplant, the Eye-Bank offers the Gift of Hope through its Eye and Vision Research Program. The Illinois Eye-Bank and its affiliate, the Watson Gailey Eye-Bank in Bloomington, Illinois serve the northern two-thirds of the state by providing over 95% of all corneal tissue used for transplantation to Illinois residents.

Virtually every tissue and organ in the body can be used to save or improve the quality of another life. Yet the miracle of transplantation cannot happen unless someone decides to be a donor upon death. Individuals wishing to give the incredible gift of sight, through the new donor registry, can re-register at the Secretary of State's web site, www.LifeGoesOn.com

Nursing Home Violations

The Illinois Department of Public Health announced the following type "A" violations of the Nursing Home Care Act were cited during the month of September in this area. An "A" violation, which is the most serious licensure violation imposed by the state, pertains to a condition in which there is a substantial probability that death or serious mental or physical harm will result.

The statement of violation for each facility cited can be obtained by visiting the Department's Web site at www.idph.state.il.us.

Avenue Care Center, a 155-bed skilled care facility, located at 4505 S. Drexel, Chicago, has been fined $5,000 for failure to sanitize and maintain the floors, walls, ceilings, dining area, laundry room, storage rooms and numerous resident bathrooms. The facility also is accused of failing to ensure the kitchen was free from a backup of sewage and rodent droppings. The facility has requested a hearing on the Department's action.

Countryside Healthcare Center, a 197-bed skilled and intermediate care facility located at 1635 E. 154 St., Dolton, has been fined $45,000 for failure to administer regularly scheduled insulin and monitor blood glucose levels as ordered by a doctor. As a result, several residents were hospitalized. The facility has requested a hearing on the Department's action.

Manorcare at Oak Lawn/Kostner, a 144-bed skilled care facility located at 9401 S. Kostner Ave., Oak Lawn, has been fined $25,000 for failure to provide a resident with adequate care. The resident later was hospitalized and died. The facility has requested a hearing on the Department's action.

Washington Heights Nursing Home, a 228-bed skilled care facility located at 1010 W. 95th St., Chicago, has been fined $20,000 for failure to consistently monitor and assess the condition of a resident, who later was hospitalized in an intensive care unit. The facility has requested a hearing on the Department's action.

For more information about nursing homes in Illinois, log on to www.idph.state.il.us and look up Nursing Homes in Illinois.

Provides Food Safety Training

Recent food recalls, withdrawals, and alerts have led the University of Illinois to conduct further research addressing biofilms. Join University of Illinois Extension and Dr. Scott Martin to discuss the ability of some bacteria to form protective biofilms. Biofilms seem to provide a degree of protection against usual methods of sanitation.

"Currently, biofilms present challenges in keeping foods safe to eat, both for the consumer and the food industry," explains Dr. Martin. I will discuss practical ways to reduce the risks of biofilm-forming bacteria as well as future challenges they may cause."

Dr. Scott Martin is a Professor in the Department of Food Science and Human Nutrition at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Dr. Martin will share his research. He will also cover which pathogenic bacteria form biofilms and how they are made on foods such as peanut butter, spinach, lettuce, and ground beef.

This two-hour program is an in-service training session for dietitians, home economists, public health officials and other interested professionals. It is the third in a five-part series co-sponsored by University of Illinois Extension Nutrition and Wellness Development Team and the Department of Food Science and Human Nutrition at the University of Illinois.

Two hours of in-service education credit are available from the American Dietetics Association for dietitians and other professionals who attend. A $10 registration fee is required.

The session will be held at the University of Illinois Extension District 1 office, 5527 Miller Circle Dr., Matteson, on Thursday, March 15th from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Seating is limited so reservations are required.

For more information about this session and the remaining three in the series, contact Robin Braid at (708) 720-7500.

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Legislation Passes To Improve Teen Driving Laws

Legislation proposed by Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White to improve teen driving laws with the aim of reducing traffic crashes and fatalities involving young drivers was approved by the Illinois Senate Transportation Committee recently.

Senate Bill 172, sponsored by State Sen. John Cullerton (D-Chicago), will improve the Illinois Graduated Driver Licensing (GDL) Program that governs drivers up to the age of 21. Several recent studies have shown that comprehensive GDL programs greatly reduce traffic crashes and fatalities involving teen drivers. The legislation was drafted based on recommendations made by White's Teen Driver Safety Task Force, composed of legislators, traffic safety experts, law enforcement officials, educators, judges and victim advocates.

"Traffic crashes are the leading cause of death among adolescents," White said. "Last summer, I formed a task force to address this very serious problem and our mission was clear: to develop legislation that will strengthen the Illinois GDL law and reduce fatal crashes involving teen drivers. This proposal has already gained widespread acclaim from leading national traffic safety experts who believe our legislation will make Illinois' GDL program one of the best in the nation."

The legislation includes the following nine provisions:

*Extend the permit phase from three months to nine months. This proposal will give the novice driver more time to learn under the watchful eye of parents through a variety of weather conditions common throughout Illinois.

*Shift the nighttime driving restriction from 11 p.m. to 10 p.m. on weekdays and from midnight to 11 p.m. on weekends for all drivers under the age of 18 and those who fail to graduate from the initial licensing phase.

The nighttime driving restriction includes exemptions for teens that are traveling to and from school activities and work.

The risk of fatal crashes involving 16 and 17-year-old drivers is three times higher from 10 p.m. to midnight than from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m., according to a study by the Center for Injury Research and Policy at Johns Hopkins University's Bloomberg School of Public Health.

*Double the period – from six months to 12 months – that restricts a new driver to a maximum of one unrelated teen passenger.

The John Hopkins Study also concluded that the driver death rate for 16-year-old drivers rose sharply for each additional passenger in the vehicle. Based on studies and testimony, White's task force concluded that distractions from other teen passengers are one of the leading causes of traffic crashes involving 16-year-old drivers.

*Ticket the passengers age 15 to 20, in addition to the drivers, who violate the passenger restriction law. White's task force felt that a teenager's actions are often motivated by consequences or lack thereof. This proposal places responsibility on both the passengers and the driver to abide by the passenger limitation provision.

*Require student drivers to complete a minimum six hours of actual, on-the-street driving with a certified driver education instructor. This proposal eliminates the provision that allows students in high school driver education classes to take a proficiency exam after completing just three hours of practice driving. In addition, it removes current exemptions that allow the use of driving simulators and driving ranges as a substitute for street driving with a certified driver education instructor.

*Implement a true Graduated Driver Licensing system that requires new drivers to earn their way from one stage to the next. Under this proposal, once issued a learner's permit, a teen would be required to drive conviction-free for nine months before he or she would be eligible for a driver's license. The teen would then also have to drive conviction-free for six months in addition to reaching age 18 before moving from the initial licensing phase to the full licensing phase.

Until graduating to the full licensing phase, these young drivers would be subject to the limitations of the initial phase that includes the nighttime driving restriction and cell phone ban, among others.

*A stricter law in which the driver's license of those under age 21 would be suspended for each additional conviction following a driver's initial suspension for two moving violations in a 24-month period. This provision puts young drivers on notice that once their driver's license has been suspended each additional conviction until they turn 21 will result in another suspension of their driving privileges.

*Require drivers under age 18 who are ticketed for traffic violations to appear before a judge with a parent or guardian to receive court supervision. This legislation also requires the attendance of traffic school as a requisite for court supervision for drivers under the age of 21. This ensures that the parent or guardian is fully aware of the minor's traffic violation and understands the requirements and ramifications of court supervision.

*Establish tough, new penalties – including license revocation and vehicle impoundment – for drivers who are involved in street racing. Street racing has become a deadly phenomenon that encourages drivers to race on city streets, highways and interstates. Harsh, no-nonsense penalties are needed to combat and punish this deadly, thrill-seeking behavior.

In addition to the legislation, White recommended various procedural and administrative changes that will further improve driver education and teen driver safety. Those measures include a voluntary contract available on White's web site, www.cyberdrivecillinois.com, that allow parents to establish written guidelines for their children to follow in order to keep their driving privileges. White pledged to work with the Illinois Parent Teacher Assn. and Driver Education Industry to create a guidebook to help educate parents and teens about the GDL law and to provide safe driving tips. White also said he would establish a committee headed by the State Board of Education to update Illinois Driver Education Standards and urge the State Board of Education to establish mandatory parent-child meetings with driver education instructors before students may enroll in driver education classes.

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Veterans And Soldiers News

By Lori Taylor Ph: 708.388.2425

Air Force Airman Jerry Davis has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. He is the son of Jim and Dianne Davis of Justice. Davis is a 2006 graduate of Argo Community High School in Summit.

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Air Force Airman Erik S. Warren has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. He is the son of Julie Warren of Stickney. Warren is a 2001 graduate of Morton West High School in Berwyn.

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L. Tammy Duckworth, Illinois Dept. of Veterans Affairs (IDVA) Acting Director, announced on March 1st that the annual free hunting and fishing licenses for disabled veterans are available. The 2006 license will expire on March 31st. Disabled vets must visit one of the state's Veteran Service Offices to renew or obtain the free hunting and fishing license. The State of Illinois grants these licenses to disabled veterans on a yearly basis. Licenses for 2007 are available now and will expire March 31, 2008.

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I read this item in the Johnson-Phelps VFW Post 5220 (Oak Lawn) newsletter. I'm sure they won't mind if we share it with you.

Attention Korean War Veterans: After more than a year of behind-the-scene work, the Pentagon has announced the creation of a medal honoring the hundreds of thousands of Americans who have served in South Korea since 1953.

The new medal is meant to give special recognition for the sacrifices and contributions made by members of the US Armed Forces who have served or are serving in the Repuhlic of Korea.

The period of service to qualify for the medal begins July 28, 1954 and continues to a future date to be determined by the Secretary of Defense. To be eligible, personnel must have been assigned, attached or mobilized to units operating in South Korea for at least 30 consecutive or 60 non-consecutive days.

Those who meet that requirement may still be eligible if they were: (1) engaged in actual combat during an armed engagement, regardless of the time in the area, (2) wounded or injured in the line of duty and required medical evacuation from Korea, and (3) a regularly assigned aircrew member flying sorties into, out of, within or over the area of eligibility in support of military operations. Each day of flying sorties counts toward the 30 or 60 day requirement.

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Johnson-Phelps VFW 5220, 9514 S. 52nd Ave. in Oak Lawn, will hold a blood drive on March 24th beginning at 9 a.m. The Post needs at least 25 pints of blood donated and is asking everyone to help. You will receive a custom-cooked breakfast by the Ladies Auxiliary if you are a donor.

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Evergreen Park American Legion, 9701 Kedzie Ave., will hold a St. Pat's/St. Joseph's Day Party at the Post on Saturday, March 17th at 6 p.m. The cost is $35 per person. Harrington's corned beef and cabbage will be served. For more information, call (708) 422-9513.

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Wrong diagnosis: An older man was shuffling along, bent over at the waist as his wife helped him into the doctor's waiting room. A woman in the office viewed the scene with sympathy. "Arthritis with complications?" she asked. The wife shook her head. "Do-it-yourself," she explained. "with concrete blocks."

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Don't forget to set your clock ahead on Sunday, March 11th at 2 a.m

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Good-bye until next week. God bless you and your family and God bless America.

Calumet-Sag Trail Plans

Join the Friends of the Calumet-Sag Trail on Tuesday, March 13, at 7 p.m. at Lake Katherine, 7402 W. Lake Katherine Drive, Palos Heights, to discover how the proposed 26-mile shared-use trail can transform the Chicago Southland

Healtheare and wellness providers and trail advocates are forming healthy partnerships around the country to improve their communities' "health infrastructure" by building multi-use trails! The Friends of the Calumet-Sag Trail will present the Arkansas River Trail's "Medical Mile," and its example of health and wellness partnerships for the Calumet-Sag Trail at the March 13 meeting.

Lake Katherine is located two blocks west of Harlem Ave. on Route 83, and the meeting is open to the public. For additional information, call (312) 427-3325, ext. 226 or go to http://calsagtrail.org.

Blagojevich Announces His Historic Healthcare Plan

Governor Rod R. Blagojevich announced "Illinois Covered," his historic and comprehensive health plan to give every Illinoisan access to affordable and quality health coverage. While the Governor's "All Kids" plan, which took effect last year, extended coverage to all children in the state, approximately 1.4 million adults in Illinois are currently uninsured. A majority, roughly 75 percent, are from families with moderate incomes or higher. The Governor's plan will provide affordable coverage to the uninsured and will also help many middle-income families and small businesses that are currently enrolled in health insurance plans save thousands a year on healthcare costs. The plan will also reform the existing healthcare system to improve quality and require more accountability.

The Governor unveiled the plan at Fourth Presbyterian Church in Chicago where parishioners and healthcare advocates gathered with him to "Sound the Alarm" for the uninsured. More than 100 congregations across the state "sounded the alarm" with horns, bells or Shofars to call attention to the plight of the 1.4 million uninsured people in Illinois, and to urge state legislators to work with the Governor to implement a comprehensive healthcare plan in Illinois.

"Everyone should be able to see a doctor or deal with a medical emergency without worrying about putting their family in financial peril. We made major strides last year when we won approval for the All Kids plan so that every child in Illinois can get coverage. But we can't stop there. There are still almost a million-and-a-half adults here in Illinois who don't have health insurance. They're workers; they're parents; they're taxpayers – they're doing everything they should be doing to get ahead and care for their families, but they still don't have real access to health coverage. Maybe they have diabetes or a heart condition, and insurance companies won't take on the risk. Maybe they're self-employed or work for a small business that can't afford to offer employee coverage," said Gov. Blagojevich.

"But just because people don't have health coverage doesn't mean they don't get sick. They do – and they usually don't seek medical care until they're very sick, and the necessary treatment is very expensive. Then we all pick up the cost. It's added on to our insurance premiums and drives up other healthcare costs. It leads to personal bankruptcy. It results in loss of productivity for employers. The bottom line is that it is both morally right and economically advantageous to make sure every person can get health coverage," the Governor added.

The cost of healtheare is rising dramatically nationwide, leaving more and more people uninsured, and forcing businesses to drop or significantly cut back coverage. As a result of faster-than-inflation rate increases, the number of uninsured nationally has increased by 6 million since 2000. As more people become uninsured, the cost of providing health services to them puts significant pressure on families, the healtheare system and the state's economy:

Lack of insurance is the sixth leading cause of death in the U.S.

Medical-related bankruptcies have jumped 2,200 percent since 1981. The middle class accounts for 90 percent of these cases. And in many of these cases, the families who suffered bankruptcies had health insurance. They just couldn't keep up with the rising costs.

A FamiliesUSA study found that the health insurance premiums for families here in Illinois increased by $1,059 due to costs incurred by the uninsured. As health insurance premiums increase and employers cut back on coverage, employers who continue offering benefits pay more.

The HR Policy Association estimates the annual cost of reduced productivity due to uninsured workers in the nation's top 200 largest companies is between $87 billion and $126 billion.

Businesses are significantly impacted by skyrocketing healthcare costs. Over the past five years, health insurance premiums for businesses have increased nearly five times faster than inflation and four times faster than wage growth. While surveys show that employees consider health insurance to be the most important benefit and a leading reason to stay with an employer, the cost of health insurance premiums for employers increased nearly 87 percent between 2000 and 2006. In one startling example, General Motors now spends more money on a per-car basis on health insurance than it does on steel.

States across the country, including Pennsylvania, Massachusetts and California are moving forward with, or studying, plans to insure all of their residents. Gov. Blagojevich designed "Illinois Covered" to address the specific and varying needs of Illinois. His plan includes a range of options – from access to new affordable insurance products, to rebates on private insurance for those who currently have health insurance, to direct state assistance – to make sure every Illinoisan has access to health coverage.

Roadside Safety Check

On Sunday, March 11th, the Oak Lawn Police Department in partnership with the Illinois State Police will conduct a Roadside Safety Check in the area of 111th St. and Cicero Ave. The hours of this check will be from 4 until 7 p.m.

Parents' Meeting

A parents-helping-parents meeting sponsored by the Learning Disabilities Association of Chicago will be held on Wednesday, March 14th from 7 to 8 p.m. at Scottsdale Library, 4141 W. 79th St., Chicago.

For more information call Nancy at (773) 233-1007.

Announces Scholarship

The Libra Charter Chapter of the American Business Women's Association (ABWA) is funding a special scholarship through the Stephen Bufton Memorial Educational Fund (SBMEF), the chapter announced. The field of study is not specified and the scholarship will be awarded in the amount of $2,000.

In order to be eligible for scholarship consideration, candidates must be women who are citizens of the United States and residents of the State of Illinois; will be college freshmen, sophomore, junior, senior or graduate level in August 2007; are attending or have been accepted at an accredited college or university in Illinois authorized to confer degrees at least at the baccalaureate level or higher; and have achieved a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or better on a 4.0 scale.

To receive an application, interested parties should send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to: ABWA Libra Charter Chapter, June Eck, Education Chairman, P.O. Box 1100, Homewood, IL 60430.

Trustees of SBMEF serve as the selection board for this scholarship. Applications are due at ABWA National Headquarters in Kansas City, Mo. by March 31st. The winner will be notified in May. Each one-time scholarship is not renewable. A check will be issued jointly to the educational institution for the recipient. Funds are limited to tuition, books and fees.

Extends Application Deadline

Horace Mann Educators Corporation and The Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum have extended the application deadline for the 2007 Horace Mann-Abraham Lincoln Fellowship Program. The new deadline for educators to apply for the fellowship is March 11th. Horace Mann and the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum have teamed up to offer 50 instructors a fellowship to study the life and legacy of our 16th president at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum in Springfield this summer.

The fellowship is open to any full-time teacher teaching kindergarten through 12th grade in the United States. Selected teachers, one from every state, will attend on either June 24-29 or July 8-13. The fellowship will include round-trip transportation, lodging, most meals, and all workshops, seminars and tours.

Teachers can submit an application online via the Horace Mann web site at www.horacemann.com or www.alplm.org. The application includes one's resume and the answer to two essay questions (250-word max.). The first essay addresses subject area(s) and grade level(s) taught by the applicant and how they expect this experience to benefit their students. In the second essay, teachers are asked to explain why it is essential to understand Abraham Lincoln today. Teachers of all subjects and grade levels are encouraged to apply. No special or extensive knowledge of Lincoln is required.

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Adopt An Older Animal Companion

If you're looking for a good pet companion, think old -- consider adopting one with a little gray hair, maybe to match your own.

Puppies and kittens, although irresistible at first sight, can be a handful. Soiled carpet, chewing, whining, and jumping are just some of the behavior challenges new owners may confront.

"Many times, older pets are available for adoption and are in need of homes," says Dr. Lore Haug, a veterinarian in the College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences at Texas A&M University. "They can make excellent companions, but are often overlooked."

Older pets are defined as mature animals that have reached approximately two-thirds of their life expectancy. Before choosing a pet, each person should analyze his or her specific needs and desires, recommends Haug. "For example, older pets can make excellent companions for senior citizens by improving their mental attitude, overall well being and keeping them physically active," she explains.

There are many advantages to adopting an older pet. One significant advantage is that the new owner will already know the size and basic temperament of the pet.

"Many mixed-bred, and even purebred, puppies and kittens attain sizes that are unexpectedly larger or smaller than predicted. With an older animal, the mature size of the pet is already known," Haug explains.

"Even when the pedigree of a puppy or kitten is known, the adult temperament and behavior is still difficult to predict. An older pet's behavior around children, seniors and others may be more easily identified," according to Haug. "Because of desired lifestyles, cats are sometimes more suitable than dogs. Cats tend to require less exercise and are more independent in nature."

Although many older pets still demand a significant amount of time and energy (normal feeding schedule/maintenance, regular exercise, bathing, etc.), puppies and kittens generally require even more attention and commitment (behavior training, housetraining, playful interaction, etc.).

"For instance, all pets require regular exercise, but puppies generally need much more," says Haug. "Most older pets are usually already housetrained and may know simple behavioral commands. If they have not been previously trained, older pets can learn new behaviors."

One reason why older pets may not get adopted is that people feel they have more health problems and require more money to maintain. While this can certainly be true, it isn't always the case.

"Although older pets often require more preventative health care and screening, the expense of routine puppy/kitten care is typically comparable," Haug explains.

Potential adopters may also feel that older pets may have some other undesirable quality, but there are many reasons why healthy older pets are available for adoption. "There may be structural changes in the family such as a death, birth, etc. which leave an animal up for adoption," says Haug. "Moving or a change in renting policies can also force owners to relinquish pets for adoption. Other times, animals may develop specific behavioral problems unsuitable for the current owner."

Before adopting an older pet, Haug recommends a few simple steps to maximize the likelihood of a good match. "Interacting with the animal before adoption may help a new owner become acquainted with the personality and unique behavioral characteristics of the pet, but keep in mind that the pet's true character may not be apparent at the adoption facility," she says. "Additionally, the pet should receive a thorough veterinary exam before being taken to its new home if at all possible. You might consider adopting an older pet because it can bring much joy and companionship."

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March 8 - 17, 2007

Thursday, March 8th
The Carraig Irish Pub

8:00pm On Stage
Irish Music School of Chicago

Friday, March 9th
The Carraig Irish Pub

9:30pm On Stage
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No Cover Charge
Pub Food Served 5:00pm -10:00pm

Saturday, March 10th
The Carraig Irish Pub

10:00pm On Stage
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Tara Room
The Dublin City Ramblers
in Concert
Doors Open 7:00pm - Concert 8:00pm
Admission $20.00

Thursday, March 15th
The Carraig Irish Pub

8:00pm Show by
The Irish Music School of Chicago

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Friday, March 16th
The Carraig Irish Pub

Open for lunch 11:00am
9:30 pm On Stage
Bernie Glim & Country Roads
Pub Food Served until 10:00pm

Celtic Room
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Seanachie ***(Storyteller)***
Will be sharing his wit and humor of Olde Ireland here at Gaelic Park.

8:00pm On Stage
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Sunday, March 11th
9:00am Mass
Followed By Irish Breakfast
Admission $6.00

Doors Open 1:30pm
Four Stages Of Continuous Entertainment
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Delicious Hot Food Buffet
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Emerald Room
1:30pm On Stage
The Larkin & Moran Brothers

5:15pm On Stage
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Contemporary Folk Music with Irish Flair

7:00pm On Stage
The Dennehy School of Irish Dancing

8:00pm On Stage
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Tara Room
1:30pm On Stage
Kennedy's Kitchen
Traditional Irish Band

5:45pm On Stage
Larry Nugent & Martin Doyle

The Carraig Irish Pub

1:30pm On Stage
Gerard Haughey
6:30pm On Stage
Mulligan Stew

Celtic Room
Children's Stage
2:00pm **Dublin Deceptions Magic Show**
3:30pm **A Bit "O" the Magic**
5:00pm **Shamrock Shenanigans Magic Show**
6:30pm **Celtic Conjurer**

Delicious Hot Food Buffet in Tara Room from 2:00pm

Ireland on Parade

Dance School Schedule

Emerald Room
6:00pm - 10:00pm
Doors Open 5:30pm
Free Admission

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In Tara Room Nightly From 5:30pm

Nightly From 5:30pm
Celebrate with Irish Music, Song, Set Dancing, Step Dancing, Ceili Dancing and Story Telling.

With Music By **The Irish Musicians & Sean O'Donnell**

Thursday, March 8th
7:00pm Show By
Jerry O'Loughlin School of Irish Dancing
7:30pm Show By
Irish Music School of Chicago
8:00pm Show By
Katie Hughes School of Irish Dancing
Followed By: **Music & Dancing with Sean O'Donnell**

Friday, March 9th
7:00pm Show By
Foy School of Irish Dancing
7:30pm Show By
Lavin Cassidy School of Irish Dancing
Followed By:
Music & Dancing with Sean O'Donnell

Tuesday, March 13th
7:00pm Show By
McNamara School of Irish Dancing
7:30pm Show By
Mulhern School of Irish Dancing
Followed By:
Music & Dancing with Sean O'Donnell

Wednesday, March 14th
7:00pm Show By
Weber School of Irish Dancing
7:30pm Show By
Mullane Academy of Irish Dancing
Followed By:
Music & Dancing with Sean O'Donnell

Thursday, March 15th
7:00pm Show By
World Academy of Irish Dancing
7:30pm Show By
Irish Music School of Chicago
8:00pm Show By
Blackbird Academy of Irish Dancing

Friday, March 16th
7:00pm Show By
Eilish Sullivan School of Irish Dancing
7:30pm Show By
Cross Keys School of Irish Dancing
Delicious Hot Food Buffet
in Tara Room Nightly from 5:30pm

Saturday, March 17th
Emerald Room
St. Pat's Day Luncheon
Featuring Corned Beef and Cabbage
Doors Open 11:00am • *Admission $20.00*
Lunch Served at 12:00 noon
Music and Dancing Until 3:00pm

On Stage **Velvet Green**
A Show By
Cross Keys School of Irish Dance
Reservations Only

St. Patrick's Day Dinner/Concert
Traditional Irish Dinner Featuring Corned Beef and Cabbage
On Stage **The Dave Coady Show**
Dinner Music By: **Sean O'Donnell**

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Doors Open 6:00pm • *Admission $40.00*
Family Style Dinner Served at 7:00pm - *Cash Bar*
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Tara Room
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A Bit "O" the Magic
Children's Entertainment

3:00pm On Stage
The Irish Music School of Chicago

4:30pm On Stage
Week Back

8:15pm On Stage
A performance by
Lavin-Cassidy School of Irish Dancing

8:30pm On Stage
Patrick Guinee

The Carraig Irish Pub

Open For Lunch 11:00am

3:00pm On Stage
Dan McGuinness
8:00pm On Stage
Gerard Haughey

Delicious Hot Food Buffet
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Toasting On St. Patrick's Day

St. Patrick's Day is approaching. What better excuse to kick up your heels and enjoy some cheer? Any St. Patrick's Day celebration just wouldn't be complete without raising your glass and making a toast to good health and good friends. The question is, what should you put in the glass? The most authentic drinks, of course, might be a pint of http://allrecipes.com/advice/ref/ency/terms/8720.asp stout beer (i.e., Guinness™) or a glass of Irish whiskey, but beyond those, there are all manner of delightful Irish, Irish-inspired, or just plain festive beverages to sip or gulp on this holiday. This year, try your hand at creating some celebratory sippers for your get-together.

If you'd like to drink as the Irish drink on this holiday, here are some suggestions. Irish kids love blackcurrant juice. It comes in cans or pouches, and the concentrated syrup comes in bottles. The most common brand is Ribena™ -- you should be able to find it at most import stores. For the adults, there are fun things you can do with stout beer. Try creating that pub favorite, the "Black and Tan," right in the comfort of your own home. The Black and Tan is simply a pint glass with two different beers, http://allrecipes.com/advice/ref/ency/terms/5046.asp ale and stout, layered in it. The ale (the Tan component) goes in first; fill the glass just slightly less than half full with your favorite chilled Irish ale. Now comes the slightly trickier part: Pouring the stout (the Black component) so that it floats on top of the ale rather than mixing with it. The easiest way to do this at home is to place a spoon over the glass, convex side up, and slowly pour the stout over the back of the spoon so it drizzles into the glass as gently as possible. Now, just allow the stout to settle for a minute, and then make a toast and drink up! You can also have fun with an Irish version of the http://allrecipes.com/advice/ref/ency/terms/5428.asp boilermaker . You'll need stout beer plus your favorite Irish whiskey and/or Irish cream liqueur. Fill a pint glass about 2/3 full with stout; fill a shot glass with either whiskey, Irish cream, or a combination of the two. Drop the shot glass into the pint glass, enjoying the bubbling and frothing effect it creates, and drink it in one gulp. (Be careful not to chip your teeth on the shot glass!) Cheers!

Admit it -- drinking green stuff is fun, no matter how old or young you are. If you're not so concerned with authenticity and just want to be festive, there are all kinds of green drinks you can serve to kids and adults, from fizzy punch with floating islands of lime sherbet to cocktails with a little crème de menthe shaken into them. Here's a handy list of ingredients that will give your drinks that delightful emerald hue you're looking for:

Crème de menthe liqueur
Melon liqueur
Green Chartreuse liqueur
Green food coloring
Crushed mint leaves
Lime sherbet
Pistachio ice cream
Mint chocolate chip ice cream
Lime-flavored gelatin
Lime-flavored drink powder
Lime-flavored punch
Lime-flavored sports drink
Lime zest
Limeade

For green garnishes, there are mint leaves, lime slices and twists of lime zest, slices of kiwi, green olives, slices of cucumber, celery stalks, or even ice cubes made from green punch!

Ireland On Parade

Ireland on Parade, the celebration of the music and dance of Ireland, returns from Chicago Gaelic Park the Irish Cultural Center located at 6119 W. 147th St., Oak Forest.

Master of Ceremonies, Martin Fahey will host the 40th anniversary of Ireland on Parade. Ireland on Parade began in 1967 at Ford City and after 11 years moved to the Glendora House where it stayed for 13 seasons before moving to Gaelic Park. Gaelic Park is proud to have hosted Ireland on Parade, now a multi-generational tradition, for 15 years. Also known as "Irish Week," Ireland on Parade is part of the 10-day celebrations at Gaelic Park in honor of Ireland's patron saint, Patrick. Participating in Ireland on Parade this year are The Jerry O'Loughlin School of Irish Dancing. The Irish Music School of Chicago and The Katie Hughes School of Irish Dancing on Thursday, March 8th, the Foy School of Irish Dancing and the Lavin Cassidy School of Irish Dancing on Friday, March 9th, the McNamara School of Irish Dancing and the Mulhearn School of Irish Dancing on Tuesday, March 13th. The Webber School of Irish Dancing and The Mullane Academy of Irish Dancing on Wednesday, March 14th, the World Academy of Irish Dancing, The Irish Music School of Chicago and The Blackbird Academy of Irish Dancing on Thursday, March 15th and The Eilish Sullivan School of Irish Dancing and The Cross Keys School of Irish Dancing on Friday, March 16th. Doors open each evening at 5:30 p.m. with the first shows beginning at 7 p.m. Admission is free. Delicious, hot food is also available for purchase each evening beginning at 5:30 p.m.

In addition, each night of Ireland on Parade, will include exhibitions of Ceili dancing and Set dancing. Music will be provided by the Irish Musicians Association, an organization which consists of local artists who are dedicated to the perpetuation of traditional Irish music. Finally, Sean O'Donnell will provide dance music each night from 8 to 10 p.m. For further information call Gaelic Park at (708) 687-9323 or visit www.chicagogaelicpark.org.

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Ravaged Potato Crops

The blight in the 1840s which ravaged the potato crop in Ireland, like the potato itself, was an American import. The potato had been brought to Ireland by Sir Walter Raleigh from one of his voyages to the New World. Raleigh is also credited with the introduction of tobacco to the European continent.

St. Patrick's Day Customs And Traditions

The most common traditions on St. Patrick's Day include wearing green, enjoying Irish folk music and food, and by consuming large quantities of Irish beer (sometimes dyed green), such as Murphys, Smithwicks, Harp or Guinness or other Irish liquors such as Irish whiskey, Irish Coffee or Baileys Irish Cream.

In the United States, St. Patrick's Day would not be St. Patrick's Day unless the Chicago River is dyed green. This tradition began in 1962, when Chicago pollution-control workers used green dye to trace illegal sewage discharges in the river. The workers thought it might be a fun way to celebrate St. Patrick's Day, so they released 100 pounds of green vegetable dye into the river – enough to keep it green for a week! The idea was a hit, and continues to this day. However, only 40 pounds of dye are used today to minimize environmental damage.

Since the 1990s, Irish taoisigh (prime ministers) have attended special functions either on St. Patrick's Day or a day or two earlier, in the White House, where they present shamrock to the President of the United States. A similar presentation is made to the Speaker of the House. Originally only representatives of the Republic of Ireland attended, but since the mid-1990's all major Irish political parties from north and south are invited, with the attendance including the representatives of the Irish government, the Ulster Unionists, the Social Democratic and Labour Party, Sinn Féin and others.

In recent years it is common for the entire Irish Government to be abroad representing the country in various parts of the world. In 2003, the President of Ireland celebrated the holiday in Sydney, the Taoiseach (Prime Minister) was in Washington, while other Irish government members attended ceremonies in New York, Boston, San Francisco, San Jose, Savannah, Chicago, Philadelphia, San Diego, New Zealand, Hong Kong, South Africa, Korea, Japan and Brazil.

In Britain, the late Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother used to present bowls of shamrock specially flown over from Ireland to members of the Irish Guards, a regiment in the British Army made up of Irish people from both Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland.

Traditional Irish Soda Bread

This bread is popular throughout Ireland. Because it is easily and quickly made it is often baked fresh for tea or even breakfast. At home we used to call the loaf made with white flour soda bread, while that made with wholemeal was wheaten bread. In other parts of the country wheaten bread is referred to as brown soda or, confusingly, soda bread!

1lb/ 1/2kg/ 4 cups plain flour
1 tsp salt
1 tsp baking soda
1 tsp sugar (optional)
1pt/ 1/2 ltr/ 2 cups buttermilk or sour milk

Sieve the dry ingredients into a large bowl. Scoop up handfuls and allow to drop back into the bowl to aerate the mixture. Add enough buttermilk to make a soft dough. Now work quickly as the buttermilk and soda are already reacting. Knead the dough lightly - too much handling will toughen it, while too little means it won't rise properly..

Form a round loaf about as thick as your fist. Place it on a lightly-floured baking sheet and cut a cross in the top with a floured knife. Put at once to bake near the top of a pre-heated oven, gas mark 8, 450°F, 230°C, for 30-45 minutes. When baked, the loaf will sound hollow when rapped on the bottom with your knuckles. Wrap immediately in a clean tea-towel to stop the crust hardening too much.

Wheaten bread or brown soda is made in exactly the same way but with wholemeal flour replacing all or some of the white flour; this mixture will probably require less buttermilk. Another variation is to add 1/2 cup of sultanas to the white bread - this loaf is known as Spotted Dick. http://www.appletree.ie/cat/books/166x.htm.

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A Relaxing Game For The Irish Sportsman

Hurling is the great Irish national sport. After a hard day of raiding cattle and sword play back in the Iron Age, the lads relaxed by playing a game. The great national epic, the Táin, celebrates the skill of the ancient heroes of Ulster in battle and hurling.

In the late 1800's a national revival of the Irish language and culture gathered force. The Gaelic Athletic Association was formed in 1884 to promote both, and ever since the G.A.A. has administered the game and promoted Irish identity.

Television would have loved traditional hurling. The players, each armed with a three to four foot ash stick, would attempt to hit and hurl a ball from one village toward the distant goal in the next village. Over ditches, through hedges, around hillsides and forests, the hurlers would whack the ball and catch it on the flat rounded end of the hurley stick. Since the fellows of the opposing village would be attempting to move the ball in the opposite direction, it is not beyond the realm of imagining that hurley sticks might be used for more than just batting the ball.

The game revived in 1884 is much more civil. On a standard sized, grass playing pitch, two teams of 15 players attempt to pass and hit the ball over or through a crossbar at opposite ends of the field. The game is recognized as one of the world's fastest sports.

Gaelic Football is played with almost the same rules, but no stick is used. It is like soccer with limited use of hands allowed.

Hurling and Gaelic football are amateur games in that the players do not earn a living from playing. A country wide system of local clubs maintains clubhouses and playing fields and acts as one of the key social centers for community activities (the others are the church, parish halls, and pubs). Dedicated fund raising and local involvement has resulted in the building of some very fine stadiums. The All Ireland Finals in Dublin every year bring in crowds of 80,000 to Croke Park, the nation's largest sports stadium. The G.A.A. has a Web site, which contains the game rules and some history.

Soccer is the other big sport, with its own set of local clubs, amateur players, and volunteer referees. The best Irish players go abroad to make a living, and England and the continent get the benefit. However, national teams which compete for the World Cup are made up of players from dozens of different local and overseas teams who all claim Irish ancestry. Soccer exploded into popularity when English coach Jack Charlton convinced a number of great British players whose grandparents were Irish that they stood a better chance of gaining exposure and World Cup play if they signed up with the Irish team. This surprise team, some of whom had never even visited Ireland, swept into the finals of the World Cup. The country exploded with excitement and soccer delirium. While the present team has not ascended the same heights, soccer (or football as everyone in the world except America calls it) remains a major and important sport in Ireland.

League of Ireland is the semipro level. Players would expect to make at least 150 Euro per game. The best players in the country would make as much as 800 or 1,000 per game. These negotiations for salary are individual and never released. Maybe there are people making more, but this is doubtful.

So, in Ireland, it truly is semi-pro. There couldn't be more than a handful of players able to make a living wage from the sums paid.

League of Ireland top teams would be - In Dublin - Shelbourne, St. Pat's Athletic, Bohemians, Shamrock Rovers; Outside Dublin - Cork City, Galway, Kilkenny, Athlone Town, and then a revolving cast of one or two teams who sometimes break into the League for a couple of years.

Teams move up a level when they win their own Premier Division. They then get to play against the lowest team(s) in the next higher league. If they can beat them, then they move up.

The season is winter - from September 1st to the end of May. Rain or shine, snow or muck, play goes ahead. Conditions will be a lot more wet and cold than anyone not Irish will be used to. As well, the game is much more physical than in America. The grounding of all athletes in Ireland is the GAA, and all native Irish games involve tackling. That tends to carry over into the soccer. In fact, apparently, the lower the league, the more physical the game. Without the finesse which the semi-pros are capable of, the locals revert to their early training.

The http://www.fai.ie Football Association of Ireland - the FAI - is the umbrella organization for all levels of soccer. One of these years the government will finish an overhaul of the Lansdowne Road stadium in Dublin and there will finally be a suitably large home for international games. The GAA resolutely refuses to share its vast and beautiful stadium at Croke Park for playing any non-Irish sports.

Equestrian activities, particularly show jumping and horse racing, are another key sport. Ireland has the best grass on the planet, and consequently some of the best horse flesh on the globe. Every town has its equestrian centers, and a goodly percentage of farms house a few horses as well as the more mundane cows and sheep. Betting shops, called bookmakers, are all over the place. Traditional fox hunts are still commonplace and in the depths of winter when the major tracks shut down, a circuit of point-to-point races travels from town to town. Irish horse racing, like British, involves lots of jumps and miles of running. A typical race might last 10 or more minutes. Get out on a freezing January day and watch the horses splash through the slop and you'll know what it feels like to be a real Irish person: wet, cold, fortified with drink and lots of companionable talk, and surprisingly happy.

Golf. There are over 300 golf courses scattered everywhere in Ireland. Each attracts a membership of many hundreds, and visitors are usually welcome to play a few rounds during the warmer months. The standard of greens and fairway maintenance is extremely high and most of the courses earn the coveted "Championship" designation. The major Irish tournament on the international circuit is the Murphy's Irish Open, which attracts thousands of enthusiasts to watch the pros do their thing.

Rugby. Ireland enthusiastically supports amateur rugby, and international play with the other great rugby superpowers - notably South Africa and New Zealand - is followed by large numbers of Irish people. There is again a system of amateur clubs, but these are centered on a few counties such as Kerry and Dublin. For the most part, Rugby is a telly sport, but an exciting and bone crunching one.

Motor rally hillwalking and cycling are the other common sports. Every town in Ireland has local clubs involved in these sports. In early July 1998, the Tour De France, the second largest sporting event in the world after the Olympics, began in Ireland. In three days the bicycle racers covered hundreds of miles and some very scenic routes between Dublin and Cork.

In sum, there's plenty for the sports minded to enjoy in Ireland. And Satellite TV and the Web make it possible to keep tabs on some favorite overseas team.

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4-Leaf Clovers Can't Be Irish "Shamrocks"

The thought of "Irish shamrocks" evokes visions of the green landscape of the Emerald Isle as surely as does St. Patrick's Day itself. But identifying a particular plant as the shamrock is a dubious practice, botanically speaking. If you have your heart set on making such identification, you had better start looking for some 4-leaf clovers, because you'll need lots of luck! But ironically, 4-leaf clovers themselves are quite distinct from Irish shamrocks, for reasons that history makes clear.

The term "shamrock" derives from the Irish word, seamrog, which translates to "little clover." Rather vague, considering that there are many kinds of clovers -- and even more plants that can pass as clovers to the layman. Consequently, in St. Patrick's Day celebrations a number of plants serve as Irish shamrocks. But there is no "real McCoy" that can claim to be the authoritative shamrock. Even among the denizens of Ireland itself, there is no consensus that duhs one particular plant as the true Irish shamrocks, as Tippitiwitchet Cottage reports in a 1988 survey concerning shamrocks. The survey conducted at the National Botanic Gardens, Glasnevin, Dublin, revealed that when the Irish wear the "shamrock," it can be any one of four plants. Three of the plants are clovers, while the fourth is a clover-like plant known as "medick." All four are in the Pea family:

Various members of the Wood Sorrel family (such as Oxalis acetosella) are also sold as shamrocks for St. Patrick's Day. These clover lookalikes are more easily cultivated as houseplants than is real clover, making them popular for interior decorating during St. Patrick's Day celebrations. But the wood sorrels are not even related to the four plants listed above. One would be quite justified at this point in asking, "What's the story here, how can such a diverse group of plants all be considered Irish shamrocks?" And there is indeed a story that accounts for the confusion.

What medick, the wood sorrels and the true clovers all have in common is a trifoliate leaf structure, i.e., a compound leaf with three leaflets. The number 3, of course, is significant in the Christian religion because of the doctrine of the Trinity. Irish legend has it that the missionary Saint Patrick demonstrated the principle behind the Trinity using a shamrock, pointing to its three leaflets united by a common stalk. But there is no way of determining with certainty the exact plant referred to in the legend. This much we can say about Irish shamrocks, however. By definition, for a clover to represent the Trinity, it would have to bear 3 (and only 3) leaves. So for all the good luck they allegedly bring, 4-leaf clovers technically can't be considered shamrocks (not in the sense that St. Patrick made the latter famous, at least).

But the foregoing does explain the ease with which multiple "shamrock" representatives are accepted. A candidate's trifoliate leaf structure can override its family history, including geographical anomalies. For instance, some of the wood sorrels widely used in the U.S. as Irish shamrocks are of South American or Central American heritage, which hardly conjures up images of the grassy slopes of the Irish countryside!

Dyeing Of The River

A modern day miracle occurs each year as part of the St. Patrick's Day Parade celebration when the Chicago River turns an incredible shade of Irish green. This spectacular transformation ranks right up there with the parting of the sea by Moses and the Pyramids of Egypt.

For over 40 years the Chicago River turns green for the St. Patrick's Day Parade celebration. One would ask how this is different from the rest of the year when the river is always a murky shade of green. The difference is both significant and breathtaking because the color green is identical to the greens of Ireland from where it got its name The Emerald Isle.

In 1961, Stephen Bailey was approached by a plumber who was wearing some white coveralls; they knew this only because they could see some of the original color. These coveralls had been mostly stained or dyed a perfect shade of green, an Irish green to better describe it. It was when Stephen Bailey asked how the coveralls got this way, that they discovered that the dye used to detect leaks into the river turned green, not just any color green, but the perfect color green.

Today, this miracle belongs to Mike Butler and his crew, which he claims to always have a little help from a leprechaun who seems to just appear at this time each year.

If you were watching this for the first time you would think this is a mistake or a bad joke. You see the dye is orange and its initial color on the surface of the river is orange and you would think to yourself what heathen would do something like this. After a moment or two you then see the true color magically appear.

Two miracles appear that day, the river turns a perfect shade of green, something that many other cities have tried but have not been successful at doing, and the second miracle by starting with the color orange giving the impression that the river will be orange only to convert the river to that true Irish green. We believe that is where the leprechaun comes in.

As the late Stephen Bailey has said, the road from Chicago to Ireland is marked in green. From the Chicago River to the Illinois River, then to the Mississippi, up the Gulf Stream and across the Atlantic you can see the beautiful green enter the Irish Sea, clearly marking the way from Chicago to Ireland.

South Side Irish Sunday

On South Side Irish Sunday, March 11th, a full day of activities is planned at Chicago Gaelic Park, 6119 W. 147th St. in Oak Forest beginning with the Monthly Mass and Breakfast at 9 a.m. followed by a delicious Irish breakfast. The traditional Irish breakfast includes bacon, sausage, soda bread, and black pudding. The cost is $6.

Doors will re-open at 1:30 p.m. and the entire facility of Gaelic Park will be alive with activity. Admission is $5 for adults and $3 for kids 12 and under, and includes all of the entertainment in the Emerald Room, Tara Room, Celtic Room and the Carraig Irish Pub.

Entertaining in the Emerald Room is The Larkin & Moran Brothers at 1:30 p.m.; Arranmore at 5:15 p.m.; the Dennehy School of Irish Dance at 7 p.m. and Siochain at 8 p.m. In the Tara Room is Kennedy's Kitchen at 1:30 p.m. and Larry Nugent and Martin Doyle at 5:45 p.m. In the Carraig Pub Gerard Haughey will perform at 1:30 p.m. and Mulligan Stew at 6:30 p.m. Lastly, in the Celtic Room, children's entertainment is featured beginning at 2 p.m.

A delicious hot food buffet which will include corned beef and cabbage dinner, shepherds pie, fish & chips, and much more, will be available for purchase starting at 2 p.m.

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The Stage Irishman

The stage Irishman is said to be a cliché of fiction, but Ireland is full of sly Barry Fitzgeralds and crisp, swaggering James Cagneys, and every neighborhood has its Brendan Behan, eager to confide a few thousand choice words that just occurred to him. The Irish fondle a word and rub it and polish it in a sentence. "In these beautiful moun-tains, heaven is a foot and a half above the height of a man," a Kerrywoman says. A priest watches an elderly and ailing parishioner hob-bling weakly from the church and says, "He's walking slow but he's going fast." An old man in a crowded pub holds up a pint glass of Guinness and says, "If this be a ghost that I see here in my hand before me. I hope it reap-pears again soon." Prichett, in his essay on the Irish character, tells of seeing a huge political sign, "Vote for Duffey," on a wall near Dublin and next to it, added by the opposition in letters running for more than a hundred yards, "And Ireland's dead will rise and curse you."

Two strangers carry on a conversation in a hotel dining room with a white-haired, red-faced Irishman seated alone at a nearby table. When they leave, one says that it was a pleasure to talk with him.

"I would say the same to you, sir," the elderly Irishman replies, "but it would sound repetitive."

More Irish Proverbs

Irish proverbs have been adopted by virtually every ethnic group in the United States. A brief listing of some of these contributions which have enriched our lives follows:

"Comfort is not known if poverty does not come before it."

"Every invalid is a physician."

"Where the tongue slips, it speaks the truth."

"It's almost as good as bringing good news not to bring bad."

"Keep a thing for seven years and you'll find a use for it."

"A new broom sweeps clean, but the old brush knows all the corners."

"There is pain in prohibition."

"He who is bad at giving lodgings is good at showing the way."

"One person with a plan helps as much as two people can."

"Nearest the heart comes first out."

"What's got badly, goes badly."

"However long the road there comes a turning."

"The devil is good to his own in this world and bad to them in the next."

"While the cat is out the mouse will dance."

"The thing that often occurs is never much appreciated."

"A blessing does not fill the belly."

"Always touch a new-born baby, or when it grows up it will lift its hand against you."

"The worst, most damaging witness is a former friend."

"A constant beggar gets a constant refusal."

"A dimple in the chin, a devil within."

"He who can follow his own will is a king."

"It's the first drop that destroyed me; there's no harm at all in the last."

"Neither make nor break a custom."

"Beauty won't make the pot boil."

"A little help is better than a deal of pity."

Quoted in Patricia Houghton, A World of Proverbs (Poole, Dorset: Blandford Press, 1981); Mary M. Delaney, Of Irish Ways (New York: Barnes & Noble, 1973); The Irishman, San Francisco, October 1985; Sean Gaffney & Seamus Cashman, Eds., Proverbs & Sayings of Ireland (Dublin: Wolfhound Press, 1974), and Selwyn G. Champion, M.D., Ed., Racial Proverbs (New York: Barnes & Noble, 1950)

Irish Dog Show

The Irish distaste for drinking in the quiet of the home used to make the annual St. Patrick's Day dog show in Dublin one of the year's most popular sporting events. Until the law was changed a few years ago, pubs were closed on St. Patrick's Day, a holy day in Ireland, but one bar at the dog show was allowed to stay open during that event. Consequently, the show was stormed by crowds of non-dog lovers, from all over Dublin. One year Brendan Behan, fighting the crush around the bar, stepped on the paw of a terrier on its way to the judging circle. The burly dramatist glared at the contestant's owner and said, "Now isn't this a silly place to bring a dog?"

Some Anecdotes About Irish Sportsmen

Anecdotes about Irish sportsmen from Henry D. Spalding's 1978 Encyclo-pedia of Irish Folklore and Humor, The Lilt of the Irish, including the follow-ing:

Joe McNulty, Cultural Attache' of the Irish Republic in Washington, D.C., tells about the first time he took his wife on a hunting trip in the Maine woods. They were in good rabbit territory, and other hunters were about, so McNulty cautioned his wife about the necessity of extreme care when firing her rifle. He and his missus were separated by some twenty yards or so when he heard a shot. Running to his wife's side, he found her smiling broadly and point-ing to the bushes.

"I must have hit some-thing, she announced triumphantly, "Just listen to that language!"

Years ago, Jimmy Dykes, the famous baseball player and manager, enjoyed telling this story on himself. When he first joined the A's back in 1918, he struck out four times in his first game. On his next turn, Connie Mack used a pinch hitter. Jimmy sulked on the bench, but the understanding Connie soothed him. "I suppose you know why I took you out," said Mack. "Why?" asked Jimmy in a harsh voice. "Because the American League record for striking out is five times in one game," explained Mack, "and I didn't want you to tie it in your very first big league game!"

"Pop" Moriarty, football coach at a small Catholic college in the hinterlands of Minnesota, had seen his charges trampled eight Saturday afternoons in a row, the last time by a humiliating score of 55 to 0. He called them to a meeting on the following Monday. "Next week, we'll be having our last game of the season," he began bitterly. "But, we might as well forget all the trick plays I tried to teach you dimwits. We're going back to basics. Now, for lesson number one: this object I am holding in my hand is called a football. Do you understand that? I'll spell it for you: f-o-o-t-b-a-..." He was interrupted by an urgent cry from the back row: "Hey Pop, not so fast!"

Irish Born Authors Named Nobel Laureates

The Nobel Prize for Literature was first awarded in 1901 and in the 96 years since, six native Irish or men of Irish heritage have been selected as Nobel Laureates... a re-markable achievement for a nation the size of Ireland. Those named Nobel Laureates were Irish born William Butler Yeats (1923), George Bernard Shaw (1925), Samuel Beckett (1969), Australian native Patrick White (1973) and Seamus Heaney (1995).

Many other Irish authors were considered for the prize and a number of Irish writers may have been slighted by the nominating committee. These include James Joyce, Brendan Behan, Mary Lavin, Frank O'Connor, Sean O'Faolain, Liam O'Flaherty and William Trevor. American Irish writers who were potential laureates include John O'Hara, Flannery O'Connor, James T. Farrell and others of note.

Local libraries, including the Beverly, Mt. Green-wood and Walker Branches of the Chicago Public Library, and the Evergreen Park Public Library, have many of the above authors works in the stacks, as well as a long list of other Irish and Irish American writers of note. Check with your neighborhood library for biography, fiction, non-fiction and poetry by the Irish.

The Blarney Stone

The Blarney Stone is a stone set in the wall of the Blarney Castle tower in the Irish village of Blarney. Kissing the stone is supposed to bring the kisser the gift of persuasive eloquence (blarney). The castle was built in 1446 by Cormac Laidhiv McCarthy (Lord of Muskerry) -- its walls are 18 feet thick (necessary to thwart attacks by Cromwellians and William III's troops). Thousands of tourists a year still visit the castle.

The origins of the Blarney Stone's magical properties aren't clear, but one legend says that an old woman cast a spell on the stone to reward a king who had saved her from drowning. Kissing the stone while under the spell gave the king the ability to speak sweetly and convincingly.

It's tough to reach the stone -- it's between the main castle wall and the parapet. Kissers have to lie on their back and bend backward (and downward), holding iron bars for support.

Chicago St. Pat's Day Parade

The Chicago St. Patrick's Day Parade begins at 12:00 noon, Saturday March 17th, which falls on Saint Patrick's Day this year! The parade has been held the Saturday before the actual calendar date of Saint Patrick's Day. This allows families to participate in the festivities without having to remove their children from school. We know this causes confusion and problems for those of you visiting our city specifically for this grand holiday. In 2007, Saint Patrick's Day falls on a Saturday, allowing us to celebrate on the actual date.

The parade starts at Balbo and Columbus. The parade units will proceed north on Columbus Drive and the viewing stand will be located in front of Buckingham Fountain.

Dyeing the Chicago River is scheduled for 10:45, Saturday March 17th and can be best viewed from the upper level bridges at Michigan Ave or Columbus Drive.

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Spaulding Reports Facts On Irishman

The following 'facts' about an Irishman, reported by Henry D. Spalding, were made by Jim Murray, a sportswriter for the Los Angeles Times in 1976.

"It will come as a great surprise to all of you – to say nothing of Saint Patrick, I am, sure – but tomorrow night, on the natal day of all Irishmen, I am to be honored by the Masquers Club of Hollywood as (get this!) 'Irish Man of the Year.'

I can understand their admiration. Being Irish and not making a muck of things by my age calls for a testimonial of some kind, an achievement kind of like overcoming a clubfoot.

They'll be needing to know a few things about the Irish if they want to keep from making fools of themselves. An Irishman is a guy who:

- May not be sure there's a God, but is damn sure of the infallibility of the Pope.
- Won't eat meat on Friday, but will drink gin for breakfast.
- Believes everything he can't see, and nothing he can.
- To paraphrase Cleveland Amory, is someone who's very good at weekends, but not very good in the middle of the week.
- Is against abortion, but in favor of hanging (or vice versa).
- Has such great respect for the truth, he only uses it in emergencies.
- Is irrational in important things but a tower of strength in the trivial.
- Get married for life, but not necessarily for love.
- Can argue either side of a question, often at the same time.
- Sees things not as they are, but as they never will be.
- Believes in leprechauns and banshees and considers anyone who doesn't to be a heathen.
- Can lick any man in the house he is sole occupant of.
- Cries at sad movies, but cheers in battle.
- Considers funerals a festivity, but weddings sad events to be put off as long as possible, preferably forever.
- Says he hates the English, but reserves his greatest cruelty for his countrymen.
- Is not afraid of dying – in fact, he might prefer it.
- Gets more Irish the farther he gets from Ireland.
- Believes that God is Irish, or, at least, Catholic.
- Believes in civil rights, but not in his neighborhood.
- Is against corruption, unless it's a Democrat.
- Loves religion for its own sake, but also because it makes it so damnably inconvenient for his neighbors.
- Considers a bore to be someone who keeps constantly interrupting.
- Scorns money, but worships those who have it.
- Considers any Irishman who achieves success to be a traitor.

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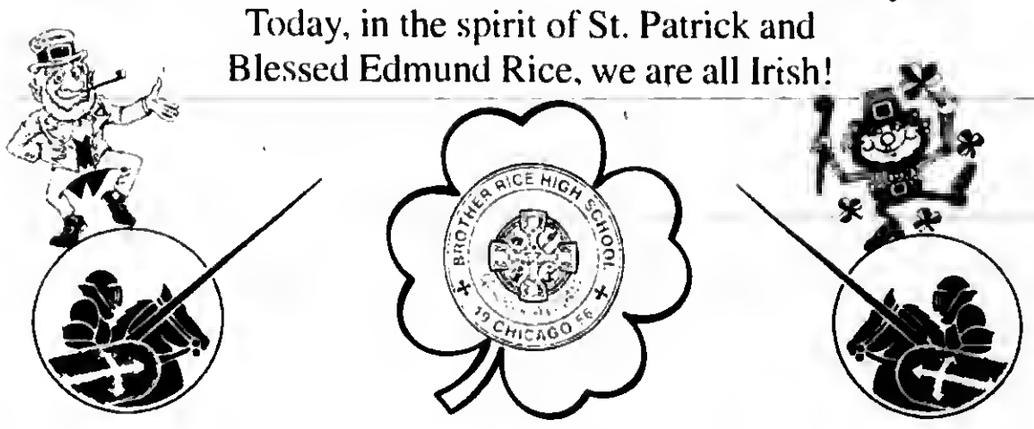

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Irish Symbols

Shamrocks

According to Christian legend, St. Patrick used the three-leafed clover to illustrate the doctrine of the Trinity to his pagan audience in Ireland. However, this story did not appear until more than 1,000 years after St. Patrick's death.

In ancient Ireland, the Celtic people revered the shamrock as a sacred plant because it symbolized the rebirth of spring. By the 17th century, when the English began to seize Irish land and suppress Irish language and religion, the shamrock became a symbol of Irish nationalism.

Leprechauns

The diminutive creatures we know as leprechauns were known in ancient Irish as "lobaircin," meaning "small-bodied fellow." Belief in leprechauns probably stems from Celtic belief in fairies, tiny creatures who could use their magical powers for good or evil. In Celtic folklore, the lobaircin were cranky fairies who mended the shoes of the other fairies. They were also mischievous and delighted in trickery, which they used to guard their fabled treasure.

The cheerful friendly version of the leprechaun known to us today is based in large part on Walt Disney's 1959 film *Darby O'Gill and the Little People*. It quickly evolved into a symbol of St. Patrick's Day and Ireland in general.

Corned Beef And Cabbage is the traditional meal enjoyed by many on St. Patrick's Day, but only half of it is truly Irish. Cabbage has long been a staple of the Irish diet, but it was traditionally served with Irish bacon, not corned beef. The corned beef was substituted for bacon by Irish immigrants to the Americas around the turn of the century who could not afford the real thing. They learned about the cheaper alternative from their Jewish neighbors.

Happy St. Patricks Day

History Of Wakes

John McCarthy in The Home Book of Irish Humor reports: A considerable slice of Irish social life revolves around those festivities known as 'wakes,' which are held entirely apart from Christian funeral services, and surpass in community interest even the movies or politics. In the wild country of County Donegal, whole villages will participate in a wake. As soon as news of a relative's death reaches members of the clan, they pack supplies of foodstuffs, spirits and stout to last several days, assemble at a convenient meeting place and, in a group, proceed to the cottage of the deceased. There they spend the entire first night in keening. Keening is one of those ancient Irish customs, dating back into pre-Christian times, which has outlived the Christian inun-dation. Crowded around the coffin, the relatives weep and wail weirdly and in perfect unison, and the effect upon listeners is soul-searing. The first time you catch it, even as far off as I did one summer night, you are hard put to reconcile it with any sound you have heard before. It's so primitive, so eerie, so pagan that you almost believe the Druids are hold-ing a ceremony high up in the hills.

The deceased's friends make their calls the next few evenings. All the people in the home village and nearby towns consider themselves friends. As they enter the house, they go directly to the casket, get on their knees and say a few prayers. Immediate members of the family are lined up close to the coffin. Following his prayers, the caller pays his respects to them, then adjourns to a back room, where he settles himself for a night of genuine sociability. The women gather in one room, the men in another.

In Ireland, the mister is still the privileged person. Therefore, in the rooms reserved for men there will be food, whiskey and stout aplenty, batches of new clay pipes and lots of tobacco. After a few kind words about the lamented host of the house, the lads fill their pipes and go to work on the food, spirits and stout. Tongues un-loosen. And the wake is on! Every topic known to mankind is discussed; every personage in Irish public and private life is verbally trotted forth and his reputation literally torn to shreds. Not until the sun comes up does it occur to anyone to stop yarning and go home. Even then, they go reluctantly.

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The History Of Irish Dance

The early history of Irish dance reveals a constant shifting of population through migration and invasions. Each of these peoples brought their preferred types of dance and music. There are only vague references to the early history of Irish dancing, but there is evidence that among its first practitioners were the Druids, who danced in religious rituals honoring the oak tree and the sun. Traces of their circular dances survive in the ring dances of today. When the Celts arrived in Ireland from central Europe over two thousand years ago, they brought with them their own folk dances.

Around 400 AD, after the conversion to Christianity, the new priests used the pagan style of ornamentation in illuminating their manuscripts, while the peasants retained the same qualities in their music and dancing.

The Anglo-Norman conquest in the twelfth century brought Norman customs and culture to Ireland. The Carol was a popular Norman dance in which the leader sang and was surrounded by a circle of dancers who replied with the same song. This Norman dance was performed in conquered Irish towns.

Three principal Irish dances are mentioned often in sixteenth century writing: the Irish Hey, the Rinnce Fada (long dance) and the Trenchmore. One of the first references to dance is in a letter written by Sir Henry Sydney to Queen Elizabeth I in 1569. "They are very beautiful, magnificently dressed and first class dancers," Sydney wrote of the girls he saw dancing enthusiastic Irish jigs in Galway.

Sydney went on to describe the dance formation, observing the dancers in two straight lines, which suggests they were performing an early version of the long dance.

During the mid-sixteenth century, dances were performed in the great halls of the newly built castles. Some of the dances were adapted by the sixteenth century English invaders and brought to the court of Queen Elizabeth. One of these dances was the Trenchmore, which was an adaptation of an old Irish peasant dance. From this period onward another style of dance called the Hey was popular where female dancers wound in around their partners, in a forerunner of the present day reel.

When royalty arrived in Ireland, they were greeted at the shore by young women performing native dances. When King James landed at Kinsale, County Cork, in 1780, he was welcomed by dancers. Three people stood abreast, each holding ends of a white handkerchief. They advanced to slow music and were followed by dancing couples, each couple holding a handkerchief between them. The tempo of the music increased and the dancers performed a variety of lively figures.

Irish dancing was accompanied by music played on the bagpipes and the harp. In the houses of the Anglo-Irish aristocracy, the master often joined with servants in some of the dances. Dancing was also performed during wakes. The mourners followed each other in a ring around the coffin to bagpipe music.

South Side Irish Parade

This year the Beverly Breast Cancer Walk will be honored as the Grand Marshall of the South Side Irish Parade. The Beverly Breast Cancer Walk began 7 years ago when Carol Moriarty, her sister Nancy Mulcahy, and her good friend Lisa O'Brien decided it was time to make a difference in their own community. They organized the first Beverly Breast Cancer Walk on Mother's Day 2000, by walking with 30 women through their beautiful Beverly neighborhood on Mother's Day morning. Two years later, primarily due to Carol's positive treatment experience at Little Company of Mary Hospital, they decided to fulfill their mission and serve cancer patients in their own community. They began donating 100% of the funds collected to the Integrated Therapy Department ('ITD') at Little Company of Mary Hospital's Cancer Center. ITD used the funds to help provide free educational programs, support groups, and services to the community's cancer patients and survivors.

The outpouring of support for the Walk has been overwhelming. It has quickly become a local phenomenon and is a clear testament to the power of perseverance, teamwork, and the belief in one's cause – all due to the tireless volunteer efforts of several determined women, each touched in one way or another by the harrowing effects of breast cancer.

In 2000, the Walk included 30 women and raised $1000. In 2006, the Walk included over 5,500 women, men, and children and generated over $160,000 for the Little Company of Mary Hospital's Cancer Center.

The 8th Annual Beverly Breast Cancer Walk will be held on Mother's Day, May 13, 2007. This year the walk will benefit the newly-created Little Company of Mary Comprehensive Breast Health Center. The goal is to use the funds to purchase a digital mammography machine and also continue to help provide programs and services for cancer patients in the community.

This year there will also be a special honoree; the Beverly Area Planning Association (BAPA) is honored for all the work it has done and will do for the Beverly Area.

Don't Believe Everything You Hear

Interesting St. Patrick's Day trivia are those myths and legends known affectionately as blarney in Ireland. They include:

St. Patrick did not drive the snakes out of Ireland. They probably never had snakes on the Emerald Isle in the first place.

"When Irish Eyes are Smiling" isn't a popular Irish ballad. It was composed by an American.

St. Patrick is not the quintessential Irishman. He was born in Wales. In fact, he wasn't even particularly Christian until after his six-year exile in Ireland.

The shamrock isn't a real plant. Rather, the plant is a type of clover that grows in Ireland.

Leprechauns aren't cute little sprites. They're evil, mean-spirited little creatures that perform treacherous deceptions to keep you away from that pot of gold.

The national symbol of Ireland is the Celtic harp, not the shamrock.

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History Of The South Side Irish Parade

This is the story of how the South Side Irish St. Patrick's Parade began. As with many stories told by the Irish, exaggeration is inevitable, however, this story is completely true. The parade was the vision of two best friends, George Hendry and Pat Coakley. Both were raised on the South Side of Chicago, George in the St. Sabina Parish and Pat in the Little Flower parish in the Auburn neighborhood. The two did not meet until their early thirties, when both moved to the Morgan Park community with their young wives. There they became neighbors, best friends and in 1979, co-founders of the South Side Irish Parade.

In the winter of 1979, sitting around the Hendry's kitchen table enjoying a few beers, George and Pat fondly remembered their experiences at the original South Side Irish Parade (aka the Southtown Parade) that was held on 79th Street. That parade moved downtown in 1960. It was at this time, while they were reminiseing, that George and Pat felt the obligation to create "something" for their children and the children of their friends and "green" neighbors. Nearly twenty years had passed, but now the South Side would rise again with a new parade in a new location for a new generation.

So on a rainy Saturday, March 17, 1979, George and Pat, with the help of their wives, Mary and Marianne (Mernie), gathered 17 children from the West Morgan Park community to march in the first South Side Irish St. Pat's Parade. The children were the only marchers: Kevin Norris dressed as St. Patrick; Tim Kelly dressed as a leprechaun; Eileen Hughes was the parade's first and only queen; a few Boy Scouts, including Jack and George Hendry and Pat and Kevin Coakley, carried the American flag; and the parade's original float, a baby buggy covered with a box decorated with shamrocks and the 26 county flags of Ireland, was pushed around the 10900 blocks of Washtenaw and Talman. The children were given the moniker "The Wee Folks of Washtenaw and Talman". The theme of the parade was "Bring Back St. Pat", which was George and Pat's way of saying bring back to the South Side the parade they had cherished as children. Notices of the parade which were placed in mailboxes along the "route" invited neighbors to stand on their porches and wave to the marchers. Immediately following the parade, the children were invited to the Hendry's basement for Kool-aid and Twinkies. Later that evening, the adults continued the party in the Coakley's basement until the "wee" hours.

Others noticed this small gathering and celebration in the community and so in 1980, the parade moved from the sidewalks to the side streets and began at Kennedy Park. Three hundred participants marched past friendly neighbors watching from their front yards and windows. Marchers included families with wagons, children on decorated bicycles, dogs, and a bag piper. The St. Cajetan School's band sat in chairs in front of the Kennedy Park field house and played for the gathering crowd. The parade meandered through the neighborhood and ended at the Beverly Bank parking lot, where Terry McEldowney sang Irish songs for the crowd.

It was hard to believe, but the parade was gaining in popularity and George and Mary and Pat and Mernie decided it was time to take the parade to THE STREET. On Sunday, March 15, 1981 the parade would march down Western Ave. for the first time, where it continues to march today. Then-Mayor Jane Byrne would only provide a permit for the southbound lane of Western from 103rd Street to 115th Street, while live northbound traffic whizzed by in the opposite lane. The Chicago Police were ordered not to provide crowd and traffic control, but parade volunteers and a few crossing guards assumed the responsibilities and the parade marched on safely. The 1981 parade was a parade of "firsts" – traditions that continue today and without which the parade just wouldn't be the parade. This was the year that St. Cajetan Church, the official parish of the parade, would celebrate with a Mass honoring St. Patrick. Following the parade, a party commenced in St. Cajetan's Memorial Hall. It was named the Post-Parade Party, and the parade trilogy and unofficial motto, which referenced the three successive aspects of each Parade Day, was born: "Pray, Parade, and Party". Today, many families in the area celebrate the day by attending a special Parade Mass, then gather along Western Avenue to watch the parade, and finally head home to host parties for family and friends. A number of neighborhood families also use this gathering day as an excuse for an annual family reunion. Another 1981 first for the parade was the use of a Grand Marshall. That year, three neighborhood children, Bess Hendry, Annie Coakley and Sean Crowe, were the parade's first Grand Marshalls. All three were chosen to signify that the parade would be first and foremost a family affair.

With the success of the 1981 parade, it was apparent that George and Pat needed some help. They asked a few friends and local parishioners to get involved, and a committee was formed. Without the help of Fr. Marty O'Donovan, Mike Hayes, Jim Davoren, Bob Rafferty, Paul Poynton, Sean McCarthy, Bill Letz, Jack McNicholas, Dick Norris, Bill Gainer, Jim Sheridan and Bill Wallace in those earlier years, the parade wouldn't be the success it is today. Currently, there are 26 committee members handling everything from logistics, float entries, sanitation and sponsorship to related events, PR/Media, marshals, bands and merchandising. Today, the South Side Irish Parade is considered the largest neighborhood-based St. Patrick's Day parade outside of Dublin. It grew from 17 children marching around the block 27 years ago to an event that hosts over 15,000 marchers and 250,000+ spectators each year.

Each year after 1981, the official parade route has been from 103rd & Western to 115th & Western, and each year a Grand Marshall is chosen, often a charitable organization that is dedicated to children. Each year since 2004, the parade has also designated another organization as a Special Honoree, thus enabling the parade to highlight and honor two unique organizations each year.

The South Side Irish St. Patrick's Day Parade was created for Pat and George's children. Children, family, faith and heritage are what this great parade is all about!

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St. Patrick Was Sold Into Slavery At Sixteen

His father Calpornius held both civic and clerical offices when Patrick was born to him in the late fourth century (c. A.D. 390). Although the family lived in the village of Bannavem Taberniaei, in Roman Britain, Patrick would one day become the most successful Christian missionary in Ireland, its patron saint, and the subject of legends.

Patrick's first encounter with the land to which he would devote his life was an unpleasant one. He was kidnapped at age sixteen, sent to Ireland, and sold into slavery. While Patrick worked there as a shepherd, he developed a deep faith in God. One night, during his sleep, he was sent a vision of how to escape. So much he tells us in his autobiographical Confession.

In it Patrick describes his British youth and his conversion, for, although he was born to Christian parents, he did not consider himself Christian before his captivity. Another purpose of the document was to defend himself to the very Church that had sent him to Ireland to convert his former captors. Years before Patrick wrote his Confession, he wrote an angry Letter to Coroticus, the British King of Alcluid (later called Strathclyde), in which he condemns him and his soldiers as compatriots of the demons, because they had captured and slaughtered many of the Irish people Bishop Patrick had just baptized. Those they didn't kill would be sold to "heathen" Picts and Scots. Although personal, emotional, religious, and biographical, these two pieces and Gildas Bandonicus' Concerning the Ruin of Britain (De Excidio Britanniae) provide the main historical sources for fifth century Britain.

Unlike the work of the same name by the theologian, Augustine, Patrick's Confession is short, with few statements of religious doctrine. Upon Patrick's escape from his approximately six years of slavery, he went back to Britain, and then to Gaul where he studied under St. Germain, bishop of Auxerre, for twelve years before returning again to Britain. There he felt a calling to return as a missionary to Ireland. He stayed in Ireland for another thirty years, converting, baptizing, and setting up monasteries.

Irish Proverbs Throughout The Ages

Most Irishmen are born philosophers. Intrigued with life, the Irish love to come up with reasons why things happen as they do. Also in their philosophy is a strong tinge of fatalism – what occurred was bound to occur regardless of what one may have done in advance to avoid it.

Coupled with this ingrained philosophical attitude, the Irish have a natural picturesque style of saying simple things. Out of these colorful Celtic sayings down through the years, have come not a few pertinent proverbs such as:

You'd be a good messenger to send for death (said of a slow person).
Let him cool in the skin he warmed in.
'Tis a good story that fills the belly.
The man that's up is toasted,
The man that's down is trampled on.
He comes like the bad weather (i.e., uninvited).
'Tis the fool has luck.
He that loses the game, let him talk away.
Falling is easier than rising.
A bad wife takes advice from every man but her own husband.
Never take a wife who has no faults.
Big head and little sense.
Sweet is wine, bitter its payment.
A closed hand gets but a shut fist.
It is not all big men that reap the harvest.
Not worried till married.
Three without rule – a wife, a pig, and a mule.
Better a drop of whiskey than a blow of a stick.
The four drinks – the drink of thirst, the drink without thirst, the drink for fear of thirst, and the drink at the door.
All the world would not make a racehorse of a jackass.
Death is the poor man's doctor.
There's no good crying when the funeral is gone.
A hen carried far is heavy.
A crow thinks its own young white.
Have your own will, like the women have.
An old cat does not burn himself.
A candle does not give light till lit.
Don't praise your son-in-law till the year's out.
Better be idle than working for nothing.
Do not show your teeth when you cannot give a bite.
Trust him as far as you can throw a cow by the tail.
Where there's women there's talk, and where there's geese there's cackling.
More beard than brains, as the fox said of the goat.
An empty house is better than a bad tenant.
He knows as much about it as a dog knows of his father.
He'd say anything but his prayers.
A vessel will only hold the full of it.
An empty vessel makes most sound.
Forgetting one's debts does not pay them.

Origin Of Irish Coffee

Irish Coffee was invented either in the Shannon Airport bar in Western Ireland, or at the Buena Vista Café, San Francisco. The weight of evidence lies with Shannon.

The story is that on St. Patrick's Day 1946 a bar-tender, coming to work at the airport after observing the hallowed eve, poured a shot of whiskey into his coffee to ease his post-operative condition. He liked it. He tried it on some of his customers. They liked it...And so on.

Seven years later, Stanley Delaplane, travel writer and columnist with the San Francisco Chronicle, became one of those cus-tomers. When he got home he gave the recipe to an accommodating barkeep at the Buena Vista. The Buena Vista started pro-moting the drink, so suc-cessfully that pride and the mists of time wiped out the memory of Delaplane's gift. At any rate, the 'B.V.' now claims sole authorship and at last report was selling an Irish Coffee set, stemmed glasses, a recipe and San Francisco's ver-sion of the Irish Coffee Story, as well as a rather inferior Irish Coffee.

The ingredients for Irish Coffee: boiling water; 5 ounces of hot, strong coffee made from fresh ground beans with a drip filter, preferably with untreated spring water; 1 teaspoon brown sugar; 1? ounces Irish whiskey; softly whipped cream. Absolutely nothing else. The proper vessel is a clear stemmed glass of eight-ounce capacity. One with a handle is preferable; it makes holding the hot glass easier and eliminates unsightly smudges.

Put a spoon in the glass to keep it from cracking and carefully fill it halfway with boiling water. Remove the spoon and pour out the water. Quickly pour in the coffee, the fresher and hotter the better. Next the brown sugar. While white sugar was in the earliest Irish Coffees, it has been found that brown sugar better augments the bur-nished, boggy flavor of good Irish barleycorn. And now the whiskey, which brings up another argu-ment, however. The ques-tion is moot, as all Irish whiskies are now made by Irish Distillers Ltd.

Lastly comes the cream. The Shannon recipe calls for plain, unwhipped cream. This would be all right if we could still find real cream in our markets, the kind that used to pop the cap off the bottle in winter, thick enough to eat with a fork. We can't and so we whip what we have, but lightly. We are looking for a consistency thick enough to float neatly on the coffee, soft enough to let the coffee be quaffed through the cream, thus cooling and enriching the hot brew. This can require experimenting; cream so thick that it floats like a wee iceberg away from the lips when a sip is taken, or rides up into your nose, is one of the commonest flaws in Irish Coffee. You have it just right when the first taste leaves you with a thin, evenly distributed, white mustache.

St. Patrick And The Snakes

Various legends have grown up concerning St. Patrick, the most popular of the Irish saints.

St. Patrick was not well-educated, a fact he attributes to early captivity. Because of this, it was with some reluctance that he was sent as missionary to Ireland, and only after the first missionary, Palladius, had died. Perhaps it's because of his informal schooling in the meadows with his sheep that Patrick came up with the clever analogy between the three leaves of the shamrock and the Holy Trinity. At any rate, this lesson is one explanation for why St. Patrick is associated with a shamrock.

St. Patrick is also credited with driving the snakes out of Ireland. There were probably no snakes in Ireland for him to drive out, and it is very likely that the story was meant to be symbolic.

Since Patrick converted the heathen, the snakes are thought to stand for the pagan beliefs or evil. Where he was buried is a mystery. Among other places, a chapel to St. Patrick at Glastonbury claims he was interred there. A shrine in County Down, Ireland, claims to possess a jawbone of the saint, which is requested for childbirth, epilectic fits, and to avert the evil eye.

While we don't know exactly when he was born or died, this Roman British saint is honored by the Irish, especially in the United States, on March 17 with parades, green beer, cabbage, corned beef, and general revelry. While there is a parade in Dublin as the culmination of a week of festivities, Irish celebrations on St. Patrick's Day itself are predominantly religious.

St. Patrick's Day In Ireland

Many Irish people wear a bunch of shamrock on their lapels or caps on St. Patrick's Day, while children wear tricolored (green, white and orange) badges. Girls traditionally wore green ribbons in their hair (many still do).

Unlike its American counterpart, St. Patrick's Day in Ireland has primarily been a religious festival. Until the 1970s, pubs were required by law to close on March 17. However, since 1995 the Irish government has sought to make St. Patrick's Day an opportunity to showcase Ireland and Irish culture to the world.

The St. Patrick's Day celebrations in Dublin have thus been extended to a week-long event called St. Patrick's Festival, encompassing a spectacular fireworks display (Skyfest), open-air music, street theater and the traditional parade. Over one million people attended the celebrations in 2004.

Happy St. Patricks Day

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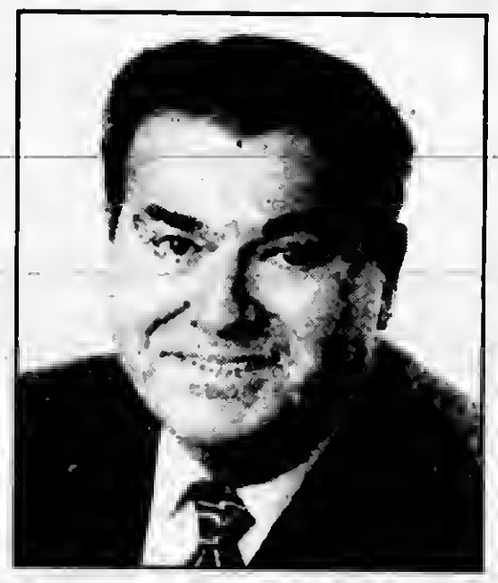

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The Irish Dance Master

During the eighteenth century, the dancing master appeared in Ireland. He was a wandering dancing teacher who traveled from village to village in a district, teaching dance to peasants. Dancing masters were flamboyant characters that wore bright clothes and carried staffs. Their young pupils did not know the difference between their left and right feet. To overcome this problem, the dancing master would tie straw or hay to his pupils' left or right feet and instruct them to "lift hay foot" or "lift straw foot".

Group dances were developed by the masters to hold the interest of their less gifted pupils and to give them the chance to enjoy dancing. The standard of these dances was very high. Solo dancers were held in high esteem and often doors were taken off hinges and placed on the ground for the soloists to dance on.

Each dancing master had his own district and never encroached on another master's territory. It was not unknown for a dancing master to be kidnapped by the residents of a neighboring parish.

When dancing masters met at fairs, they challenged each other to a public dancing contest that only ended when one of them dropped with fatigue.

Several versions of the same dance were to be found in different parts of Ireland. In this way a rich heritage of Irish dances was assembled and modified over the centuries. Today, jigs, reels, hornpipes, sets, half sets, polkas and step dances are all performed. Solo dancing or step dancing first appeared at the end of the eighteenth century.

The costumes worn by Irish dancers today commemorate the clothing of the past. Each school of dancing has its own distinct dancing costume. Dresses are based on the Irish peasant dress worn two hundred years ago. Most of the dresses are adorned with hand-embroidered Celtic designs, copies of the Tara brooch are often worn on the shoulder. The brooch holds a cape that falls over the back. The clothes worn by men are less embellished but steeped in history- they wear a plain kilt and jacket, with a folded cloak draped from the shoulder. Male and female dancers today wear hornpipe shoes and for reels and jigs soft shoes similar to ballet pumps are worn.

Today there are many organizations promoting Irish dance. The Feis has been an important part of rural cultural life. Children, teenagers and adults compete in separate competitions for Feis titles and prizes. There are group and solo competitions where dancers are graded by age from six to seventeen and then into the senior categories.

There are dancing championships in all four provinces, and winners of these provincial competitions qualify for the All Ireland Championships. The World Championships are held in Dublin at Easter where dancers from England, Ireland, USA, Canada, Australia and New Zealand compete for the World title.

The Irish word céili originally referred to a gathering of neighbors in a house to have an enjoyable time, dancing, playing music and storytelling. It refers to an informal evening of dancing. Céilis are held in large towns and country districts where young and old enjoy together group dances. The céili can be traced back to pre-famine times, when dancing at the crossroads was a popular rural pastime. These dances were usually held on Sunday evenings in summer when young people would gather at the crossroads. The music was often performed by a fiddler seated on a three-legged stool with his upturned hat beside him for a collection. The fiddler began with a reel such as the lively "Silver Tip", but he had to play it several times before the dancers joined in. The young men were reluctant to begin the dance but after some encouragement from the fiddler, the sets of eight filled up the dancing area.

The worldwide success of Riverdance and more recently Lord of the Dance has placed Irish dance on the international stage. Dancing schools in Ireland today are filled with young pupils keen to imitate and learn the dancing styles which brought Jean Butler and Michael Flatley international acclaim.

There are many opportunities to watch and enjoy Irish dancing. It is still a regular part of social functions. Dancing sessions at céilis are usually preceded by a teaching period where novices are shown the initial steps. During the summer months, céilis are held in many Irish towns. Visitors are always welcome to join in and with on the spot, informal instruction, anyone can quickly master the first steps and soon share the Irish enthusiasm for Irish dance.

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Happy St. Patricks Day

St. Patrick's Day Traditional Customs

In Irish Gaelic:

Lá Fhéile Pádraig (LAW AY-luh PAW-rihg) = St. Patrick's Day or Beannachtaí na Féile Pádraig oraibh! (BAN-uhkh-tee nuh FAY-luh PAW-rihg O-rihv) = Happy St. Patrick's Day to You All!

Traditional customs for the proper celebration of the day, even though Ireland has tried its best to discard its historic culture in favor of progress, industrialization and American commercialism, but customs are important to give meaning to life and joy to the soul so here they are:

1.Wear an emblem in honor of the saint, a custom which dates from as early as 1681, and the account of Thomas Dinely. Generally a green ribbon the shamrock or a St. Patrick's cross (circle or square of paper decorated with green ribbon and bits of priests vestments by girls and small children; for boys a paper cross in the style of the Celtic illuminations carefully decorated).

2.Go to work and demand the "Patrick's Groat" take leave of your capitalistic master and go to town and spend it all.(very few of the zealous should be found sober at night account (Dinely 1681!).

3.Men should make a cross of a twig of wild sallow and pin it to the thatch inside the house or above the door.

4.You may also wear a harp shaped badge.

5.Wear the "Trifolium repens"-white clover (Identified as such by Caleb Threlkeld in 1727).

6.After church go to the pub to drink the "pota Padraig"-St. Patrick's pot. Many acts of devotion should be followed by an equal number of acts of copious libation...

7.Say this quaint line when doing so:
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And burn Tobacco free as Spunk
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8.Actually it is doubtful if anyone knows what a shamrock is (Early 20th century-Nathaniel Colgan asked around Ireland and found that it could be-Trifolium repens, (white clover), Folium minus- (leser trefoil), Trifolium pratense (purple clover), Medicagio Lupulina (Black Medick) So take your pick!

9.Give treats and gifts to friends and children.

10.Put shamrock which has been worn on the day into the last glass of drink-then toast to the health of all and pick the wet drowned shamrock out of the glass and toss it over the left shoulder.

11.Using a burnt stick make a cross on the sleeve of each member of the household.

12.You have to eat meat and you do not need any special dispensation to do so. Jocelin notes that as early as 1100 AD people ate meat in Lent due to an account of St. Patrick doing so and then being forgiven the meat turning to fish in the boiling water.

13.You must begin your planting soon after St. Patrick's day- (peas are best planted on the day. (Source-Kevin Danaher- The Year in Ireland Mercier Press Cork, 1972).

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION HSBC MORTGAGE SERVICES, INC. Plaintiff, -v.- ROBERT BARRON, et al Defendant 06 CH 19078 NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on November 13, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on March 29, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 7731 W. 79TH PLACE, Bridgeview, IL 60455 Property Index No. 18-36-103-017 The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $147,081.93. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department. Please refer to file number 14-06-8075. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I27169

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC AS NOMINEE FOR HCI MORTGAGE OR ITS SUCCESSORS OR ASSIGNS Plaintiff, -v.- PEDRO GOMEZ, et al Defendant 05 CH 5777 NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 30, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on April 3, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate. Commonly known as 3704 WEST 85TH PLACE, Chicago, IL 60652 Property Index No. 19-35-324-068-0000 The real estate is improved with a single family yellow frame home.

The judgment amount was $157,583.48. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

For information. Visit our website at http:\\service.atty-pierce.com. between the hours of 3 and 5 pm. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602. Tel No. (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number PA0502764. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE. I28004

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE OF ARGENT MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST, ASSET BACKED PASS THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-W2 UNDER THE POOLING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT DATED AS OF 4/1/05 Plaintiff, -v.- MARLON PATRICK, et al Defendant 06 CH 16149 NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 31, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on March 29, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 9054 S. SACRAMENTO AVE, Evergreen Park, IL 60805 Property Index No. 24-12-113-044

The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was $235,801.88. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale

The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department.. Please refer to file number 14-06-9388.THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALENOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I26914

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION SOUTH KENTON PROPERTIES, LLC, AS ASSIGNEE OF CITIZENS BANK AND TRUST COMPANY OF CHICAGO; Plaintiff. vs. K & K OFFICE PARTNERSHIP, AN ILLINOIS GENERAL PARTNERSHIP; EDWARD MAZUREK; KEITH VIDOVIC, THE CHICAGO TRUST COMPANY, TB PARTNERSHIP; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants. 05 CH 15762 NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on February 6, 2007, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, March 26, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 13801 South Kenton Ave., Crestwood, IL 60445. P.I.N. 28-03-100-139.

The improvement on the property consists of a 1 story, brick, commercial building with a single unit, an industrial warehouse and an office building which may be available for inspection by contacting Mr. Rick Litke at 312-719-9333. Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds.

For information call Mr. David A. Shapiro at Plaintiff's Attorney, Bronson & Kahn LLC, 150 North Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60606. (312) 553-1700. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I25620

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION ABN-AMRO MORTGAGE GROUP, INC., SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO BELL FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff V. ISAAC KING; ROCHELLE KING A/K/A ROCHELLE O. KING; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF MARY CURRY; STATE OF ILLINOIS; ILLINOIS COMMUNITY ACTION ASSOCIATION; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants 01 CH 15916 NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE Fisher and Shapiro file # 05-9543D (It is advised that interested parties consult with their own attorneys before bidding at mortgage foreclosure sales.)

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered on August 15, 2006, Kallen Realty Services, Inc., successor to Kallen Financial & Capital Services, Inc. as Selling Official will at 12:30 p.m. on March 21, 2007, at 205 W. Randolph Street, Suite 1200, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real property: COMMONLY KNOWN AS 8045 SOUTH FRANCISCO AVENUE, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60652. TAX ID# 19-36-114-015 The mortgaged real estate is improved with a dwelling. The property will NOT be open for inspection.

The judgment amount was $151,793.22. Sale terms: 10% of successful bid immediately at conclusion of auction, balance by noon the next business day, both by cashier's checks; and no refunds. The sale shall be subject to general real estate taxes, special taxes, special assessments, special taxes levied, and superior liens, if any. The property is offered "as is," with no express or implied warranties and without any representation as to the quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to review the court file to verify all information.

For information: Sale Clerk, Fisher and Shapiro, 4201 Lake Cook Rd., 1st floor, Northbrook, Illinois 60062, (847) 498-9990, between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. weekdays only

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE UNDER THE INDENTURE RELATING TO IMH ASSETS CORP, COLLATERALIZED ASSET-BACKED BONDS, SERIES 2004-3 Plaintiff, -v.- ROBERT CAMPER A/K/A ROBERT F. CAMPER, et al Defendant 06 CH 19652 NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on November 21, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on April 10, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 3303 W. 84TH PLACE, Chicago, IL 60652 Property Index No. 19-35-414-087 The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $168,753.11. Sale terms; 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act. 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale

The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department.. Please refer to file number 14-06-B516. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I27918

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION CITIFINANCIAL MORTGAGE COMPANY, INC., Plaintiff V. PATRICIA STEJSKAL, Defendant 06 CH 5243 NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE Fisher and Shapiro file #05-1431D (It is advised that interested parties consult with their own attorneys before bidding at mortgage foreclosure sales.)

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered on September 5, 2006, Kallen Realty Services, Inc., successor to Kallen Financial & Capital Services, Inc. as Selling Official will at 12:30 p.m. on April 2, 2007, at 205 W. Randolph Street, Suite 1200, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real property: COMMONLY KNOWN AS 7736 SOUTH OCTAVIA AVENUE, BRIDGEVIEW, ILLINOIS 60455. TAX ID# 18-25-422-017 The mortgaged real estate is improved with a dwelling. The property will NOT be open for inspection.

The judgment amount was $162,235.38. Sale terms: 10% of successful bid immediately at conclusion of auction, balance by noon the next business day, both by cashier's checks; and no refunds. The sale shall be subject to general real estate taxes, special taxes, special assessments, special taxes levied, and superior liens, if any. The property is offered "as is," with no express or implied warranties and without any representation as to the quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to review the court file to verify all information.

For information: Sale Clerk, Fisher and Shapiro, 4201 Lake Cook Rd., 1st floor, Northbrook, Illinois 60062, (847) 498-9990, between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. weekdays only. I26552

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR ACCESS NATIONAL MORTGAGE, OR IT'S SUCCESSOR OR ASSIGNS Plaintiff, vs. DENISE VELAZQUEZ; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF DENISE VALAZQUEZ, IF ANY; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants, 05 CH 18124

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on 1/8/2007, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, April 10, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property: P.I.N. 18-36-109-012. Commonly known as 7728 West 83rd Street, Bridgeview, IL 60455.

The improvement on the property consists of a 1.5 story, single family residence with a detached 2 car garage. Sale terms: 25% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.

For information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com. Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602. Tel.No. (312) 476-5500. Refer to File Number 0508815. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I27563

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION SHOREBANK, AN ILLINOIS BANKING CORPORATION Plaintiff, -v.- BARRY A. PARKS, PARKS RESTORATION INC., UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants 06 CH 16353 NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on December 27, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on March 28, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 8600 S. CENTRAL AVENUE, Burbank, IL 60459 Property Index No. 19-32-416-007-0000

The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was $273,811.27. (Count I) and $72,143.63 (Count II) Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale

The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: LAW OFFICES OF BROOKINS & WILSON , 100 NORTH LASALLE STREET, STE. 1710, Chicago, IL 60602, (312) 360-0888 THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE LAW OFFICES OF BROOKINS & WILSON 100 NORTH LASALLE STREET, STE. 1710 Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 360-0888 Attorney Code. 36704 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I27132

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-NC2; Plaintiff, vs. JOEY C. SMITH; ET AL; Defendants, 06 CH 17343 NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on November 2, 2006, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, April 10, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 15804 S. Laramie Ave., #2, Oak Forest, IL 60459. P.I.N. 28-16-303-055-1002 and 1003 f/k/a 1013. The improvement on the property consists of a condominium residence. The purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by subdivisions (g)(1) and (g)(4) of Section 9 of the Condominium Property Act.

Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call Ms. Diane Thomas at Plaintiff's Attorney, Freedman Anselmo Lindberg & Rappe, LLC, 1807 West Diehl Road, Naperville, Illinois 60563-1890. (877) 729-6734. W0608083 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I27619

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION CITIFINANCIAL MORTGAGE COMPANY, INC. Plaintiff, -v.- JANET SALMAN, et al Defendant 06 CH 8121 NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on June 28, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on March 30, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 16114 SOUTH LOCKWOOD AVENUE, Oak Forest, IL 60452 Property Index No. 28-21-110-009-0000 The real estate is improved with a aluminum siding 1 story house with a 2 car detached garage.

The judgment amount was $170,321.57.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale

The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

For information: Visit our website at http:\\service.atty-pierce.com, between the hours of 3 and 5 pm. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602. Tel No. (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number PA0603748. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE. I27024

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION CREDIT BASED ASSET SERVICING AND SECURITIZATION, LLC, Plaintiff V. ESTHER ESCAMILLA; IGNACIO ESCAMILLA; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR ACOUSTIC HOME LOANS, LLC., Defendants 06 CH 16324 NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE Fisher and Shapiro file #06-7823 (It is advised that interested parties consult with their own attorneys before bidding at mortgage foreclosure sales.)

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered on January 9, 2007, Kallen Realty Services, Inc., successor to Kallen Financial & Capital Services, Inc., as Selling Official will at 12:30 p.m. on April 10, 2007, at 205 W. Randolph Street, Suite 1200, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real property: Commonly known as 7915 Messasoit Avenue, Burbank, IL 60459 Permanent Index No.: 19-32-205-008 The mortgaged real estate is improved with a dwelling. The property will NOT be open for inspection. The judgment amount was $209,279.29. Sale terms: 10% of successful bid immediately at conclusion of auction, balance by noon the next business day, both by cashier's checks; and no refunds. The sale shall be subject to general real estate taxes, special taxes, special assessments, special taxes levied, and superior liens, if any. The property is offered "as is," with no express or implied warranties and without any representation as to the quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to review the court file to verify all information.

For information: Sale Clerk, Fisher and Shapiro, 4201 Lake Cook Rd., 1st floor, Northbrook, Illinois 60062, (847) 498-9990, between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. weekdays only.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION NATIONAL CITY MORTGAGE COMPANY; Plaintiff,

vs. CATRINA STUBBS; EDDIE STUBBS; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF CATRINA STUBBS, IF ANY; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants,06 CH 8418

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on 6/15/2006, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, March 26, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property: P.I.N. 19-26-414-017. Commonly known as 3519 West 78th Street, Chicago, IL 60652. The improvement on the property consists of a 1 1/2 story brick single family residence with 2 car garage. Sale terms: 25% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.

For information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com. Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602. Tel.No. (312) 476-5500. Refer to File Number 0603845. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I25634

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY AS TRUSTEE UNDER THE POOLING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT SERIES ITF INABS 2005-D Plaintiff, -v.- STACY A. JOHNSON A/K/A STACY JOHNSON, et al Defendant 06 CH 16599 NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 5, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on March 22, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 2811 W. 83RD STREET, Chicago, IL 60652

Property Index No. 19-36-405-009 The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was $163,812.22. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department . Please refer to file number 14-06-9756. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALENOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I26433

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK F/K/A WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, FA F/K/A WASHINGTON MUTUAL HOME LOANS, INC, SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST BY MERGER TO FLEET MORTGAGE CORPORATION Plaintiff, -v.- DENNIS T. JOHNSON A/K/A DENNIS JOHNSON, et al Defendants 06 CH 16063 NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on November 30, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on March 19, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 4153 W. 89TH PLACE, Hometown, IL 60456 Property Index No. 24-03-206-004

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $153,807.14. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale

The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department.. Please refer to file number 14-06-9367. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE, IL 60527 (630) 794-9878 Attorney File No.: 14-06-9367 ARDC# 00468002 Attorney Code. 21762 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE OF AMERIQUEST MORTGAGE SECURITIES, INC., ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 2005-R8 UNDER THE POOLING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT DATED AS OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2005. WITHOUT RECOURSE, ASSIGNEE OF AMERIQUEST MORTGAGE COMPANY, Plaintiff, vs. EDWIN D. SMITH; CITY OF CHICAGO, DEPARTMENT OF WATER MANAGEMETN, UNDER LIEN. RECORDED AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 0610135492; Defendants, 06 CH 15690 NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on December 21, 2006, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Wednesday, April 4, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 2536 W. 79th Place, Chicago, IL 60652. P.I.N. 19-36-203-039.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call Sales Clerk at Plaintiff's Attorney, Law Offices of Ira T. Nevel, 175 North Franklin Street, Chicago, Illinois 60606. (312) 357-1125. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I26742

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, Plaintiff V. TASHY A. KLINGER A/K/A TASHY KLINGER; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Defendants 06 CH 17797 NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE Fisher and Shapiro file #06-8127D (It is advised that interested parties consult with their own attorneys before bidding at mortgage foreclosure sales.)

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered on October 31, 2006, Kallen Realty Services, Inc., successor to Kallen Financial & Capital Services, Inc., as Selling Official will at 12:30 p.m. on April 3, 2007, at 205 W. Randolph Street, Suite 1200, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real property: COMMONLY KNOWN AS 8755 MELVINA AVENUE, OAK LAWN, ILLINOIS 60453 TAX ID# 24-05-101-017 The mortgaged real estate is improved with a dwelling. The property will NOT be open for inspection.

The judgment amount was $244,009.33. Sale terms: 10% of successful bid immediately at conclusion of auction, balance by noon the next business day, both by cashier's checks; and no refunds. The sale shall be subject to general real estate taxes, special taxes, special assessments, special taxes levied, and superior liens, if any. The property is offered "as is," with no express or implied warranties and without any representation as to the quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to review the court file to verify all information.

For information: Sale Clerk, Fisher and Shapiro, 4201 Lake Cook Rd., 1st floor, Northbrook, Illinois 60062, (847) 498-9990, between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. weekdays only.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION GREENPOINT MORTGAGE FUNDING, INC, Plaintiff, -v.- ANDRZEJ DLUGOPOLSKI, et al Defendants 06 CH 16021 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 2, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on March 20, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 5059 W. 187TH STREET, Oak Forest, IL 60452 Property Index No. 28-28-204-001 The real estate is improved with a single family residence.
The judgment amount was $166,540.44. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale
The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department. Please refer to file number 14-06-9327. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE, IL 60527 (630) 794-9876 Attorney File No.: 14-06-9327 ARDC# 00468002 Attorney Code. 21762 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I26025

THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE, IN TRUST FOR THE REGISTERED HOLDERS OF ARGENT MORTGAGE LOAN, ASSET BACKED NOTES, SERIES 2005-W1, UNDER THE POOLING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT DATED AS OF APRIL 1, 2005, WITHOUT RECOURSE, ASSIGNEE OF ARGENT MORTGAGE COMPANY, LLC; Plaintiff, vs. DOROTHY EWINGS; BRIAN COLLIER; UNDER MORTGAGE RECORDED AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 0504105218; Defendants, 06 CH 17146 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on November 2, 2006, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Wednesday, March 28, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 2761 W. 86th St., Chicago, IL 60652. P.I.N. 19-36-418-001.
The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
For information call Sales Clerk at Plaintiff's Attorney, Law Offices of Ira T. Nevel, 175 North Franklin Street, Chicago, Illinois 60606. (312) 357-1125. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer. (312) 444-1122 I25702

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, ON BEHALF OF THE HOLDERS OF THE ASSET BACKED SECURITIES CORPORATION HOME EQUITY LOAN TRUST, SERIES NC 2005-HE8, ASSET BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES NC 2005-HE8 Plaintiff, -v.- LINDA VENIACE, et al Defendant 06 CH 18627 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on December 12, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on March 23, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 3232 WEST 85TH PLACE, Chicago, IL 60652 Property Index No. 19-35-421-061-0000 The real estate is improved with a white brick single family 1.5 stories w/attached 2 car garage.
The judgment amount was $257,448.25. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale
The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information: Visit our website at http:\\service.atty-pierce.com. between the hours of 3 and 5 pm. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602. Tel No. (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number PA0610354. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE. I26225

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION EMC MORTGAGE CORPORATION Plaintiff, vs. MELVIN CHAVERS A/K/A MELVIN CHAVERS, JR.; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF MELVIN CHAVERS,IF ANY; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants,05 CH 3526 NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on 10/3/2006, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, March 26, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property: P.I.N. 19-35-402-072. Commonly known as 3325 West 83rd Street, Chicago, IL 60652.
The improvement on the property consists of a residencial property. Sale terms: 25% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.
For information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com. Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602. Tel.No. (312) 476-5500. Refer to File Number PA0501742. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer. (312) 444-1122 I25618

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS, INC. Plaintiff, v.- JUDITH M. DE MAYO, et al Defendant 06 CH 16303 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on November 14, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on March 19, 2007, at the office of The Judiciel Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 12620 S. ALPINE DRIVE UNIT #3, Alsip, IL 60803 Property Index No. 24-20-304-025-1003 The real estate is improved with a condominium.
The judgment amount was $77,653.82. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale
The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information call Sales Clerk at Plaintiff's Attorney, Law Offices of Ira T. Nevel, 175 North Franklin Street, Chicago, Illinois 60606. (312) 357-1125. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer. (312) 444-1122 I25696

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION CITIFINANCIAL MORTGAGE COMPANY, INC. Plaintiff, -v.- ALFREDETTA HARRIS, et al Defendant 06 CH 16093 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 18, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on March 22, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 14633 KEYSTONE AVENUE UNIT 3D, P5, S3D, Midlothian, IL 60445 Property Index No. 28-10-229-041-1018, Property Index No. 28-10-229-041-1040, Property Index No. 28-10-229-041-1049 The real estate is improved with a white brick condo, no garage. The judgment amount was $77,101.46. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale
The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information: Visit our website at http:\\service.atty-pierce.com. between the hours of 3 and 5 pm. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602. Tel No. (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number PA0607974. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE. I26286

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION FREMONT INVESTMENT & LOAN Plaintiff, -v.- ROBERT CARTER JR. A/K/A ROBERT CARTER, et al Defendants 06 CH 16871 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on November 15, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on March 26, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 3541 W. 83RD PLACE, Chicago, IL 60652 Property Index No. 19-35-404-068 The real estate is improved with a single family residence.
The judgment amount was $180,386.04. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale
The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department. Please refer to file number 14-06-9236. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE, IL 60527 (630) 794-9876 Attorney File No.: 14-06-9236 ARDC# 00468002 Attorney Code. 21762 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I26117

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION US BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR THE STRUCTURED ASSET INVESTMENT LOAN TRUST 2006-2; Plaintiff, vs. MARY K. BELFORD; ET. AL., Defendants, 06 CH 15914 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on October 23, 2006, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, April 3, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 9712 W. Shore Dr., Oak Lawn, IL 60453. P.I.N. 24-09-109-027.
The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. THE SALE SHALL BE SUBJECT TO GENERAL TAXES, SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS AND TO A PRIOR RECORDED FIRST MORTGAGE. Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashiers or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
For information call Ms. Diane Thomas at Plaintiff's Attorney, Freedman Anselmo Lindberg & Rappe, LLC, 1807 West Diehl Road, Naperville, Illinois 60563-1890. (877) 729-6734. W0607090 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer. (312) 444-1122 I28718

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS, INC. Plaintiff, v.- NEVA M. WILLIAMS, et al Defendants 06 CH 18624 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 24, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on March 26, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 3524 WEST 84TH PLACE, Chicago, IL 60652 Property Index No. 19-35-408-067-0000 The real estate is improved with a 1 story single family red brick w/unattached garage. The judgment amount was $105,489.52. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale
The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information: Visit our website at http:\\service.atty-pierce.com. between the hours of 3 and 5 pm. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602. Tel No. (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number PA0608572. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE PIERCE & ASSOCIATES One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300 CHICAGO, IL 60602 (312) 476-5500 Attorney File No.: PA0608572 Attorney Code. 91220 I26215

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS, INC. Plaintiff, -v.- MARIO CARRILLO, et al Defendants 06 CH 16398 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 11, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on March 21, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 7758 MEADE AVENUE, Burbank, IL 60459 Property Index No. 19-29-305-040 The real estate is improved with a single family residence.
The judgment amount was $231,867.33. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale
The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department. Please refer to file number 14-06-9592. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 16W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE, IL 60527 (630) 794-9876 Attorney File No.: 14-06-9592 ARDC# 00468002 Attorney Code. 21762 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I26191

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE; Plaintiff, vs. RONALD WASHINGTON, SR.; BARBARA O. WASHINGTON Defendants, 06 CH 17622 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on October 17, 2006 Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, April 3, 2007 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 8801 S. Talman, Evergreen Park, IL 60805. P.I.N. 24-01-207-001 & 002.
The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence. THE SALE SHALL BE SUBJECT TO GENERAL TAXES, SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS AND TO A PRIOR RECORDED FIRST MORTGAGE. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection
For information call William E. Dutton, Jr./Barbara J. Dutton at Plaintiff's Attorney, DUTTON & DUTTON, P.C., 10325 West Lincoln Highway, Frankfort, Illinois 60423 (815) 806-8200 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer. (312) 444-1122 I26735

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION UBS REAL ESTATE SECURITIES, INC. Plaintiff, -v.- JOSEPH KEMPF, et al Defendant 06 CH 17159 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on November 13, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on March 27, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 9207 WILLOW LANE, Bridgeview, IL 60455 Property Index No. 24-06-317-011
The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was $220,950.76. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale
The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department. Please refer to file number 14-06-A067. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION BANK OF NEW YORK AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS CWABS, INC. ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-7 Plaintiff, -v.- MARTHA LOPEZ, et al Defendant 06 CH 10940 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 17, 2007, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on March 19, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 7910 SOUTH KOMENSKY AVENUE, Chicago, IL 60652 Property Index No. 19-34-215-053-0000 The real estate is improved with a 1 story red brick single family home raised ranch w/unattached garage.
The judgment amount was $232,666.13. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale
The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information call William E. Dutton, Jr./Barbara J. Dutton at Plaintiff's Attorney, DUTTON & DUTTON, P.C., 10325 West Lincoln Highway, Frankfort, Illinois 60423. (815) 806-8200. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer. (312) 444-1122 I28736

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION WELLS FARGO BANK, NA AS TRUSTEE FOR SECURITIZED ASSET-BACKED RECEIVABLES LLC 2005-FR4 MORTGAGE PASS THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-FR4 Plaintiff, -v.- JAMES MAHER, et al Defendant 06 CH 18351 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on November 1, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on April 11, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 7659 S LATROBE AVE, Burbank, IL 60459
Property Index No. 19-26-337-025 The real estate is improved with a single family residence.
The judgment amount was $169,560.15. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale
The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department. Please refer to file number 14-06-A262. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE CODILIS & ASSOCIATES P.C. 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE, IL 60527 (630) 794-9876 Attorney File No.: 14-06-A262 ARDC# 00468002 Attorney Code. 21762 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I28124

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION BANK OF NEW YORK AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS CWABS II, INC LFT 2005-04 Plaintiff, -v.- JOHN F. DYEHOUSE A/K/A JOHN F DYEHOUSE JR. A/K/A JOHN DYEHOUSE, et al Defendent 06 CH 15889 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN thet pursuent to a Judgment of Foreclosure end Sele entered in the above ceuse on October 30, 2006, an egent of The Judiciel Sales Corporetion will et 10:30 AM on April 11, 2007, at the office of The Judiciel Sales Corporetion, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public euction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described reel estate: Commonly known as 14345 S. MILLARD AVE. Midlothian, IL 60445 Property Index No. 28-11-107-009 The real estete is improved with e single femily residence.
The judgment amount wes $124,503.10. Sale ferms: 25% down ot the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the euction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate texes, special assessments, or speciel taxes levied against seid reel estete and is offered for sale without any representetion as to quality or quentity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sele is further subject to confirmetion by the court. If the sale is set eside for any reason, the Purcheser at the sale shell be entitled only to e return of the deposit paid. The Purcheser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purcheser of the unit et the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shell pay the assessments end the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purcheser will receive e Certificate of Sele thet will entitle the purcheser to a deed to the reel estate after confirmation ot the sele
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Southwest Area Obituaries

Michael J. Chambers

Mass was said at St. Germaine Church, Oak Lawn, on Monday, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Michael J. Chambers, 66.

He is survived by his wife Betty; his son Daniel Chambers; his stepdaughter Lisa (Glen); his grandchildren Elyse and Bree; and his sisters Eileen (Edward) Pierucci, Margaret (Charley) Bonnen, Kathleen.

Edward T. Carey

Mass was said at St. Linus Church, Oak Lawn, on Thursday, March 8, with interment at Holy Sepulchre cemetery, for Edward T. Carey, a U.S. Army Veteran.

He is survived by his wife Patricia; his children Mary E., Colleen 9Gary) Schuberth, Kevin (Donna), Brian (Colleen), Shawn (Frank) Burk, Patrick (Jill), Shannon and Terrance Carey; and fourteen grandchildren.

Darlene Del Garo

Mass was said at St. Linus Church, Oak Lawn, on Tuesday, with interment at Resurrection Cemetery, for Darlene Del Garo, 55.

She is survived by her husband Larry; her daughter Lorraine (Donald) Finlon; her sisters Denise (Jerry) Davis and Diane (John) Walsh.

Tony Enchus

Services were held at the Chapel Hill Gardens South Funeral Home, Oak Lawn, on Thursday, March 8th, with interment at Chapel Hill Gardens South Cemetery, for Tony Enchus.

He is survived by his daughter Suzanne C. Enchus.

Herbert H. Henderson

A memorial service will be held on March 10th, for Herbert H. Henderson of Morgan Park. He was 78. He was a former deputy director at the Federal Highway Administration and an administrator for the Department of Defense. He taught at Carver High School, was a mail carrier, an EEOC compliance officer, a Chicago Park District instructor, and the administrator of a college preparatory program at Chicago State, a realtor and a community activist. He was a graduate of John D. Shoop School, Morgan Park High School and Wilson Jr. College and completed the undergraduate Anthropology program at Chicago State.

He is survived by his children Natalie, Victoria and Michelle; four grandchildren; and his brother Harold.

Dixie J. Larson

Services were held at the United Methodist Church, Palos Heights, on Wednesday, with a private interment, for Dixie J. Larson, 75, a 47-year resident of Worth.

She is survived by her children Terry (Cheryl), Tim (Micki) and Todd (Barb) Larson; nine grandchildren; and one great grandchild.

Lila C. Lietz

Mass was said at Our Lady of the Woods Church, Orland Park, on Thursday, March 8th, with interment at Oak Hill Cemetery, for Lila C. Lietz.

She is survived by her husband Walter; her children Donald (Judy) Ledzius and Audrey Serviss; eleven grandchildren; and twenty-one great-grandchildren.

Anne T. Lipinskas

Services were held at the Schmaedeke Funeral Home, Worth, on Tuesday, with interment at St. Casimir Cemetery, for Anne T. Lipinskas, 89.

She is survived by her children Marie (Alex) Van Huis and William A. (JoAnn) Lapinskas, five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Peter p. Losew

Services were held at the Beverly Ridge Funeral Home, Chicago, on Thursday, March 8th, with interment at Elmwood Cemetery, for Peter P. Losew.

He is survived by his wife Pamela J. Blum and his brothers John Losew and Michael, and his sister Mary Cunningham.

Josephine Manke

Services were held at the Beverly Ridge Funeral Home, Chicago, on Tuesday, with interment at Chapel Hill Gardens South Cemetery, for Josephine Manke.

She is survived by her children Arthur E. Manke and Michael (Lauren) Czubernat, two grand children, on great-grandchild and her sister Catherine Beutler.

Dorothy M. Moss

Mass was said at St. Christina Church, Mt. Greenwood, on Monday, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Dorothy M. Moss of Alsip.

She is survived by her husband George D. "Mick" Moss; her children Jim, Mike, Kathy, Bill, Eileen and Dan; ten grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Frank Dorius Neilsen

Services were held at the Robert J. Sheehy and Sons Funeral Home, Burbank, on Thursday, March 8th, with interment at Chapel Hill Gardens South, for Frank Dorius Nielsen, a veteran of WWII.

He is survived by his wife Jenny; his children Linda (Brian) McClure and Frank (Sandy) Nielsen III; four grandchildren and his sister Charlotte DiPaolo.

Virgil "Vic" F. Orsi

Mass was said at St. Gerald Church, Oak Lawn, on Thursday, March 8th, with interment at St. Mary Cemetery, for Virgil "Vic" F. Orsi, an Army Veteran.

He is survived by his children Philip Sr. (Carol) Orsi, Sharon (Joe) Nagy; six grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; one great great-grandchild; and his brothers Philip Orsi, Albert (Barbara) Orsi, Jack (Joan) Orsi, Tom (Phyllis) Orsi, Nicholas Orsi and his sister Dolly Klimek.

Elizabeth Ramshaw

Services were held at the Robert J. Sheehy and Sons Funeral Home, Orland Park, on Monday, with interment at Orland Memorial Park Cemetery, for Elizabeth "Betty" Ramshaw, 87, a lifelong south side resident. She was 60.

She is survived by son Gregg (Mary) Ramshaw and two grandchildren.

Marion E. Sanders

Mass was said at St. Christopher Church, Midlothian, on Tuesday, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Marion E. Sanders.

She is survived by her children Mary Ann (Robert) Wrenn, Carol A. (William) Kuglich and Donald (Sharon) Sanders, ten grandchildren and eighteen great-grandchildren.

George A. Schonauer

Services were held at the Lawn Funeral Home, Burbank, on Tuesday, with interment at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, for George A. Schonauer. He was a member of Local Union 130 UA.

He is survived by his wife Elisabeth; his children Corinne (Jack) Pohlmeier, Christine (Charles) Sholl, Roland and Sonja; one grandchild; his sisters Shirley Greinke, Lois Munch, Joan (Herb) Edgeworth, Renee (Willie) Richardson, Elaine and his brother Edward Schonauer.

Shirley R. Seeber

Mass was said at St. Terrence Church, Alsip, on Monday, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Shirley R. Seeber, 69.

She is survived by her husband Ronald G.; her children Gregory (Linda), Christine (Carl) Maturo, Paul Ton, Timothy (Brenda), Daniel (Corey), Michelle 9Gregg) Camodeca, Diane (Paul) Wolf and William (Angela; eighteen grand children; and her sisters Joanne (Roger) Ropka, and Jenny Perrin.

Maria E. Vega

Services will be held at the Vandenberg Funeral Home, Tinley Park, on Monday, with a private interment, for Maria E. Vega.

She is survived her daughter Viridiana (Bulmaro Ayala) Vega; two grandchildren; four brothers and eight sisters.

William B. Vassios

Mass was said at SS Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church, Palos Hills, on Tuesday, with interment at Evergreen Cemetery, for William B. Vassios, a Marine veteran. He was active in many Republican Political Organization and charitable organizations especially United Cerebral Palsy. He was a member of the School District 122 School Board. In 1981 he ran for Cook County Assessor. He was a retired broker/manager for Phoenix Companies

He is survived by his wife Maria; his children Ted, Evelyn (Bill) Welser, Peter 9Julie), Amy Vassios; ten grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

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Planning Annual Golf Outing

There may still be snow on the ground, but members of the Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce Golf Committee are meeting regularly to plan its annual Golf Outing.

This year's event is scheduled for Wednesday, July 11th at Stony Creek Golf Course, 5850 W. 103rd St. The fee of $100 per person includes 18 holes of golf, lunch, dinner and drinks. Other packages includes golf only for $60 per person, or $45 for dinner only. The Chamber again will offer a Miniature golf tournament beginning at 4 p.m. The cost is $60 per person for miniature golf and dinner, or $15 for golf only.

Golf registration begins at 11 a.m., followed by lunch at 11:30 a.m. and a shotgun start at 12:30 p.m. An open bar will begin at 5:30 p.m., followed by a buffet dinner at 6 p.m. Advanced reservations will be taken on a first-come, first-serve basis beginning April 1.

The committee currently is soliciting sponsorships and raffle prize donations. Sponsorships begin at $150 for a hole and go up to $2,500 for the major event sponsorship. Raffle prizes are needed for the Grant Raffle and Special Raffle.

For more information on sponsorships, or to make a donation, contact the Chamber office at (708) 424-8300 or office@oaklawnchamber.com.

Founded in 1946, today the Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce consists of more than 325 members. The Chamber of Commerce works to represent and advance the Oak Lawn business community, striving with constant integrity, fairness and cooperation to promote and improve the economic atmosphere, business climate and image of Oak Lawn.

Pictured from left to right: Doug Kasper of Marquette Bank (golf co-chair), Nancy Merlo of Archer Bank, Ginger Morgan of Thompson & Kuenster Funeral Home, Nikki Walsh of the Oak Lawn Park District, Patti Johnson of Standard Bank & Trust, Jack Baker of Marquette Bank (golf co-chair), Victoria Scanlon of Standard Bank & Trust and Leo Gutchewsky of "A" Service Company.

Library Employee Service Awards

The Oak Lawn Public Library recently recognized 15 employees for their years of service in five-year increments.

Long-term service awards were given to: Nancy Rendek of the Reference Services Dept. for 30 years of employment, and Carol Arndt of the Patron Services and Reference Departments for 20 years.

Employees who have worked at the library for 15 years include: Anne Curran, Patron Services Dept.; Mary Dunneback, Reference Services Librarian; Al Fournier, Building Services Dept.; Janet Goetz, Technical Services Dept.; Linda Olsen, Administration; and Louise Pfeiffer, Periodicals Dept.

Ten-year anniversaries were marked by: Peggy Butcher, Administration; Cindy Kelly, Periodicals Librarian; Jennifer Lechert, Reference Services Dept.; and Harriett O'Malley, Patron Services Dept.

Staff recognized for five years of service were: Dawn Koegel, Patron Services Dept.; Sarah Schroeder, Youth Services Librarian; and Thomas Kochinski, Youth Services Librarian.

Address SCHIP Funding Immediately

Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich recently joined governors from across the nation in calling on the U.S. Congress to act immediately to address the expected funding shortfall for the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP). Gov. Blagojevich and 12 other governors from around the nation urged Congressional leaders to move quickly to cover the current SCHIP shortfalls and revise outdated funding formulas that punish states like Illinois that have worked aggressively to expand access to healthcare to more citizens. Last month, Gov. Blagojevich sent a letter to Illinois' Congressional Delegation urging them to reauthorize SCHIP and work to bring more SCHIP funding to Illinois.

"SCHIP was created to help states meet the healthcare needs of children that are living just above poverty, and still struggling to get by. In Illinois, we've been extremely successful in using our SCHIP funds to help more than 290,000 children and their working parents get access to healthcare – that's 290,000 people who can now go see a doctor before a sickness turns into an expensive and dangerous medical emergency," said Gov. Blagojevich. "It is time for the U.S. Congress to keep up their end of the bargain to working families across the country. Congress must act now to fully fund SCHIP and to revise the funding formulas to support states like Illinois that are working hard to help every family get the care they need."

Girls Scouts Celebrate 95 Years Of Fun

The 95th anniversary year of Girl Scouting kicks off nationally on March 12 when Girl Scouts of the USA CEO Kathy Cloninger hosts a ceremony in New York City and launches a series of nationwide events.

Girl Scouts was founded by Juliette Gordon Low in Savannah, Georgia on March 12, 1912.

The South Cook County Council will host its own celebration with a mall event in the south suburbs on the March 10th. Girl Scouts from Bridgeview, Oak Lawn, Burbank, Chicago Ridge, Worth, Crestwood, Blue Island and Palos Hills will be at Westfield Chicago Ridge Mall at 95th and Ridgeland, from 1 to 5 p.m. Activities will highlight the Girl Scout Movement's tradition of building leadership through action that makes the world a better place.

Mayors across the south suburbs have joined in congratulating Girl Scouts by proclaiming March 11-17 as "Make the World a Better Place Week" in honor of the organization's founding 95 years ago, ongoing opportunities for girls, and continuing value to local communities.

Anniversary events across the country this spring will include: "Girl Scouts Make the World a Better Place Week," March 11-17, featuring good deeds by 3.6 million Girl Scout members around the country; the spring release of a new Girl Scout Research Institute research review on girls and leadership; a sing-along for more than 100,000 Girl Scouts on the National Mall in Washington, D.C. on June 9, with some South Cook County Girl Scouts attending.

Juliette Gordon Low founded Girl Scouting with one troop of 18 girls, and since then more than 50 million girls have built leadership skills through Girl Scouting. Research shows that Girl Scout alumnae now represent 70 percent of women serving in Congress, 64 percent of women listed in "Who's Who in America" and 53 percent of women business owners.

Illustrious alumnae include Sandra Day O'Connor, the first female to sit on the Supreme Court of the United States; Madeleine Albright, the first female Secretary of State; Eileen Collins, the first woman space shuttle commander; Dr. Drew Gilpin Faust, the first female president of Harvard University; and Katie Couric, the first woman to anchor a network evening newscast.

Among local women of achievement who have Girl Scouting in their background are State Senators Debbie Halvorson and Maggie Crotty.

"The success of Girl Scouting is no accident. When Juliette Gordon Low founded Girl Scouts in 1912, she understood that girls need leadership skills and a supportive environment to develop their potential as capable individuals," said Girl Scouts of South Cook County volunteer president Maureen Jamrock of Dolton.

"We all have Juliette Gordon Low to thank for much of the advancement that has been achieved by girls and women in the past century. Her attitude about what girls and women could achieve was far ahead of her time, and still influences us. Today almost 10,000 Girl Scout members in 49 south suburban communities are proud to take part in the world's best leadership experience for girls."

While many people associate Girl Scouting with camping for fun only, Low wanted girls to experience the beauty and the challenges of the outdoors so they might develop self-reliance and resourcefulness. She encouraged girls to prepare not only for traditional homemaking, but also for future roles as professional women in the arts, sciences, and business, and for active citizenship. One of America's first female aviators, she introduced a Girl Scout aviation badge back in 1916 – four years before women won the right to vote.

Astronomy, crime scene investigation, live theater, healthy living activities, good relationships, hip hop dance and many other diverse topics have been offered to local Girl Scouts recently, and community service by groups and individuals continues to be an essential element of the program.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Editor:

I have read in your newspaper, the Village's Oak Lawn Outlook, etc. since being elected, the Unity Party of Mayor Dave Heilmann has succeeded in saving millions of dollars wasted by the former administration by getting a new insurance carrier, finding brokerage commissions from $150,000 to $20,000, restructured health care plans saving $640,000 over the next two years, reducing costs incurred in expense accounts and travel expenses that were budgeted at $140,000, finding that Waste Management had not paid back the Village the amount due from the recyclables, wasting time and government money by challenging candidates filing to get on the ballot, etc. (however, not a word was said in 2004 by the Unity Party about the mayoral and clerk challenge but perhaps it was because their party candidates were not challenged).

The Republican Unity Party mayor and trustees have been quoted as to saving millions. They also say that they have a balanced budget in 2007. The budget was unanimously approved by the Democratic Coalition and Republican Unity Party for 2007 in December of 2006 even though there is a budget deficit of $3.7 million as reported in the (Reporter, Dec. 14, 2006) newspaper. Also reported is that the shortfall of $3.7 million is being taken out of existing village funds but the fund is not identified. Could that be the fund that taxes vehicle gas at 3 cents a gallon and rolled back to 2 cents for the Village while the gas station owners get the other 1 cent for bookkeeping involved? We are still paying 3 cents extra on every gallon of gas that we buy for our vehicles as the tax was not eliminated, just rolled back. I think that 3-cent tax was to pay for street work – does that mean that fund is being used for other purposes than the original idea of street repair? Further, I do believe we get additional funds from the national and/or state government for street/road work. I'm not suggesting that funds are being co-mingled, however, it would help to have some clarity on this issue.

However, with that said, the Unity Party has announced that they have saved millions of dollars, which in my humble view should cover any deficit for 2007. But that is not the case as they have budgeted for an additional $3.7 million to spend. Our expenditures have gone from $88.1 million in 2006 to $97.6 in 2007 which is an increase in spending of $9.5 million in one year. What are we spending all of that money on? Are we experiencing a better quality of life in the Village because of this spending? Further, the revenue for 2006 was $86.3 million and the revenue for 2007 is projected at $93.9 million. That is an increase of $7.6 million in revenue over last year. They have not raised taxes but have collected an additional $7.6 million from somewhere. Where did this money come from?

I'm sure that the trustees have a plan and know what they are doing. We, the residents, would like to understand the plan and communication will be improved when the Board of Trustee meetings are televised on the government channel.

Going back, Mayor Heilmann is quoted concerning the millions in waste (Sept. 2005 in the Chicago Tribune), "My God, we're talking about a lot of money," and "I hope we will save money each year as we go forward," Heilmann said. "We're trying to establish good sound numbers so we can go forward with the budget." In the same article the following is stated: "In their report, they and Clerk Jan Quinlan – also newly elected – wrote that in the past, village officials solved financial woes by passing tax and utility rate increases rather than attempting to cut expenses."

Is history repeating? Is it time to elect independent trustees who are not part of a party? Does party loyalty sometimes take precedence over the residents' interests in making policy? Would independents take a fresh look at things? Could it be better than it is? Just wondering!

S/S Beverly Ring
Oak Lawn

Podcasts Of Moraine Valley Library Events

Free audio recordings of cultural events and discussions held at the Moraine Valley Community College Library are now available on the library's Web site at morainevalley.edu/library/libraryeventpodcasts.asp. The recordings can be heard online or downloaded to an iPod or MP3 player. They also can be accessed using Apple's iTunes Music Store.

Currently, five discussions held since the start of the fall 2006 semester are posted on the library's Web site. The most recent was on Valentine's Day and was entitled *Is Love Really All We Need? How Does Society Shape Our Relationships?* A panel of Moraine Valley Sociology, Biology, Art History, Literature, and Communications faculty members offered their unique perspectives on the origins of love and relationships. Upcoming events that will be posted include discussions on the war in Iraq and gay/lesbian/transgender issues, and a lecture on Soviet-era gulag camps. A full list of events is available at morainevalley.edu/library/libraryevents.asp.

DeNardo Announces Bid

On Tuesday, March 5th, Robert DeNardo, announced his candidacy for the Oak Lawn Park District Board of Commissioners, promising to bring fiscal accountability to the board.

"Oak Lawn is a great community to live in and getting involved in our community is a way that I can help improve the quality of services residents receive and protect taxpayer dollars," said DeNardo. "In the military, I learned about discipline as well as dedication and I want to use my experience to continue serving the residents of Oak Lawn."

DeNardo will bring the focus of the campaign on protecting taxpayer assets, restoring openness to local government, and continuing quality recreation programs for residents.

The Oak Lawn Park District offers many valuable services and recreational opportunities but it lacks proper oversight of taxpayer assets and dollars, DeNardo said. He cited recent examples of missing funds and undocumented "deals" at the ice arena that used tax dollars to profit private individuals. DeNardo also said as a Commissioner he would end the costly and frequently abused practice of allowing former and current commissioners' lifetime free passes for district facilities and programs. Taxpayer dollars will be better invested in programs or used to pay down park debt. Denardo noted that "oftentimes Commissioner's and their families use the park's facilities at peak hours when paying residents are trying to use the facilities."

"I view my job as being a steward of public dollars and I will work hard to stop funds from disappearing," DeNardo added. "I believe it is important that residents and commissioners ask questions to ensure that taxpayer dollars are being invested wisely and benefit the whole community."

DeNardo will continue to work with residents to reopen lines of communications and listen to their concerns. Memorial Pool is a perfect example where residents wanted to work with park commissioners to find viable solutions to the problems there but were quickly ignored by the board's 3-2 decision to destroy the pool.

"It is my belief that our government works best when we shed light on the public's affairs," said DeNardo. "Unfortunately resident's ideas and concerns are oftentimes ignored and dismissed by the park district. The role of the park board is to serve the residents, and we need to listen to those we serve."

DeNardo said he will make it a priority to continue quality recreational programs for residents. He will add emphasis to programs that help youth have many recreational options to stay out of trouble and lead productive lives.

"Besides listening to residents and protecting taxpayers, it is important we invest in our parks and programs to make sure residents fully benefit from what the district has to offer," DeNardo said. "As a young person it is important to me that teenagers have ample opportunities to get involved in productive recreational opportunities. I will continue getting feedback from residents and I look forward to making their voice heard on the park board."

MVCC Meeting

The regular meeting of the Moraine Valley Community College Board of Trustees will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 15th. The meeting will take place in the Board Room, Building D, Room 219, on campus, 9000 W. College Pkwy., Palos Hills.

Praise Services

Praise Services are now scheduled every Sunday at 11 a.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, 97th & Brandt Ave. (2 blocks west of Cicero). The excellent Praise Team is led by Zach Goforth with musicians including vocalists, guitars, bass, drums and keyboard. Traditional services are at 8:30 and 9:45 a.m. on Sundays also.

For information, call the church at (708) 422-0193.

Irish Dinner

On Saturday, March 17th the men of Hometown Church, 4340 W. 87th Street, will host the annual corned beef and cabbage dinner on St. Patrick's Day at 5:30 p.m.

Tickets are $9.00 for adults; $4.00 for children age 6 to 12. No charge for children under that age.

If you would like to have ticket information, please feel free to call Deb and Jim at (708) 423-5038. Sorry, tickets cannot be purchased at the door.

Jazz Band Wins First Place

The jazz band from Richards High School won first place at the competitive jazz band invitational hosted by Pekin High School near Peoria on Saturday, Feb. 24th.

Jazz band members pictured, left to right, are: (front row) Mike Machen, Ben Szafoni, Rebecca Calvillo, Sarah Quintos, Victor Ojeda, Ashley Taylor; (row two) Erin Moeller, Bob Hoppenrath, Matt Mudon; (row three) Katherine Brett, Jeff Wycisiak, Michelle Summers, Ryan McMillin; (row four) Sarah Brett, Mike Plane, Amanda Hankes,; (row five) Kaitlyn O'Dekirk, Elizabeth Hudson, Gerrick Birt, Kyle Renken; and (row six) Scott Hankes and Nate Martin. Not pictured: Aaron Lopez. Charles Martin serves as band director at Richards.

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Oak Lawn Village Board Hears Complaints Regarding

Back Yard Flooding

At a brief Oak Lawn Village Board meeting, the board discussed complaints received from residents concerning back yard flooding. Complaints had been received about the issue and trustees were asked if anything can be done about the flooding. It was stated that there is a fund designed to help the issue, but had not been used as yet. It was also stated that even if sewers were put in, it might only accelerate the problem since sewers would put a strain on the sewer system by allowing too much water to enter too quickly. It was asked that the problem be looked into as the 'rainy' season and flooding were here.

It was also asked if there was something that could be done about the alleys in the village. Trustee Olejniczak asked about funds that were applied for nearly two years ago which were not yet received. These funds were specifically to be used for drainage problems and were coming from the federal government. It was reported that the funds were hung up waiting for definitions on how the funds were to be used by communities.

It was reported that the program to use a collection agency for ambulance bills was working for the village. Fire Chief Folliard reported that he had asked for a read out of a 12 month period that the program was used and found out that nearly $820,000 over the year before was collected. It was stated that Oak Lawn tax payers were exempt from collection. The village only collects insurance payments from residents.

It was reported that a letter had gone out to residents of Crawford Gardens stating that temporary barricades were being constructed. The barricades were going to be up on March 23rd.

The board accepted a grant totaling $9,909 from the federal government which will be used for the summer bicycle patrol units. The bike patrol will be used mainly in the parks but will extend into the residential community gatherings. This year the patrol will also educate the village youth in regards to the dangers of drugs, alcohol and cigarettes.

Voter's registration ends on March 20th for the April 17th election. Early voting for the election begins on March 26th from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays through April 12th and on Saturday, March 31st and Saturday April 7th from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. It was stated that if anyone has a problem getting to the Village Clerk's office to register, call the office and someone will come out to get them registered.

The board also approved a request from police department for a 25 cent raise for the village's crossing guards as well as two requests from the Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce to hold a Shop Oak Lawn Sidewalk Sale and a Pet Parade on June 16th in the south parking lot of the village hall.

Scholastic Bowl Team Wins Conference

The varsity Scholastic Bowl team from Richards High School recently clinched the championship in the Red Division of the South Suburban Conference, while the frosh/soph team placed second.

Varsity finished its season with a record of 7-2. The Red Division includes Argo, Reavis, Oak Lawn, Evergreen Park, Lemont, and Richards. Senior Ryan McMillin, a commended student in the National Merit Scholarship Corporation competition, led all scorers in the 13-school South Suburban Conference this season.

Coached by social studies teacher Paul Faeh, Scholastic Bowl includes Amjed Affaneh, Sarah Brett, Mike Dvoracek, Elizabeth Hudson, Katie Kennedy, Jasser Khairallah, Stacy March, Ryan McMillin, Amanda McMurrie, Krisnakumar Nair, and Kyle Ryan.

Scholastic Bowl is an academic competition in which teams of students representing different schools answer questions relating to science, math, social sciences and other subjects in a format resembling the game show "Jeopardy." Points are awarded for correct answers. The team accumulating the most points wins a meet.

Pictured, left to right, are the Scholastic Bowl team members from Richards High School (back row) Kyle Ryan, Krisnakumar Nair, Mike Dvoracek, Sarah Brett, Jasser Khairallah, Elizabeth Hudson; (middle row) Amanda McMurrie, Katie Kennedy, Amjed Affaneh, Coach Paul Faeh; (front row) Ryan McMillin, and Stacy March.

Crime Alert

There was an attempted "Gypsy Scam" at a home near 107th and Kolmar whereby two men posed as workers and attempted to gain entry into the home. The older homeowner allowed them in but became suspicious and told them to leave, after which she called the police.

Nothing was taken and no one was injured. Area residents, & especially senior citizens, are asked to keep an eye out for this type of activity.

Lane Closures

The Illinois Department of Transportation announced that it is starting advance utility work on a reconstruction project that will replace the bridge carrying Cicero (IL Rt. 50) over the North Branch of the Chicago River.

The project's official start date is April 2, but lane closures will be taking effect in the next few days for removal of old underground utilities.

Cicero Ave. just north of the Edens Expressway will be reduced to one lane in each direction during the project, which is scheduled for completion at the end of October.

IDOT urges motorists to use alternate routes if possible, including Pulaski or Central avenues.

Drivers are urged to closely watch the signs and beware of construction equipment and workers when passing through the work zone.

The contractor for the $3.4 million project is Illinois Constructors Corp.

Judges Needed For April 17th Election

Cook County Clerk David Orr is looking to recruit hundreds of new election judges to work during the April 17th Consolidated Election.

"It is important that we have a full complement of judges to make sure the election is carried out honestly, fairly and accurately," Orr said. "Having enough judges also makes the day run more smoothly."

Election judges open polling places, certify that voters are registered and qualified to vote, explain election procedures, issue ballots and activate cards for the touch screens, operate election equipment, and transmit votes at the end of the day.

Election judges receive $150 for their work. That includes $100 for working Election Day and $50 for attending a 2?-hour training session prior to the election. Judges begin work at 5:15 a.m. and work until the votes are transmitted after polls close at 7 p.m.

To qualify as an election judge, you must be a registered voter and live in Cook County. People interested in serving on Election Day can call (312) 603-0970 to sign up or by completing an online application at www.voterinfonet.com. The completed application can then be faxed to (312) 603-9779 or dropped off at the Clerk's office, 69 W. Washington St., fifth floor, in Chicago.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MARCH 19 – Monday – Nifty Fifties Senior Meeting, Salem United Church of Christ, 9717 S. Kostner, 1 p.m.

MARCH 19 – Monday – Planning & Development Commission Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 8 p.m.

MARCH 20 – Tuesday – OL Library Board Meeting, 94th & Raymond, 7 p.m.

MARCH 20 – Tuesday – Environmental Concerns Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 7:30 p.m.

MARCH 20 – Tuesday – Special Events Committee Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 7:30 p.m.

MARCH 20 – Tuesday – Community Mental Health Board, 9401 S. 53rd Ct., 8 p.m.

MARCH 20 – Tuesday – Human Services Board, 9446 S. Raymond, 8 p.m.

MARCH 21 – Wednesday – Oak Lawn Community High School District 229 Board Meeting, 9400 Southwest Highway, Board Room, 119, 7:30 p.m.

MARCH 22 – Thursday – OL Senior Citizens Commission, 5330 W. 95th St., 10 a.m.

MARCH 27 – Tuesday – OL Village Board Meeting, Municipal Building, 9446 Raymond, 8 p.m.

MARCH 27 – Tuesday – Village Hall open to 8 p.m.

MARCH 29 – Thursday – Worth Township Regular Board Meeting, 11601 S. Pulaski, 7:30 p.m.

Happy St. Patrick's Day

Student Loan Relief For Young Lawyers

Bipartisan legislation authored by U.S. Senator Dick Durbin (D-IL) to create a loan repayment program for attorneys who commit to careers in the criminal justice system was the subject of a Senate Judiciary Committee hearing.

Durbin's bill would establish a student loan repayment program for law school graduates who agree to serve as criminal prosecutors or public defenders. Witnesses at the hearing included two prosecutors from Illinois – Paul A. Logli, the State's Attorney for Winnebago County and the Chairman of the Board of the National District Attorney's Association, and Cook County Assistant State's Attorney Jessica Bergeman.

"Today prosecutor and public defender offices are having serious difficulty hiring and retaining good lawyers because students are leaving law school with mortgage-sized student loan debts. And starting salaries in a prosecutor's or public defender's office are three to four times smaller than starting salaries in private law firms," said Durbin. "When prosecutor and public defender offices cannot attract new lawyers or keep experienced ones, their ability to protect the public is compromised. The federal government has a responsibility to help make public service law an affordable option for talented, experienced lawyers who want to work in the criminal justice system."

Durbin's legislation, the "John R. Justice Prosecutors and Defenders Incentive Act of 2007," is named for the late John R. Justice, former president of the National District Attorney's Association and a champion of efforts to encourage law graduates to work in public service. The bipartisan legislation is co-sponsored by 15 senators including the Chairman of the Judiciary Committee, Sen. Patrick Leahy (D-VT) and the committee's senior Republican, Sen. Arlen Specter (R-PA), and is considered a top priority for criminal prosecutors and defenders.

With the average law graduate carrying a staggering amount of student loan debt – an average of $78,763 for those who attended private schools, and $51,056 for public schools – Durbin's bill would establish a student loan repayment option for full-time state and local prosecutors and state, local and federal public defenders who agree to serve for a minimum of three years. Federal prosecutors are already eligible for loan relief through existing federal programs.

Durbin cited the contrast between the loan burdens carried by today's law school graduates and the entry-level salaries for prosecutors and public defenders as evidence of the need for relief. More than 80% of law students borrow to pay for their law degree, and the amount borrowed by many students exceeds $100,000. Many law graduates also carry unpaid debt from their undergraduate studies. At the same time, the median entry-level salary for state prosecuting attorneys and public defenders is around $45,000.

From an employer's perspective, low salaries and high debt make it extremely difficult to recruit and retain attorney's in prosecutor and public defender offices. The Department of Justice has found that almost one-third of prosecutor's offices reported problems with recruitment and retention of staff attorneys.

Durbin's proposal is modeled after a student loan repayment program currently available to federal employees. Like the federal employee program, attorneys eligible for loan repayment could have up to $10,000 per year of student loan debt repaid. Loan repayments are capped at a maximum of $60,000 per individual.

Durbin's legislation is supported by the National District Attorneys Association, the National Association of Prosecutor Coordinators, the National Legal Aid and Defender Association, the American Council of Chief Defenders, the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, the National Juvenile Defender Center, the American Bar Association, and the Conference of Chief Justices.

It is expected that Durbin's bill would be voted on by the full Judiciary Committee in the next two weeks, and if approved, should be sent to the Senate floor for consideration sometime next month.

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Preventing Illegal Drug Use

Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS) Secretary Carol L. Adams, Ph.D. on March 13th urged radio and TV stations to air new public service messages from the Partnership for a Drug-Free Illinois aimed at educating parents on the newest dangers of illegal and prescription drug abuse and what they can do to protect teens. The announcements are being released just a few weeks after two Bartlett High School students overdosed on over the counter medication in hopes that incidents like this can be prevented in the future.

The Partnership is an initiative of Prevention First, the Illinois affiliate for the Partnership for a Drug-Free America. The public service announcements (PSAs) distributed to radio and television stations statewide include messages about prescription and over the counter drug abuse, methamphetamines, heroin, steroids and inhalants. They also provide parents with suggestions for how to talk to their teenagers about drug issues.

The two Bartlett High School students overdosed on cold pills and were treated at a local hospital. The incident was an example of a growing concern over prescription and over-the-counter medicine abuse among young people.

According to statistics compiled by the Partnership for a Drug Free America:

Four of ten high school students have used any substance, alcohol or other drugs, in the past month. Nearly one in five teens (19 percent, or 4.5 million) report abusing prescription medications to get high;

Nearly one-third of teens (31 percent, or 7.3 million) believe there's "nothing wrong" with using RX medicines without a prescription "once in a while";

One in 10 (10 percent, or 2.4 million) report abusing cough medicine to get high.

The campaign, released in both English and Spanish, speaks directly to parents by alerting them that their own homes are easily accessible sources for teens to obtain and abuse these medications. The campaign is comprised of hard-hitting television, newspaper, magazine and radio messages, a comprehensive online component and is supplemented by informational brochures to help parents get the conversation started with their teen. The campaign also includes a multi-faceted public relations effort.

Red Hat Events

Upcoming events planned by Foxy Red Hat Ladies of E.P. are: March 21st, Musical Mystery "Something's Afoot" and lunch at Drury Lane Oakbrook, cost is $54, departure from Community Center at 10:30 a.m. and returns at approximately 5 p.m.; March 29th at 1 p.m., Coca Cola Party, cost is $3, at the Community Center; and April 25th, Birthday Party at noon at Barraco's; bring birthday gifts ($5 minimum) wrapped in red and purple.

Tickets may be purchased at OCS, 3450 W. 97th St. For additional information, call (708) 422-8776.

Spring Break Abroad

Students and families set to travel outside the country during spring break, whether scuba diving in the Caribbean, skiing in the Alps or simply sun bathing on the Mexican Riviera, should be prepared in case a medical emergency occurs, according to a health insurance expert.

"Possible difficulties due to differences in health care services in other countries are best resolved if vacationers do just a little pre-planning," said Bill Moeller, president and CEO of UnitedHealthcare of Illinois. "You want to avoid additional problems if an illness strikes or an injury is sustained."

UnitedHealthcare of Illinois offers these tips to international travelers:

Consult with your health insurance provider. Confirm whether your policy applies overseas and if it will cover emergency expenses. Some insurance companies, such as UnitedHealthcare, provide worldwide coverage for emergency care. Other providers require that you purchase supplemental medical coverage.

Bring your insurance identification card and a claim form. If your health insurance policy provides coverage outside the United States, remember to carry both your insurance policy identity card as proof of such insurance and a claim form.

Take a copy of your personal health record. If your health insurer offers personal health records (PHRs), be sure to take a copy with you. A PHR is an online record of an individual's complete and current medical history. If a PHR is unavailable, request a letter from your physician describing any pre-existing medical conditions you have and any prescriptions or other medications you may be taking.

Purchase traveler's insurance. Many travel agents and private companies offer insurance plans that will cover health care expenses incurred overseas, including emergency services such as medical evacuations.

Contact the International Association for Medical Assistance to Travelers. IAMAT can provide directions to the nearest U.S. Embassy or locate medical facilities and English-speaking doctors in the areas where you will be traveling. Contact IAMAT at (716) 754-4883.

Research your destination. If you are unfamiliar with your destination, take the time to learn about any potential health risks. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention offer a valuable resource about travelers' health at www.cdc.gov/travel/ . This site provides information about outbreaks, diseases, recommended vaccinations, safe food and water, precautions for travelers with special needs and more.

"Hopefully the worst health issue that travelers will experience this spring break is a mild case of sunburn," adds Moeller. "But it's important to be prepared."

MVCC Candidates

Sandra S. Wagner, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Moraine Valley Community College, and Joseph P. Murphy, Secretary of the Board, announce that they are seeking second six-year terms. "Moraine is a vital and valuable part of the community. We've accomplished and achieved many things in the past six years, and we would like to remain on the Board to continue providing experienced leadership important to ensure continued success and growth."

Mr. Murphy of Blue Island cites the tremendous growth of the college, and the pride of district residents: "The community support for the referendum was exciting. We are able to expand and renovate the campus to better serve our growing area."

Mrs. Wagner adds that enrollment is at a record high this spring and has increased more than 12 percent over the past six years, "We are running out of space necessary to meet everyone's needs." The enrollment passed the 18,000 student count for the first time this spring – 5% over last year. "Moraine ranks in the top 8% of all community colleges in the nation in number of degrees and certificates awarded."

"I am pleased that under our leadership, Joe and I have had a part in ensuring that faculty, staff, and students have the necessary tools and opportunities to excel. Our work here, however, isn't finished. We are in the planning stages for the campus expansion and renovation, and more remains to be accomplished."

Murphy notes that due to the excellent financial standing of the college, a high bond rating was received which has passed savings on to the taxpayer. "The tax increase was reduced by 2% due to the fiscal responsibility of the administration and the Board of Trustees."

Both agree that the future six years present many challenges. "Moraine Valley will need sound leadership to meet the future, so that quality programming and excellent facilities will continue to meet district needs. We are excited about the prospects, and we would like to continue to play an integral role in our students' success."

Millions In Tax Credits Unclaimed

Every year, millions of working families miss out on tax credits that could result in savings or bigger refunds. This tax season, families in Cook County, who are eligible for the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), stand to lose as much as $87.4 million if they fail to claim it. And according to the non-profit Center for Economic Progress, up to 1 in 3 Illinois taxpayers are failing to take advantage of the one-time telephone refund -- leaving up to $80 million unclaimed.

One of the most effective federal programs to help working families has been the EITC. For a family with two children, their EITC tax refund can be as much as $4,400. The average federal EITC refund in 2005 was $2,022.

While helping those families make ends meet, the EITC also infuses hundreds of millions of dollars into the Chicago and Illinois economy each year. According to the Brookings Institution, in 2003 Cook County residents received $778,084,727 in EITC refunds, and those funds are usually recycled directly back into the local economy.

Though the EITC has lifted 4.4 million people out of poverty, a large percentage of families and workers eligible for the EITC fail to claim it because of complex rules, lack of awareness, and other barriers.

In addition to the EITC, the Center for Economic Progress reports that the phone tax refund is another overlooked benefit this tax season. With the repeal of a tax on long-distance telephone calls (first levied to help pay for the Spanish-American War nearly 110 years ago), families can get anywhere from $30 to $60, depending upon household size.

The Center works to ensure that Illinois' low-income families receive all the credits they are entitled to through its volunteer-driven Tax Counseling Project. The Center offers free tax preparation assistance in 36 Illinois communities, including 15 Chicago neighborhood locations and throughout the suburbs.

In Chicago, communities with tax sites include Auburn Gresham, Back of the Yards, Bronzeville, Chinatown, Humboldt Park, Lawndale, Loop, Pilsen, Rogers Park, South Chicago, Uptown, West Garfield Park, West Haven, and Woodlawn.

For more information on hours and specific locations, please call (312) 630-0273 or TTY (312) 701-1326, or visit www.centerforprogress.org. All tax sites are ADA accessible.

"The tax refund is the largest single payment of any kind that many working families receive all year. They have worked hard for it and deserve it. With the April 17 tax filing deadline only weeks away, we want to make sure working families keep more of their hard-earned money," said David Marzahl, Executive Director, Center for Economic Progress.

Working families with household incomes of less than $40,000 and individuals with incomes less than $15,000 are eligible for the Center's free services. For over a decade, the Center has assisted more than 150,000 working families through its Tax Counseling Project, helping to generate more than $200 million in income tax refunds and saving families more than $10 million in tax preparation fees.

For information on the Center's free tax preparation sites, call (312) 630-0273 or TTY (312) 701-1326, or visit www.centerforprogress.org. All of the Center's tax sites are ADA accessible.

If individuals are not filing a return, but would like to claim the phone tax refund, the 1040EZ-T is available online at www.centerforprogress.org.

The Center for Economic Progress seeks to encourage financial stability and build the assets of working families. As a front-line service provider, advocate, and community educator, the Center's programs and services impact tens of thousands of families each year

Cleaner Cars Are Coming

Interest in cleaner and greener auto technology is exploding, according to a comprehensive article in the March/April 2007 issue of E – The Environmental Magazine (now posted at: www.emagazine.com). From fuel cells to plug-in hybrids, the industry is showing more research and development zeal than at any time since the halcyon days of 1900, when gasoline, steam and electric vehicles (EVs) were competing in the marketplace.

With seesawing gasoline prices and uncertainty about the future of oil, consumers are finally focusing on fuel economy and looking beyond big SUVs for their next vehicle. A consumer survey by the influential J.D. Power and Associates last summer found that an amazing 57 percent of respondents would consider buying a hybrid car for their next vehicle, and 49 percent would consider a car powered by E85 ethanol. Another survey, by Frost & Sullivan, found that 80 percent are more concerned about fuel prices than they were a year ago.

Despite these numbers and the fact that cars like the Toyota Prius are proliferating on U.S. roadshybrids still made up slightly more than one percent of the market in 2006. But by 2013, J.D. Power predicts they'll have taken five percent. This year, expect to see a wide range of new hybrids on the market, from the compact Honda Fit Hybrid (with fuel economy in the mid-50s) to the Toyota Sienna seven-seat minivan (approximately 40 mpg). You'll even be able to buy a hybrid version of the Chevy Tahoe (though expect only a 25 percent improvement over the SUV's 17 mpg).

Indeed, after a protracted period of sticker shock at the pumps, the public is showing interest in a range of cleaner automotive technologies, from hybrids to fuel cells, battery vehicles, plug-in hybrids and cars that run on biodiesel. Still, consumers remain quite confused about both the potential and the timetable for these technologies, and much of what they think they know is wrong. For instance, it is still commonly believed that hybrid vehicles need to be plugged in. Here's some of what's happening:

Although hybrid sales slowed somewhat at the end of 2006 as gas prices eased and the federal credit was halved (it went, for example, from $3,150 for the top-selling Toyota Prius to $1,575), 2006 was still a banner year, with 251,803 hybrids sold. There are now more than 550,000 on U.S. roads. More than 200,000 hybrids were sold in 2005, doubling the 88,000 sold in 2004. A plethora of new hybrid models are on the way.

Diesel vehicles are largely anathema to environmentalists and California clean air regulators, but they're becoming a majority on the roads of Europe (where green consciousness is almost a given) and they deserve a second look in the U.S., where their numbers can only go up. The good news for diesel partisans is the federally mandated low-sulfur (below 15 parts per million) diesel fuel that went on the market at up to 76,000 American filling stations late last year. It's the cleanest diesel fuel in the world.

There are several forms of bio fuel, and the categories can confuse the novice. Biodiesel, in blends with standard diesel of five to 100 percent, has been refined to work without modification in any newer diesel vehicle. With a kit from companies like Greasecar, diesels can burn 100 percent vegetable oil, which can be sourced and filtered from restaurants for a wholly recycled fuel. Biodiesel, which offers both improved emissions and the opportunity to thumb your nose at fossil fuel, is still largely a grassroots enterprise, with enthusiasts banding together in co-ops.

If any one technology can replace the internal-combustion engine, it's the fuel cell, which doesn't burn anything but instead converts hydrogen (stored in a tank as liquid or gas) to electricity. And its only tailpipe emission is water vapor. Fuel cells were invented in the mid-19th century and have since provided electric power on NASA space missions, but they're only now becoming practical for ground transportation. And Electric vehicles (EVs) are showing promise, especially with the advent of high-output, lightweight lithium-ion (li-ion) batteries.

In 2007, America's auto fleet is hardly green, but it's getting greener.

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EDITORIAL/OPINION PAGE

Porker Of The Month

Citizens Against Government Waste (CAGW) recently named House Agriculture Committee Chairman Collin Peterson (D-Minn.) Porker of the Month for his hostility toward agriculture policy reform.

Although the primary justification for agriculture policies has always been that they are necessary to protect "small family farmers," subsidies overwhelmingly go to the largest farmers and agribusinesses. According to the Environmental Working Group, between 1995 and 2005, the largest 4 percent of farms garnered half of commodity subsidy payments, while the largest 10 percent pulled in 73 percent. Many of these farmers have net worth exceeding $2 million. The subsidies drive up land prices and put smaller farmers out of business. Present farm policy is a case of Robin Hood in reverse that devastates rural communities.

President Bush's 2007 farm bill proposal would eliminate subsidy payments to individuals with an adjusted gross income of $200,000 or more. In truth, the proposal does not go far enough and leaves intact the overall payment limitation of $360,000, which should also be lowered. Even modest reform is too much for Rep. Peterson, who thinks agriculture would be "better off not having any payment limits at all" (*Western Farm Press, 2/7/07*).

Farm subsidies raise prices for consumers, encourage farming on environmentally sensitive land, undercut subsistence farmers in developing countries, and invite retaliatory tariffs that hurt U.S. producers of non-subsidized commodities. The farm program is simply a massive transfer of wealth from taxpayers and consumers to the wealthy, politically-connected producers of a handful of crops.

Referring to the Doha round of World Trade Organization negotiations, Rep. Peterson said, "There's pressure on us to change the farm bill because 'that's the only way we can get a trade deal.' Now I'm sorry, but I've had enough of these trade deals. And unless we can get something good out of it, I don't give a darn if we get one."

Taxpayers, consumers, and the overall economy benefit enormously from the expansion of free trade. By "we," Rep. Peterson is probably referring to the sugar beet producers located in his district. With a well-oiled lobbying machine in Washington, Big Sugar's strategy has always been to keep its government subsidies and protect itself from international competition. Import quotas force American consumers to pay two to three times the world market price for sugar, costing about $2 billion annually. The higher prices have almost destroyed the domestic sugarcane refining industry and forced candy manufacturers to relocate outside the U.S. In 2005, the sugar lobby nearly sank the Central America Free Trade Agreement even though virtually all other segments of U.S. agriculture supported it. Rep. Peterson is so dedicated to protecting the sugar and farm subsidy racket that he "told Agriculture Secretary Mike Johanns, a Republican, to 'quit making those speeches' about the need for 'wholesale reform'" (*Associated Press, 1/20/07*).

For supporting corporate welfare and for opposing farm policy reform and free trade in order to protect special interests in his home district, CAGW names Rep. Collin Peterson its February 2007 Porker of the Month.

County Clean Air Ordinance Effective March 15

Beginning March 15, businesses and establishments in Cook County must be smoke-free, as mandated by the Clean Indoor Air Ordinance that was passed March 15, 2006 by the Board of Cook County Commissioners. The Ordinance prohibits smoking in all enclosed public places and places of employment within Cook County, except for private residences, designated rooms in hotels and long term care facilities, and private clubs and lodges. Smokers may not light up within fifteen feet of any entrance to an enclosed area where smoking is prohibited.

The Ordinance covers all of Cook County including unincorporated areas and those municipalities that have not adopted their own smoke-free regulations.

"The value of this ordinance will be measured in the number of lives saves and illnesses prevented," said Cook County Department of Public Health (CCDPH) chief operating officer, Stephen A. Martin, Jr., Ph.D., M.P.H. "Cook County residents are smoking less than ever before, and the majority of them want a healthy, safe, smoke-free environment for themselves and their families. I, along with others in the public health field am grateful to the Board for having the foresight to pass this essential ordinance."

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has identified secondhand smoke as the third leading cause of preventable death in the country, killing an estimated 53,000 non-smokers each year. Employees who work in smoke-filled businesses suffer a 25-50% higher risk of heart attack and higher rates of death from cardiovascular disease and cancer.

"Public health experts determined many years ago that there is no safe level of exposure to secondhand smoke," said Dr. Martin. "We feel that no employee should have to choose between their health and a paycheck."

The Ordinance calls for signage to be posted at all public places that clearly states the facility is smoke-free and also for all ash trays to be removed from the premises.

Under the Clean Indoor Air Ordinance, the Cook County Department of Public Health is responsible for public education, and complaint response and. Enforcement activities for those communities who have not adopted their own ordinance will begin on March 15. Owners of establishments found in violation, as well as smokers, may be fined up to $2,500 for repeat violations. Violations of the ordinance can be reported to CCDPH at (708) 492-2127, or residents can download a reporting form at www.cookcountypublichealth.org.

All Points Southwest

By THOMAS E. GAVIN

Last week Governor Rod Blagojevich rocked the Illinois State Capital in Springfield by proposing a whopping $60.1 billion budget program to a joint session of the General Assembly. This proposed budget promotes the largest tax increase, as well as the biggest borrowing binge in the state's history.

The Governor suggested that middle-class and working families formed the center of his proposal and that they will figure prominently in its success. Blagojevich's lofty goals include: injecting billions into the severely under funded government pension system for state retirees; comprehensive healthcare programs for the uninsured; and greater funding for the educational system statewide.

To achieve these benchmarks the Governor projects some $7 billion from new business taxes; $10 billion from a proposed lease of the Illinois State Lottery; and $16 billion in new borrowing and refinancing of present bonds and debts.

To achieve these goals the Governor feels that Illinois corporations will also contribute significantly by generating more tax revenues. We will be curious to see how this enormous proposal fares in the House and Senate. We'll keep you posted.

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Commenting on Governor Blagojevich's Fiscal Year 2008 budget State Sen. Christine Radogno (R-Lemont) outlined a plan which she feels relies on the largest spending, borrowing and tax increases in Illinois history.

Radogno expressed concerns over the Governor's plan to impose a new $6 billion "gross-receipts tax" on the state's business community; if approved it would be the largest tax increase in state history, and employers would be required to pay the state each time they are paid for a product or service. The Senator fears that this tax will chase businesses to other surrounding states or costs will be reflected in higher consumer bills.

One of the most contentious components of the Governor's budget includes a proposed lease of the Illinois Lottery for $10 billion to pay off the state's growing pension debt. Radogno noted that this idea was nearly identical to last year's budget proposal to generate revenue for Illinois schools. Radogno noted that while the state's pension systems are in critical trouble, why lose some $670 million per year that presently goes into the state's educational fund as a result of the Illinois Lottery. What instrument will make up the debt or loss of lottery funds?

Senator Radogno concluded with the explanation that the Governor's plan also relies on refinancing the state's pension debt, similar to the $10 billion borrowing plan that was implemented in 2003.

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Jim Buffett, the Executive Director for Campaign for Better Health Care, sent All Points the following regarding Governor Blagojevich's Illinois Covered proposal. "We applaud the governor's vision, leadership and commitment to make affordable, accessible, and quality health care for all Illinois residents a reality. It's a moral imperative to build a fair and just society where we all share opportunities and share responsibilities for health. It's an economic imperative to avoid the cost of inaction. Taking action now will save Illinois families and businesses tens of billions of dollars over the next decade. And it's both a moral and economic line in the sand – separating the minority who profit in the current broken system from the majority who are ready for a common-sense solution based on fairness and peace-of-mind, knowing that they will never go without health care."

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Thirty-two suburban municipal locations have been designated "Early Voting Sites" for the April 17th Consolidated Elections. All registered suburban Cook County voters may cast early ballots at any of the 32 locations from March 26th through April 12th. Local offices being considered on April 17th include village trustees, library trustees, and representatives on the local school boards.

Voter registration is normally available Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. There are some Saturday location openings as well. Check with your local village or township government for locations and specific hours. Voter registration closes Tuesday, March 20th.

To register, individuals must be United States citizens and at least 18 years old on or before April 17th, 2007. Two forms of identification are required when registering, one with the current suburban Cook County address.

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Cook County Clerk David Orr tells All Points that applications for absentee ballots are now available for the April 17th Consolidated Election.

To vote absentee, you must, by law, have a valid reason why you cannot go to your polling place on Election Day. In most cases voters elect to vote absentee if they are physically disabled or if they are going to be out of town during the election.

To vote absentee, one must be a registered voter, have a valid reason or excuse for voting absentee, and have submitted a completed application. Once applications are received and verified for eligibility, one receives an absentee ballot. However, first-time voters cannot vote absentee by mail. The only exceptions are for overseas and military voters. Applications must arrive at the Clerk's office by April 12th.

Absentee applications can be obtained on the Clerk's website www.voterinfonet.com or at the Clerk's downtown office, at 69 W. Washington St., fifth floor, Chicago.

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Saint Xavier University will host its '2007 Presidents Scholarship Ball' Saturday, April 21st, at Chicago's famous Field Museum. Co-chairs Daniel and Maureen Curley and the Honorable Terrence and Jennifer Duffy tell All Points that the gala event will feature a sumptuous meal, and music by the Ron Bedal Orchestra. Highlighting the evening will be a special award honoring Chicago Alderman Edward M. Burke for his continuous dedication and service to both Saint Xavier University and the Sisters of Mercy. For more information call (7730 298-3311 or e-mail SpecialEvents@SXU.EDU.

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Dashes to deadline ... Governors State University will host an Open House on Saturday, March 24th from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. and is followed by an opening session for all attendees at 10 a.m. At 10:30 a.m. students and parents will be able to meet faculty members, academic advisors, and financial aid counselors one-on-one. General information about the university, financial aid, transfer requirements, and graduate and undergraduate programs will be available. For more information contact the Office of Admissions at (708) 534-4490 or gsunow@govst.edu.

Letters to the Editor

Downsizing Cook County Government

After years of effort by various Commissioners, we are proud to report today that the long overdue commitment to downsize this bloated, inefficient and costly Cook County government has finally begun.

The 2007 Cook County budget, as amended, was approved at 2:31 a.m. on February 23, 2007 after a 17-hour meeting that stretched over two days. The budget was ultimately balanced by an amendment, drafted and sponsored by Commissioners Gorman, Goslin, Silvestri and Quigley. This amended budget was approved by an impressive vote of 13 of 17 commissioners. This budget was a victory for all residents of Cook County – a balanced budget without a tax increase.

At one point an "omnibus" amendment was offered, but after careful review it was obvious that amendment would not have balanced the budget as required by law. An odd coalition of county commissioners refused to compromise and seemed to be more interested in creating controversy than passing a responsible budget. That omnibus budget was primarily drafted by representatives of various labor unions, did not earn the majority support and was easily defeated. The odd coalition that continued to support this defeated amendment have publicly questioned, in not so subtle terms, the motivation behind our successful amendment which balanced the budget without a tax increase. They have publicly asked what we "got" in exchange for offering this amendment.

- It's simple. Here is what we got – for the citizens of Cook County:
- A budget that began with a $500 Million deficit, was balanced without a tax increase and without slight of hand maneuvers, without selling land which has never been approved for sale by the board, without turnover adjustments and without other budgeting tricks contained in the omnibus amendment;
- A budget that contains 2,200 fewer employees in 2007 than it did in 2006 – for a savings of over $120 Million. The omnibus amendment cut 712 employees, then added back 827 employees for a staggering net gain of 115 employees, adding $7.6 Million additional dollars to the already bloated budget;
- A budget that made history by cutting the most sacred of sacred cows - the dysfunctional Bureau of Health, and with it, mandates an aggressive bureau-wide reorganization;
- A budget that chopped personnel from the top, from the middle and from the bottom;
- A budget that restored front-line States Attorneys, Public Defenders, Sheriff's Police and Deputies;
- A budget that restored health care programs for working families, dental services for children in need and victim witness and other vitally needed protection programs for at-risk men, women and children.

Any time suburban republicans and city democrats can forge an alliance to cut costs, streamline operations and balance a $3 Billion budget without a tax increase or voodoo arithmetic is good, responsible government. We are proud to be sponsors, and aware that this is just a first step in the implementation of this long-overdue commitment to reinvent Cook County into an efficient, effective, economical and compassionate unit of government, managed in a professional manner. We intend to continue to push for the necessary reform that must continue to occur from year to year.

Commissioners:
Liz Doody Gorman, 17th District,
Gregg Goslin, 14th District,
Pete Silvestri, 9th District,
Mike Quigley, 10th District

Recycling Fundraiser

The Center in Palos Park has teamed up with Abitibi Recycling to provide a paper recycling bin for community residents. Anyone in the community can be a part of this recycling program, which will also serve as a fundraiser for the non-for-profit Center.

The large green and yellow paper recycling bin is available 24 hours a day in the parking lot of The Center's main lodge, located on the west side of 12700 Southwest Highway. Paper suitable for recycling in the Abitibi bin includes clean and dry newspaper, magazines, shopping catalogs, office and school papers, and mail. The paper will be taken to the Abitibi processing center, where it will be sorted, de-inked, and turned into marketable paper products such as newsprint.

According to assistant program director Laura Milkert, who organized the new recycle program, the paper bin can help to save landfill space, save energy, and can help to save trees.

Budget Good For Higher Education

Governor Blagojevich gave the first major speech of his second term on Wednesday, and Illinois State Senator

Edward Maloney (D-Chicago) promises to further research the various aspects of the Governor's proposals.

"The budget is an ambitious plan that addresses many problems, but there are still many questions regarding the logistics of the gross receipts tax and how it impacts consumers," said Senator Maloney.

Some of the more favorable appropriations in the proposal involve higher education, and will make it easier for students to pay for their education - including a $7.3 million increase for MAP grants and the continuation of the MAP Plus program. The MAP program is a need

based financial aid program, with grants being awarded to help low and middle income students better afford college. With this year's total recommended appropriation of nearly $400 million, many college students stand to benefit.

Maloney sponsored the MAP plus program last year, initially a one-year pilot program to address college affordability for middle-class families, and the Governor is recommending this program be extended and fully funded for another year. With the proposed $34 million in funding, the program will give $500 grants to college sophomores, juniors, and seniors to aid in the costs associated with attending a university.

In addition to the MAP programs, the Governor also met and exceeded the Board of Higher Education's recommendations regarding State support for public universities. He proposed nearly $25 million in

additional funding to address salary competitiveness, rising energy costs, and other campus based operating needs.

Another area in which the Governor is increasing funding involves education and healthcare curricula in our state universities and community colleges. The proposed increase of $7.6 million is intended to increase the quality of and better prepare students for careers in the education and healthcare professions.

"I look forward to working with the Governor and his budget staff to see that higher education and other issues that impact my constituency are adequately addressed," said Maloney.

Annual Spring Tea

Tickets are on sale for the second annual spring "Tea Amidst the Wildflowers" to be held on Sunday, April 29th from 2 to 4 p.m. at The Center, 12700 Southwest Highway in Palos Park.

The afternoon will include tea sandwiches, sweets, and a variety of hot and cold teas, plus music, wildflowers, and a humorous speech about women by columnist Alice Collins of Oak Lawn. Seating is planned both indoors and outside amidst the wildflowers.

Tickets must be reserved in advance and cost $20 per person. For reservations and further information, call (708) 361-3650.

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ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

Continues Silk Road Journey

Symphony Center Presents continues with *Silk Road Chicago* on Saturday, April 14th at 8 p.m. when legendary sitar master Ravi Shankar returns to Symphony Center for a special performance with his daughter, Anoushka Shankar, in a program that celebrates Indian music.

An instrumentalist, composer, teacher and writer, Ravi Shankar is India's most esteemed musical ambassador and a virtuoso musician whose artistry crosses all cultural and musical boundaries. As a student of the illustrious guru "Baba" Ustad Allaudin Khan, Mr. Shankar was already one of the biggest stars in India before coming to international attention in the 1960s. His music has influenced the work of many well-known Western musicians, including George Harrison of The Beatles, who produced and played on Shankar's *Festival of India* recording, violinist Yehudi Menuhin, flutist Jean-Pierre Rampal, and composer Philip Glass. Eighty-six-year-old Mr. Shankar has been the foremost pioneer in disseminating India's rich classical music tradition to the West.

This concert will feature Mr. Shankar's daughter, sitar virtuoso Anoushka Shankar. Ms. Shankar began studying with her father at the age of 9 and made her performing debut with him at age 13 in New Delhi, India. That same year, she began playing on her father's recordings and released her first highly acclaimed solo project in 1998. Her third solo album, *Live at Carnegie Hall* in 2001, was nominated for a Grammy Award in the Best World Music Album category, making her the youngest-ever nominee in that category. After a year's sabbatical in 2004, Ms. Shankar returned to the concert stage and recorded her fourth solo album, *Rise*, which was released in September 2005 and won a second Grammy Award nomination.

Indian classical music is primarily based on melody and rhythm, as opposed to the concepts of harmony, counterpoint, chords and modulation of Western classical music. *Raga*, the system of Indian music, can be traced back nearly 2,000 years to its origin in the Vedic hymns of the Hindu temples. *Raga* provides the melodic material for the composition of vocal or instrumental melodies and for improvisation, which is the very heart of Indian music. The tradition of Indian classical music is an oral one; it is taught directly by the guru to the disciple, rather than by the notation method used in the West. The roots of Western awareness of Indian music may be found in the late 18th century and became more extensive in the late years of the British rule. Today, many Western composers and musicians have been influenced by Indian music.

This performance is part of Symphony Center's year-long *Silk Road Chicago* celebration, inspired by the art and culture of the historic Silk Road. Created through a partnership among the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, The Art Institute of Chicago, the City of Chicago, and Yo-Yo Ma's The Silk Road Project, Inc., the season of *Silk Road Chicago* is designed to be a citywide collaboration inspired by the art and culture – both ancient and contemporary – of the regions of the historic Silk Road. More than 50 Chicago Symphony Orchestra and *Symphony Center Presents* classical, world music, family, and educational performances – all carrying the theme of *Silk Road Chicago* – will be presented during Symphony Center's 2006-07 season.

Other *Symphony Center Presents* Special Concerts include: Yo-Yo Ma and the Silk Road Ensemble, April 20th; Silk Road Ensemble family concert, April 21st; guitarists John Williams and John Etheridge, April 25th; and three special concerts featuring the Chicago Symphony Orchestra; a performance of opera arias with Denyce Graves on June 9th, Verdi's Requiem on June 15th, and Beethoven's Symphony No. 9 on June 21st.

Tickets are $20 to $65 and can be purchased by calling CSO Ticketing at (312) 294-3000 or (800) 223-7114 or by visiting either the CSO Web site at www.cso.org or the Symphony Center box office at 220 S. Michigan Ave.

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Storyteller Batt Burns At Gaelic Park

Chicago Gaelic Park, the Irish Cultural Center located at 6119 W. 147th St. in Oak Forest, will host Batt Burns, Seanachie/storyteller from County Kerry, Ireland, on Friday, March 16th beginning at 8 p.m. in the Celtic Room.

Burns is known throughout the world for his gift of the gab, and is a regular contributor to Irish radio programs. Burns has worked to make changes to the curriculum in Irish Primary Schools, has written textbooks and has taught college courses in Irish Studies as well as participates in storytelling festivals around the world. On his visit to Gaelic Park, Burns will share the folklore and legends of Ireland with his humor and wisdom.

Tickets to this show are $10. Call Gaelic Park at (708) 687-9323 for more information or visit the web site at www.chicagogaelicpark.org.

Dinner & Show Brings Dave Coady

Popular Irish entertainer Dave Coady brings his unique entertaining style to Chicago Gaelic Park, 6119 W. 147th St. in Oak Forest, where he will perform for a special St. Patrick's Day Dinner and Cabaret Show on Saturday, March 17th. The doors open at 6 p.m. with a dinner of corned beef and cabbage served at 7 p.m. and the show beginning at 9 p.m. Dinner music will be provided by Sean O'Donnell and there will also be an exhibition of Irish Step Dancing. Tickets are $40 and do require reservations. Call Gaelic Park at (708) 687-9323 to reserve tickets or for further information. Also visit www.chicagogaelicpark.org.

Orchestra Concert

The Protégé Philharmonic of Chicago will present an Orchestra Concert on Sunday, March 18th at 3 p.m. at Preston Bradley Hall, The Cultural Center, 78 E. Washington St. at Michigan Ave. in Chicago.

The Protégé Philharmonic of Chicago; a youth orchestra dedicated to the future of music with strong emphasis on polished professionalism and musical discipline for high school students, will present this free concert. This is the 5th concert of the 2006-07 season. Joseph Glymph, Musical Director, will conduct.

Musical selections will include: Husa: Music for Prague 1968, Tchaikovsky: Symphony No. 5 in E Minor, Op. 64, and Mozart: Concerto No. 3 in G Major, K. 216 for Violin and Orchestra. Further information can be obtained by calling (312) 341-1521.

Class Reunions

St. Augustine Chicago Reunion – High School, Grade, Parish – Sunday, March 25th, Lexington House, Hickory Hills, 12 noon. For information and reservations, call Carol Ann Stashak at (312) 203-6023 or (773) 838-4010 after 5 p.m.

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Reavis High School class of 1977 – 30-year Reunion will be held on July 7th, 2007 at the Old Barn in Burbank. Contact reavisclassof77@yahoo.com.

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DuSable High School class of 1951 will hold a 55th-year reunion from Sept. 15th to 17th at the Hilton Oak Lawn Hotel. Call (708) 206-0468.

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Harrison High School - Classes of 1931 to 1960 Reunion on Sept. 24th from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at The Abbington, 3 South 002, Route 53, Glen Ellyn. Call (708) 366-3423.

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New Trier class of 1986 20th reunion will be held on Nov. 4th at the North Shore Skokie Hotel. Visit www.1986.com.

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St. Florian School – An All-School Reunion, celebrating 100 years, will be held Nov. 17th. Organizers are looking for all alumni names, addresses and the year they graduated. Call (773) 646-2868 or visit www.florian.hegewisch.net.

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Chicago Vocational High School class of 1981 is looking for classmates. Email cvs1981@aol.com.

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Farragut High School, classes of 1952-1954, looking for classmates. Call Carolee (Fotka) Michalek at (815) 407-1934.

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Harrison High School, classes of 1965-1969, looking for classmates. Call (773) 507-4669 or (773) 600-8669.

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Hyde Park High School class of 1996 is looking for classmates. Call (773) 718-1507 or (773) 493-1051.

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Lourdes High School class of 1978 is looking for classmates. Call (708) 258-9096.

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Morton East High School class of 1987 is planning a 20th reunion. Contact Kathy Tokarczyk at imqueenmom@sbcglobal.net or Barb Biman at joyride7207@aol.com.

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DuSable High School class of 1985 is looking for classmates. Call (312) 603-0523 or (773) 544-3086.

St. Patrick's Day At Gaelic Park

Come celebrate St. Patrick's Day at Chicago Gaelic Park, 6119 W. 147th St. in Oak Forest, on Saturday, March 17th. The annual St. Patrick's Day Luncheon will take place in the Emerald Room with doors opening at 11 a.m. and a traditional corned beef and cabbage luncheon served at 12 noon. Tickets are $20 and must be purchased in advance. There will be a special performance by the dancers from Cross Keys School of Irish Dance and this will be followed by music and dancing to the sounds of Velvet Green.

In the Tara Room starting at 1:30 p.m. there will be entertainment for the wee ones with clowns and face painters, followed by a performance at 3 p.m. with the students and teachers of the Irish Music School of Chicago. Week Back will be on stage performing at 4:30 p.m., the Lavin Cassidy School of Irish Dance at 8:15 p.m. and Pat Guinee will play at 8:30 p.m. A delicious hot food buffet will also be available from 1:30 p.m.

The Carraig Irish Pub will open for lunch starting at 11 a.m. Irish favorites such as corned beef and cabbage dinner, corned beef sandwiches, shepherds pie, Irish sausage & chips, along with other menu items, will be available for sale along with the best pint of Guinness on the south side. Appearing on stage at 3 p.m. is Dan McGuinness, followed by Gerard Haughey at 8 p.m. There is no cover charge for either the Carraig Pub or Tara Room.

Popular Irish entertainer Dave Coady brings his unique entertaining style back to Gaelic Park where he will perform for a special St. Patrick's Dinner and Cabaret Show. The doors open at 6 p.m. and a traditional Irish corned beef and cabbage dinner is served at 7 p.m. Dinner music will be provided by Sean O'Donnell. Tickets for the dinner are $40 and do require reservations.

Call Gaelic Park at (708) 687-9323 to reserve tickets or for further information. Also visit www.chicagogaelicpark.org.

ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

Dead Man Walking Cast Announced

The cast is set and rehearsals have begun for a joint production of the play *"Dead Man Walking,"* to be performed March 30-31 at the McAuley Theatre of the Mother McAuley Liberal Arts High School, 3797 W. 99th St., Chicago.

In celebration of the 160th anniversary of Saint Xavier Academy and College, the forerunners of the Mother McAuley Liberal Arts High School and Saint Xavier University, the play's 40-member cast is composed entirely of students, staff, and alumni of Saint Xavier University, Mother McAuley High School and Brother Rice High School.

The play, written by actor Tim Robbins, is based on the non-fiction book *Dead Man Walking* by Sister Helen Prejean, C.S.J., a Roman Catholic nun. The story focuses on her unique relationship with convicted murderer Patrick Sonnier, who was sentenced to death by electrocution. From that experience, Prejean became a leading advocate for the abolition of the death penalty.

The part of Sister Helen Prejean will be played by Sarah Rakauskas, a Saint Xavier student and Mother McAuley alumna. Death row inmate Matt Poncelet will be played by Saint Xavier student Kevin LeCompte. Other cast members will include Saint Xavier Provost Dominick J. Hart as Governor Fredericks; Brother Paul Ickes, Brother Rice faculty member, as Chaplain Farley; Mother McAuley faculty member Tess Gump as Prejean's mother; and Brother Rice alumnus Brian Rigg as Mr. Delacroix.

Prejean will lead a pre-performance conversation on opening night at 7:30 p.m., Friday, March 30, in the McAuley Auditorium. Performances begin at 8 p.m. on both Friday, March 30, and Saturday, March 31. The production is part of the Dead Man Walking School Theatre Project, in which schools around the country produce the same play in coordination with their local communities in an inter-disciplinary dialogue about the death penalty.

"We are deeply honored to have Sister Prejean join us," said Patricia Haynes, director of the play and chair of the McAuley Theatre Department. "Her presence combined with the extraordinary cast turnout from our three Catholic institutions will make this a very special event."

Leading up to the production of the play, Saint Xavier and Mother McAuley will both address the topic of capital punishment in various classes and activities. McAuley students will consider such topics as the origins of the death penalty, the physics and physiology of putting someone to death, and the ethical, religious and pastoral dimensions of those involved in all aspects of capital punishment. Saint Xavier University students will host speakers, pro and con, and may dedicate one of their Sunday evening "open mike" sessions to the topic.

"We want to address this most important issue dialectically – looking at the issues from many perspectives – and from different disciplines," said Sister Susan Sanders, R.S.M., vice president for University Mission and Heritage at Saint Xavier University, who also helped organize the events. "We will work to provide room for discussion of both sides of this critical debate."

For more information about the McAuley Theatre production, or to order reserved tickets at $8 each, contact Patricia Haynes at (773) 881-6512. For more information about the *Dead man Walking* School Theatre Project, visit www.deadmanwalkingplay.org/.

"Go, Dog, Go" Makes Chicago Debut In 2007

Chicago Children's Theatre Artistic Director Jacqueline Russell and Executive Director Claude Binder recently announced that the company will engage in an unprecedented partnership with the Chicago Park District to bring the Chicago premiere of *Go, Dog. Go!* to a classic circus tent pitched in Daley Bicentennial Plaza in Grant Park, adjacent to Millennium Park. Staged in a 50-foot-tall, red and white striped circus tent that seats 800, the production will make its Chicago debut from April 13th to May 26th, 2007. Tickets will go on sale winter 2007.

Adapted from P.D. Eastman's classic children's book by Steven Dietz and Allison Gregory, *Go, Dog. Go!* promises to thrill audiences with a chaotic carnival of music and physical comedy that celebrates the brilliant simplicity of life. Dogs of all colors, shapes and sizes dance, sing, work, play, skate and climb through a magical world where dogs are king. *Go, Dog. Go!* will be directed by Andrew White, Jim Lasko will serve as production designer, and Jonathan Mastro will serve as musical director. For more information about Chicago Children's Theatre, visit www.chicagochildrenstheatre.org or call (773) 227-0180.

Troupe To Stage "Charlotte's Web"

The Village of Orland Park Theatre Troupe will hold auditions for its summer production March 19 and 20. The troupe's summer fare is always a children's show and this year's is the 1952 classic written by E.B. White, "Charlotte's Web." Joseph Robinette adapted the book for the stage, working with the advice of E.B. White. Produced in cooperation with the Dramatic Publishing Company, "Charlotte's Web" was named the "best American children's book of the past 200 years," by the Children's Literature Association.

Children age seven and older are invited to audition for Orland Park's production of "Charlotte's Web" on Monday, March 19 and Tuesday, March 20 from 7 p.m. until 10 p.m. Auditions will be held at Orland Park's Old Village Hall, 14415 South Beacon Avenue. Once cast, participants must pay a registration fee, $30 for residents and $45 for non-residents.

"'Charlotte's Web' is an American classic and we're very excited to stage this in Orland Park," said Orland Park Recreation Program Supervisor Irene Buikema, executive producer for the village's theatre troupe. Frann Carnivele-Sidlow is the show's producer/director.

Rehearsals will be held Sunday afternoons and Monday and Thursday evenings at the Old Village Hall. Performances will be at the Orland Park Civic Center, June 8 through June 10.

Further information is available by calling the Orland Park Recreation and Parks Department at (708) 403-PARK.

Moraine Valley Traveling Gulag Exhibit

The Moraine Valley Community College Library will host the Gulag Labor Camp, Perm-36: The Forgotten Holocaust exhibit March 12-30 as part of the college's Global Education Program. The traveling exhibit is composed of several tri-panels and cases that house authentic artifacts such as posters and barbed wire from Soviet Gulag camps, forced labor concentration camps used for all types of prisoners but became primarily known as places to house political prisoners. The Library is in Building L, on campus, 9000 W. College Pkwy., Palos Hills.

The free exhibit is being offered in conjunction with the college's One Book, One College March event as 1984, the selected text, addresses labor camp themes. Alan Barenberg, a Ph.D. candidate at the University of Chicago, will lecture about "Soviet Era Gulag Camps" on Thursday, March 27th, from 12:30 to 1:45 p.m. in the Library. He is currently completing his dissertation on Gulag camps. His interest in the topic began in 1998 when he spent a summer in Moscow collecting oral histories of Gulag survivors.

The exhibit is sponsored by the Midwest Institute for International/Intercultural Education, which is housed at Kalamazoo Community College. Moraine Valley is a member.

For more information on the Gulag exhibit, call Merri Fefles, Global Education Program coordinator, at (708) 974-5393.

African American Artists

Cook County Treasurer Maria Pappas stands with African American artists Kathleen Carter (left) and Phillip A. London at a display in her downtown Chicago office by black artists. Pappas regularly shows the work of artists from Chicagoland in her office in the Cook County Building, 118 N. Clark St. She said the work showed great talent, skill and imagination, and welcomed such expression by African American artists.

Present "Blood Brothers"

The Caravan Alley Players from Mt. Carmel High School in Chicago will present the musical, "Blood Brothers" by Willy Russell, in the Student Center, 6410 S. Dante Ave., at 7 p.m. each evening on Friday and Saturday, March 23rd and 24th, and on Friday and Saturday, March 30th and 31st. The box office and doors will open at 6 p.m. The entire cast includes students and adults from Mt. Carmel High School and students from Mother McAuley, Marist and St. Ignatius High School, Morgan Park Academy and Our Lady of Guadalupe Grammar School. Tickets cost $10 for adults and $5 for all students. For tickets, contact Sean Daly at (773) 359-0446 or sdaly@mchs.org.

This is Willy Russell's terrible tale of twin brothers separated at birth who live drastically different lives only to meet several times throughout their lives. In the end, they become best friends without ever knowing that they are brothers. Shrouded in superstition and sadness, it is a story of class divide that breaks across blood and kin. It may not be appropriate for younger children. This musical has been a hit in London for over 20 years and is still playing to date.

This may be the first time this musical has been presented in the Chicago area by a local group.

OUTDOORS

by Jim Kirby

LAKE MICHIGAN FISHING CHARTERS: With the closing of the Hammond Marina due to the expansion of the casino, **Capt. Bob Potcshman** has decided to operate his charter fishing operation out of North Point Marina for the early coho season, starting April 6th.

Capt. Bob will have both his boats ("Confusion" and "Confusion Too") ready to go. Both boats are very well equipped with all the modern amenities, conveniences and the best fishing tackle available.

"Confusion" is a 38-foot 'Tiara' Custom Express 14' hardtop. "Confusion Too" is a 38-foot 'Pacemaker' Sportfisherman, 13' wide with a large flybridge. As the season progresses, in addition to the Cohos, Capt. Bob will be targeting Lake Trout, Brown Trout, Chinooks, Steelheads and may even target Jumbo Yellow Perch.

I had the pleasure of fishing with Capt. Poteshman a few years back. He and his First Mate did a fine job putting us on fish, changing lures, depths, speed, and locations. We all went home with a mixed bag of fish fillets and better knowledge of Charter Boat Fishing on Lake Michigan.

For more information and special "Spring Coho Fishing" deals, call 1(888) 929-3474 or go to www.confusionchar ters.com.

■NEW LICENSE YEAR BEGINS APRIL 1ST: Anglers and hunters are reminded to purchase their 2007 Illinois hunting, fishing and sportsmen combination licenses prior to April 1st when the new IDNR license year begins. The licenses are available from hundreds of IDNR Direct license and permit vendor locations – and online through the IDNR web site at http://dnr.state.il.us. The online system is available 24 hours a day using American Express, Discover, MasterCard or Visa. Licenses are also available by phone through DNR Direct by calling toll-free 1(888) 673-7648.

■EASTER HAM SHOOT: Bring your favorite shotgun and try your luck (and skill) at one of the "open to the public" events on Sunday, March 25th at the Palos Sportsman's Club Annual Easter Ham Shoot. The club is located in nearby Frankfort, Illinois at 24160 S. Harlem Ave. Phone: (815) 469-4446.

The skeet and trapshooting games begin at 9 a.m. and run to 4 p.m. Everyone has a chance to win that Easter ham. The squads are set up according to ability. Bring the entire family, this is a great opportunity to introduce them to the sport of clay-pigeon shooting.

■$2.78 MILLION TO PROTECT ILLINOIS' ENVIRONMENT: Governor Rod Blagojevich awarded nearly $2.78 million in Illinois Department of Natural Resources Conservation grants to help local communities protect and improve Illinois' environment. The 51 grants will benefit a variety of habitats in 88 communities throughout Illinois.

To date, IDNR's Ecosystems Program has awarded more than $32.5 million in grants benefiting every county in Illinois and leveraging an additional $31.5 million in local matching funds and in-kind contributions for a total of $64 million in projects throughout the state. With Ecosystems funding, local partnerships across the state have restored more than 64,000 acres of prairie, forest, wetlands and wildlife habitat and protected more than 5,600 acres of habitat through conservation easements.

■LET'S TALK TURKEY: The Cook County Turkey Baggers chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation will be hosting their 6th Annual Hunting Heritage Banquet on Friday, March 30th at the Elks Lodge, 4428 Midlothian Turnpike in Crestwood.

Tickets are only $60 and include open bar, dinner and raffles for some great firearms, art objects and other outdoor-related equipment. This is a great opportunity to socialize with like-minded sportsmen. Families are invited. Look me up and I will buy you a 'cold one.' For more information or tickets, call **Carl Rendel** at (708) 349-8862.

Since 1986, the NWTF and its cooperators have spent more than $284 million upholding hunting traditions and conserving more than 9.6 million acres of wildlife habitat. The NWTF has worked with wildlife agencies to transport more than 186,000 wild turkeys to suitable habitat.

■TAMMY DUCKWORTH IS DOING A GREAT JOB FOR VETERANS: Illinois Department of Veteran's Affairs (DVA) Acting Director **Tammy Duckworth** announced that the annual free hunting and fishing licenses for disabled veterans are available. Disabled veterans must visit one of the state's 52 Veteran Service Offices to renew or obtain the free hunting and fishing licenses. *(Kirby comment: "This is a great inconvenience. Why can't the disabled vets get these licenses through normal channels?)*

To be eligible for the free licenses, the veteran must have a service-connected disability, be in receipt of a total USDVA disability pension. Those veterans drawing retirement pay only and have not applied to the USDVA for a service-connected rating, will not be issued a license until after the USDVA has made a service-connected rating.

Softball Players Sign Letters Of Intent

Five Marist varsity softball players recently signed National Letters of Intent to continue their athletic careers in some of the nation's most prestigious programs.

Courtney Chigaros (Mt. Greenwood), a Marist outfielder, will play for University of South Alabama. All Conference and All Area outfielder Heather Sundin (Alsip) will play at St. Ambrose University. All Area pitcher and conference MVP Colleen Biebel (Alsip) will continue her career at Western Illinois University. All Conference pitcher Kellie Snooks (Alsip) will take the mound at Radford University (Virg.). Marist catcher Nikki Marinec (Alsip) will also play at Western Illinois University.

Marist's softball program has garnered great success in only five seasons of varsity play. The team has won three regional championships, one conference championship and one sectional championship. "These girls have made an incredible commitment to building this program and I am proud to see them move on to such great college programs. They've represented Marist well and I know they will do the same at the college level," said head coach Denise Fasano.

Celebrating over 40 years of excellence, Marist High School is a Catholic, college preparatory school educating young men and women in heart, mind, and body.

Pictured: Marist Athletic Director Mark Zavagnin (from left), Coach Denise Fasano and principal Larry Tucker '79 look on as senior softball players Courtney Chigaros (from left); University of South Alabama, Heather Sundin; St. Ambrose University, Colleen Biebel; Western Illinois University, Kellie Snooks; Radford University, and Nikki Marinec; Western Illinois University, sign National Letters of Intent.

Seratelli Goes To The Royals

The Windy City ThunderBolts have sold a second member of the 2006 roster to a Major League organization as the Kansas City Royals have purchased the contract of infielder Anthony Seratelli. He is currently in Arizona and will compete in spring training for a spot with one of Kansas City's minor league affiliates.

"This is an exciting opportunity for Anthony. I know he has worked very hard for this and we are happy for him and wish him the best," said ThunderBolts manager Andy Haines.

Seratelli was at or near the top of all the major offensive categories for the ThunderBolts last year in his first season as a professional. He delivered a .286 average, seven triples, six home runs, 39 RBI, 48 runs scored, 34 walks and 28 stolen bases. His triple and home run totals were best on the team and his seven triples were third most in the Frontier League. Seratelli finished second on the ThunderBolts in RBI, runs, hits and stolen bases and third in walks and batting average.

The New Jersey native closed out the season on a hot streak, picking up hits in 11 of his final 15 games with two home runs and 13 RBI over that stretch. He was voted as the ThunderBolts 2006 MVP in the postseason fan poll.

Seratelli's 2006 teammate Charlie Lisk was sold to the San Diego Padres in September. The Royals have now purchased three former ThunderBolts in a little over a year. Infielder Justin Schuda and pitcher Chris Hayes were picked up by Kansas City last February and March, respectively. Hayes had a great year for Class A Burlington in 2006, posting a 3-6 record with a 2.66 ERA and seven saves in 45 games. He led the Bees in appearances and was third in saves. Overall, the ThunderBolts have had six players signed by Major League organizations in the team's three-year history.

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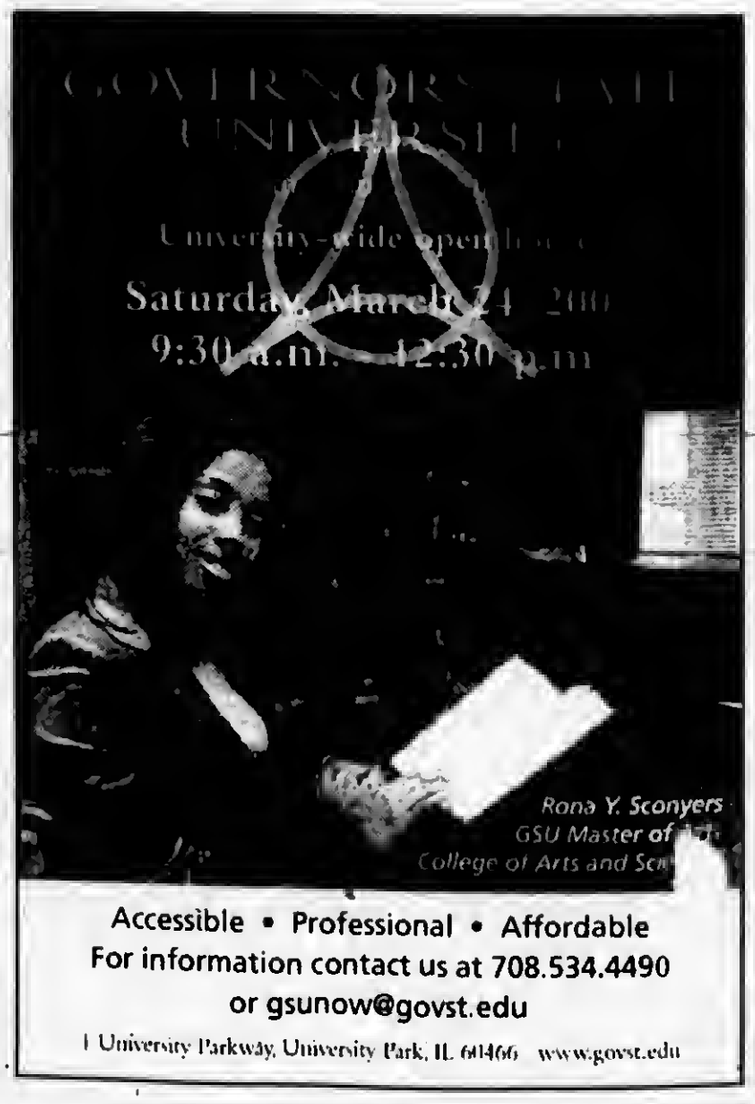
Coaches Hall Of Fame

The Illinois High School Football Coaches Assn., in conjunction with their Annual Spring Clinic, will induct a group of high school football coaches into their Hall of Fame.

The coaches will be honored at a luncheon to be held at the Hilton Garden Inn in Champaign on Saturday, March 31st at noon. The price per ticket is $20 and may be obtained from Phil Salzer, secretary/treasurer, at 3101 N. Old Trail Road, Peoria, IL 61604.

The emcee for the event is Brian Barnhart of Champaign. The program speaker will be Ron Zook, head coach of the University of Illinois Football Program.

For future nominations to the Football Coaches Hall of Fame, contact the officers of the IHSFCA. Suggestions are appreciated. All nominations may be sent to Phil Salzer at the above address.



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Bill Passes Legislative Committee

The House Environmental Health Committee recently unanimously passed House Bill 943 which would prohibit the sale of mercury-containing measuring devices, the largest class of mercury-containing products in Illinois. Mercury is a toxic that damages the human heart, brain and immune system – but is widely used in medical thermometers, blood pressure cuffs, and other measuring devices despite the availability of alternatives.

"This bill is about protecting children's health," said Rep. Karen May (D-Highland Park), the bill's chief sponsor and House Environmental Health Committee chair. "If we don't curtail the major sources of mercury pollution, we are knowingly endangering the healthy development of Illinois children."

When disposed of, mercury-containing measuring devices are often crushed or incinerated causing airborne release. A single gram of mercury – less than the amount in many measuring devices – is sufficient to contaminate a 20-acre lake. Thousands of pounds of mercury from these products are disposed of each year.

When a pregnant mother eats contaminated fish, mercury crosses the placenta to cause irreparable damage to the developing fetus's central nervous system. Mercury contaminates fish in every body of water in Illinois, with 40 percent of fish samples exceeding the safe limit for twice-per-week consumption. A recent sample of Illinois legislators revealed that 9 of 32 had mercury levels above the safe limit, and researchers have shown that up to 100,000 Illinois women have blood mercury levels high enough to put a fetus at risk.

For all measuring devices, mercury-free alternatives with equal or better performance are available at comparable cost. Leading hospitals like Johns Hopkins and the Mayo Clinic have phased out mercury in medical measuring devices. In Illinois, Omron, a leading medical device vendor based in Bannockburn, has eliminated mercury from its product line, and Consorta, a bulk purchaser based in Schaumburg, has eliminated mercury-containing devices from its purchasing contracts.

Nine other states already have laws prohibiting mercury in measuring devices.

The committee vote moves HB 943 to a vote by the full House of Representative. To become law, the bill must also pass the Senate and be signed into law by Gov. Rod Blagojevich.

Promote Governor's "Illinois Covered" Plan

Governor Blagojevich's Special Healthcare Advocate Dick Kay set out on March 12th to promote Governor Blagojevich's Drive for Healthcare, a grassroots bus tour making stops in communities throughout Illinois to meet with uninsured families and businesses struggling with health insurance costs. The Drive for Healthcare was launched on the heels of the Governor's 2007 Budget Address in which he called for the most ambitious plan in state history to make sure every person in Illinois has access to affordable quality health coverage.

While the Governor's "All Kids" plan, which took effect last year, extended coverage to all children in the state, approximately 1.4 million adults in Illinois are currently uninsured. A majority, roughly 75 percent, are from families with moderate incomes or higher. The Governor's Illinois Covered plan will provide affordable coverage to the uninsured and will also help many middle-income families and small businesses that are currently enrolled in health insurance plans save thousands a year on healthcare costs. The plan will also reform the existing healthcare system to improve quality and require more accountability.

The Governor also proposes expanding the existing FamilyCare program to 400% of the federal poverty level for those who do not have access to employer sponsored coverage, to expand health benefits for workers with disabilities, and to allow dependants to retain coverage until age 29. Additionally, the state will work with both consumers and healthcare providers to develop a Roadmap to Health that will improve the state's overall healthcare system and promote wellness, while better managing chronic conditions, the most important component for driving down overall healthcare costs.

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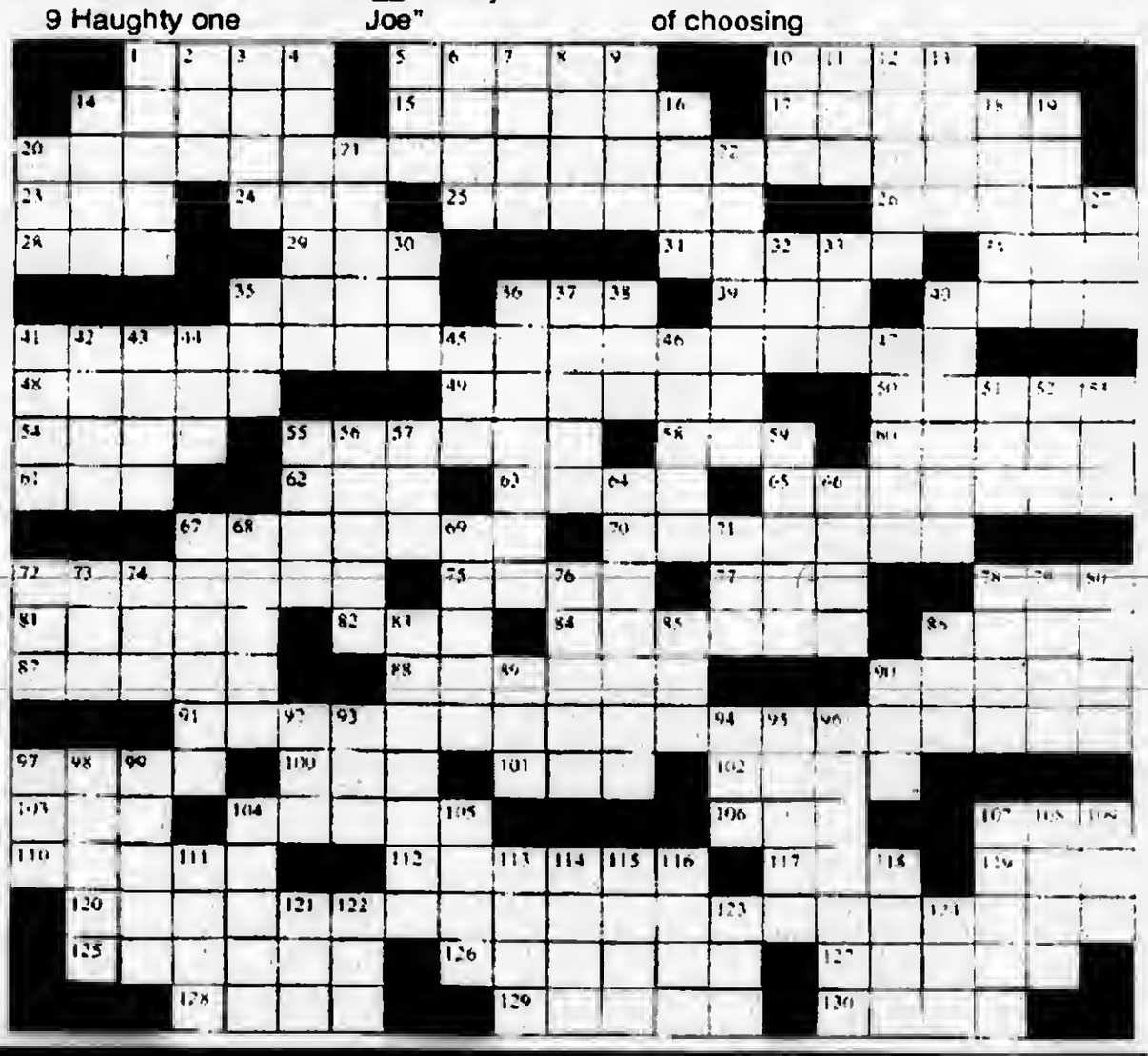

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Thoughts On Health & Nutrition

by
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THE FOULEST FAT OF ALL

Just how bad are trans fats? In New York City, at least, they're considered so dangerous that they are now off the menu—banned in restaurants—as of this July. Trans fats "are metabolic poisons," said Harvard School of Public Health epidemiologist Walter Willett, PhD, one of the first scientists to sound the alarm. "As far as we can see, there is no safe amount."

Recent studies show trans fats—created through a process called partial hydrogenation, which gives liquid vegetable oil the consistency of butter, and used in everything from French fries to cookies—are even worse than saturated fats for heart disease risk. They clog arteries more, raise levels of triglycerides (fats) in the blood higher and not only raise LDL (bad cholesterol) but actually lower HDL (good cholesterol). Although no studies have looked for a link between trans fats and inflammation associated with arthritis specifically, researchers have shown trans fats increase inflammation believed to contribute to heart disease and diabetes. "Trans fats do almost everything you don't want food to do," said Willett.

It gets worse: new analyses by researchers at Harvard show that just a 2 percent increase in trans fats leads to a 23 percent higher risk of heart disease. There is also evidence that trans fats might be more likely than others to promote weight gain, especially around the abdomen, which also has been linked to heart disease.

Small amounts of trans fats occur naturally in milk and beef, but they don't pose the high risk associated with those produced artificially, like desserts. The US Food and Drug Administration requires artificial trans fats to be listed on food labels but there's a catch—if the product contains less than 500 milligrams per serving, it can claim to have no trans fat. Some manufacturers have switched back to butter or palm or coconut oil as a result, which are high in saturated fat but contain negligible trans fat.

Restaurants are not required to list trans fats on their menus, but now many—including Wendy's, Au Bon Pain and Kentucky Fried Chicken—are voluntarily eliminating trans fats. McDonald's has been a holdout so far, but the New York ban requires the chain to comply there. Experts say that a total ban of trans fats could prevent up to a quarter-million heart attacks a year in the US alone, and substantially reduce the risk of adult-onset diabetes.

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Nursing Home Violations

The Illinois Department of Public Health on March 9th announced the following type "A" violations of the Nursing Home Care Act were cited during the month of October. An "A" violation, which is the most serious licensure violation imposed by the state, pertains to a condition in which there is a substantial probability that death or serious mental or physical harm will result.

Among those cited is Chicago Ridge Nursing Center, a 231-bed skilled care facility located at 10602 Southwest Highway. It was fined $55,000 for failure to follow a diet order that resulted in the choking death of a resident. The case was settled with the facility paying a fine.

The statement of violation for each facility can be obtained by visiting the Department's Web site at www.idph.state.il.us.

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For Your Health News

Help Kids Breathe Easy

Asthma brings three-quarters of a million children into the emergency department every year, which is the last thing anyone wants now that the warm weather and longer days are letting kids play outside more. The American College of Emergency Physicians says getting a good asthma management plan organized before an emergency may help your child stay out of the hospital altogether.

"The good news is that fewer children are dying of asthma; the bad news is that it remains the cause of more hospitalizations than any other childhood disease," said Rita Cydulka, MD of MetroHealth Medical Center/Case Western Reserve University. "Spring is an ideal time to put together an asthma management plan, before the real trouble starts with the fall allergy and winter flu seasons."

If you are not sure whether your child has asthma, but he or she has the symptoms of asthma (coughing, wheezing, shortness of breath), talk to your doctor. After a child has been diagnosed with asthma, the parent or guardian and child should meet with a physician to develop a plan for monitoring asthma symptoms (usually a peak flow meter) and for medicating the child when trouble develops.

Some children with asthma will benefit from two types of medication: one they use daily to prevent asthma attacks ("controller" medications or inhalers), and one they use to relieve symptoms ("rescue" inhalers). Children with asthma should carry a rescue inhaler with them or have one readily available to them at school. It is important that when children develop symptoms, they and their caregivers or teachers know how to administer the medication and do so quickly.

Consistent use of controller medications can prevent many asthma attacks and help children lead a normal, physically active life. How and when medications are used may vary from season to season, depending on what an individual child's triggers are.

Typical triggers include: exercise; colds and flu; laughing or crying hard; allergens from plants, animals, house dust, cockroach droppings or mold; and irritants such as cold air, chemicals and smoke

Dr. Cydulka recommends that you do what you can to limit your child's exposure to his or her asthma triggers. For example, if your child is allergic to furry animals, minimize his or her exposure to them at friends' houses and in the classroom at school. If cold air is a trigger, arrange for your child to exercise indoors during the winter instead of outdoors. If dust is a trigger, replace carpeting with wood, tile or vinyl floor coverings.

Be sure to get your child a flu shot as soon as they are available in the fall. A recent study by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention showed that only 30 percent of children with asthma get the flu shot, even though flu can be fatal for people with asthma.

Even with the best planning, some children will have asthma attacks that require immediate attention from an emergency physician at the emergency department. The following conditions should prompt a call for emergency help (911 in most areas):

Symptoms do not improve quickly after the use of rescue inhalers; the child strains to breathe or cannot complete a sentence without pausing for breath or the child's lips or fingernails turn blue.

Older children (ages 11-17) have the lowest rate of emergency department visits, but the highest rate of death from asthma. It suggests that although they are more independent than younger children in many areas, they still need close monitoring by their parents for signs that their asthma symptoms are worsening and in need of medical attention.

"Emergency physicians want your children to lead fully active, energetic lives without visiting the emergency department," said Dr. Cydulka. "However, if your child is in trouble, we will be there to get him or her back in action as quickly as possible."

ACEP is a national medical specialty society representing emergency medicine with more than 25,000 members. ACEP is committed to advancing emergency care through continuing education, research and public education. Headquartered in Dallas, Texas, ACEP has 53 chapters representing each state, as well as Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia. A Government Services Chapter represents emergency physicians employed by military branches and other government agencies.

Doctors Recognize DVT Awareness Month

The Illinois State Medical Society (ISMS) announced its support of March as "Deep Vein Thrombosis (DVT) Awareness Month," joining a national effort to raise awareness of this serious condition that affects up to two million Americans annually. While preventable, almost 30,000 die each year from DVT and its primary complication, pulmonary embolism, more than breast cancer and AIDS combined.

"Few people have heard of DVT, and even fewer know whether they are at risk for this common condition," said ISMS President Peter E. Eupierre, M.D. "'DVT Awareness Month' provides an excellent opportunity for the general public and health care community to learn about this preventable and often silent killer."

DVT occurs when a blood clot forms in one of the large veins, usually in the legs, leading to either partially or completely blocked circulation. If left untreated, this clot has the potential to move into the lungs and create a pulmonary embolism requiring immediate medical attention.

The easiest way to determine your risk of developing DVT is to take the ISMS-sponsored DVT Risk Assessment Tool, which can be found at www.isms.org. Renowned national venous disease expert and ISMS member, Joseph A. Caprini, M.D., designed this survey based on years of research done by top experts in the venous disease field.

"The DVT self-evaluation is designed to make both you and your doctor aware of your personal history factors that may indicate whether you're at risk for developing a DVT," Dr. Caprini said. "I highly encourage everyone to complete the survey and discuss your results with your doctor."

DVT is often referred to as "economy-class syndrome" or "traveler's thrombosis" because long flights in coach cabins occasionally have led to DVT-related fatalities. Extended inactivity can cause blood to pool in the legs' deep veins, setting the stage for dangerous clotting. NBC war correspondent David Bloom was a casualty of DVT after spending days cramped in a military tank while covering the war in Iraq in 2003. More recently, it was reported that Vice President Cheney was treated by doctors for having DVT in his leg.

Certain individuals may be at increased risk for developing DVT; however, it can occur in almost anyone. Additional risk factors include, but are not limited to: restricted mobility, smoking, oral contraceptives, recent pregnancy, obesity, high blood pressure, and varicose veins.

Fortunately, if caught in time, DVT is complete treatable. The classic signs of DVT, especially if it occurs in the lower extremities, are: pain, swelling, tenderness, redness, and discoloration of the skin.

About half of the time, DVT has no symptoms at all. By the time a person shows symptoms of a pulmonary embolism, it might be too late to receive emergency care. Typical symptoms of a pulmonary embolism are: shortness of breath, rapid pulse, sweating, sharp chest pain that worsens with deep breathing, low blood pressure, unconsciousness, and coughing up blood.

DVT Awareness Month is being sponsored by the Coalition to Prevent Deep-Vein Thrombosis (DVT) to raise awareness of this serious medical condition among consumers, health care professionals, government and public health leaders. The Coalition is comprised of more than 40 representatives from nationally known medical societies, patient advocacy groups and other public health organizations.

For more information, visit www.dvt.net or www.preventdvt.org.

Power Wheelchairs Available

The Senior Wheels USA Program makes available power wheelchairs to senior citizens and the permanently disabled at no cost to the recipient, if they qualify.

The power wheelchairs are provided to those who can no longer walk safely, nor self-propel a manual wheelchair, and who meet the additional guidelines of the program.

If the patient's need is for use in the home, call for more information to see if they qualify. Call toll-free at 1-800-246-6010.

The Senior Wheels USA Program's main purpose and goal is to develop public awareness that there are assistance options that allow senior citizens (as well as the permanently disabled) to remain independent in their own homes. Without this awareness and assistance, the family may prematurely choose a nursing home, or make an unnecessary retail purchase on power mobility equipment.

Those who do not meet all the requirements of the program, may still be able to get help through the donation program. This is made available when people call wanting to donate their power wheelchairs that are no longer needed.

Introduce Midwifery Licensing Bill

A bill to license homebirth midwives based on the certified professional midwife (CPM) credential has been introduced in the State Senate. Currently, Illinois is in the midst of a Homebirth Crisis. While each year 800 babies are born at home, licensed homebirth practices are found in only four of 102 Illinois counties. Due to the extreme shortage of homebirth providers, Illinois' homebirth-mothers often are limited to those sub-standard options: hiring unlicensed providers, birthing unattended (without any provider at all), or traveling to meet midwives in out-of-state hotels.

"Illinois is experiencing this maternity care crisis because our statutes are outdated," stated Rachel Dolan Wickersham, President, Coalition for Illinois Midwifery. Wickersham continues, "The American Public Health Association has encouraged licensing of direct-entry midwives since 2001, yet our lawmakers have been slow to take action on initiatives recognizing these evidence-based maternity care providers."

Senate Bill 385, sponsored by Senator William Haine is the answer. SB 385 allows for the licensure of homebirth midwives based on the certified professional midwife (CPM) credential. Licensing homebirth midwives based on this credential makes sense. It is the only credential that validates homebirth knowledge, training and experience. Utilizing a national certification as a licensing standard eliminates the need to develop a state-licensing exam and is thus cost-efficient. As more and more states regulate homebirth midwifery, the CPM credential is quickly becoming the standard for licensing homebirth midwives. Within the past year Virginia, Utah and Wisconsin passed similar legislation bringing the number of states which license certified professional midwives to 22. Concurrently, childbirth advocates in Indiana, Missouri, South Dakota, Pennsylvania, Alabama, Georgia, Delaware and Idaho are seeking legislative action to license homebirth midwives based on the certified professional midwife credential.

CPMs are certified by the North American Registry of Midwifes (NARM).The National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA) accredits NARM. The goal of NCCA is to ensure the health, welfare, and safety of the public through the accreditation of certification programs that access professional competency. Its standards exceed the requirements set forth by the American Psychological Association. The NCAA accredits over 150 certifying programs including those administered by the American Academy of Nurse-Practitioners and the National Certification Corporation for the Obstetric Gynecologic and Neonatal Nursing Specialties.

Senator Haine has received numerous compelling letters of support for this bill. The letters are from licensed homebirth nurse-midwives, certified professional midwives who have ceased practicing in Illinois, and women of childbearing age who personally are grappling with Illinois' Homebirth Crisis. The Illinois Chapter of the American College of Nurse-Midwives also supports passage of SB 385. Grassroots support is unprecedented. Pat Cole, President of Illinois Families For Midwifery (IFFM), reports that nearly three-quarters of the Illinois Senate have been contacted by homebirth supporters in favor of this bill. "This bill is important to families. Families will know whether or not a midwife is adequately trained," states Cole. "This bill allows only those who have passed a rigorous national certification exam to hold themselves out as Licensed Midwives.

Community Banking Week In Illinois

The Community Bankers Assn. of Illinois has scheduled its 17th annual "Illinois Community Banking Week" for April 1st to 17th during National Community Banking Month. The purpose of Community Banking Week is to highlight the importance of community banks to their respective local economies.

CBAI member bankers are pleased to again take advantage of this annual opportunity to bring the community banking message to Illinois. "This year's theme, 'A World of Banking Solutions,' represents how 'Real Community Banks' can, through technology, offer sophisticated solutions to small businesses, agricultural customers, an individual community banking customers," said CBAI Chairman Brian Kiley, executive vice-president of First East Side Savings Bank, Chicago. "Further, our member banks are thoroughly involved in their communities, recognize their special needs and opportunities, and assist in fulfilling the dreams of their customers."

CBAI is a professional trade association representing nearly 500 Illinois commercial banks and thrifts, and their 650 Illinois bank branches. Its members have $49 billion in assets and employ approximately 18,000 individuals.

Medical Marijuana Bill Clears Senate

Members of the Illinois Senate Public Health Committee passed a medical marijuana bill, 6-4, after receiving written and oral testimony from medical professionals, patients, and policy experts.

S.B. 650, introduced by Sen. John Cullerton (D-Chicago), is one of about a dozen medical marijuana bills currently under consideration by state legislatures across the country. Medical marijuana policy experts said they expect the bill, which would protect from arrest seriously ill patients who use medical marijuana with a doctor's recommendation, to go to the Senate floor for a full vote within a month.

Committee members heard testimony from multiple sclerosis patient and Illinois Drug Education and Legislative (IDEAL) Reform board member Julie Falco of Chicago. They also considered written testimony from several other patients and experts, including registered nurse and multiple sclerosis patient Gretchen Steele of Coulterville, and psychiatrist Dr. Zulima Hurtado of Round Lake Park, who argued that her experience treating patients indicated medical choices are best left between doctors and patients.

"Medical treatment as a whole should be a choice between a doctor and the patient," she wrote. "The operative word being choice."

"I can tell you from firsthand experience that marijuana works better to control the spasticity, neuropathic pain, and tremors than do any of the myriad prescription medications that I currently take," she wrote to the committee. "The fact that it is perfectly legal for my doctors to prescribe morphine, OxyCodone, diazepam, hydrocodone, and other drugs that are not only highly addictive but have many unpleasant side effects, yet it remains illegal to recommend marijuana, is beyond reasoning."

Although federal law makes patients who use doctor-recommended medical marijuana criminals, 11 states have effective laws protecting patients for whom serious research proves the medicine is safe and effective, including those suffering from symptoms associated with life-threatening diseases such as cancer, HIV/AIDS, multiple sclerosis, and hepatitis C.

With more than 20,000 members and 100,000 e-mail subscribers nationwide, the Marijuana Policy Project is the largest marijuana policy reform organization in the United States. MPP believes that the best way to minimize the harm associated with marijuana is to regulate marijuana in a manner similar to alcohol. For more information, visit www.MarijuanaPolicy.org.

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Prepared For Severe Storms & Dangers

March has come in like a lion in many parts of the state, reminding us that the advent of spring and warmer weather also brings the potential for severe thunderstorms and tornados. As part of Severe Storm Preparedness Week Safe Electricity advises everyone to be prepared for these storms and the electrical hazards they can leave behind.

"Assemble a kit of essentials, like battery-operated flashlight and radio," said Molly Hall, Safe Electricity Executive Director. "Keep a list of emergency phone numbers that includes the electric utility. Be prepared for the possibility of a prolonged outage due to power line and electric equipment damage."

Fill spare containers with water for washing, and keep a supply of bottled drinking water on hand. Keep a supply of non-perishable food items, along with a hand opener for canned food.

During an outage, switch off lights and appliances to prevent overloading circuits and damaging appliances when power is restored. Leave one lamp or switch on as a signal for when your power returns.

If after a storm or disaster, the power to your home is out for a prolonged period, know important safety rules, such as never using a charcoal or gas grill to cook inside! And if you use a standby generator, make sure a transfer safety switch is used, or connect the appliance(s) directly to the generator. This prevents electricity from traveling back through the power lines, also known as "back feed." Back feed creates danger for anyone near lines, particularly crews working to restore power.

When venturing outside after a severe storm, stay away from downed power lines and be alert to the possibility that tree limbs or debris may hide an electrical hazard. Assume that any dangling wires you encounter are electrical, and treat all downed or hanging power lines as if they are energized. Warn others to stay away and contact the electric utility.

If you are driving and come upon a downed power line, stay in your vehicle, warn others to stay away and contact emergency personnel or electric utility. Also when driving, be careful at intersections where traffic lights may be out. Stop at all railroad crossings, and treat road intersections with traffic signals as a four-way stop before proceeding with caution.

"Before re-entering storm-damaged buildings or rooms, be sure all electric and gas services are turned off," said Hall. "Never attempt to turn off power at the breaker box if you must stand in water to do so. If you can't reach your breaker box safely, call your electric utility to shut off power at the meter."

Never step into a flooded basement or other area if water is covering electrical outlets, appliances or cords. Be alert to any electrical equipment that could be energized and in contact with water. Never touch electrical appliances, cords or wires while you are wet or standing in water.

"Cleaning up and using water-damaged appliances also carry safety risks," said Jay Solomon, University of Illinois Extension Engineering Educator. "Electric motors in appliances that have been drenched or submerged should be thoroughly cleaned and reconditioned before they are put back into service. It may be necessary to repair or replace electrical appliances or tools that have been in contact with water. Do not use any water-damaged appliance until a professional has checked it out."

For more information on electrical safety, visit the www.SafeElectric.org. Spanish versions of electrical safety information also are available on this Web site.

Safe Electricity is an electrical safety public awareness program created and supported by a coalition of dozens of organizations, including electric utilities, the University of Illinois and other entities committed to promoting electrical safety.

Trinity Lutheran Preschool Holds Open House

Trinity Lutheran Preschool, 9701 S. Brandt Ave., announced its spring Open House. It will be held on Friday, March 23rd from 6:30 to 8 p.m. The children have been working on projects during the year to display at the open house. Everyone is invited and refreshments will be served.

Trinity Lutheran Preschool, which began in 1984, is a state-licensed preschool for three and four year olds. The preschool provides opportunities and activities which help children develop and maintain their basic needs and encourage social, emotional, physical and cognitive growth. All readiness skills for kindergarten are experienced.

For information, or to set up an appointment to view the school, call Cathy Cepican, Director at (708) 422-0193.

Children Create "Magnetic Poems"

Children of all ages are invited to celebrate National Poetry Month by creating a "magnetic poem" to be put on display in the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St., during the month of April. Poems are composed by cutting out and pasting words from a selection provided. Participants may also opt to decorate their poem with artwork. Forms are available at the Youth Services Desk. The deadline to turn in submissions is Saturday, March 24.

If you would like to have futher information about this and other children's activities, please feel free to call (708) 422-4990 or visit the library's web site at www.oaklawnlibrary.org.

Library Adds World Languages Books

The Youth Services Dept. of the Oak Lawn Public Library recently received a $1,000 grant from the Target Corporation to fund the creation of a World Languages collection of Arabic and bilingual reading materials for children. Several area teachers were consulted to select titles that are both informative and educational. These books will be integrated into the library's regular children's collection as soon as they arrive.

For additional information, call the Youth Services Dept. at (708) 422-4990.

Lenten Series

Melody Leimnetzer will speak at the Pilgrim Faith Church Lenten Series on March 21st about her experiences in New Orleans and Biloxi helping clean up and rebuilding after Katrina. The program begins at 7:15 p.m., preceded by a light supper of soup, bread, cheese and fruit at 6:30 p.m. Participants will also assemble "disaster clean up kits" to be distributed after future hurricanes, tornadoes or floods.

A children's program for those in kindergarten through eighth grade will meet at the same time. Child care is provided for children younger than kindergarten.

Pilgrim Faith United Church of Christ is at 9411 S. 51st Ave. The public is invited to attend. For more information, call the church at (708) 422-4200.

About Civic Participation

On Tuesday, March 6, Oak Lawn Park District Commissioner Mary Margaret Wallace and Ridgeland School District 122 Board of Education Member Ashraf "Ash" Rabah spoke with high school students about getting involved in their community.

"As a public official I think it is important to encourage young people to get involved in their community and that their input helps directly shape government policy," said Rabah, who was elected as a school board member when he was 25. "Many teenagers at this age are thinking about what direction they want to go in life and are deciding on what interests them. It is important to share experiences with teenagers so they are encouraged to pursue their goals in life."

Ala Gebarin, a student at Oak Forest High School, invited Wallace and Rabah to speak to her government class. Students asked the pair about their experiences as elected officials, their goals and the issues they have worked on in their respective positions.

Rabah talked about his dedication to District 122's schools. As soon as he took office, Rabah used his background in finance to address fiscal issues within the school district. Fellow board members noticed his hard work and quickly appointed him as chairman of the finance committee. Rabah told the students that district officials have had to make many tough choices because of irresponsible decisions made by past board members. Rabah said it is rewarding to be a part of the decision-making process for the school system that he grew up with as a student.

Wallace spoke with students about the variety of people elected officials meet and the importance of remaining steadfast in goals and beliefs. As a commissioner, Wallace has spoken with many residents and suggested ideas to improve the park district. She spoke about the decision-making process and the importance of patience and fortitude when working on issues that best serve the community's interest.

"Public service, whether in not-for-profits or in government, can be an enriching, worthwhile experience," said Wallace, who was elected at age 22. "Young people need strong encouragement when it comes to getting involved in their community and I hope many of the young people in this classroom today consider helping to transform the world around them."

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SHOP AND SAVE IN OAK LAWN

Richards High School Decathlon Team Qualifies For State Finals

The varsity Academic Decathlon team from Richards High School qualified for the state finals for the fifth straight year on March 10. Only 16 teams earned places for the Illinois finals.

Students who won medals at the state finals included Tom Gacek (second place, Math); Jasser Khairallah (second place, Speech); and, Brian Greco (fourth place, Speech).

The team qualified for the state finals with an outstanding performance at the sectional meet, where every player won at least one medal.

Academic Decathlon students compete in Math, Science, Economics, Speech, Interview, Essay, Language and Literature, Art, Music, and Super Quiz.

Students competing in Academic Decathlon for Richards include Amjed Affaneh, Mike Dvoracek, Tom Gacek, Brian Greco, Julie Kaiser, Eileen Kennedy, Jasser Khairallah, Ryan McMillin, Kris Nair, Victor Ojeda, Kyle Ryan, Chau Truong, and Lanita Warner.

Pictured, left to right, are the Academic Decathlon team members from Richards High School (front) Julie Kaiser and Amjed Affaneh; (middle) Ryan McMillin and Brian Greco; and (back) Kris Nair, Mike Dvoracek, Jasser Khairallah and Coach Mike Cleary.

Student Art Exhibit

The Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St., will host an art exhibit of works created by students of Oak Lawn Hometown Middle School. Members of the community are invited to stop by the Youth Services Department to view dozens of pieces on display March 19th through April 15th.

For more information, call (708) 422-4990.

Wellness & Health Fair

In conjunction with a LifeSource Blood Drive, the Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce will sponsor a Health & Wellness Fair on Wednesday, March 21st. The event will be held at the Oak Lawn Senior Center, 5330 W. 95th St. The Fair will run from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Admission is free.

LifeSource, a Chamber member, will be on hand from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. to accept blood donations via its mobile collection unit. Those interested in donating blood are asked to make a reservation through the Chamber office by calling (708) 424-8300.During the Health & Wellness Fair, Chamber businesses will showcase their services by offering free spinal screenings, bone density screenings, product and coupon sampling, etc.

LifeSource is an important member of the Oak Lawn community, serving as the main provider of blood components, like Red Blood Cells, to area hospitals including Advocate Christ/Hope Children's & Little Company of Mary. On a daily basis, LifeSource aims to collect between 1,100 and 1,500 pints of blood; however, it currently is struggling to meet this target.

For additional information, call (708) 424-8300, or email office@oaklawnchamber.com.

'A Proud Past. A Brighter Future'

Moraine Valley is observing its 40th anniversary this year with a variety of events and activities, highlighting the accomplishments and history of the school since the community voted February 18, 1967, to establish the college.

"We are so pleased that we have been able to provide educational programs and services to our 26 communities for the past 40 years, and we look forward to continuing to serve our students with quality education and training," Dr. Vernon O. Crawley, college president, said. "Moraine Valley has had many achievements since its founding, and this gives us a great opportunity to reflect, celebrate and look forward to what the next decade may bring."

The nine-month observance began Feb. 15th when the Board of Trustees approved a resolution stating that "Moraine Valley Community College declare the occasion of its 40th anniversary a celebration of its proud past and brighter future."

The activities planned will be part of regularly scheduled events such as the students' Spring Fest in April and participation in the Blue Island and Robbins parades this summer. A community lecture is planned for the fall featuring a noted authority on 1960s. Additionally, there will be a photo display in the library and a Web page devoted to the past 40 years. The Moraine Valley Foundation's Starry, Starry Night in April will feature a 40th anniversary-1967 theme and will recognize community members who initiated the effort to establish the college.

"We are proud of the relationship we have developed with our community and the support we have received over the years," Dr. Crawley said. "This year gives us an opportunity to celebrate that relationship and see how we can deepen it."

Free Child ID Program

Officers from the Oak Lawn Police Dept. will be on hand to create free Child IDs at the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St., on Saturday, March 24th from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. These two-page reports include a color photo, fingerprints and other information that could assist authorities with locating children in the event of an emergency. No advance registration required. Families may stop by anytime during this three-hour time span to make an appointment for that day.

For more information, please feel free to call the Youth Services Dept. at (708) 422-4990.

St. Pat-St. Joe Dinner

Join the family of Our Lady of Loretto in honoring St. Patrick and St. Joseph on Sunday, March 18th from noon till 4 p.m. at the church hall, 8925 S. Kostner. There will be corned beef and cabbage and a traditional St. Joseph's Table. Admission is $15 per family or $10 per person and $5 for senior citizens. There will also be an open bar and raffles.

For more information, call (708) 424-7471.

Business Showcase

The Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce will host the 8th Annual Business Showcase on Saturday, March 24th from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Spartan Gym of Oak Lawn Community High School. More than 50 businesses are expected to participate by showcasing their various products and services.

"The Chamber of Commerce encourages area residents to 'Shop Oak Lawn First!' and the Business Showcase presents an ideal opportunity to meet with local business owners and learn more about their valuable offerings," says George Cachares, Showcase chairperson.

The Oak Lawn Chamber will use a portion of the proceeds from the Showcase to award two $500 college scholarships to eligible Oak Lawn Community seniors.

The Business Showcase is held in conjunction with the Spring Arts and Crafts Fair, sponsored by the Parent-Teacher School Association. In addition to free activities and giveaways for children, the Easter Bunny will be on hand for free photographs.

For more information, or for an application, call the Chamber office at (708) 424-8300 or email office@oaklawnchamber.com. Booth fees are $85 for Chamber members, $170 for non-members and are assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. As a special offer, non-members wishing to join the Chamber will have the balance of their $170 applied to their first-year membership dues.

OAK LAWN LIBRARY EVENTS

The Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St., invites students in third through fifth grade to participate in a monthly Holiday Club from 4 to 5 p.m. on Tuesday, March 20th and April 24th. Registered members create crafts for an upcoming holiday that they may take home or put on display at the library. This program is open to Oak Lawn residents and students of Oak Lawn schools. Sign up at the Youth Services Desk.

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The library will host "Writing Family Histories" at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 21st. This free introductory workshop will address how to start a personal memoir or record family stories for the next generation. Presented by Nancy Beckett, an award-winning playwright, master teacher and founder of the Lakeside Writing Studio.

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Students in grades six through 10 are invited to participate on the Library teen Advisory Board from 7 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, March 21st. Teens can earn volunteer service hours while sharing ideas and suggestions to help the library better serve people in that age group. The group holds regular meetings on the third Wednesday of each month. No registration required. Light refreshments provided.

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Explore ways to keep family relationships intact while discussing the sensitive subject of distributing personal belongings and treasured heirlooms at a free lecture hosted by the library at 2 p.m. on Thursday, March 22nd. Molly Hofer, a family life educator with the University of Illinois Extension, will give tips for how to peacefully divide property that has emotional and sentimental value to more than one person.

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The Friends of the Oak Lawn Library will host a bus trip to see a matinee performance of "Menopause The Musical" on Wednesday, April 18th at the Copley Theatre of the Paramount Arts Centre in Aurora. An in-person registration will be held from 9 to 11 a.m. on Saturday, March 17th at the library. Enjoy a joyful and hilarious celebration of women who are on the brink of, in the middle of, or have survived "The Change," with 25 re-lyricized classic baby boomer hits. "Menopause The Musical" has been entertaining and inspiring women coast-to-coast and internationally since March 2001. The cost of this trip, which includes motor coach transportation and admission, is $50 for Friends members and $55 for others. The bus will depart at 12:30 and return at 5 p.m. Be advised that this trip is not wheelchair accessible. After the in-person registration closes, call (708) 422-4990 to find out how you can purchase tickets.

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Veterans And Soldiers News

By Lori Taylor Ph: 708.388.2425

Army Pvt. William V. Richard Jr. has graduated from One Station Unit Training (OSUT) at Fort Sill, Lawton, Oklahoma. He is the son of William and Sheila Richard of Burbank. Richard graduated in 2002 from Reavis High School in Burbank and received a degree in 2003 from the Environmental Technical Institute in Blue Island, Illinois.

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The Coalition of Veterans Organizations (CVO) buses will depart for Washington from the Jesse Brown Veterans Medical Center, 820 S. Damen Ave., on Monday, March 19th at 5:30 p.m.

Several busloads of Chicago veterans will visit Washington D.C. on March 20th to press legislators to improve VA health care, including expanding access for veterans of Iraq and Afghanistan.

Grassroots veterans groups and local chapters of national organizations have banded together in the Coalition of Veterans Organizations to build pressure for mandatory funding for VA health care and other reforms.

One issue is extending access to care for veterans back from Iraq and Afghanistan. Unlike veterans of other wars, new veterans get only two years of free care before they must prove a service-related disability or start paying fees and co-payments that can run into thousands of dollars. It particularly affects veterans having trouble readjusting due to post-traumatic stress symptoms.

Even if they are getting help, many vets at two years haven't gotten a final decision on disability claims, said vet counselor Ray Parrish. "Then they start getting bills for treatment that they were getting for free, and that scares people away."

CVO is calling for reform of funding for services to homeless veterans – many states get no funding at all, they say – and for accountability in VA mental health spending, where millions of dollars have been allocated but returned unspent.

They are also supporting veterans' benefits for Filipino veterans who fought in the U.S. Army in World War II when the Philippines was U.S. commonwealth. Left behind when General Douglas MacArthur evacuated, many are survivors of the Bataan Death March. About 50,000 are still alive, a few dozen in the Chicago area.

"They're called veterans when they die – they get an American flag and a burial plot, but while they're living they don't get anything," said George Mulvaney, a Marine veteran who works with the Filipino American Veterans of Illinois.

The most basic change CVO is calling for is to make VA health care funding mandatory rather than discretionary. Rather than being subject to political wrangling in the annual budget process, it would be based on a formula reflecting the number of veterans being served and the cost of their care.

VA health budgets have grown steadily, but not as fast as is needed, since the VA consistently underestimates projected demand, Rochelle Crump, National Women Veterans, said. This year the Bush administration hiked spending but proposed doubling drug co-pays and raising annual enrollment fees for some veterans as high as $750, while projecting budget reductions for the next two years in order to meet overall federal deficit reduction goals.

Meanwhile, outside experts project 20 to 30 percent of veterans of the current conflict – where 1.4 million armed forces members have already served – will require mental health services; doctors appointments can take six months to get, and specialty care a year or more; and the claims backlog is ballooning.

"When they closed Lakeside (health center) they promised a new clinic, but then that was taken away with the budget cuts, so there are more patients than ever here," said Marvin Gardner of the Veterans Strike Force as he manned the group's information table at the Jesse Brown Veterans Medical Center. (Teams of volunteer Strike Force members, mainly Vietnam vets, give directions, advice and support all day, every day, at a leaflet-laden table in the hallway outside the center's cafeteria.)

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The American Legion Auxiliary will hold its Patriotic Conference on Friday, March 16th at the Hyatt Regency Woodfield Hotel. A wide-ranging agenda of speakers will discuss national security, the USO, Americanism and the organization's Girls State and Girls Nation Programs.

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Hometown-Murray VFW 9773 will hold their annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner on Saturday, March 17th at the post home, 9092 Main St. in Hometown, from 4 to 8 p.m. Tickets are $7 per person. Homemade corned beef and cabbage, carrots, potatoes, coffee and dessert will be served. Corned beef sandwiches and chips will be available for $4.50. For more information, call (708) 422-9800.

VFW Auxiliary 9773 will hold a Spaghetti Dinner at the post home, 9092 Main St., on Thursday, March 22nd from 5 to 7 p.m. Everyone is invited to enjoy a delicious dinner of pasta, meatballs or Italian sausage, bread and butter, salad and dessert for a $5 donation. There will also be a "razzle dazzle" table.

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Good-bye until next week. God bless you and your family and God bless America.

Durbin Urges Duckworth's Appointment To Presidential Commission

U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin (D-IL) recently sent a letter to President Bush asking that Iraqi war veteran Tammy Duckworth be appointed to the bipartisan Presidential Commission tasked with conducting a comprehensive review of the care the U.S. Dept. of Defense and the Veterans Administration is providing wounded servicemen and women.

In light of a number of articles that were printed earlier this month detailing the appalling conditions at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, the Bush Administration has been asked to name an independent commission to investigate all post-combat medical facilities and recommend changes. Durbin commended the President for working to establish the Commission, saying veterans' health "both physical and mental is of paramount importance."

Durbin said Duckworth had insight and experiences that would add greatly to the work of the Commission. Durbin said, "Tammy Duckworth is uniquely qualified to serve on your Commission and would provide valuable, firsthand information regarding the care given soldiers at our country's military and veterans' hospitals. On Nov. 12th, 2004 as she was co-piloting a Black Hawk helicopter north of Baghdad, a rocket-propelled grenade struck the cockpit of her aircraft and exploded. She spent months recovering at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, faced multiple surgeries, extensive rehab and continuous upgrades of her prostheses."

Duckworth is currently serving as the Acting Director of the Illinois Dept. of Veteran's Affairs. She joined the ROTC in 1990 and was commissioned to the Army Reserve in 1992 in Illinois. In 2004, she was deployed to Iraq as a Major in the Illinois Army National Guard. After being wounded in Iraq she received care and therapy at Walter Reed Army Medical Center.

"In addition to her military experience and firsthand knowledge of our nation's military hospitals, Tammy Duckworth's education and civilian career would make her a valuable member of your Commission," Durbin wrote. "I urge you to give the highest consideration to Ms. Tammy Duckworth as you work to appoint members to this important Presidential Commission."

Girl Scout Cookies Go Drive-Thru

Everyone loves Girl Scout cookies. They practically sell themselves – as long as there's a Girl Scout standing behind the sweet treat. During the last two weekends in March though, it's going to be even easier to purchase those delectable little delights – from the convenience of your own vehicle!

That's right! Girl Scout cookies are going drive-thru! On the weekends of March 24th and 25th, and March 31st and April 1st, from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. Girl Scouts – Prairie Winds will be holding a massive drive-thru cookie sale at the council headquarters, 2400 Ogden Ave. in Lisle. It's quicker, easier and more convenient to buy than ever before, and it's the last chance to purchase Girl Scout cookies this year. Customers simply have to drive into the office parking lot, place an order, and troops will give them their cookies right then and there. It's that simple!

All varieties of cookies will be available for sale by the truckload – classic Thin Mints, Samoas with coconut and caramel, Tagalong peanut butter patties covered with chocolate, Do-si-do peanut butter cremes, Trefoil shortbread cookies, All About shortbread cookies with fudge coating on the bottom, cinnamon biscotti Café Cookies, and sugar-free Little Brownies.

Plus, all varieties of cookies are now "zero trans fat per serving," in compliance with FDA regulations. This change was made because, like most successful businesswomen, Girl Scouts listen to their customers.

The cookie program is enjoyable to everyone: girls benefit from the experience while consumers satisfy their sweet tooth. Girl Scout Cookie activities are directly related to the Girl Scout goal of helping girls realize their potential and become leading, model citizens. Consumers who buy cookies from their local Girl Scouts can be assured that girls are the ultimate beneficiaries of ALL the revenue from the cookie program. All of the funds raised stay within the local council to benefit girls directly through troop/group earnings and indirectly by subsidizing the cost of providing the Girl Scout program to every girl member. When ordering Girl Scout cookies, it's not about just getting a box of great cookies – it's about making a difference in the lives of more than 20,000 Girl Scouts.

The council is located at 2400 Ogden Ave. in Lisle at the intersection of Ogden and Old Tavern Road. For further information on the drive-thru sale, call (630) 544-5900 or go to www.girlscoutspw.org.

Intersection Reconstruction

The Illinois Dept. of Transportation announced that the reconstruction of LaGrange Road (U.S. 45) at 159th St. (U.S. 6) in the city of Orland Park was scheduled to begin on March 12th, weather permitting.

The $13.5 million project includes pavement widening and reconstruction, new medians and sidewalks, retaining walls, storm sewer, water main, new lighting and traffic signals, landscaping and pavement marking. The goal is to improve traffic flow through the intersection.

Pre-stage work will include the construction of temporary pavement in mid-March. Stage I consists of the construction of the southbound lanes on US 45 and the westbound lanes on US 6. This work is scheduled for completion in August 2007.

Stage II consists of the construction of the median and turn lanes, which is scheduled for completion by November 2007. Stage III will begin in March of 2008 and involves the reconstruction of the eastbound lanes of US 6 and the northbound lanes of US 45 will be constructed. The job is scheduled for completion in August 2008.

When the project is complete, LaGrange Road will include three through lanes, two left-turn lanes and one right-turn lane in each direction at 159th St. On 159th St. the roadway will have two through lanes, two left-turn lanes and one right-turn lane for both directions of traffic at LaGrange Road.

The project also will include extensive landscaping with more than 1,000 trees and nearly 12,000 perennials planted in the area.

Motorists are advised to expect major delays, to allow extra time to drive through the work zone, and to seek alternative routes if possible. In addition, drivers are urged to use extreme caution when workers are present.

Chicago Teachers Union Backs Governor's Helping Kids Learn Plan

Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich was joined recently by Chicago Public Schools Superintendent Arne Duncan and Chicago Teacher's Union President Marilyn Stewart at Nettelhorst Elementary to build support for the *Helping Kids Learn* plan, the governor's plan to invest an unprecedented $10 billion in schools over the next four years – nearly three times bigger than any increase in state history. Duncan endorsed the governor's education proposal, which would provide more than $395 million in new capital and operating funds to the Chicago Public School system in fiscal year 2008. In past decades, Illinois schools have been chronically neglected and consistently underfunded, but in the past four years, Gov. Blagojevich provided $3.8 billion in new dollars to Illinois schools which boosted education funding to record levels.

Helping Kids Learn continues the governor's commitment to schools by boosting funding by an unprecedented $1.5 billion in fiscal year 2008. Under the plan, general state aid to schools will increase by $800 million, raising the Foundation Level by $686 to $6,020. With more funds per pupil, schools can make investments to improve textbook quality, modernize their technology, or invest in teachers.

Under the plan, the state will give schools additional funds to help afford special education teachers with $200 million in new spending that will increase the state's reimbursement rate for special education teachers – the first increase districts have seen since 1985. With $153 million, the governor's plan will fully fund 'mandated categorical' programs like special education and transportation. Chicago Public Schools will receive a 100 percent reimbursement for these costs and a $4.6 million increase in funding for bilingual education.

The plan will accelerate implementation of *Preschool for All* with $69 million in state support and dedicate additional resources for school districts that provide full-day kindergarten. With a $25.6 million increase in funding for early childhood education, ISBE and CPS conservatively predict this increase will allow CPS to serve approximately 3,000 more kids in FY08.

The *Helping Kids Learn* plan provides $100 million to support under-performing school districts that invest in after-school tutoring, curriculum and textbook enhancements, longer school days or other proven strategies that raise student achievement.

The plan will also invest $1.5 billion in a capital construction plan for projects to improve and upgrade classrooms and schools so children can learn and teachers can teach in a more conducive environment. In FY08, Chicago Public Schools would receive up to $112 million for capital projects within the district.

The governor's Tax Fairness Plan, unveiled during his budget address, will raise funds for schools, healthcare, and paying down pension debt. In Illinois, the share of state revenues coming from individual income taxes has consistently increased during each of the last three decades. The state income tax burden lies primarily with individuals – many who are struggling to make ends meet – while the burden on businesses has gone down, even while corporations are posting record profits. Gov. Blagojevich's Tax Fairness Plan will reverse that trend.

The governor's Tax Fairness Plan implements a Gross Receipts Tax (GRT) that has been embraced by many economists because of its broad base and low rates. States including Washington, Delaware and Hawaii have had a GRT for years and recently, Ohio and Texas have adopted a form of the tax. The tax will better reflect the changes in Illinois' economy since the Corporate Income Tax was implemented 30 years ago when goods dominated the state's economy. Today 'new economy' businesses – primarily services – represent the majority of Illinois' business activity. In fact, goods-based businesses make up only 35 percent of Illinois' economy, but pay 53 percent of the corporate income tax; services-based businesses make up 65 percent of Illinois' economy, but pay only 47 percent of the Corporate Income Tax.

The GRT will only apply to businesses that make more than $1 million each year, which means that small businesses – 75 percent of all businesses in Illinois – will be exempt. The GRT will tax service industries at a low 1.8 percent, while manufacturers, construction, retail and wholesale companies will be taxed at an even lower .5 percent. Exports will not be taxed. The plan also mitigates costs being passed on to consumers by excluding certain goods, such as retail food and pharmaceuticals. By transitioning to the GRT, Illinois will rid itself from loopholes that major corporations have exploited and used to their advantage to avoid paying their fair share of taxes to the state, and is expected to generate $3 billion in new revenue in fiscal year 2008, and more than $6 billion during its first full year in effect.

PMA Easter Workshops

The Polish Museum of America, 984 N. Milwaukee Avenue, is getting ready for Easter by offering several seasonal workshops. On Saturday, March 31, there will be two sessions for Palm Weaving. The workshops will be held at 10 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 3 p.m. for ages 7 and up. Learn a traditional Polish Easter fold art. Participants must be on time because step-by-step instructions will be given

Reservations are required. Fees are $4 for PMA members; $8 for non-members and $3 per child under 12. Refreshments will be served.

On Sunday, April 1st, the PMA is offering a Pisanki Workshop where you can learn the ancient art of decorating eggs using a stylus and melted beeswax. The workshop will be held at the Polish Museum of America from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. for ages 16 and up.

Fees for this workshop are $10 for PMA members and $15 for non-members. Hand decorated Easter eggs from Poland will be sold. Reservations and advanced payment are required due to limited space.

Also on April 1st, from 1 to 3 p.m. for kids ages 7 and up, Stanislawa Gasior will teach kids "Artistic Egg Painting," painting on the surface of the egg instead of on a canvas. Participants must be on time for step-by-step instructions. Reservations are required.

Fees for PMA members are $10; for non-members $15 per adult; children under 12, $7. Hand-painted wooden eggs from Poland will be sold

Materials for both of these programs are included in the fee. Refreshments will be served. For more information, call (773) 384-3352, Ext. 104.

Great Lakes Day

Congressman Dan Lipinski celebrated Great Lakes Day and Clean Environment Week by helping move three key water quality bills through the House of Representatives and by holding a hearing to consider other policy proposals for protecting and restoring the Great Lakes.

Congressman Lipinski helped pass the three bills in the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee in February, and recently he helped pass them on the House floor. Congressman Lipinski is the only Chicago-area representative to serve on the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee.

"Protecting and restoring the Great Lakes is critical for everyone, whether you want to swim, fish, boat, lie on the beach or – most importantly – just have clean water to drink," said Lipinski. "This has always been a priority of mine and I am happy that we were able to take a step forward by getting these important clean water bills passed. Increased federal funding for water infrastructure is essential to the economic and environmental health of the Great Lakes, the Chicago region, and the nation."

On Wednesday, March 7th, by a vote of 367 to 58, the House of Representatives approved the Water Quality Investment Act of 2007 (H.R. 569) to authorize appropriations for the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) sewer overflow control grant program, despite opposition from the White House. This bill would aid cities and states in building and improving sewer infrastructure to prevent the dumping of sewage into lakes and rivers.

On Thursday, March 8th, the House approved the Healthy Communities Water Supply Act of 2007 (H.R. 700). This bill would authorize $125 million under the Clean Water Act for EPA grants to fund projects that increase usable water supply by encouraging innovation in water reclamation, reuse, and conservation. Also, the House passed the third water quality bill, the Water Quality Financing Act of 2007 (H.R. 720). This bill would reauthorize the Clean Water State Revolving Fund to provide $20 billion over five years in loans for water-pollution-abatement projects that assist communities in meeting their water quality infrastructure goals.

Earlier in the week, Congressman Lipinski hosted an ad hoc congressional hearing at the Shedd Aquarium highlighting the deteriorating condition of the Great Lakes. The representatives heard testimony from federal, local and environmental experts regarding threats to the lakes' ecosystems and ongoing restoration efforts.

Improvements To Driver Services Facilities

Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich recently awarded $2,389,000 to upgrade the electrical systems in three state Driver Services facilities in Chicago, projects that will protect the state's investment in the buildings and help the Illinois Secretary of State maintain good customer service levels.

"I want to commend Gov. Blagojevich and thank the Capital Development Board for providing the funding needed to upgrade these important facilities," said Secretary of State Jesse White. "These funds will help my office continue to deliver the high level of service that Illinois citizens deserve."

The money awarded by Gov. Blagojevich will fund projects to upgrade the electrical distribution systems in the Secretary of State Driver Services facilities at 5301 W. Lexington Ave., 5401 N. Elston and 9901 S. Martin Luther King Jr. Drive. All three are identical, 27,600-square-foot, two-story buildings constructed in 1959. Work will include new panels, wiring devices, branch circuits and feeders. New lighting will be added in certain areas, and a new emergency generator will be installed at each location. Hazardous materials will be abated as necessary.

The projects will be overseen by the Capital Development Board (CDB), which manages all state-funded construction, repair and rehabilitation projects.

"The project designer for work on these three facilities will soon be selected, with construction bids to follow once the design is complete," said CDB Executive Director Jan Grimes.

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Illinois Poison Center Expands Latino Outreach Program

The Illinois Poison Center is proud to announce a new partnership with HISPANOCARE to continue building on its success in reaching out to Illinois' Latino community. To further expand its reach to this underserved population, the poison center recently launched its Web site in Spanish.

Historically, the IPC has documented lower utilization rates of the call center by the Latino Community. To address this trend, the IPC increased poison prevention education efforts for this population by translating all of its education materials to better serve the Spanish-speaking community, and increased funding for its Latino Outreach Satellite Education Centers, which are supported by the Lloyd A. Fry Foundation and Polk. Bros. Foundation, to provide community-based education.

"Poison prevention education has the greatest effect on families with small children," explains Vickie Dance, public education manager, IPC. "It can change the way parents look at their environment and give them strategies to create healthy and safe homes for themselves, their families and communities."

One of the IPC's Latino Outreach Satellite Education Centers is located at Sinai Community Institute on Chicago's near west side serving a predominantly Hispanic community. Since the inception of the satellite center in 2003, and its subsequent poison prevention education efforts, the IPC has noted a 23 percent reduction in pediatric (children 5 and under) calls from emergency departments in the Mount Sinai catchment area. It is estimated that this saves more than $100,000 per year.

While all intensive care units and medical admissions to hospitals located near the IPC satellite center reported to the IPC are more or less stable, the pediatric admissions have decreased by 36 percent in this same area. This is a direct measure of a severe poisoning prevented through the efforts of poison prevention education in the community. According to Illinois Department of Public Health data for children admitted for poisoning in the city of Chicago birth through 4 years of age, the average charge was $7,000 per admission. This translates to an additional savings of $117,000 in health care dollars in 2006. Furthermore, this reduction on severe poisoning reduces anxiety and trauma for the effected families.

To continue this success, the IPC recently established a partnership with HISPANOCARE, a program formed in 1988 by Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center, another IPC satellite education center. To fulfill its goal of providing quality, cost-effective health care to Chicago's Latino community in a culturally sensitive manner, HISPANOCARE coordinates community health fairs, symposiums and seminars where preventive services such as diabetes screenings, cholesterol checks and mammography are offered free of charge. As part of the new collaboration, poison prevention and safety will now be a topic woven into these events. The IPC will also write articles for HISPANOCARE's bilingual newsletters, which keep members up-to-date on seasonal health concerns.

Another avenue to reach the Latino population is through the Internet. According to eMarketer, there were 16.7 million Hispanic Internet users in the United States in 2006. This total is expected to reach nearly 21 million by 2010. The IPC realizes how important it is to provide Spanish-speakers with life-saving information via the Internet and launched its entire public Web site in Spanish in 2007. The site houses poison safety information, interactive games for children and disaster preparedness resources, among many other resources.

Through these renewed efforts, the Illinois Poison Center hopes to decrease the number of poisoning incidents in the Latino community. Illinois residents interested in learning more about this program, free poison prevention education and materials are encouraged to contact IPC outreach staff at (312) 906-6125.

Softball Hall Of Fame

The Chicago 16" Softball Hall of Fame Dinner was recently held at Hawthorne Race Track with more than 600 people in attendance. Hosted by leading sports personalities, the 11th annual list of inductees and honorees include the best men and women players, organizers, umpires, managers and supporters of the game since the HOF inception many years ago. President Gary Thorsen stated that "it gets tougher and tougher each year because the competition is so good."

Pictured receiving their awards are Tom O'Malley, Men's Basketball Coach at St. Xavier University (left) and Commissioner Terrence J. O'Brien, President of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago.

Launch Anti-Smoking Campaign

"Thank you. I will never smoke in my life."

"Thank you. I will quit smoking."

These are just some of the guest comments from the Chicago run of BODY WORLDS in 2005 and now, in partnership with the American Lung Assn. of Illinois and the Illinois Tobacco Quitline, BODY WORLDS 2: The Anatomical Exhibition of Real Human Bodies now at the Museum of Science and Industry launched a smoking cessation program, *I Quit*, on March 5th.

One of the many dramatic displays at BODY WORLDS 2 features blackened smoker's lungs in a side-by-side comparison with healthy lungs. This striking contrast has moved many exhibit guests to resolve to quit smoking, as noted in several guest letters and in guest comment books.

I Quit was conceived by BODY WORLDS in 2006 after exhibit-cleaning crews kept finding unfinished packs of cigarettes discarded on the glass display case containing the smoker's lung. "Each rejected pack marked a victory by one person against nicotine addiction," said Dr. Angelina Whalley, a physician and designer of the BODY WORLDS exhibitions. "Many visitors to the exhibition reported to us that they had tried everything to quit smoking but only stopped after seeing the smoker's lung on display."

While considering a formal smoking cessation program in conjunction with the BODY WORLDS exhibits, Dr. Whalley remembered the dramatic public service announcement by the actor, Yul Brynner, before his death from cancer in 1985. Brynner appeared on ABC's *Good Morning America* in January 1985 after learning that he had lung cancer, attributed to his heavy smoking. He spoke of his desire to deliver a message about smoking after his death: "I want to make a commercial and say, 'Now that I am gone, I tell you: Don't smoke, whatever you do, just don't smoke'."

"This was his last will and testament and I wished for more people to hear it," said Dr. Whalley. "I wanted to unite his powerful and heartfelt message to the smoker's lungs to inspire people to give up smoking."

BODY WORLDS 2, now featured at the Museum of Science and Industry, will continue its *I Quit* campaign through the duration of the exhibit run – April 29th. The awareness initiative will feature an inspirational multimedia installation that includes the memorable PSA by the late Yul Brynner, pledge cards for visitors intending to give up smoking, a repository where visitors can leave their last packs of cigarettes, and take-home information about the American Lung Assn. National LUNG HelpLine and the Illinois Tobacco Quitline.

Smoking-related diseases claim an estimated 430,000 American lives each year and smoking is directly responsible for 86 percent of lung cancer cases, according to American Lung Assn. research. This habit also causes most cases of emphysema and bronchitis. Independent surveys conducted at the BODY WORLDS exhibits have revealed that 68 percent of visitors resolved to pay more attention to their physical health after seeing the exhibit. At one venue where a follow-up survey was conducted, results showed that 10 percent of visitors stated that they had smoked less and consumed less alcohol since their visit to the exhibition.

Elim Staff Member Receives Honors

Tony Rogers, an instructor in Elim's Adult Services area was recently selected as the American Association for Intellectual and Development Disabilities' (AAIDD) Direct Service Professional of the Year. He was honored for this accomplishment at the AAIDD conference.

Tony joined Elim's staff seven years ago with a bachelor's degree in education from Purdue University. He is currently responsible for teaching valuable daily living skills such as cooking, banking, personal identification, and social skills to adults with developmental disabilities. In his position, he also helps clients learn community integration skills and works with a small group of Elim's clients to prepare barbecue and marinara sauced for public sale.

Brad Johnson, who nominated Tony for the award, explained how valuable Tony was to Elim's staff. He said, "Tony has been a leader among our instructors as many use the curriculums he had developed or secured opportunities for the adults they serve from resources he has found. He challenges individuals to develop new skills and increase their abilities. Tony has turned down promotions so that he can pursue his main passion: providing unique and interesting opportunities for adults with developmental disabilities to grow and develop to full potential!"

Tony feels strongly that assisting individuals with developmental disabilities is his God-given calling. He said, "I believe my position at Elim is my Christian calling. Though my job can be challenging, I find it enjoyable and rewarding. In the 15 years that I've been working with adults with developmental disabilities, I've learned that I enjoy working with the same group of people for long periods of time. This enables me to get to know each client better and helps the clients and staff create more innovative and interesting programming."

Elim Christian School is a division of Elim Christian Services. Elim's mission is to equip children and adults with disabilities to achieve their highest God-given potential. Elim pursues this mission by providing educational, vocational, therapeutic, and residential services to over 800 persons with developmental disabilities.

For additional information, contact Elim Christian Services at (708) 389-0555.

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HOME Investment Partnership Program

DATE: Thursday, March 29, 2007
Thursday, May 10, 2007

TIME: 6:00 P.M.

PLACE: Cook County Board Room
118 North Clark Street
County Building-Room 567
Chicago, Illinois 60602

The Cook County Consolidated Community Development Plan includes the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, the Emergency Shelter Grants (ESG) Program and the HOME Investment Partnership Program. The area covered by these programs are primarily suburban municipalities under 50,000 in population. These programs do not include the City of Chicago.

PURPOSE: The Cook County Community Development Advisory Council will hold two (2) Public Hearings for the 2007 Consolidated Community Development Program Year, which begins October 1, 2007.

The approximate amount of funds available for the 2007 Program Year are: $11,970,108 for CDBG, $464,246 for ESG and $5,843,247 for HOME, and American Dream Down payment Initiative (ADDI) $227,313.

The purpose of the first hearing, March 29, 2007, is to hear proposals from the non-municipal and emergency shelter grant applicants regarding their 2007 Program Year applications submitted to Cook County, and to hear testimony from interested persons or groups.

The purpose of the second hearing, May 10, 2007, is for the Advisory Council to approve the recommended projects for the 2007 Program Year Annual Action Plan – Year 3 of the New Consolidated Community Development Plan.

All interested persons, groups and municipalities are invited to attend and participate.

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Warning Signs Of Hazardous Tree Damage

Hazardous trees pose a danger to people and property. When storms or high winds hit, limbs – and often whole trees – fall to the ground.

"Many fatal accidents and millions in property damage can be averted if homeowners heed the warning signs of a hazardous tree," explains Peter Gerstenberger, senior advisor for safety, standards and compliance for the Tree Care Industry Association. "By not paying attention to your trees, you are placing your property, even your life, in potential jeopardy."

Fortunately, one can often read the clues which indicate that a tree is prone to failure. For instance, if a tree has large branches attached with tight, V-shaped forks, you should consider having those branches removed or lightened. Other warning signs of structural instability include cracks in the trunk or major limbs, hollow and decayed areas, or the presence of extensive dead wood. Mushrooms growing from the base of the tree or under its canopy may be a sign of root decay. On the other hand, just because you may not see fungus growth does not mean there is no decay.

"It pays to be highly suspicious of any tree that has had construction activities – such as trenching, addition or removal of soil, digging or heavy equipment movement – anywhere under the spread of its branches," says Gerstenberger. These activities can cause root death, which in turn could lead to the structural instability of the tree.

The sign most people recognize is a hollow in a tree. But even a large hollow does not necessarily signify a tree has become hazardous. Nor does it mean the hollow should be filled. Filling of hollow trees, a process called "cavity filling," was practiced by arborist for many years. However, thanks to modern research, it has been discovered that cavity filling is not needed to support or improve the health of hollow trees.

Tree experts found that cavity filling with cement can actually damage a tree. According to Rouse, "the column of cement created in the tree by a cavity fill doesn't move, just like a column on a building, but the tree is always moving. It sways with the wind constantly. The rubbing created by the swaying tree and the solid column of cement further damages the tree."

Wood decay fungi that created the hollow in the first place are able to take advantage of the new injuries created by the rubbing and invade the remaining healthy tissue of the tree. If cavity filling is desired for aesthetic reasons, there are some new synthetic foams that can be sprayed into the cavity by professional arborists. These materials will bend with the swaying tree, reducing injury. However, there is really no reason to fill a cavity other than for aesthetic reasons; it doesn't improve the tree's health and doesn't offer any added support. If structural support of a tree is required, a professional arborist will recommend cables, braces, tree guys, or removing the tree, not cavity filling.

Homeowners who would like a professional arborist to assess their trees should contact the Tree Care Industry Association (TCIA), a 69?year?old public and professional resource on trees and arboriculture. It has more than 2,000 member companies who recognize stringent safety and performance standards and who are required to carry liability insurance. TCIA has the nation's only Accreditation program that helps consumers find tree care companies that have been inspected and accredited based on: adherence to industry standards for quality and safety; maintenance of trained, professional staff; and dedication to ethics and quality in business practices. An easy way to find a tree care service provider in your area is to use the "Locate Your Local TCIA Member Companies" program. You can use this service by calling 1-800-733-2622 or by doing a ZIP code search on the TCIA Web site, www.tcia.org.

If you would like additional information or digital photos, please contact Garvin@treecareindustry.org.

Governor Rod R. Blagojevich Appoints Andrew Velasquez

Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich recently appointed the head of the City of Chicago's Office of Emergency Management and Communications, Andrew Velasquez III as Director of the State of Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA) which oversees disaster response efforts in the State of Illinois. Velasquez is the first Hispanic ever to be appointed to the helm of the state's top safety agency. His appointment becomes effective March 16th, pending Senate confirmation.

Velasquez's new job responsibilities also include oversight of the Illinois Terrorism Task Force, which is charged with the specific task of assuring that Illinois is ready to respond to an act of terrorism. To that end, he will work with Michael Chamness, Chairman of the task force, to help improve the plans in place to deal with a terrorist attack in Illinois, including communication and response procedures between state agencies and local communities.

Velasquez has been serving as executive director of Chicago's Office of Emergency Management and Communications (OEMC) since May 2005. In that role, he has implemented innovative technology solutions such as using wireless and satellite communications to enhance the city's delivery of emergency services. He also implemented a first-of-its-kind emergency management satellite communications vehicle, which is designed to respond to the scene of incidents and receive all aspects of data, camera surveillance and other intelligent applications from OEMC's Operations Center. In addition to dispatching all of the city's emergency services, the OEMC also operates the city's Traffic Management Authority and maintains the communications networks for other city departments.

Prior to serving at OEMC, Velasquez worked for the Chicago Police Dept. in a number of capacities. Beginning in 1995 as a research analyst with the Research and Development Division, Velasquez worked his way up to director of the Criminal Identification and Records Services Division. In that job, he was responsible for overseeing criminal identification of those arrested, criminal warrants and offender extradition, and criminal and civil subpoena processing.

Velasquez also has a background in the military. He served with the U.S. Army for six years, during which time he received several medals and commendations.

Velasquez will replace William Burke at IEMA, where he has been serving as director since May 2003. Director Burke is retiring from state government to pursue private business opportunities.

Removal Of EAB Infested Ash Trees

The Illinois Dept. of Agriculture will pay to remove trees infested with the emerald ash borer (EAB) in 2007 as part of a plan to reduce the population of the tree-killing beetle.

The state's EAB Management and Science Advisory Panel recently unveiled its strategy to control the pest. The plan gives landowners the option to have infested trees removed at no cost if they sign an indemnification waiver that holds the department and its contractors harmless should the work cause any damage.

"This strategy accomplishes two important objectives," Agriculture Director Chuck Hartke said. "It will reduce the population of the emerald ash borer and limit its potential spread while relieving landowners of an expense they may not have been able to afford."

To qualify for state-funded removal, the following conditions must be met:

1. The tree is located within 1/2 mile of a USDA-confirmed EAB infestation;
2. It exhibits multiple signs of EAB infestation (D-shaped exit holes, crown die-back, shoot growth near the base of the tree, larval tunneling or significant woodpecker damage); and
3. It is approved for removal by an authorized representative of the Illinois Dept. of Agriculture.

Trees approved for funding will be removed this spring prior to the start of the beetle's flight season.

In developing its plan, the advisory panel concluded the removal of every ash tree in close proximity to a known infestation, a management strategy known as a control cut, is neither feasible nor practical at this time.

The program covers all costs associated with the removal of an infested tree, including wood disposal and stump grinding. Landowners must pay for their own landscaping restoration.

The emerald ash borer has killed more than 20 million trees in North America since its arrival here in 2002. It was first discovered in Illinois last June west of St. Charles in rural Kane County. Subsequent detection was made in the northern Cook County communities of Wilmette, Evanston and Winnetka.

A quarantine that prohibits the movement of potentially infested wood products, including all types of firewood, is in effect to prevent the accidental spread of the beetle. Areas under quarantine include all of Kane County and 84 square miles of northern Cook County from the Lake County line to the northernmost city limit of Chicago and from Lake Michigan to Interstate 294.

Landowners who think they may qualify for free tree removal can view maps of the confirmed EAB infestations as well as download a copy of the indemnification waiver on the department's web site at www.agr.state.il.us/eab. Only trees approved by IDOA and located within ? mile of a USDA-confirmed infestation will be eligible for removal under this program.

Queen Visits Sheriff

Cook County Sheriff Thomas J. Dart turns over his chair to Julie Anne Venei of Forest Park, the 2007 St. Patrick's Day Parade Queen, during the St. Patrick's Day Parade Court's recent visit to the Sheriff's Office.

Also pictured are members of the St. Patrick's Day Parade Court, Maggie Coghlan, Jennifer Moss, Kerry Ann Brennan and Julie Popp.

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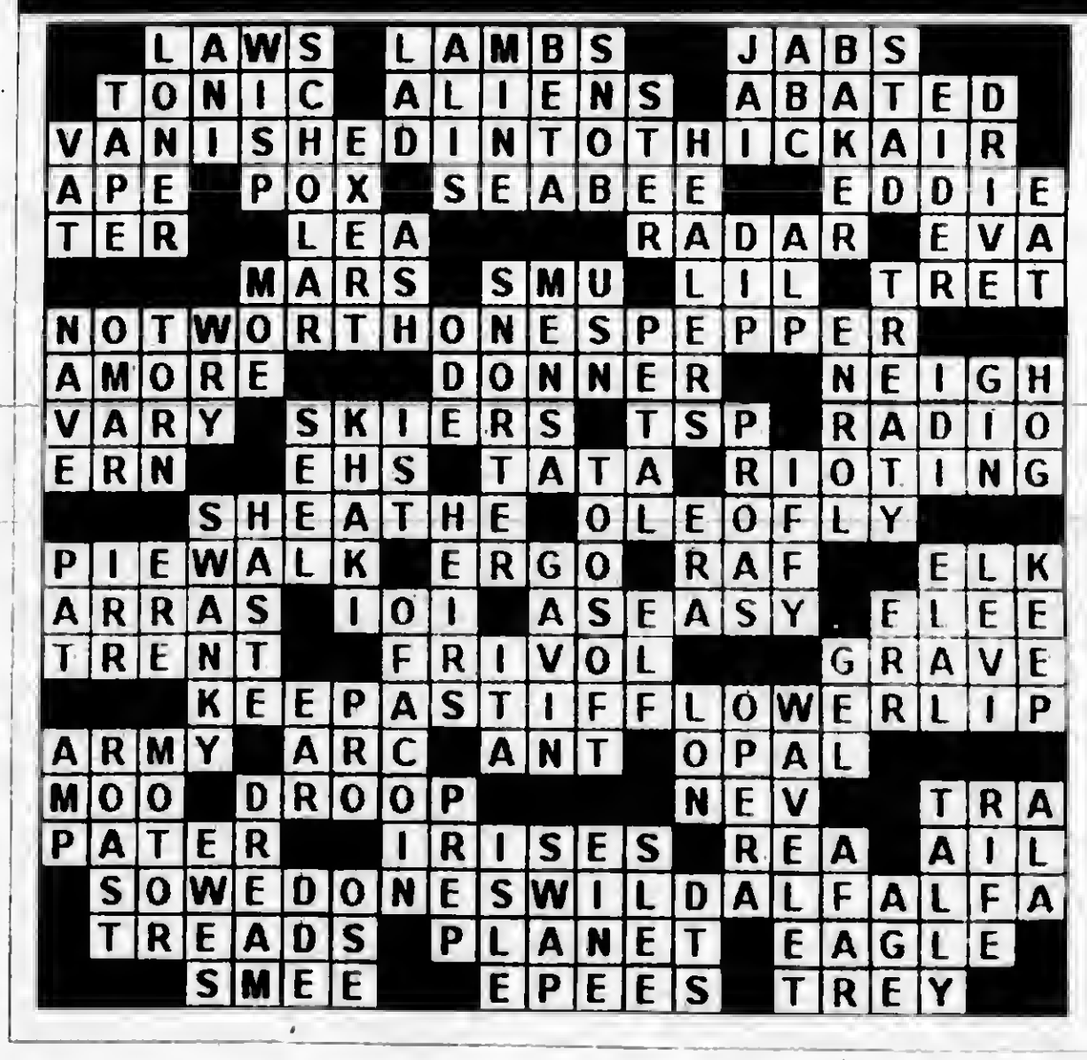

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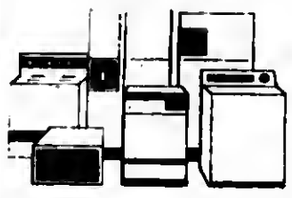

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS, INC., Plaintiff, vs DAVID A OSTRENGA, ADRIANNA C. OSTRENGA AKA ADRIANNA OSTRENGA AKA ADRIANNA BELCASTRO; SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; UNIFUND CCR PARTNERS; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants, 05 CH 15857
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on 1/3/2006, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, April 2, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property: P.I.N. 28-12-301-048. Commonly known as 14739 S. Troy Ave., Posen, IL 60469. The improvement on the property consists of a one story, single family residence with a separate two car garage.
Sale terms: 25% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.
For information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com. Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602. Tel.No. (312) 476-5500. Refer to File Number PA0507553. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I26678

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION HSBC MORTGAGE SERVICES, INC. Plaintiff, -v.- ROBERT BARRON, et al Defendant 06 CH 19076 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on November 13, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on March 29, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 7731 W. 79TH PLACE, Bridgeview, IL 60455 Property Index No. 18-36-103-017 The real estate is improved with a single family residence.
The judgment amount was $147,061.93. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale
The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department.. Please refer to file number 14-06-B075. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose I27189

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR HCI MORTGAGE OR ITS SUCCESSORS OR ASSIGNS Plaintiff, -v.- PEDRO GOMEZ, et al Defendant 05 CH 5777 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 30, 2006 an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on April 3, 2007 at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below the following described real estate: Commonly known as 3704 WEST 85TH PLACE, Chicago, IL 60652 Property Index No 19-35-324-068-0000 The real estate is improved with a single family yellow frame home.
The judgment amount was $157,583.48. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale
The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information: Visit our website at http:\\service.atty-pierce.com. between the hours of 3 and 5 pm. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602. Tel No. (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number PA0502764. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE. I28004

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE OF ARGENT MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST, ASSET BACKED PASS THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-W2 UNDER THE POOLING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT DATED AS OF 4/1/05 Plaintiff, -v.- MARLON PATRICK, et al Defendant 06 CH 16149 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 31, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on March 29, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 9654 S. SACRAMENTO AVE, Evergreen Park, IL 60805 Property Index No. 24-12-113-044
The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was $235,801.88. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale
The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department.. Please refer to file number 14-06-9388.THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALENOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I26914

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. Plaintiff, -v.- LAURA A. MAJEWSKI A/K/A LAURA MAJEWSKI, et al Defendant 03 CH 17594 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 10, 2007, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on April 12, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 15505 LAVERGNE AVENUE, Oak Forest, IL 60452 Property Index No. 28-16-402-002 The real estate is improved with a single family residence.
The judgment amount was $133,128.21. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale
The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department.. Please refer to file number 14-03-A487. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose I28255PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered on January 25, 2007, Kallen Realty Services, Inc., successor to Kallen Financial & Capital Services, Inc., as Selling Official will at 12:30 p.m. on April 26, 2007, at 205 W. Randolph Street, Suite 1200, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real property: C/K/A 8632 SOUTH NEW ENGLAND AVENUE, BURBANK, IL 60459 TAX ID# 19-31-321-006 The mortgaged real estate is improved with a dwelling. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
The judgment amount was $205,656.05. Sale terms: 10% of successful bid immediately at conclusion of auction, balance by noon the next business day, both by cashier's checks; and no refunds. The sale shall be subject to general real estate taxes, special taxes, special assessments, special taxes levied, and superior liens, if any. The property is offered "as is," with no express or implied warranties and without any representation as to the quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to review the court file to verify all information.
For information: Sale Clerk, Fisher and Shapiro, 4201 Lake Cook Rd., 1st floor, Northbrook, Illinois 60062, (847) 498-9990. between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. weekdays only. I25471

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE UNDER THE INDENTURE RELATING TO IMH ASSETS CORP., COLLATERALIZED ASSET-BACKED BONDS, SERIES 2004-3 Plaintiff, -v.- ROBERT CAMPER A/K/A ROBERT F. CAMPER, et al Defendant 06 CH 19652 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on November 21, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on April 10, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 3303 W. 84TH PLACE, Chicago, IL 60652 Property Index No. 19-35-414-087 The real estate is improved with a single family residence.
The judgment amount was $168,753.11. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale
The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department.. Please refer to file number 14-06-B516. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I27918

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION CITIFINANCIAL MORTGAGE COMPANY, INC., Plaintiff V. PATRICIA STEJSKAL, Defendant 06 CH 6243 NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE Fisher and Shapiro file #05-1431D (It is advised that interested parties consult with their own attorneys before bidding at mortgage foreclosure sales.)
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered on September 5, 2006, Kallen Realty Services, Inc., successor to Kallen Financial & Capital Services, Inc. as Selling Official will at 12:30 p.m. on April 2, 2007, at 205 W. Randolph Street, Suite 1200, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real property: COMMONLY KNOWN AS 7736 SOUTH OCTAVIA AVENUE, BRIDGEVIEW, ILLINOIS 60455. TAX ID# 18-25-422-017 The mortgaged real estate is improved with a dwelling. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
The judgment amount was $162,235.38. Sale terms: 10% of successful bid immediately at conclusion of auction, balance by noon the next business day, both by cashier's checks; and no refunds. The sale shall be subject to general real estate taxes, special taxes, special assessments, special taxes levied, and superior liens, if any. The property is offered "as is," with no express or implied warranties and without any representation as to the quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to review the court file to verify all information.
For information: Sale Clerk, Fisher and Shapiro, 4201 Lake Cook Rd., 1st floor, Northbrook, Illinois 60062, (847) 498-9990, between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. weekdays only. I28552

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR ACCESS NATIONAL MORTGAGE, OR IT'S SUCCESSOR OR ASSIGNS Plaintiff, vs. DENISE VELAZQUEZ; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF DENISE VALAZQUEZ, IF ANY; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants, 05 CH 18124
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on 1/8/2007, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, April 10, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property: P.I.N. 18-36-109-012. Commonly known as 7728 West 83rd Street, Bridgeview, IL 60455.
The improvement on the property consists of a 1.5 story, single family residence with a detached 2 car garage. Sale terms: 25% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.
For information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com. Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602. Tel.No. (312) 476-5500. Refer to File Number 0508815. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I27583

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION SHOREBANK, AN ILLINOIS BANKING CORPORATION Plaintiff, -v.- BARRY A. PARKS, PARKS RESTORATION INC., UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants 06 CH 16353 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on December 27, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on March 28, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 8500 S. CENTRAL AVENUE, Burbank, IL 60459 Property Index No. 19-32-416-007-0000
The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was $273,811.27, (Count I) and $72,143.63 (Count II) Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale
The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: LAW OFFICES OF BROOKINS & WILSON, 100 NORTH LASALLE STREET, STE. 1710, Chicago, IL 60602, (312) 360-0888 THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE LAW OFFICES OF BROOKINS & WILSON 100 NORTH LASALLE STREET, STE. 1710 Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 360-0888 Attorney Code. 36704 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I27132

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-NC2; Plaintiff, vs. JOEY C. SMITH; ET AL; Defendants, 06 CH 17343 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on November 2, 2006, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, April 10, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 15804 S. Laramie Ave., #2, Oak Forest, IL 60459. P.I.N. 28-16-303-055-1002 and 1003 f/k/a 1013. The improvement on the property consists of a condominium residence. The purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by subdivisions (g)(1) and (g)(4) of Section 9 of the Condominium Property Act.
Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
For information call Ms. Diane Thomas at Plaintiff's Attorney, Freedman Anselmo Lindberg & Rappe, LLC, 1807 West Diehl Road, Naperville, Illinois 60563-1890. (877) 729-6734. W0608083 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I27619

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION CITIFINANCIAL MORTGAGE COMPANY, INC. Plaintiff, -v.- JANET SALMAN, et al Defendant 06 CH 8121 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on June 28, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on March 30, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 16114 SOUTH LOCKWOOD AVENUE, Oak Forest, IL 60452 Property Index No 28-21-110-009-0000 The real estate is improved with a aluminum siding 1 story house with a 2 car detached garage.
The judgment amount was $170,321.57.
Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale
The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information: Visit our website at http:\\service.atty-pierce.com. between the hours of 3 and 5 pm. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602, Tel No. (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number PA0603748. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE. I27024

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION CREDIT BASED ASSET SERVICING AND SECURITIZATION, LLC, Plaintiff V. ESTHER ESCAMILLA; IGNACIO ESCAMILLA; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR ACOUSTIC HOME LOANS, LLC., Defendants 06 CH 15324 NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE Fisher and Shapiro file #06-7823 (It is advised that interested parties consult with their own attorneys before bidding at mortgage foreclosure sales.)
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered on January 9, 2007, Kallen Realty Services, Inc., successor to Kallen Financial & Capital Services, Inc., as Selling Official will at 12:30 p.m. on April 10, 2007, at 205 W. Randolph Street, Suite 1200, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real property: Commonly known as 7915 Massasoit Avenue, Burbank, IL 60459 Permanent Index No.: 19-32-205-008 The mortgaged real estate is improved with a dwelling. The property will NOT be open for inspection. The judgment amount was $209,279.29. Sale terms: 10% of successful bid immediately at conclusion of auction, balance by noon the next business day, both by cashier's checks; and no refunds. The sale shall be subject to general real estate taxes, special taxes, special assessments, special taxes levied, and superior liens, if any. The property is offered "as is," with no express or implied warranties and without any representation as to the quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to review the court file to verify all information.
For information: Sale Clerk, Fisher and Shapiro, 4201 Lake Cook Rd., 1st floor, Northbrook, Illinois 60062, (847) 498-9990, between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. weekdays only.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE OF AMERIQUEST MORTGAGE SECURITIES, INC., ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 2005-R8 UNDER THE POOLING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT DATED AS OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2005, WITHOUT RECOURSE, ASSIGNEE OF AMERIQUEST MORTGAGE COMPANY; Plaintiff, vs. EDWIN D. SMITH; CITY OF CHICAGO, DEPARTMENT OF WATER MANAGEMETN, UNDER LIEN RECORDED AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 0610135492; Defendants, 06 CH 15690 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on December 21, 2006, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Wednesday, April 4, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 2536 W. 79th Place, Chicago, IL 60652. P.I.N. 19-36-203-039.
The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
For information call Sales Clerk at Plaintiff's Attorney, Law Offices of Ira T. Nevel, 175 North Franklin Street, Chicago, Illinois 60606. (312) 357-1125. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I26742

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION JP MORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR NOMURA ASSET ACCEPTANCE CORPORATION MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 2004-AR4; Plaintiff, vs. SUSANN M. FOLSOME; ET AL; Defendants, 06 CH 14766 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on January 16, 2007, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, April 17, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 15035 South Springfield Ave., Midlothian, IL 60445. P.I.N. 28-11-319-051. The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. THE SALE SHALL BE SUBJECT TO GENERAL TAKES, SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS AND TO A PRIOR RECORDED FIRST MORTGAGE. Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
For information call Ms. Diane Thomas at Plaintiff's Attorney, Freedman Anselmo Lindberg & Rappe, LLC, 1807 West Diehl Road, Naperville, Illinois 60563-1890. (877) 729-6734. W0607070 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I28769

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY AS TRUSTEE OF ARGENT MORTGAG SECURITIES, INC. ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES2006-W4 UNDER POOLING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT DATED AS OF APRIL 1, 2006, WITHOUT RECOURSE, ASSIGNEE OF ARGENT MORTGAGE COMPANY, LLC; Plaintiff, vs. PABLO LADISLAO; XEZ, INC., UNDER MORTGAGE RECORDED AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 0605533131; Defendants, 06 CH 20176 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on November 22, 2006, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, April 17, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 4655 W. 84th Place, Chicago, IL 60652. P.I.N. 19-34-326-015. The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
For information call Sales Clerk at Plaintiff's Attorney, Law Offices of Ira T. Nevel, 175 North Franklin Street, Chicago, Illinois 60606. (312) 357-1125. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I28797

REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE STRUCTURED ASSET INVESTMENT LOAN TRUST, 2005-HE3 Plaintiff, -v.- ANNIE SYKES A/K/A ANNIE L. SYKES, et al Defendant 06 CH 11586 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on November 21, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on April 17, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 8626 S. MOZART STREET, Chicago, IL 60652 Property Index No. 19-36-328-012 The real estate is improved with a single family residence.
The judgment amount was $238,350.92. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department.. Please refer to file number 14-06-6557. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I28680

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION CITIFINANCIAL MORTGAGE COMPANY, INC. Plaintiff, -v.- MELISSA A. SPIEWAK A/K/A MELISSA A. SMITH, et al Defendant 06 CH 12141 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 23, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on April 20, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 14808 PALMER AVENUE, Posen, IL 60469 Property Index No. 28-12-440-012 The real estate is improved with a single family residence.
The judgment amount was $126,441.38. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 785 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: HAUSELMAN, RAPPIN & OLSWANG, LTD., 39 South LaSalle Street - Suite 1105, CHICAGO, IL 60603, (312) 372-2020. Please refer to file number 06-3333-0604 THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I29028

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION CITIMORTGAGE, INC., ASSIGNEE OF GSF MORTGAGE CORPORATION; Plaintiff, vs. GARY COCHRAN; GAIL D. COCHRAN; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, UNDER HUD MORTGAGE RECORDED AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 0610906151; Defendants, 06 CH 18490 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on November 29, 2006, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Wednesday, April 18, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 3543 W. 85th St., Chicago, IL 60652. P.I.N. 19-35-420-004. The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
For information call Sales Clerk at Plaintiff's Attorney, Law Offices of Ira T. Nevel, 175 North Franklin Street, Chicago, Illinois 60606. (312) 357-1125. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I28813

REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION US BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR THE STRUCTURED ASSET INVESTMENT LOAN TRUST 2006-2; Plaintiff, vs. MARY K. BELFORD; ET. AL.; Defendants, 06 CH 15914 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on October 23, 2006, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, April 3, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 9712 W. Shore Dr., Oak Lawn, IL 60453. P.I.N. 24-09-109-027.
The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. THE SALE SHALL BE SUBJECT TO GENERAL TAXES, SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS AND TO A PRIOR RECORDED FIRST MORTGAGE. Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashiers or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
For information call Ms. Diane Thomas at Plaintiff's Attorney, Freedman Anselmo Lindberg & Rappe, LLC, 1607 West Diehl Road, Naperville, Illinois 60563-1890. (877) 729-6734. W0607090 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I26718

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE; Plaintiff, vs. RONALD WASHINGTON, SR.; BARBARA O. WASHINGTON Defendants, 06 CH 17622 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on October 17, 2006 Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, April 3, 2007 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 8801 S. Talman, Evergreen Park, IL 60805. P.I.N. 24-01-207-001 & 002.
The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence. THE SALE SHALL BE SUBJECT TO GENERAL TAXES, SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS AND TO A PRIOR RECORDED FIRST MORTGAGE. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
For information call William E. Dutton, Jr./Barbara J. Dutton at Plaintiff's Attorney, DUTTON & DUTTON, P.C., 10325 West Lincoln Highway, Frankfort, Illinois 60423. (815) 806-8200. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I26735

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY AS TRUSTEE, Plaintiff, vs. MARY OLSON; DONALD OLSON; MERS AS NOMINEE FOR DECISION ONE MORTGAGE COMPANY, LLC, Defendants, 06 CH 17736 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on November 27, 2006 Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, April 3, 2007 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 16401 George Drive, Oak Forest, IL 60452. P.I.N. 28-22-305-001.
The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
For information call William E. Dutton, Jr./Barbara J. Dutton at Plaintiff's Attorney, DUTTON & DUTTON, P.C., 10325 West Lincoln Highway, Frankfort, Illinois 60423. (815) 806-8200. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I28736

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION Plaintiff, -v.- DINISIO RICHARDSON, et al Defendant 06 CH 16306 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 16, 2007, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on April 25, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 3717 WEST 85TH PLACE, Chicago, IL 60652 Property Index No. 19-35-326-051-0000
The real estate is improved with a 2 story tan siding single family home.
The judgment amount was $142,239.31. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For Information: Visit our website at http:\\service.atty-pierce.com, between the hours of 3 and 5 pm. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602. Tel No. (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number PA0609303. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE I29008

REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION BANK OF NEW YORK AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS CWABS II, INC. LFT 2005-04 Plaintiff, -v.- JOHN F. DYEHOUSE A/K/A JOHN F. DYEHOUSE JR. A/K/A JOHN DYEHOUSE, et al Defendant 06 CH 15889 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 30, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on April 11, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 14345 S. MILLARD AVE, Midlothian, IL 60445 Property Index No. 28-11-107-009 The real estate is improved with a single family residence.
The judgment amount was $124,503.10. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale
The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department.. Please refer to file number 14-06-9307. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I26106

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A. Plaintiff, -v.- JAMES GAIDES, et al Defendant 06 CH 18420 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 18, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on April 17, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 5724 W. GAINSBOROUGH PLACE, Oak Forest, IL 60452 Property Index No. 28-17-210-012-0000
The real estate is improved with a single family residence.
The judgment amount was $48,989.72. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale
The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: KROPIK, PAPUGA & SHAW , 120 South LaSalle Street, Suite 1327, CHICAGO, IL 60603, (312) 236-6405. Please refer to file number 36955. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I28718

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION ARGENT MORTGAGE COMPANY, LLC; Plaintiff, vs. MAJEDA SULEIMAN; MOJTEHED SULEIMAN; CITY OF BURBANK; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF MAJEDA SULEIMAN, IF ANY; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants, 06 CH 25490 NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on 2/22/2007, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, April 16, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property: P.I.N. 19-32-208-010. Commonly known as 8047 Austin Ave., Burbank, IL 60459. The improvement on the property consists of a 1-1/2 story single family residence with 2 car garage.
Sale terms: 25% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.
For information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com. Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602. Tel.No. (312) 476-5500. Refer to File Number 0814147. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I28760

REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION BANK OF NEW YORK AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATE HOLDERS CWABS, INC. ASSET- BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-S Plaintiff vs. BOLESLAW GENEJA; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF BOLESLAW GENEJA, IF ANY; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS; SUNRISE CONDOMINIUMS ASSOCIATION; Defendants, 06 CH 15871 NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on 12/11/2006, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, April 17, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property: P.I.N. 23-13-404-019-1005. Commonly known as 7550 West 111th Street, Apartment 2A, Worth, Illinois 60482. The improvement on the property consists of a condominium residence. The purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by subdivisions (g)(1) and (g)(4) of Section 8 of the Condominium Property Act.
Sale terms: 25% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.
For information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com. Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602. Tel.No. (312) 476-5500. Refer to File Number PA0607589. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I28772

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION MORGAN STANLEY MORTGAGE CAPITAL, INC. Plaintiff, -v.- FELICIA BOYD AKA FELICIA R. BOYD, et al Defendant 06 CH 18825 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on December 5, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on April 18, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 8500 S. KOMENSKY AVENUE, Chicago, IL 60652 Property Index No. 19-34-422-038 The real estate is improved with a single family residence.
The judgment amount was $272,935.74. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department.. Please refer to file number 14-06-A983. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I29073

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION NEW CENTURY CREDIT CORPORATION, Plaintiff V. JESSIE GOYTIA; OLGA I. GOYTIA; ARONSON FURNITURE COMPANY; COUNTY OF COOK; NEW CENTURY MORTGAGE CORPORATION, Defendants 05 CH 9210 NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE Fisher and Shapiro file s 64212 (It is advised that interested parties consult with their own attorneys before bidding at mortgage foreclosure sales.)
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered on January 25, 2007, Kallen Realty Services, Inc., as Selling Official will at 12:30 p.m. on April 26, 2007, at 205 W. Randolph Street, Suite 1200, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real property: C/K/A 8632 SOUTH NEW ENGLAND AVENUE, BURBANK, IL 60459 TAX ID# 19-31-321-008 The mortgaged real estate is improved with a dwelling. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
The judgment amount was $205,656.05. Sale terms: 10% of successful bid immediately at conclusion of auction, balance by noon the next business day, both by cashier's checks; and no refunds. The sale shall be subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, special taxes levied, and superior liens, if any. The property is offered "as is," with no express or implied warranties and without any representation as to the quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to review the court file to verify all information.
For Information: Sale Clerk, Fisher and Shapiro, 4201 Lake Cook Rd., 1st floor, Northbrook, Illinois 60062, (847) 498-9990, between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. weekdays only. I25471

REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS, INC.; Plaintiff, vs. DAN HINDS; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR AMERICA'S WHOLESALE LENDER; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF DAN HINDS, IF ANY; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants, 06 CH 17639 NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on 1/16/2007, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Wednesday, April 18, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property: P.I.N. 28-10-415-057. Commonly known as 15015 Tripp Ave., Midlothian, IL 60445. The improvement on the property consists of a 2 story single family residence with garage.
Sale terms: 25% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.
For information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com. Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602. Tel.No. (312) 476-5500. Refer to File Number 0809383. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I28811

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION US BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, BY SPECIALIZED LOAN SERVICING, LLC, ATTORNEY IN FACT, Plaintiff V. JENNIFER BODDIE; MOFOLUSHO O. AKANDE; THE CIT GROUP/CONSUMER FINANCE, INC., Defendants 06 CH 18764 NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE Fisher and Shapiro file #06-8416D (It is advised that interested parties consult with their own attorneys before bidding at mortgage foreclosure sales.)
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered on December 5, 2006, Kallen Realty Services, Inc., successor to Kallen Financial & Capital Services, Inc., as Selling Official will at 12:30 p.m. on April 20, 2007, at 205 W. Randolph Street, Suite 1200, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real property. Commonly known as 8159 South Homan Avenue, Chicago, IL 60652 Permanent Index No.: 19-35-217-015 The mortgaged real estate is improved with a dwelling. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
The judgment amount was $195,253.66. Sale terms: 10% of successful bid immediately at conclusion of auction, balance by noon the next business day, both by cashier's checks; and no refunds. The sale shall be subject to general real estate taxes, special taxes, special assessments, special taxes levied, and superior liens, if any. The property is offered "as is," with no express or implied warranties and without any representation as to the quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to review the court file to verify all information.
For Information: Sale Clerk, Fisher and Shapiro, 4201 Lake Cook Rd., 1st floor, Northbrook, Illinois 60062, (847) 498-8880, between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. weekdays only.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION OMAC MORTGAGE CORPORATION Plaintiff, v.-
MARGARET BARLOG, et al Defendant 06 CH 18601 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on November 21, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on April 17, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 13422 W. CIRCLE DRIVE UNIT #401, Crestwood, IL 60445 Property Index No. 24-33-403-093-1108-1095 The real estate is improved with a condominium.
The judgment amount was $119,868.65. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale
The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. , 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department.. Please refer to file number 14-06-A845. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I28681

REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION UBS REAL ESTATE SECURITIES, INC. Plaintiff, -v.- JOSEPH KEMPF, et al Defendant 06 CH 17159 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on November 13, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on March 27, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 9207 WILLOW LANE, Bridgeview, IL 60455 Property Index No. 24-06-317-011
The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was $220,950.78. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale
The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department.. Please refer to file number 14-06-A087. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION MTGLQ INVESTORS, L.P. Plaintiff V. CHERYL TAYLOR A/K/A CHERYL A. BANDUSKY; JOHN M. TAYLOR; LONG BEACH MORTGAGE COMPANY; BRIARGATE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants 06 CH 18307 NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE - CONDOMINIUM Fisher and Shapiro file #06-7398D (It is advised that interested parties consult with their own attorneys before bidding at mortgage foreclosure sales.)
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered on February 27 , 2007, Kallen Realty Services, Inc., as Selling Official will at 12:30 p.m. on April 20, 2007, at 205 W. Randolph Street, Suite 1200, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real property: Commonly Known as: 6440 PAMELA LANE, UNIT 5, CHICAGO RIDGE, IL 60415. TAX ID# 24-18-216-093-1053 The mortgaged real estate is improved with a dwelling. The property will NOT be open for inspection. The purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
The judgment amount was $85,813.09. Sale terms: 10% of successful bid immediately at conclusion of auction, balance by noon the next business day, both by cashier's checks; and no refunds. The sale shall be subject to general real estate taxes, special taxes, special assessments, special taxes levied, and superior liens, if any. The property is offered "as is," with no express or implied warranties and without any representation as to the quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to review the court file to verify all information.
For information: Sale Clerk, Fisher and Shapiro, 4201 Lake Cook Rd., 1st floor, Northbrook, Illinois 60062, (847) 498-0890, between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. weekdays only. I26597

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REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION WELLS FARGO BANK, NA AS TRUSTEE FOR SECURITIZED ASSET-BACKED RECEIVABLES LLC 2005-FR4 MORTGAGE PASS THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-FR4 Plaintiff, -v.- JAMES MAHER, et al Defendant 06 CH 18351 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on November 1, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on April 11, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 7858 S.LATROBE AVE, Burbank, IL 60459
Property Index No. 19-28-307-025 The real estate is improved with a single family residence.
The judgment amount was $168,560.15. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale
The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. , 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department.. Please refer to file number 14-06-A780. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALENOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I28105

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE, LLC F/K/A CENTEX HOME EQUITY COMPANY, LLC Plaintiff, -v.-SHARON L. SIMS-CEPHUS A/K/A SHARON CEPHUS A/K/A SHARON SIMS A/K/A SHARON CEPHUS-SIMS A/K/A SHARON L. SIMS, et al Defendants 06 CH 17561 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on November 21, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on April 11, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 3118 W. COLUMBUS AVENUE, Chicago, IL 60652 Property Index No. 19-25-318-037 The real estate is improved with a single family residence.
The judgment amount was $139,787.55. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale
The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. , 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department.. Please refer to file number 14-06-A262. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE, IL 60527 (630) 794-9876 Attorney File No.: 14-06-A262 ARDC# 00468002 Attorney Code. 21762 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I28124

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The Classified headings in our Help Wanted Section are used only for the convenience of our readers to let them know which jobs have been historically more attractive to persons of one sex more than the other. The placement of an advertisement by an employer or employment agency under one of these headings is not in itself an expression of a preference, limitation, specification or discrimination based on sex. Those who advertise here will consider any legally qualified applicant for a job without discrimination as to age or sex.

Social Security Column
By John Flynn
Social Security District Manager

As you're preparing your cards, you may also want to join the millions of users who have fallen in love with Social Security's online services. Here's our own sampler of things you can do at www.socialsecurity.gov.

See if you qualify for Social Security benefits. You can use our online screening tool to see what benefits you might be eligible for from any of the programs Social Security administers. Then you can use our **benefit planners** to calculate your benefit amounts, whether you're considering retirement or disability or the benefits available to your family if you die.

Apply for benefits. You can apply for Social Security retirement, spouse or disability benefits right over the Internet. If you are applying for disability benefits you'll also need to complete the disability report, which is also available online. Need to take a break or look for some records to answer the questions? That's just fine with us: you can leave and then come back to complete it. After you have applied, you can return to the web site later to check for status.

Find the office closest to you. There is much you can do online, but sometimes you may want to visit a representative face-to-face. If that's the case, your first step is to visit our online field office locator. Just type in your ZIP code and find the Social Security office closest to you.

Get a Password. If you already get Social Security benefits, there's even more you can do online when you have a password. Anyone who gets benefits can get a password. With a password, you can check the information and benefit amounts in your Social Security records and change your address, telephone or direct deposit account information without leaving the comfort of your home.

Whether you're ready to apply for retirement benefits this month or you're just interested in getting an estimate for future benefits, check out our web site at www.socialsecurity.gov and go to the "What you can do online" section.

A Wrong Number can Delay Your Tax Return

If you expect a refund on your federal taxes, you can avoid a delay by making sure all names and Social Security numbers are recorded correctly on your tax return.

When processing tax returns, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) checks all names and Social Security numbers for accuracy. When IRS discovers an incorrect Social Security number on your tax return, they send you a letter explaining the discrepancy. To fix the problem, you'll need to give IRS the correct Social Security number before you can expect your tax refund.

If you don't have a number or you need one for a dependent, call or visit Social Security. You'll need to show your age, citizenship or lawful alien status, and verify your identity. To learn more about the sort of information and documents you may need to submit, visit Social Security's Card and Number web site at http://www.socialsecurity.gov/ssnumber/.

You should also check the Social Security number on your W-2 statement and pay stubs to make sure it matches the one on your card. If it does not match, tell your employer immediately and also contact Social Security.

You also can visit your local Social Security office, or call 1(800) 772-1213. TTY 1(800) 325-0778.

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GENERAL

Q. I'm 55 years old and have worked since I was 18. So I have well over the 40 credits I need to qualify for Social Security. Why do I have to keep paying Social Security taxes if I already qualify for maximum benefits?

A. As long as you are working, the law requires Social Security tax withholding for almost all wage earners. Only some government employees and career railroad workers are exempt from Social Security taxes because they pay into a separate retirement fund. In addition, you should not confuse the eligibility rules with the benefit calculation rules. Although you need only 10 years, or 40 credits of coverage, to be vested in Social Security, your retirement benefit is based on your highest 35 years of earnings. In other words, if you were allowed to drop out of Social Security after meeting the 10-year vesting rule, you would receive a very small Social Security benefit when you reach retirement age, because we would have to add 25 years of "zero" earnings into your retirement calculation.

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Q. Can you settle a bet I have with a friend? She told me I need 40 credits from Social Security to collect retirement benefits. But I'm sure I read 10 years of work is the requirement. Who's right?

A. Both of you are right, because 40 credits and 10 years of work are roughly the same thing. In 2007, you get one Social Security credit for each $1,000 you earn, but you can only earn up to four credits in a year. Obviously, people with breaks in their work history will take longer than 10 years to earn the 40 credits they need for Social Security.

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RETIREMENT

Q. My brother and I are both retired and get Social Security benefits. We worked side by side in the same factory for years, but he gets a higher Social Security payment. Why does he get more?

A. Unless you are twins and made exactly the same amount every year of your careers, you wouldn't get the same benefits as your brother. Social Security benefits are based on your age and your lifetime of earnings – generally the top 35 years. In order to get the same benefit as your brother, you and he must have been the same age, had the same earnings for each year and would had to have started and stopped working at the same time.

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DISABILITY

Q. It has been about a month since I applied for Social Security disability benefits and I still haven't heard anything. How long does a decision usually take?

A. The amount of time it takes for a decision on a disability claim varies. The nature of your disability and how quickly we are able to get medical evidence from your doctor or medical sources can make a difference in how long it takes. Generally, to get an initial decision on your case, it takes about three to five months. If your claim is initially denied, there are several steps in the appeal process that you can pursue.

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Q. My 3-year-old son is autistic. My husband and I have been told that he may be eligible for disability benefits from Social Security. How would he qualify for benefits? My husband and I both work full-time and pay Social Security taxes.

A. Social Security administers the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program that does pay disability benefits to some children. SSI is a needs-based program, so if your family is having a hard time making ends meet, your son might qualify for a monthly SSI payment. And if he gets SSI, he might also get Medicaid coverage. The only other way your son would qualify for payments is as a dependent on either your or your husband's Social Security record. When either you or your husband retire – or if either one of you becomes disabled and begins drawing a Social Security disability payment – he could collect because he's your dependent child.

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SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME

Q. My parents recently moved into a retirement community and they are signing their house over to me. Can I still get Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or will home ownership make me ineligible?

A. You can own a home and still receive SSI as long as you live in the home you own. In most cases, when determining SSI eligibility we don't count the home you own and live in or the ear you use as resources.

The Ticket That Helps People Go To Work

Five years ago the Ticket to Work program was launched to help people with disabilities go to work. Since them, more than 150,000 people who get Social Security and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) disability benefits have used their Ticket to obtain free vocational rehabilitation, job training and other support services.

The Ticket to Work program is voluntary. Social Security and SSI beneficiaries who receive a Ticket are not required to work, but may choose to use their tickets to attempt to go to work.

The number of people using their Tickets is expected to continue to grow as more Americans with disabilities become familiar with the opportunities the program has to offer.

A disability beneficiary can use the Ticket with either a private sector employment network or a State Vocational Rehabilitation Agency. Together the beneficiary and service provider design an individual employment plan outlining the services to be provided that will help the beneficiary reach his or her job goals.

The Ticket to Work program removes many barriers that had previously faced people with disabilities receiving benefits. Social Security disability beneficiaries are eligible for Medicare, and most Social Security disability beneficiaries now are protected by Medicare for up to eight years and six months after they go to work. Medicare coverage continues even if an individual no longer receives a monetary benefit from Social Security.

If you or someone you know is a Social Security or SSI disability beneficiary who would like to learn more about how the Ticket to Work program can help, just visit Social Security's website at www.socialsecurity.gov/work. Or call Social Security's toll-free number, 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778) and ask for the Your Ticket to Work leaflet (Publication No. 05-10061).

What Every Parent Should Know About

Most people think of Social Security as a part of their retirement plan, but Social Security is also a family protection plan with benefits for children too. About 4 million children receive approximately $1.9 billion each month because one or both of their parents are disabled, retired or deceased. Those dollars help to provide the necessities of life for family members and help to make it possible for those children to complete high school.

So it's important that parents are aware of who can get benefits based on their Social Security earnings record – and when.

The easiest way to check just what "family" benefits are available is to go to our "Parents' Place" page on the Internet at www.socialsecurity.gov/kids/parent1.htm. Also here you will find information on *Baby's First Social Security Number, Who Can Get Benefits, How Much Work You Need for Benefits for Your Children, Benefits for Grandchildren, Benefits for Disabled Children*...and more.

For example, if you visit the web page on *How Much Work You Need for Benefits for Your Children*, you will find that "The amount of work you need to qualify for Social Security benefits depends on how old you are when you retire, become disabled, or die. The younger you are, the less work you need." The web page goes on to explain that parents under the age of 24 need as little as one and one-half years of work under Social Security for their children to receive Social Security benefits. The amount of work needed increases with age, but no one would need more than 10 years of work to be insured for all benefits.

If you visit the web page on *Benefits for Grandchildren*, you would learn that "More and more parents are finding themselves raising grandchildren. Social Security will pay benefits to dependent grandchildren if benefits are not payable on the work record of a parent." The web page goes on to explain that generally the biological parents of the child must be deceased or disabled, or the grandchild must be legally adopted by the grandparent to receive benefits.

If you do not have access to the Internet, you can find out basic information about Social Security that all parents should know by calling Social Security toll-free at 1(800) 772-1213, TTY 1(800) 325-0778. Just ask for the publication, *Benefits for Children*.

Go Online For Your 1099

With tax season well on its way, millions of taxpayers are busy gathering all the forms and documents needed to file federal, state and local tax returns. It is important to remember that some people who receive Social Security may have to pay taxes on a portion of their benefits. For them, a Social Security Benefit Statement (Form SSA-1099) is an important tax document.

The SSA-1099s for tax year 2006 were all automatically mailed to beneficiaries by Jan. 31. If you or someone you know who receives Social Security has not yet received a Form SSA-1099 for 2006, you can request a replacement online at www.socialsecurity.gov.

The SSA-1099 shows the total amount of benefits received in the previous year and is used to find out if any benefits are subject to tax, and to complete a federal income tax return. Basically, the federal tax laws about Social Security benefits state that:

Up to 50 percent of Social Security benefits may be subject to income tax for individuals with a combined income between $25,000 and $34,000, or for couples with a combined income between $32,000 and $44,000; and

Up to 85 percent of Social Security benefits may be subject to income tax for individuals with a combined income above $34,000, or for couples with a combined income above $44,000. (Note: "Combined income" means adjusted gross income, plus nontaxable interest, plus one-half of Social Security benefits.)

Less than a third of current Social Security beneficiaries have incomes that exceed the thresholds, requiring them to pay taxes on a portion of their Social Security benefits. For more information on taxation of Social Security benefits, call the IRS' toll-free telephone number, 1-800-829-3676 and ask for Publication 554, *Older Americans' Tax Guide*. The publication is also available from the IRS website at www.irs.gov.

For more information about Social Security, or to request a replacement SSA-1099, visit www.socialsecurity.gov. Or you can call Social Security's toll free number, 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778) and ask for a replacement SSA-1099 over the phone.

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Southwest Area Obituaries

George E. Bamberger

Mass was said at St. Bernadette Church, Evergreen Park, on Tuesday, with interment at St. Mary Cemetery for George E. Bamberger, 76.

He is survived by his wife Mary H., his daughter Christine, his brother John (Patricia) Bamberger and his sister Mary Pancanowski.

Nancy A. Bric

Mass was said at St. Elizabeth Seton Church, Tinley Park, on Wednesday, with interment at Good Shepherd Cemetery, for Nancy a. Bric, 41.

She is survived by her husband William, her daughter Kira and her sister Linda (Charles) Elliott.

Helen Chessare

Mass was said at St. Linus Church, Oak Lawn, on Saturday, with entombment at Queen of Heaven Mausoleum, for Helen Chessare, 91.

She is survived by her husband Joseph J., her children Janet (Martin() Kalin and Joseph W. (Nancy) Chessare; three grandchildren, her sisters Anne Pawlicki, Mary (John) Lebedeck, and Irene Pawlicki and her brother Alexander Pawlicki.

Elizabeth "Betty" Ciurej

Mass was said at Queen of Martyrs Church, Evergreen Park, on Wednesday, with entombment at Resurrection Cemetery, for Elizabeth "Betty" Ciurej.

She is survived by her husband Joseph, her children Patricia (Ted) Tobias, Barbara (Malcolm Edgerton III) Ciurej, James (Mary Eileen) and Thomas Ciurej.

Michael J. Clancy

Mass was said at the St. Rita of Cassia High School Shrine Chapel, Chicago, on Saturday, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Michael J. Clancy, 52. He was a 29-year employee of the City of Chicago, a member of the 19th ward Regular Democratic Organization, the St. Rita High School and Marist High School Father's Clubs.

He is survived by his wife Nancy; his children the Clancy Quadruplets, Patrick, Daniel, Matthew and Caitlin; and his sisters Susan Clancy, Kathy (Chuck) Petruzalek.

Suzanne Gottwald

Services were held at the Hickey Memorial Chapel, Midlothian, on Monday, with interment at Bethania Cemetery, for Suzanne Gottwald, a resident of Midlothian for 30 years. She was also a one-time member of the Messenger Staff.

She is survived by her son Claude (Ramona) Gottwald, four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Elizabeth L. Granito

Services were held at the Thompson and Kuenster Funeral Home, Oak Lawn, on Saturday, with entombment at Mt. Auburn Cemetery, for Elizabeth L. Granito.

She is survived by her brother Jack Reidy & Edward Siclski and her sister Eleanor.

John D. "Jack" Heacock

Services were held at the Lawn Funeral Home, Burbank, on Saturday with a private interment for John D. "Jack" Heacock.

He is survived by his wife Barbara; his children Jim (Judy) Murnane, Sherry (Tony) Beamish, Tracey (Mike) Vankley and Jeanette Murnane; nine grandchildren; his sisters Linda Heacock, Bonnie Heacock, Gayle (Gary) Buff, and his brother Rich Heacock.

Josephine D. Holton

Mass was said at St. Michael Church, Orland Park, on Wednesday, with interment at Chapel Hill Gardens South Cemetery for Josephine D. Holton, 89. She is survived by her children James C. (Barbara), Charles W. and Mary Jo (Gregory) Knipp, five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Charles F. Holubik

Services were held at the Beverly Ridge Funeral Home, Chicago, on Tuesday with interment at Mt. Greenwood Cemetery, for Charles F. Holubik.

He is survived by his children David CFD (Kim), Thomas CFD (LeAnne), Ricky (Mary), Johnny CFD (Paula) and Robert (Lisa); nineteen grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; and his brother Richard.

Adeline S. Janos

Services were held at Kenny Brothers, Evergreen Park, on Wednesday, with entombment at Evergreen Mausoleum, for Adeline S. Janos, 91.

She is survived by her son Alan G. and her sister Ardell (Matt) Schleder.

Madonna E. Kinnerk

Mass was said at St. Stephen Church, Orland Park, on Wednesday, with interment at St. Mary Cemetery, for Madonna E. Kinnerk, 75. She was a retired 43-year employee of Illinois Bells.

She is survived by her sister Patricia and Geralda Kinnerk-Koch and her brother John Patrick.

Laverne Matthes

Mass was said at St. Louis de Montfort Church, Oak Lawn, on Tuesday with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Laverne Matthes. She was a member of the Bridgeview Seniors Club and she had a longtime affiliation with St. Peter & Paul Mother's Club and Seniors Club.

She is survived by her children Raymond C. Jr. (Susan) and Jim (Debbie; four grandchildren and her brothers John and Ronald Stanciak and her sister Mary Lou Cimino.

Frank "Murph" Micelli

Services were held at the Palos-Gaidas Funeral Home, on Wednesday, with interment at Evergreen Cemetery, for Frank "Murph" Micelli, 80, a U.S. Army Veteran.

He is survived by his children Karyn (Gregory) Carollo and Kym (Douglas) Horan; three grandchildren; his sisters Rosemary (Walter) Rosignal, Virginia (Richard) Daniels, Carol (Thomas Martinez, Chris (Tom) Corcoran; and his brother Donald (Teri).

Frederick O. Neubauer

Mass was said at St. Stephen Deacon and Martyr, Orland Park, on Wednesday, with a private interment, for Frederick O. Neubauer.

He is survived by his mother Caroline A.; his children Brenda Neubauer, Tina Wright, Eddie, Mark and Liz Hoyt; three grandchildren; and his sister Linda (Bob) Keane.

Helen C. O'Connell

Mass was said at St. Germaine Church, Oak Lawn, on Tuesday, with interment at Mt. Olive Cemetery, for Helen O'Connell, 94. She was a 39-year teacher for the Chicago Public School System. She retired from Dawes School in Chicago.

She is survived by her cousin Mary Patt Peterson and Mark J. Cosentino.

Clarence Pekar

Mass was said at St. Julie Billiart Church, Orland Park, on Saturday, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Clarence Pekar, a WWII POW. He was a volunteer at Christ Hospital for many years.

He is survived by his wife Mary; his children Nancy (Bernard) Petrouskas and John (Susan) Pekar; five grandchildren; his sisters Charlotte, Rita (James): and his brothers Joseph, Donald, James (Dorothy) and Francis (Marge).

William J. Paleczny

Mass was said at St. Elizabeth Seton Church, Orland Park, on Tuesday, with interment at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, for William J. Paleczny.

Anna Pavlik

Services were held at the Edgar Funeral Home, Oak Lawn, on Tuesday, with interment at St. Mary Cemetery, for Anna Pavlik. She was 95 and a longtime resident of Chicago and formerly of Alsip. She was a member of the St. Terrence and St. Dennis Young at Heart Groups.

She is survived by her children Elizabeth Poe and Patricia (Paul) Ziembo, her sister Betty Cassidy and two grandchildren.

Lois H. Shampine

Services were held at Damar-Kaminski Funeral Home, Justice, on Sunday, with a private interment, for Lois H. Shampine.

She is survived by her husband George Shampine Jr.; her children Kelly (Craig) Fleming, Kim Shampine, George Shampine III, Kristin (Kevin) Redmond, Kurt (Kim) Shampine, Kerry (Craig) Engberg, Noreen Townsend, Kenneth Shampine; fifteen grandchildren; her sisters Arlene Dyn, Karen DePaul, Janet Dodo and her brother John Gorman.

Barbara Y. Styles

Services were held at the Trinity Evangelical Covenant Church, Oak Lawn, on Monday, with interment at Oak Hill Cemetery, for Barbara Y. Styles, 64.

She is survived by her mother Leona, her sister Patricia (Kenneth) Johnson, James (Susan) Young and Eric Young.

Garret John Van Altena

Services were held at the Mt. Greenwood Reformed Church, Chicago, on Tuesday, with interment at Fairmount-willow Hills Cemetery, for Garret John Van Altena. He was 90 and a WWII Veteran.

He is survived by his children Janice (Howard) Beintum, Nancy (Robert) James and Jean Groenewold; six grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and his brother Walter Buikema and his sister Cora Scherbaum.

William E. Wegner

Services were held at the Schmaedeke Funeral Home, Worth, on Monday, with Interment at Abraham Lincoln Cemetery, for William E. Wegner, 50. He was a member of the Grundy County ABETE, the Worth American Legion and Legion Riders and the Patriot Guard Riders.

He is survived by his children Tracy, Amy and William; and his sister Bonnie (Geoffrey) Richards, Steven (Brenda), Pattie (Daniel) Quinn and Todd Wegner; his stepbrother Edward Hansen and his step sister Caryn (Scott) Jacaway.

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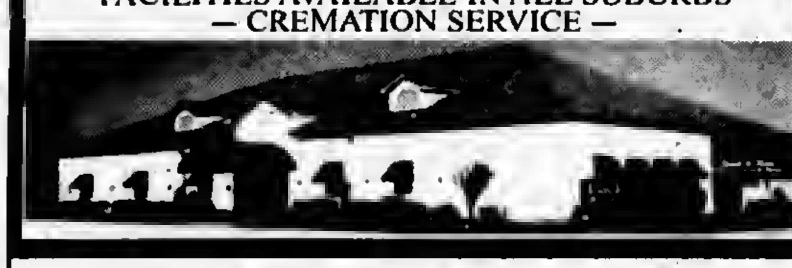

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Speech Team's Outstanding Season

The speech team from Shepard High School recently concluded another outstanding season by placing five students in the Illinois High School Association state finals and bringing home a third place trophy.

"The Shepard speech team, once again, showed itself to be the most competitive organization in the school. The successes of our team are a direct result of the combined effort of the students, parents, and coaches. I am honored to represent such a fine organization," said coach Mike Jacobson, a Shepard graduate who now competed for the Astros as a student.

The Astros won their South Suburban Conference championship earlier this month. The team then performed extremely well at the IHSA sectional. Both Paul Robinson (Oratorical Declamation) and Chloe Pastore (Dramatic Interpretation) won sectional championships.

Joe Anderson (Special Occasion Speaking), Brittany Leddy (Oratory) and Anna Whitcomb (Verse) placed second at the sectional tournament. Robinson ended the team's season on a high note by placing third at state in Declamation.

Pictured, left to right, are members of the Shepard High School speech team (back row) Nick Blazeiwski, Connor Reynolds, Mike Haverty, Mark Landuyt, Aubrey Rickey, Peter Korbakus, Shannon O'Connell, Cory Brody; (middle row) Kelly Sullivan, Amy Ramelli, Katie Thomas, Christian Castro, Jimmy Ramelli, Jasmine Lockett, Jared Synal; (bottom row) Jill Burnikas, Jackie MacDonald, Ryan Kosman, Jessie Molloy, Carla Faustino, and Karrie Caveney.

Community Exhibits

The Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St., will host two community exhibits in its lobby display cases through March. Local artist Henry P. Keane is showing oil paintings that are of scenes of Ireland. The Girl Scouts of South Cook County are exhibiting informative items and memorabilia to celebrate the 95th anniversary of the Girl Scouts organization.

Individuals and local community groups interested in exhibiting special collections, activities and creative works at the library may pick up a display case application at the reception desk. For additional information, call (708) 422-4990.

Local Church Looking For Resale Sellers

The Oak Lawn Community Church, 9000 S. Ridgeland Ave., is looking for sellers for its Spring and Summer Children's Clothing Resale on April 21st from 8 to 11 a.m. We will accept up to 50 sellers on a first-come, first-served basis. To be able to pre-shop on Friday before the sale you may do so by donating 3-9 hours of your time by helping with the sale before, during or after for breakdown. There is a $5 registration fee of which $5 will be refunded if you choose to work from 11 a.m. to 12 noon after the sale. The seller receives 70% of their sales. Only spring and summer items accepted. We are also accepting maternity clothes, baby furniture, equipment and toys.

Registration hours are Wednesday, March 28th from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. and Thursday, March 29th from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

For more information, you may call the church office at (708) 599-4025.

Caring For Family Members With Alzheimers Or Dementia

Caring for a family member affected by Alzheimer's disease or dementia can be difficult, but being knowledgeable about these debilitating diseases can make life somewhat easier for the patient and caregiver. Moraine Valley Community College's one-day noncredit class, Caring For a Loved One With Alzheimer's Disease or Dementia, will be held Thursday, April 19, from 6 to 8 p.m. The cost is $15.

Caregivers will learn how to handle common behaviors associated with Alzheimer's disease or dementia. The course also will cover specific topics such as managing hoarding/rummaging behaviors, safe personal care, and dealing with caregivers' depression.

This class is part of the Family Caregiving Program designed by the American Red Cross. It will be presented by PLOWS Council on Aging, a service provider for seniors residing in Palos, Lemont, Orland, and Worth townships who are physically, psychologically, and financially in need.

For more information on this course or other noncredit courses at Moraine Valley, visit morainevalley.edu/wdcs or call Workforce Development and Community Services at (708) 974-5735.

Students can register in person at the Admissions, Records and Registration Office, located in the College Center, on campus, 9000 W. College Pkwy., Palos Hills, or by calling (708) 974-2110 (TT/TDD for the hearing impaired 708-974-9556). Previously enrolled students can register online at morainevalley.edu.

For new media inquiries, call Jessica Crotty, College and Community Relations coordinator at (708) 974-5281, or e-mail her at crotty@morainevalley.edu.

Lenten Workshop

How do 'you' pray? Join speakers Jeanne Lassandrello and Laura Snow on the following Mondays during Lent, March 19th, 26th and April 2nd, at Our Lady of Loretto Church Hall in Room 115 and learn the many different ways we as individuals pray.

Everyone is invited. Tell your family and friends. Learn the power of prayer.

For more information, call (708) 424-7471.

Garden Meeting

The Oak Lawn Garden Club will hold its March meeting on Thursday, March 22nd at the Oakview Recreation Center, 4625 W. 110th St. The meeting will take place from 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon.

Participants will be assembling herb and flower baskets for spring planting. Bring your own basket along with $16 for soil, herbs, and flowers that will be available.

For more information call Lynn at (773) 779-5685 or e-mail lterri@comcast.net.

New Date For Civil Meeting

The regular Civil Service Commission meeting for the Village of Oak Lawn scheduled for Tuesday, March 6th has been changed to Monday, March 19th at 5:30 p.m.

For futher information, call the Commission Office at (708) 499-7831.

Indoor Beach Party for Kids

The Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St., will host a free Indoor Beach Party for children of all ages on Sunday, March 25th from 3 to 4 p.m. Grammy-nominated composer and performer Dave Rudolf will present an interactive show featuring original music, hula hoops, bubble machines, limbo lines and more. Rudolf is the winner of a Gold Record and multiple Parents Choice awards. No advance registration required. Parents are welcome to attend with their child.

For more information, call (708) 422-4990.

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Judges Needed For April 17th

Cook County Clerk David Orr is looking to recruit more than 2,000 new election judges to work during the April 17 Consolidated Election.

"It is important that we have a full complement of judges to make sure the election is carried out honestly, fairly, and accurately," Orr said. "Having enough judges also makes the day run more smoothly."

Election judges open polling places, certify that voters are registered and qualified to vote, explain election procedures, issue ballots and activate cards for the touch screens, operate election equipment, and transmit votes at the end of the day.

Election judges receive $150 for their work. That includes $100 for working Election Day and $50 for attending a 2? hour training session prior to the election. Judges begin work at 5:15 a.m. and work until the votes are transmitted after the polls close at 7 p.m.

To qualify as an election judge, you must be a registered voter and live in Cook County.

High school seniors are also eligible to be election judges. To qualify, they must have at least a 3.0 GPA, have written permission from a parent, and a letter of recommendation from the principal.

People interested in serving on Election Day can call (312) 603-0970 to sign up or by completing an online application at www.voterinfonet.com. The completed application can then be faxed to (312) 603-9779 or dropped off at the Clerk's office, located at 69 W. Washington St., fifth floor, Chicago.

Summer Employment

South West Special Recreation Association (SWSRA), an agency that provides year round recreational programs for individuals with disabilities, is offering summer employment working at its Day Camp. The dates for camp are June 11th through July 27th. Those interested or who want more information should call (708) 389-9423.

This is a great way to earn cash this summer, make a difference in a child's life and have fun.

Umbrellas For Peace

As an outreach program from the Beverly Arts Center (BAC) in cooperation with internationally known artist Matt Lamb, Hazelgreen sixth graders painted umbrellas on Friday, March 9th. This project was facilitated by Mrs. Judith Blackburn of the BAC where students explored the themes of peace, tolerance, understanding, hope and love. It culminated in an art activity in which every student painted an umbrella, both inside and out, with hopes and fears respectively.

From the Umbrellas for Peace website: "The main target of the Umbrella Project is to embed the message of peace, tolerance, understanding, hope and love like a huge umbrella across all societies as a means of generating peaceful intercultural and multilateral communication and to protect against aggression and war."

In preparation for this global project, Hazelgreen's sixth grade classrooms explored the themes of tolerance, understanding, and hope while reading Newberry Award Winning Book Maniac Magee by Jerry Spinelli. Discussions of prejudice, loss, and disappointment were explored through novel study and an open forum of ideas. Students used what they discussed to inform and influence their designs as they created their very own link in the international chain that this project represents.

Church Celebrates 50th Anniversary

The First United Methodist Church of Oak Lawn, 100th St. and Central Ave., celebrated its 50th anniversary recently. Pictured are the charter members that were present at the celebration: left to right (1st row) Kay Swallow, Kate Staley, Joanne Bartlett, Arlene Diesel and Chris Fogle; (2nd row) Bob Swallow, Bernadine Eary, Don Swallow, Marilyn Swallow, Bernice Bearby, Will Diesel and Pennie Morris.

Kids Get Laughs At The Public Library's Joke Slam

The Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St., will host a free coffee-house-style Joke Slam featuring young, local, amateur comedians Saturday, March 31st from 1 to 2 p.m. All ages are welcome to attend.

Any student in kindergarten through grade 10 who wishes to tell jokes at the event must sign up in advance at the Youth Services Desk. The deadline to register is Friday, March 30. Drop-in jokes may be allowed, if time permits. All material must be appropriate for a family audience. Light refreshments will be available.

If you would like to have more information about this and other children's activities, call (708) 422-4990 or visit the library's web site at www.oaklawnlibrary.org.

Spring And Holiday Craft Fair

On Sunday, April 1st, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. the Hilton Oak Lawn, 9333 S. Cicero Ave., will host a new and exciting Spring and Holiday Craft Show.

This show will feature individual rooms of handmade crafts, spring décor, Easter gifts, beauty and fashion accessories, children's items, gourmet foods, toys, home accents, unique jewelry and antiques and collectibles.

Admission charge is $2.00, with children under 10 admitted free.

Whitney's Restaurant offers a Breakfast Buffet from 8:00 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. and a Buffet Luncheon of individually priced items will be served from 12:00 to 3:00 p.m. in the Pool Atrium.

The Hilton Coffee Shop, featuring Starbucks Coffee will be open from 6:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Come out and take a walk through this fabulous showcase of rooms, filled with fantastic items, to help attendees start their Spring and Easter shopping.

For more information call (708) 425-7800.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MARCH 23 – Friday – Trinity Lutheran Preschool Open House, 9701 Brandt Ave., 6:30 to 8 p.m.

MARCH 24 – Saturday – Free Child ID Program, Oak Lawn Library, 5300 W. 95th St., 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

MARCH 24 – Saturday – Chamber of Commerce 8th Annual Business Showcase, Oak Lawn High School Spartan Gym, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

MARCH 26 – Monday – School District 123 Board of Education Meeting, Oak Lawn Hometown Middle School, 5345 W. 99th St.

MARCH 27 – Tuesday – OL Village Board Meeting, Municipal Building, 9446 Raymond, 8 p.m.

MARCH 27 – Tuesday – Village Hall open to 8 p.m.

MARCH 28 & 29 – Registration for Spring and Summer Children's Clothing Resale (to be held April 21st) Oak Lawn Community Church, 9000 Ridgeland Ave., Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.; Thursday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

MARCH 29 – Thursday – Worth Township Regular Board Meeting, 11601 S. Pulaski, 7:30 p.m.

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Parent Involvement Key In Preventing Teen Driving Deaths

A recent national survey conducted by The Allstate Foundation shows that while parents know the No. 1 killer of teens is car crashes caused by teen drivers, the majority of parents do not understand the main causes of these crashes or may not be aware of laws that are intended to protect their teens. The survey also found that although

parents agree they must play a significant role in preparing their teens to drive, many parents still: delay safe driving conversations with their teens until shortly before licensure, think their teens are immune to the risk of car

crashes, allow their teens to drive or ride in dangerous conditions and model unsafe behavior behind the wheel.

The national survey of more than 1,000 parents of teens ages 15 to 17 features an in-depth look at parents' knowledge of the teen driving issue and the roles they play in preparing their teens for this important milestone, from

training to after licensure.

"The Allstate Foundation research provides a unique understanding of how parents are impacting the teen driving epidemic and reveals insights into approaches parents can take to protect their teens as drivers and

passengers," according to Allan F. Williams, retired chief researcher for the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety.

"The Allstate Foundation is committed to helping parents prepare their teens to drive and protect them once they're on the road," said George Ruebenson, president of Allstate Protection. "By sharing these survey findings, we hope parents will be more informed and play an active role with their teens and other parents to ultimately make our communities safer and stronger."

According to the survey, nearly 50 percent of parents polled think crashes involving teens result from drunk driving. In reality, the majority of crashes are caused by driver error, speeding and driving with distractions.

Additionally, while most parents surveyed feel prepared to teach their teens the rules of the road, 60 percent say they have never heard of or are only vaguely aware of Graduated Driver Licensing (GDL) laws. Intended to protect novice drivers while they are learning, typical provisions of GDL laws include an extended supervised driving period and restrictions on late-night driving

and driving with teen passengers during the initial months of licensure.

"As parents, we need to show our teens from an early age the importance of safe driving by modeling good behavior and treating driving as a privilege," said parenting expert Laurence Steinberg, Ph.D., professor of Psychology at Temple University, author of "The 10 Basic Principles of Good Parenting" and "Your Adolescent: A Parent's Guide for Ages 10 to 20," and an Allstate Foundation Teen Driving Program Advisory Board member. "Practicing what we preach, discussing the issue regularly with our teens and talking with our peers are simple actions parents can take that will go a long way in keeping teens safer on the road," Steinberg said.

The survey showed most parents do not talk to their teens about safe driving until a year or less before their teens receive a permit – long after their teens' attitudes toward driving have developed.

• When their teens are 12 or younger, 77 percent of parents discuss the dangers of smoking, 72 percent discuss the dangers of taking drugs and 70 percent discuss peer pressure. However, only 27 percent of parents discuss safe driving when their children are 12 or younger.

• Fifty-four percent of parents surveyed first talked about safe driving with their children at the ages of 14 and 15.

The survey found that parents think their own teens are immune to the risk of a crash – when in reality, the issue affects everyday teens in everyday situations.

• While two-thirds of parents polled think teens in general are bad drivers, 88 percent trust their own teens to drive safely.

• Fifty-five percent believe if their teens were in a crash, it would be someone else's fault. Restrict dangerous driving situations

Many parents allow their teens to drive in dangerous situations within the first few months after getting a license, increasing the likelihood of a deadly crash.

• Ninety percent of respondents permit their teens to drive after dark, even though teens are twice as likely to crash at night (9 p.m. to 6 a.m.) as during the day.

• Seventy-seven percent allow their teens to drive with friends, even though the chance of crashing increases in proportion to the number of teen passengers in a car.

• Sixty-nine percent of parents surveyed allow their teens to drive in bad weather.

Parents are not modeling good behavior behind the wheel when their children are in the car

• Ninety-nine percent of parents polled said it is helpful for their teens to see good driving behavior from them and their teens' other parent.

• Seventy-one percent of parents polled have talked on a cell phone while driving with their teens in the car.

• Sixty-two percent have operated a radio, MP3 player, game or other device while driving.

• More than a quarter of parents have broken a law while driving with their teen in the car (e.g., running a red light or stop sign, illegal U-turn, etc.).

Parents are influenced, for better or worse, by several factors – especially other parents.

• Almost half of the parents surveyed said other, more lenient parents make it difficult to control their own teens' driving privileges.

• Nearly 40 percent said they often disagree with their teens' other parent about the best way to establish and enforce driving ground rules for their teens.

• While 60 percent of parents talk with their peers about teen driving, 40 percent do not, demonstrating an opportunity to increase peer-to-peer dialogue.

For more information on how parents can talk to their teens and other parents about this issue, engage their community to create a culture of safe driving or to view the full Allstate Foundation parent survey, visit www.ProtectTeenDrivers.com. Allstate contact: Sue Duchak (847) 402-7561 or sduch@allstate.com.

Plan To Help Illinois Residents Afford Homes And Housing-Related Services

Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich recently announced his third consecutive comprehensive housing plan to help thousands of working families, seniors and the disabled across the state have access to quality, affordable homes and residential services. This year's plan has identified $763 million in spending earmarked for affordable housing at nine different state agencies – up from a total of $690 million last year – that will help approximately 146,000 Illinois residents in need of affordable housing.

The 2007 Comprehensive Housing Plan, *Affordable Housing Dimensions*, outlines the strategies and actions the State is pursuing in 2007 to improve the range, quality and quantity of affordable housing options for Illinois residents, especially under-served populations. It is also the focal point of the State's efforts to improve coordination of housing resources among State agencies, help more Illinois households afford their rent or mortgage, and promote economic growth in communities throughout the state.

A Housing Production Plan makes up the core of the 2007 report and details actions and funding for the priority populations. Strategies proposed through the Comprehensive Housing Plans are increasingly transforming Illinois housing by targeting the priority populations that are significantly under-served.

The following initiatives are featured in the 2007 Plan:

Rental Housing Support Program (RHS Program): provides subsidies that reduce the cost of renting for extremely low-income households. The program is expected to generate more than $25 million to help around 4,000 families during the first year afford their rents starting early 2008, making it the nation's largest rental assistance program.

Supportive Housing: offers housing options to those with health, income, disability and other special needs, who cannot live completely independently. A working group of the Task Force will make recommendations for increasing this type of housing.

Housing Preservation: funds the rehabilitation or refinancing of existing affordable housing at risk of being lost due to deferred maintenance, expiring subsidies, or changes in local housing markets. In 2007, the State will provide $100 million to housing preservation initiatives serving approximately 885 low-income families and seniors in Illinois.

Linking Service Plans and Affordable Housing: coordinates plans at different agencies for reassessing and better addressing the housing needs of persons with special needs. The plans touch on issues including the reduction of the number of people living in institutions, better use of available Federal funds, the importance of ties to community, enhanced services, greater communication among providers, the need to promote program participant involvement in decision-making, and more housing stock designed to meet special needs populations.

Candidate James Jelinski

Meet James Jelinski (pictured), candidate for Oak Lawn 5th District Trustee, on Friday, March 30th from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Oakview Center, 4625 W. 110th St. Refreshments will be served. Park in the West Parking Lot (enter off 111th and Kilpatrick, go to the end of block and you will see the Park District).

Jelinski is seeking your support on April 17th. Jelinski said, "It is time for a change. I can make it possible.

I will have weekly office hours and monthly community meetings so problems can be solved,

I will get more police patrols for all areas of Oak Lawn. There are many who disobey the speed limits. I will look out for the safety of our citizens.

I will work hard to see that tax dollars are spent wisely and everyone receives the proper services for their tax dollars.

I will work to get some type of grocery store at the old Dominick's at 111th and Cicero Ave. There are many seniors that do not have cars and need a close store to get groceries and medicine. This property has been in non-use too long.

I will work with the state and county to get an overpass on Central. When the train goes by on Central the cars make U-turns causing a large amount of traffic on Cook Avenue and surrounding streets of Eagle Ridge. It is very hard for residents at times to get out of their driveway. They do not deserve this, they are paying the bigbest taxes in Oak Lawn and deserve a solution to this problem."

Jelinski earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Loyola University. He is a member of St. Gerald Parish, member of the Men's Club, and member of Worth Township Regular Democratic Organization.

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Introduce Genocide Accountability Act

U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin (D-IL), Chairman of the Senate Subcommittee on Human Rights and the Law, Sen. Tom Coburn (R-OK), who serves as Ranking Member of the subcommittee, Sen. Patrick Leahy (D-VT), Chairman of the Judiciary Committee, and Sen. John Cornyn (R-TX) recently introduced legislation that will close a legal loophole that currently prevents the U.S. Justice Dept. from prosecuting people in the United States who have committed genocide in other countries.

Under current law, genocide is only considered a crime if it is committed within the United States or by a U.S. national outside the United States. The Genocide Accountability Act would close the current loophole by amending the Genocide Convention Implementation Act to allow prosecution of non-U.S. citizens for genocide committed outside the U.S.

The Justice Dept. has identified individuals who participated in the Rwandan and Bosnian genocide and who are living in the United States under false pretenses. Under current law, these individuals cannot be arrested or prosecuted because they are not U.S. nationals and the genocide in which they were involved did not take place in the United States. In contrast, the laws on torture, material support for terrorism, terrorism financing, hostage taking, and many other federal crimes are still considered crimes when committed outside the United States by non-U.S. nationals.

Salah Abdallah Gosh, the head of security in the Sudanese government, has reportedly played a key role in the government's genocide campaign in Darfur. In 2005, Gosh came to Washington to meet with senior Administration officials. Under current law, the FBI could not even interview Gosh about his involvement in the Darfur genocide, much less charge him with a crime.

This bill is the first to be produced by the Subcommittee on Human Rights and the Law, which was officially established at the Senate Judiciary Committee's first business meeting of the 110th Congress. The subcommittee has jurisdiction over all human rights laws and policies and will focus on issues such as genocide, human trafficking, war crimes, crimes against humanity, torture, and arbitrary detention. The Human Rights Subcommittee's first hearing was held in February and focused on the genocide in Darfur and other parts of the world.

The Genocide Accountability Act has been endorsed by numerous organizations, including the Save Darfur Coalition, American Jewish World Service, Armenian Assembly of America, Human Rights First, Human Rights Watch, Alliance for Justice, and ENOUGH.

Announce $344 Million Judgment Against Medicaid HMO

Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan and U.S. Attorney Patrick Fitzgerald have announced that on March 13th a federal judge has awarded over $334 million in a fraud lawsuit against the Medicaid HMO Amerigroup Illinois and its parent company, Amerigroup Corporation. Last October a federal jury found both companies liable for systematic and extensive fraud in the Medicaid program, which is funded jointly by the federal and state governments.

As a penalty for Amerigroup's fraudulent actions, Judge Leinenweber, Federal Judge for the Northern District of Illinois, trebled the jury's original award of $48 million and awarded additional penalties in the amount of more than $190 million. The total judgment equals $334,365,000. The verdict amounts to one of the largest-ever fraud judgments against a Medicaid contractor and the largest civil verdict in the history of the Illinois Attorney General's office.

The Judge stated that he was "convinced that Defendants' conduct was egregious and calculated" and that their actions constituted an "institution-wide goal to fleece Defendants' pockets at the expense of the government, the Medicaid system, and avoided pregnant women." Prosecutors alleged that Amerigroup discriminated against pregnant women and others with expensive health conditions, in many cases ignoring individuals Amerigroup knew were not receiving urgently needed care.

From 2000-2004 Amerigroup was paid hundreds of millions of dollars, in part, to help low-income pregnant women who had inadequate prenatal care to navigate the complicated healthcare system and find care. Amerigroup spent less than half of the funds they were paid by the state and federal governments on providing healthcare.

In October, the jury found that Amerigroup illegally avoided pregnant women and other people with expensive health conditions while continuing to receive state and federal dollars that were paid with the understanding that Amerigroup was not engaging in health status discrimination. The result of Amerigroup's discrimination was that certain individuals were denied full access to healthcare coverage and the federal and state governments overpaid Amerigroup by millions of dollars. Under the law, the Judge had the ability to add penalties to the jury's award, which he did on March 13th.

The judgment comes after nearly four years of litigation and a three and one-half week jury trial. The case was originally filed by Amerigroup Illinois' former head of government relations, Cleveland Tyson, under the False Claims Act and the Illinois Whistleblower Reward and Protection Act. In 2005, the Illinois Attorney General and the U.S. Dept. of Justice joined the case. Tyson's attorneys, Fred Cohen and David Chizewer, from the law firm of Goldberg, Kohn, tried the case in cooperation with the government attorneys.

The case was prosecuted for the State of Illinois by Assistant Attorneys General David J. Adams and Anne R.K. Reader.

Recall Issued On Toy Sets

Attorney General Lisa Madigan recently alerted consumers to a toy recall announced by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission in cooperation with Toys "R" Us dated March 13th. Three styles of "Elite Operations" brand toy sets were recalled because they contain high levels of lead in the paint and sharp points that may pose a risk of lead poisoning and laceration to children.

The military-style play sets contain light and sound vehicles, action figures and accessories. Approximately 128,700 of the play sets have been voluntarily recalled, although no injuries have been reported. The models included in this recall are Super Rigs Transport Vehicle (Item #087286), Command Patrol Center (Item #920625) and Troop Carrier (Item #773967). Consumers can find the item number on the back of the packaging above the barcode.

Toys "R" Us stores nationwide and toysrus.com sold these toy sets from January 2006 to early February 2007 at prices of $15 to $30.

Based on this recall, Madigan urged parents to take these toys away from children immediately and return the products to the nearest Toys "R" Us store for a full refund.

"We should act quickly to ensure that children do not continue to play with a product that contains high levels of lead and sharp points," Madigan said. "We are monitoring retail stores to ensure that they participate in the effort to alert consumers by posting recall notifications in their stores and on their web sites."

Madigan's office will be sending out investigators pursuant to the Illinois Children's Product Safety Act to spot check to see that retailers have posted the recall notice in a prominent location in stores and have removed the products from shelves.

In 2005, the Illinois General Assembly passed new amendments to the Illinois Children's Product Safety Act to help consumers by requiring manufacturers and retail merchants to post recall notices both in their stores and on the Web sites. The recall notification process was further strengthened by requiring manufacturers and retail merchants to alert, by e-mail or mail, Illinois consumers who purchased recalled children's products online. Illinois was the first state to enact such comprehensive child safety notification measures.

According to the U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, childhood lead poisoning is considered to be the most preventable environmental disease impacting young children. While children are most commonly exposed to lead from lead-based paints in older homes, tainted toys, food, water or other items also can be significant sources of lead exposure for children.

The Illinois Dept. of Public Health's Web site also provides a direct link to www.recalls.gov, where citizens can find up-to-date recall information about past & current recalls.

Intercontinental Exchange

U.S. Senator Dick Durbin (D-IL) made the following statement regarding the March 15th unsolicited $9.7 billion all-stock bid for the Chicago Board of Trade by Intercontinental Exchange:

"As with all such offers, today's proposal by Intercontinental Exchange needs to be evaluated by the proper federal regulatory and oversight authorities, but I believe that the Chicago Mercantile Exchange and the Chicago Board of Trade have created a merger agreement that makes sense and is beneficial to all involved.

"I'm sure the Board of Trade leadership will review the new proposal and will make the decision that is in the best interest of the Chicago financial community as a whole

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Illinois Federation Of Teachers Endorses Governor's Helping Kids Learn Plan

Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich has accepted the endorsement of the Illinois Federation of Teachers (IFT) for the *Helping Kids Learn* plan, which will invest an unprecedented $10 billion in schools over the next four years – nearly three times bigger than any increase in state history. The governor's plan means an additional $185 million for students in the Chicago Public Schools. In addition, new estimates by the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) indicate the foundation level, or guaranteed minimum amount of state and local funding to schools, in the governor's proposed budget increase to $6,058.

The IFT represents 90,000 elementary and secondary teachers, school-related personnel and support staff such as teaching assistants, clerks, secretaries and bus drivers. The IFT also includes higher education faculty and staff, and public employees. The IFT represents employees in state government under each of the constitutional officers.

The Illinois Education Assn. (IEA) also endorsed the governor's education plan last Saturday. They boast a membership of 128,000 and are the largest education employees' organization in the state. IEA represents teachers, educational support professionals, higher education faculty and staff, retired education employees and students planning to become teachers.

Helping Kids Learn continues the governor's commitment to schools by boosting funding by an unprecedented $1.5 billion in fiscal year 2008. Under the plan, general state aid to schools will increase by $800 million. Original estimates from ISBE figured Gov. Blagojevich's budget would have raised the Foundation Level by $686 to $6,020. However, with new information based on local school estimates, that Foundation Level will increase by $724 to $6,058. With more funds per pupil, schools can make investments to improve textbook quality, modernize their technology, or invest in teachers.

Under the plan, the state will give schools additional funds to help afford special education teachers with $200 million in new spending that will increase the state's reimbursement rate for special education teachers – the first increase districts have seen since 1985. With $153 million, the governor's plan will fully fund 'mandated categorical' programs like special education and transportation. The plan will also accelerate implementation of *Preschool for All* with $69 million in state support and dedicate additional resources for school districts that provide full-day kindergarten.

The *Helping Kids Learn* plan provides $100 million to support under-performing school districts that invest in after-school tutoring, curriculum and textbook enhancements, longer school days or other proven strategies that raise student achievement. For Illinois' deteriorating schools, the plan will invest $1.5 billion in a capital construction plan for projects to improve and upgrade classrooms and schools so children can learn and teachers can teach in a more conducive environment.

Senator Radogno Comments On Ethics, Procurement Legislation

The Illinois Senate Executive Committee voted unanimously to advance Senate Bill 1305, legislation amended to include many Senate Republican initiatives that seek to curb abuses in awarding state contracts, said State Sen. Christine Radogno (R-Lemont).

"I was happy to work with Sen. Schoenberg (D-Evanston) to advance good government legislation," said Radogno. "Many of the legislative proposals included in the amendment to Senate Bill 1305 incorporated ideas initially introduced by the Senate Republican Caucus, so I'm extremely pleased to see bipartisan legislation once again move forward that would truly crack down on pay-to-play activities in Illinois."

Radogno noted that news media continues to report questionable practices by the Blagojevich administration in awarding state contracts, and commented that if the Senate Republican legislation had been signed into law three years ago, many of these abuses could have been avoided – potentially saving taxpayers millions of dollars.

Senate Bill 1305 will enhance public disclosure of contractors and related businesses, their key executives and lobbyists who might make political campaign contributions and encourages timelier posting of contract awards on the Internet, while requiring the governor to post conflict of interest waivers online in the Procurement Bulletin in a timely fashion.

The legislation also includes pension investment reforms initially introduced by Sen. Radogno that would ban contingent fees to pension board lobbyists.

Radogno noted that identical legislation was approved by the Senate last year; however, failed to be considered by the House of Representatives.

"I applaud Sen. Schoenberg's continued efforts to institute reforms that would help restore trust in our state government, and am hopeful our colleagues in the House will also see the importance of instituting additional political and procurement reforms in Illinois," said Radogno.

All Points Southwest

By THOMAS E. GAVIN

It only took one day after the Governor's annual budget address for the Senate Republicans to call for a more open budget process in Illinois. Their focus is to illuminate the state's current and long-term financial expenditures.

State Senator Christine Radogno (R-Lemont) is one of the sponsors of a comprehensive package of legislation which invites greater public scrutiny into the budget process while targeting the ongoing practice of hiding costly "pork projects" in the state budget.

"Every year we seek the same pattern. The Governor introduces a budget early in the year, but by May or June it's jammed through the General Assembly in the final days of session, without giving the lawmakers or the public an opportunity to really review what is in the final document," said Radogno. "These practices certainly don't serve the taxpayers we were elected to represent, nor does it allow us to effectively do our job as legislators."

Radogno emphasized the need to examine the long-term consequences of the Governor's budget proposals, noting that one measure, Senate Bill 1534, seeks to rein in future state expenditures by requiring the Governor's budget to include a five-year projection of future revenues and spending for new and expanded projects that cost over $1 million. The Governor would also be required to give lawmakers projections for programs that were not included in the preliminary budget or which changed since initially introduced.

A key bill in the package, SJRCA 24, would require a seven-day review period before the General Assembly can vote on the state budget. This would give lawmakers, the public, and the media, more time to study the final budget.

Republican lawmakers are also targeting legislative "pork projects," which have come under increased scrutiny over the last several years. Senate Bill 1600 would eliminate all member and gubernatorial initiatives, while a companion bill, Senate Bill 1601, restricts all lump-sum appropriations for members and gubernatorial initiatives and requires descriptions of the purpose of all initiatives. It would also call for disclosure of the public official responsible for securing the funding.

Radogno noted that her fellow Republican legislators are hopeful this will become a bipartisan effort, inviting Democratic lawmakers to join them in their efforts.

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All Points hears that in an effort to reduce the negative health effects of second-hand smoking in Illinois' public bars and restaurants, the Senate Executive Committee recently approved legislation prohibiting smoking in public places.

The legislation, Senate Bill 500, calls for all indoor, public places and workplaces in Illinois, including bars, casinos and restaurants, to be 100 percent smoke-free. Furthermore, the measure restricts smoking within 15 feet of an entrance to a public place or place of employment. Employers or owners of all public places will also be required to post "no smoking" signs at every entrance, and remove all ashtrays from the establishment.

People who violate the law by smoking in prohibited areas will be fined at least $100, but no more than $250; an owner who allows smoking will be fined at least $250 for the first violation, $500 for the second violation if it occurs within one year of the first violation, and no less than $2,500 for each subsequent violation which occurs within one year after the first.

Legislators noted that the legislation has significant short and long-term benefits stating "Not only would this legislation help people working in Illinois' hospitality industry, but it will also level the playing field for businesses across Illinois and is expected to result in reduced health care costs for the state's taxpayers." To date, 14 states and hundreds of municipalities have passed comprehensive smoke-free workplace laws.

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Good news... The Board of Commissioners of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (District) voted last week to direct the County Clerk to reduce the levy of taxes for the District's Bond and Interest Fund by $21,900,674.

Commissioner Gloria Alitto Majewski, Chairman of the Committee on Finance said, "the Board of Commissioners was pleased to learn from our Treasurer that the 2006 tax revenues were higher than expected. This allows us to provide some relief to local taxpayers. The sources of funds for this abatement are excess investment earnings held in the Corporate Fund, the Construction Fund, and nine Bond and Interest Funds."

The MWRD of Greater Chicago collects and treats wastewater from over five million people and the industrial equivalent of another 4.5 million people in Cook County alone. The District also operates the Deep Tunnel Project to collect and treat sewer overflows, and provides stormwater management for all of Cook County. The District's 2007 budget is $1 billion. Visit their website at www.mwrd.org for more information.

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State Rep. Bob Rita (D-Blue Island) alerts All Points to legislation he is sponsoring to bar youths from driving while using a cell phone. This initiative was unanimously passed out of the House Driver's Education and Safety Committee.

Rita's House Bill 559 bans people under the age of 19 from driving a vehicle while using a cell phone, even if a hand's free device is used. Exemptions are included for emergency phone calls. The bill makes violating the ban an offense, punishable by a $100 fine.

Rep. Rita cited a study in the journal Human Factors which noted that cell phone users have decreased reaction times when driving, which ties up traffic and dramatically increases the risk of accidents. The study also showed that cell phone distraction cause 2,600 deaths and 330,000 injuries in the United States every year.

House Bill 559 now moves to the full House for further consideration.

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Cook County Commissioner Joan Patricia Murphy (6th District) has informed All Points that in order to reach the 17% budget reduction mandated by the 2007 County budget, the 6th District Offices both downtown and in Crestwood will be closed for 52 unpaid furlough days. The schedule includes: March through November the office will be open four days per week, Monday through Thursday. Fridays will be closed. July through September the office will be open three days per week, Tuesday through Thursday. Mondays and Fridays will be closed.

Commissioner Murphy regrets that these closings are necessary. If constituent's have questions or requests they can call (312) 603-4216 or (708) 389-2125.

Lipinski Legislation Passes House

The U.S. House of Representatives passed Congressman Dan Lipinski's bill to reauthorize the Steel and Aluminum Energy Conservation and Technology Competitiveness Act of 1988. H.R. 1126, known as the Metals Initiative, provides research funding to make American steel and other metals more efficient and environmentally friendly.

"Now more than ever it is vital to ensure that these industries are fully prepared to confront the challenges they face," explained Lipinski. "This bill will help develop the tools needed to grow valuable American jobs and businesses, and to protect the environment through technological innovations."

H.R. 1126 would reauthorize the Metals Initiative at $12 million per year from Fiscal Year 2008 through 2012 to fund advanced metals research. As a result of this legislation, American metals industries will get help developing and implementing cost-saving and environmentally-friendly modern technology through critical grants to universities and other research institutions. Through the collaborative research efforts of American companies, the Department of Energy, and institutions of higher education, this program has produced several successful and important technological breakthroughs that have resulted in important environmental and energy savings, as well as innovations that help American defense.

"While American industries have significantly modernized, the pace of technology and the competition from overseas is relentless," continued Lipinski, whose father-in-law lost his job as a steelworker in Johnstown, Pennsylvania when his plant closed due to foreign competition. "Reauthorization of this bill is essential to grow American jobs, keep the customers of the metals industries strong, and assure that we have a domestic supply of the materials we need for our national defense."

"As a manufacturer whose competitiveness is closely tied to the cost and availability of steel and aluminum, I applaud this measure," stated Zach Mottl, Purchasing Manager of Atlas Tool and Die Works, Inc. in Lyons, Illinois. "We've seen aluminum prices go up around 80% during the past few years. At the same time, we have faced unfair foreign competition in which raw materials and other factors of production are often 'subsidized' by foreign governments who have invested in the latest technologies. Measures like H.R. 1126, which help reduce the cost of domestic manufacturing and level our global playing field, are great for industry, domestic security, and jobs."

As Vice Chair of the House Committee on Science and Technology, Congressman Lipinski led efforts to move H.R. 1126 quickly through Committee in order to ensure rapid passage early in this session. The bill was introduced on Feb. 16, and unanimously agreed to and reported out of the Science and Technology Committee on Feb. 28. The bill now moves to the U.S. Senate for further consideration.

Shamrock Shuffle Street Closings

The 28th annual LaSalle Bank Shamrock Shuffle

8K Race and 5K Fitness Walk featuring its largest field ever – 30,000 registrants – will take place in Chicago's Grant Park on Sunday, March 25.In preparation for the event, the two-day LaSalle Bank Health & Fitness

Expo will welcome approximately 50,000 guests to Navy Pier to tour more than 80 exhibitors on Friday and Saturday, March 23-24.

To assist with the additional traffic as a result of the Expo, LaSalle Bank is offering free transportation via The LaSalle Bank Shamrock Shuttle. The trolley will transport visitors from the el stop located at State and Lake streets to the Expo at Navy Pier. The shuttle will operate from 9:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Friday, March 23 and 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, March 24.

To accommodate the 8K (4.96 mile) course, several city streets will temporarily be closed over the course of the weekend. Following is a list of scheduled closures for the weekend of March 24-25.

Columbus Drive: From Roosevelt Road to Congress Parkway. Close: Sunday, March 25, at 4 a.m. Open: Sunday, March 25, at 3 p.m.

Balbo Drive: From Michigan Avenue to Columbus Drive. Close: Sunday, March 25, at 4 a.m. Open: Sunday, March 25, at 3 p.m.

Balbo Drive: From Columbus Drive to Lake Shore Drive. Close: Saturday, March 24, at 6:30 a.m. Open: Sunday, March 25, at 7 p.m.

Columbus Drive: Congress Parkway to Jackson St.

Close. Sunday, March 25, at 4 a.m. Open: Sunday, March 25, at 11 a.m. (turn cars east or west on Jackson)

Columbus Drive: Jackson Blvd. to Monroe Dr.

Close: Sunday, March 25, at 8 a.m. (turn cars east or west on Monroe) Open: Sunday, March 25, at 10 a.m.

Columbus Drive: Monroe Dr. to Randolph Dr.

Close: Sunday, March 25, at 9 a.m. Open: Sunday, March 25, at 10 a.m.

Congress Parkway: Michigan Avenue to Columbus Drive. Close: Sunday, March 25, at 4 a.m. Open: Sunday, March 25, at 11 a.m. (turn cars north on Columbus).

Jackson Blvd.: Michigan Avenue to Lake Shore Drive.

Close: Sunday, March 25, at 8 a.m. Open: Sunday, March 25, at 11 a.m.

Monroe Drive: Michigan Avenue to Lake Shore Drive

Close: Sunday, March 25, at 9 a.m. Open: Sunday, March 25, at 10 a.m.

For more information go to www.shamrockshuffle.com.

Congressional Gold Medal

U.S. Senators Dick Durbin (D-IL) and Bob Bennett (R-UT) nominated Nobel Laureate Muhammad Yunus for a Congressional Gold Medal. Dr. Yunus, who was awarded the 2006 Nobel Peace Prize, is recognized as a leading figure in the effort to fight poverty and promote economic and social opportunity. Through his Grameen Bank, he pioneered the microcredit movement and helped people around the world break out of poverty.

"Dr. Muhammad Yunus believes overcoming poverty is not just a gesture of charity; it is an act of justice. It is the protection of a fundamental human right, the right to dignity and a decent life," said Durbin. "He is truly deserving of the Congressional Gold Medal and I am honored to call him a friend."

The Congressional Gold Medal is the highest civilian award which can be bestowed by the U.S. Congress. The decoration is awarded to individuals who perform an outstanding deed or act of service to the security, prosperity, and national interest of the United States. The recipient need not be an American citizen. The Congressional Gold Medal is considered the Congressional equivalent to the Presidential Medal of Freedom. Legislation bestowing the Congressional Gold Medal to a recipient must be cosponsored by two thirds of the membership of both the House of Representatives and the Senate before their respective committees will consider it. The Congressional Gold Medal is created by the United States Mint to specifically commemorate the person and achievement for which the medal is awarded.

Durbin first met Dr. Yunus in Bangladesh and has worked with him for more than 10 years to advance microcredit and economic development in the world's poorest nations. One of the greatest successes in recent years is microcredit program targeted toward poor women. Most microcredit programs have repayment rates greater than 95 percent and have helped many women change their lives and those of their families.

"Dr, Muhammad Yunus has given dignity and hope to so many through his Gramcen Bank – the people's bank. He believed if you loaned the poorest people in the world a small sum of money that you could change their lives dramatically and they would repay the loan. Thirty years later, Dr. Yunus' theory of microenterprise is now a phenomenon which has touched 100 million people around the world. It is hard to think of any single idea in our lifetime which has lifted up so many people."

Although microcredit is most commonly associated with the developing world, Dr. Yunus' work has improved the lives of an estimated 21 million people in the United States – a number that accounts for about 16 of private (nonfarm) employment in the country. The Small Business Administration has made over $220.

Former recipients of the Congressional Gold Medal include George Washington, Sr. Winston Churchill, Elie Wiesel, Pope John Paul II, Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Coretta Scott King.

Kiwanis Of Southwest Chicago Meet

The Kiwanis of Southwest Chicago is hosting a one hour program about cancer prevention on Tuesday, April 17th at 6:30 p.m. The program will be at Corrigan's Restaurant and Pub, 3047 W. 111th St. The speaker, Dr. Mike McVady, will present astonishing evidence that supports the prevention of this disease that affects everyone. Light refreshments will be served.

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But it's not the 2007 Cubs, it's the Washington Senators of the 1950s, baseball's original can't-win team. For its 2007 spring production, the Beverly Hill University Club Scholarship Foundation of Chicago (BHUC) is presenting the story of baseball's ultimate losers, and of one fan who bargained his soul to help his beloved baseball team finally win the pennant over those "damn Yankees." BHUC is presenting Damn Yankees March 23, 24, 25, 30, 31 and April 1 at The Beverly Arts Center, 111th & Western Ave. in Chicago. Showtimes: Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday at 3 p.m. Tickets are $18-22; profits fund scholarships for students residing within club boundaries. Children of club members are not eligible for scholarships.

The Beverly Hills University Club Scholarship Foundation is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) corporation in Chicago's Beverly Neighborhood that raises funds through its annual theatrical production for college scholarships for graduating high school students residing within the geographical boundaries of its district. Several of this year's performers are past recipients of scholarships who have returned to continue the tradition. The club's presentations have covered the range of Broadway classics from Oklahoma!, Can-Can, The King and I to Singin' in the Rain, for which the club managed to create real rain onstage for the scene made famous by Gene Kelly.

The 2007 version is directed and choreographed by Cassie Dawe, with musical direction by Peg Mooney. Executive producers are longtime BHUCSF members Tom Beck and Peggy DuMais; Assistant producers are Joe Clair and Jamie Volk. The production's business managers are Barb Lenihan and Kimmie Kill. The proceeds from ticket sales, production sponsorships, and program book ad sales are used to fund the scholarships.

For tickets to Damn Yankees, visit the Beverly Hills University Club Web site at www.bhuc-sf.org and click on "Show," or call the Beverly Arts Center at (773) 445-3838. Tickets are also available through www.ticketweb.com.

32nd Annual Symphonython

The Chicago Symphony Orchestra will preside over the WFMT-FM (98.7) airwaves on Sunday, April 1st as it broadcasts the 32nd annual Symphonython, the CSO's nationally acclaimed annual fundraiser. Broadcast live from Symphony Center's Buntrock Hall, this year's event will air from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. and include special guest interviews with conductors Duain Wolfe and Cliff Colnot, former CSO President Henry Fogel, violin virtuoso Hilary Hahn, and CSO musicians. Funds raised during the Symphonython broadcast are in support of the CSO's educational programs.

CSO Association President Deborah R. Card will be joined by various guests for the 12-hour broadcast. This year's program, "The Story Is in the Music," focuses on the stories of the music and musicians of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra.

Throughout the month of March, patrons can pre-pledge their support online or by mailing or faxing order forms found at www.cso.org/symphonython. For additional assistance or to order pre-pledge forms by phone, call the Symphonython hotline at (312) 294-3178. Only CSO supporters who pre-pledge before March 31st can select one-of-a-kind premiums, such as private recitals, lessons and presentations by CSO musicians; gift certificates from Chicago's finest restaurants and shops; tickets for sporting events; and collectible items like autographed CDs and posters.

Symphonython 2007 also features a host of attractive specials, including the always popular *From the Archives* CD set. This year's *From the Archives*, Volume 21, is the third tribute honoring members of the orchestra as soloists. The two-disc set features works – previously unreleased and now available for the first time – recorded live by the Chicago Symphony in Orchestra Hall, the Ravinia Festival, the Petrillo Music Shell in Grant Park, and Mandel Hall at the University of Chicago.

Bandapalooza

All grade school band students are invited to "Bandapalooza," a day of fun music clinics and instruction on Saturday, March 31st, sponsored by the St. Rita Band Program, 7740 S. Western Ave. Band Director, Cindy Gradek and staff will teach music selections from the following movies: "Pirates of the Caribbean," "Harry Potter," "Star Wars," "High School Musical," "Cars" and "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory."

Bandapalooza begins at 2:30 p.m. and concludes with a concert for family and friends at 7 p.m. in the St. Rita Auditorium. This event is free; casual dress. Dinner will be provided. To register, go to www.stritahs.com and click on the Band link, or call (773) 925-6600, ext. 6659.

Class Reunions

Bremen High School – Class of 1987 reunion on Sept. 15th at DiNolfo's Banquets, Mokena/Orland Park, 6 to 11:30 p.m. Call Terri (Lenart) Rickerson at (815) 485-3864 or email bremen87@gmail.com.

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St. Joseph and St. Anne Elementary School class of 1967 is seeking graduates for its 40th anniversary in 2007. Contact Charlene Koestner Smolik at dcsmolik@hotmail.com or call (361) 455-1625.

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St. George School (Tinley Park) seeks alumni to form alumni association. Call the school office at (708) 532-2626 or visit www.stgeorgeschool.org.

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Leo High School class of 1957 – 50th anniversary and reunion on April 27th, 2007 at the Lexington House in Hickory Hills. Call Jack Carroll at (708) 429-9307.

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Morrill Elementary School – Students from the classes of 1943, 1944 and 1945 are sought for an upcoming reunion. Call Howard Siebalt at (708) 720-1848.

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Present Spring Drama Production

De La Salle's Theatre 100 program presents its Spring Drama Production of "Spoon River Anthology" on March 29-31, at 7 p.m. in the Ayres-Conway Theatre, located at De La Salle's Institute Campus at 35th St. and Michigan Ave.

The "Spoon River Anthology" is based on the work of Illinois poet Edgar Lee Masters. The "Spoon River Anthology" presents individual vignettes of the people who lived in an imaginary small town in Illinois at the end of the 19th and beginning of the 20th centuries. The music used to enhance the piece is also from the same period.

De La Salle students who comprise the cast are: seniors Laura Barbaro (Bridgeport), Erica Brooks (South Shore), Ashanti Carter (Woodlawn), Anthony Mallet (Washington Heights), Gerald Munoz (East Side) and Charles Williams (Calumet City); juniors Lyzander Dilag (Streeterville), Joseph Medina (Bridgeport), Alejandra Ramirez (Garfield Ridge), Emmanuel Ramirez (Oak Lawn) and Kenneth Thompson (Chatham) and sophomores Elisha Calderon (McKinley Park) and Jessica Hosendove (South Shore).

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Banks Announce Merger

Standard Bancshares, Inc., the parent company of Standard Bank and Trust Company, and Community Bank of Lemont, jointly announced that they have entered into a definitive agreement providing for the acquisition of Lemont by Standard. The proposed acquisition is subject to approval by Lemont's stockholders, the receipt of regulatory approvals and the satisfaction or waiver of the other conditions to closing set forth in the definitive agreement.

At Dec. 31, 2006, Standard Bancshares had assets of approximately $2 billion and Lemont had assets of $80 million. Lemont will be integrated into Standard Bank after the transaction is completed. The transaction is expected to be completed in the third quarter of 2007.

Standard Bank was founded in 1947, and is the privately held subsidiary of Standard Bancshares of Hickory Hills. Standard Bank currently has 41 bank branches located in the Southern and Western regions of the Chicagoland area, including the counties of Cook, DuPage, Will and Grundy, and the Northwest Indiana counties of Lake and Porter. Lemont is a full service bank located in the community of Lemont, Illinois.

Lawrence P. Kelley, President and Chief Executive Officer of Standard Bank, stated: "This transaction provides excellent opportunities for the customers of both organizations. The merger with the Community Bank of Lemont continues our strategy of expanding our presence into new communities while continuing to provide outstanding customer service. In addition to increasing our customer base and our presence in the Chicagoland marketplace, this merger will allow our customers the convenience of an additional branch and ATM location."

"Standard Bank has a long history of serving the southwest metropolitan Chicagoland area," added Timothy J. Gallagher, the Chairman of the Board of Standard Bancshares. "The acquisition of the Community Bank of Lemont represents a logical expansion within our core market area and a good long term investment for our company. Community Bank of Lemont has a solid customer base and a very good management team."

Richard A. Meade, President and Chief Executive Officer of Lemont, stated: "We are excited for this excellent opportunity to combine with a fine organization like Standard Bank. The combined company will create new and exciting opportunities for our customers and be a great benefit to our community."

Donnelly Penman & Partners, Grosse Pointe, Michigan, has served as financial advisor to Lemont in connection with the proposed acquisition. Standard is being represented by Barack Ferrazzano Kirschbaum Perlman & Nagelberg, LLP, Chicago, Illinois, and Lemont is being represented by Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP, Chicago, Illinois.

Lane Closures On Rt. 30 Under I-55

The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) announced that weather permitting as of March 20, one lane will be closed in each direction on U.S. Route 30 under I-55) as part of the I-55 Corridor Improvement project in Will County.

These lane reductions, which will be in place for much of the construction season, are necessary to widen the bridges that carry I-55 over U.S. 30 so that they can accommodate a third lane when I-55 is widened next year.

In addition, there will be full stops, weather permitting, from Sunday night through Wednesday night next week in both directions of I-55 between IL Rt. 126 and U.S. 6. These stops will be in intervals of 15 minutes between 1 a.m. and 5 a.m. and are for installation of overhead signs.

On I-55, two lanes of traffic will remain open during daytime hours as IDOT widens seven bridges this construction season along I-55 between Weber Rd. and US Rt. 6 in preparation for next year's widening of the expressway from two lanes to three lanes from Weber Rd. to I-80.

Here is what the traveling public can expect on I-55 during this construction season: narrow lanes, closed shoulders, and lane shifts; night time lane closures beginning at 9 p.m., lasting until 5 a.m. northbound and 7 a.m. southbound; a 55 mile per hour work zone speed limit during the daytime, and a 45 mph speed limit on nights when closures are in effect; construction traffic entering and leaving the work zone; and traffic delays.

The contractor for both projects is a joint venture comprised of D Construction, PT Ferro and Gallagher Construction. The two contracts are worth a combined $28.8 million.

IDOT advises that a work zone speed limit will be strictly enforced by Illinois State Police, for the safety of workers and the motoring public.

Increase Fines For Repeat Disability Parking Abuse

Legislation initiated by Secretary of State Jesse White increasing fines of up to $1,000 for people who continually abuse disability parking placards and license plates was approved by the Illinois Senate Transportation Committee.

Under White's proposal (SB 1318), those caught parking with a fraudulent disability placard or license plate in spaces reserved for people with disabilities will face fines of $750 for their second offense and $1,000 for their third or subsequent offense.

The violator may also have his or her driving privileges, as well as the disability license plates or placard, suspended or revoked.

"It is unbelievable that able-bodied people would time and time again abuse this important program and take parking spaces reserved for persons with disabilities," White said. "The increased fines and suspensions will send a message that if you continue to violate the program you will pay the price financially as well as personally."

The legislation also clarifies that placards are not transferable and the authorized holder must be present, entering or exiting the vehicle at the time the parking privileges are being used.

The proposed legislation also states that 50 percent of each fine collected will be distributed to the law enforcement agency that issued the citation or made the arrest. This includes the Secretary of State Dept. of Police, where 50 percent of the fine will go into the Secretary of State Police Services Fund.

There are over 455,000 placards and over 90,000 disability plates in Illinois. The measure will now move to the full Illinois Senate.

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Early Voting

Early voting will take place from Monday, March 26th through Thursday, April 12th for the April 17th Consolidated Election. The hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 12 noon on Saturday, March 31st and Saturday, April 7th.

Listed below are the closest Early Voting sites in the area. Early voting is also offered at the five suburban Cook County Clerk offices, and the downtown office at 69 W. Washington, 5th floor, Chicago, (312) 603-0906 for a total of 32 Early Voting Sites.

For further information, call your Municipal or Township Clerk for information on all the available sites.

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Alsip Village Hall, 4500 W. 123rd St., (708) 385-6902, (708) 385-9561, Debbie Venhuizen, Clerk.

Palos Heights Village Hall, 7607 W. College Dr., (708) 361-1800, (708) 361-9711, Colleen Mannix-Devine, Clerk.

Oak Lawn Village Hall, 9446 S. Raymond Ave., (708) 636-4400, (708) 636-8606, Jane Quinlan, Clerk.

Orland Park Village Hall, 14700 Ravinia Ave., (708) 403-6100, (708) 403-6153, Dave Maher, Clerk.

Madigan Releases Open Government Statistics

Attorney General Lisa Madigan recently released the second annual report on the work of the Illinois Public Access Counselor. According to the statistics in the report, in its second year since the creation of the Public Access Counselor, ordinary members of the public continue to lead the pack of those asking for assistance in accessing public documents.

In 2006, Madigan's office received 988 requests from members of the public, government bodies and the media concerning the Illinois Open Meetings Act (OMA) and the Illinois Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). More than 80 percent of the 988 matters brought to the Public Access Counselor in 2006 came from members of the public.

"Open and honest government is the cornerstone of American democracy, and it can only be achieved through the free exchange of information between the government and its citizens," said Madigan said. "The statistics from our Public Access Counselor's second year of work demonstrate that members of the public throughout Illinois are actively interested in being involved in the work of their government. And they confirm the importance of our efforts to provide help to the public through the Public Access Counselor. We are delighted to see so many people knocking on our door, seeking clarification on freedom of information and open government issues."

Madigan added, "When I established the Public Access Counselor, many people thought the media would be our most frequent requestor. While I am pleased that we are able to serve as a resource for members of the media and government officials, it is very satisfying to see that Illinoisans know they can come to us for assistance in seeking access."

In December 2004, Madigan created the Public Access and Opinions Division in her office and appointed Terry Mutchler to serve as the state's first Public Access Counselor. In May 2006, as part of an expansion of this division, Scott B. Sievers, an attorney with experience litigating cases under FOIA and OMA, joined the office as an Assistant Public Access Counselor.

The Public Access Counselor's role is to ensure that public bodies understand the requirements of the sunshine laws and conduct their business openly and that the public has access to governmental information to which they are entitled. Through the Public Access Counselor, Madigan's office serves as a valuable resource for government officials, members of the public, and the media when questions or disputes arise.

Madigan said that in 2006, the most common FOIA issue raised with the Public Access Counselor concerned the fees charged by government agencies in response to requests for public documents. When documents are requested, FOIA permits a public body to charge "the actual cost of reproduction." The law does not permit public bodies to charge the cost of searching for and reviewing the requested documents.

The most common OMA issue raised with the Public Access Counselor involved questions as to when the law allows public bodies to go into closed session.

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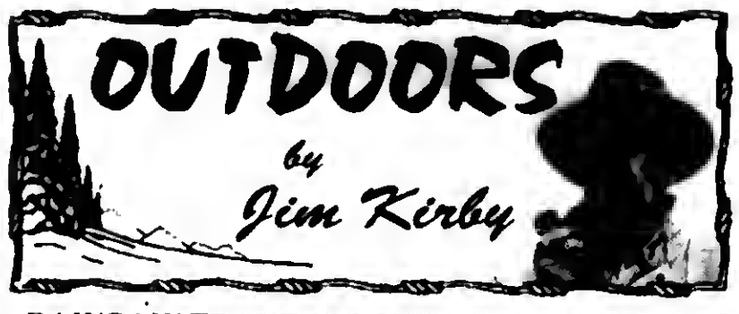

RAINBOW TROUT STOCKED AT 42 LOCATIONS IN ILLINOIS, INCLUDING CLOSE TO HOME: The 2007 spring trout fishing season in Illinois begins at 5 a.m. on Saturday, April 7th.

The IDNR stocks more than 60,000 rainbow trout in bodies of water where spring trout fishing is permitted. The trout-stocking program in Illinois is made possible through the sale of inland trout stamps.

Inland trout stamps are available for $6.50 each at DNR Direct license and permit vendors, and may be purchased with a credit card through the IDNR web site at http://dnr.state.il.us or by phone at 1(888) 673-7648.

To legally participate in the trout fishing program, anglers must have a valid Illinois fishing license and an inland trout stamp. Annual fishing licenses will be valid through March 31st, 2008. Anglers may also purchase Illinois' 24-hour fishing license, which includes trout fishing privileges for the 24-hour period the license is valid. A license is required for fishing in Illinois unless the angler is under age 16, blind or disabled, or is an Illinois resident on active military service who is home on leave.

Anglers may not take trout from any of the stocked sites from March 15th to the opening of the season on April 7th at 5 a.m. Anyone attempting to take trout before the legal opening will be issued citations. During the spring trout season, the daily limit is five fish.

Anglers are reminded to check in advance for any site-specific regulations and the opening time of their favorite trout fishing location. While the statewide spring trout season opens at 5 a.m. on April 7th, some locations may have a later opening. For more information about the trout- stocking program, contact the IDNR Division of Fisheries at (217) 782-6424 or check the web site at www.ifishilli nois.org.

Note: This is a slam-dunk situation. No special tackle is needed, just a pole, line, hook and bobber, garden worms or bait from a local bait shop. ***(Tobacco World & Bait Shop,*** *11405 S. Harlem Ave. in Worth, along with other shops in the area, have everything you need to catch those rainbow trout.)*

Local bodies of water scheduled to be part of the spring trout program include: **Axehead Lake,** Cook County; **Belleau Lake,** Cook County Forest Preserve District; **Sag Quarry East,** Cook County Forest Preserve.

■**WITH A LITTLE LUCK AND SOME SKILL – YOU CAN WIN YOUR EASTER HAM:** This Sunday, March 25th is the Palos Sportsman's Gun Club Annual Easter Ham Shoot. This is one of the rare occasions when the club is open to the public. Bring your favorite shotgun, family and friends and come out for some clay pigeon shooting.

The fun begins at 9 a.m. and runs through 4 p.m. The club is located at 24160 S. Harlem Ave. in nearby Frankfort, Illinois. Phone: (815) 469-4446. Don't be bashful, I will be on hand from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. to lend a helping hand, if needed.

■**RECREATIONAL BOATING GENERATES $25 BILLION:** A university study showed that recreational boating has a $25.6 billion economic impact on the country. Dr. Ed Mahoney of Michigan State's Recreational Marine Research Center conducted the study in 2005. He polled 12,000 people and included power and sailboats of all lengths.

To verify the survey's accuracy, Mahoney compared his numbers with industry leaders in individual segments to make sure the figures matched. The study also looked at how much was spent on day and overnight trips. On average, boaters spent $103 a day for day trips and $588 for overnight trips. That comes to about $21 billion spent on trips by all boaters each year. (Credit: the Great Lakes Basin Report)

■**TURKEY HUNTING TIPS:** Turkey season is almost here and hunters are beginning to get their gear in order. **Alex Rutledge** (who I met a few years back), a Hunter's Specialties Pro Staff Member, offers the following tips:

"Part of being a successful turkey hunter is not only calling, but attention to detail. I like to take proper care of my calls so that they sound consistent all the time. If you use a slate call, sand the call one way so that the striker bites better and you have more control. I always store my diaphragm call in the refrigerator to keep the reeds in good shape."

"If you are hunting with a buddy, always separate a few feet when using locator calls. This will help you hear more turkeys. Once I have located a bird, I like to use a hen and Jake decoy to get the gobbler's attention."

"All types of calls have their place. Box calls are good during windy conditions; glass calls are often high-pitched and cause toms to respond; slate calls are good for yelps and soft purrs; diaphragm calls make all the sounds of a wild turkey without a lot of movement." *For more info visit* www.hunterspec.com.

Skyway Collegiate Conference

Even though the women's softball team is rebuilding this year, the Cyclones think they have a solid shot at being a contender in the Illinois Skyway Collegiate Conference.

"We've added some outstanding ballplayers to this team during the off-season, and we have the talent to be just as competitive as we've been in the past," said head coach Aleka Letsos, who played at Moraine in 1996-97. Letsos says the 2007 campaign marks an exciting opportunity for her team. "We can't wait to begin this season," Letsos said. "We've been recruiting players all winter, and each player we have is committed to the success of this team."

The Cyclones look to return four players from last year. Leading the way is team MVP, All-Conference and All-Region selection Natalie Wigginton (Evergreen Park), who led the team last year in home runs (7) – tying a school record – and setting another school record with a .892 slugging percentage in 111 at-bats. Kristina O'Connor (Evergreen Park) and Kelly McKinney (Oak Lawn) are also looking to improve on their impressive freshman years in which they both earned All-Conference honors. Lori Paulmeyer (Eisenhower) is also expected to make key contributions.

Nine newcomers also will add support to the Cyclones roster. Starting pitchers Annie McEldowney (Mother McAuley), Whitney Andrews (Bradley-Bourbonnais) and Ellie Renz (Andrew) will bolster the pitching rotation, with transfer Christina Atton (Shepard) playing shortstop and outfield. Megan Stroh (Mount Assisi), Caitlin Griffin (Andrew), Jenna Vickers (Stagg), Meg Ryan (Queen of Peace) and Dawn Garces (Eisenhower) also will provide pop in the lineup.

"Our returning players, along with the addition of our freshman recruiting class, give us many options throughout the season. The foundation and talent is very strong, which will allow us to contend for a title," Letsos said.

Letsos, who begins her second season as head coach, brings 15 years of experience to the job. She received all-conference honors in volleyball, basketball and softball, and was inducted into the Reavis High School Hall of Fame. Letsos went on to earn Female Athlete of the Year honors at Moraine Valley, and finished her college career at Carthage College, where she set a career school record for most hits in one game (5), and finished in the top five all-time leaders for doubles and triples. Letsos also gives private softball hitting lessons during the off-season.

Assisting her this season will be Pete Les, who has more than 15 years of coaching experience in baseball and softball. He is a private hitting instructor and currently works with professional and minor league baseball players. Les has assisted in providing hitting instruction at various NCAA Division I, II and III baseball and softball programs. Les graduated from Reavis High School before graduating from the University of Illinois-Chicago.

Also joining the Moraine Valley coaching staff this year is Amy Marek, a former Moraine Valley player who received All-Conference honors as the starting catcher for the Cyclones. A Reavis High School graduate and Western Illinois University alumni, Marek will primarily work with the catchers and pitchers.

Freshman Of The Year

St. Xavier University freshman guard Julian Scott (Country Club Hills/Hillcrest) was named the CCAC Freshman of the Year and earned first team recognition to highlight five SXU men's basketball players on the 2007 all-conference squad. In addition to Scott, sophomore forward Adam Gregoriou (Burbank/Brother Rice) also garnered All-CCAC first team honors, while junior forward Dan Bolger (Chicago/St. Patrick), senior guard Chris McCormick (Frankfort/Lincoln-Way East) and senior guard Ken McCormick (Frankfort/Lincoln-Way East) all earned honorable mention recognition.

Scott has averaged 12.8 points, 5.6 rebounds and 3.9 assists per game this season and has been a regular starter for the Cougars all season. He has shot 52 percent (129-for-246) from the field this year and has a 79 percent clip (88-for-111) from the free-throw line. Gregoriou is averaging 9.2 points and 4.6 rebounds a game this season and is shooting 50 percent (92-for-185) from the field on the year.

Playing in all 28 games for SXU this season, Bolger has averaged 8.1 points and a team leading 6.7 rebounds per game. Ken McCormick has contributed 8.0 points and 2.0 assists per game average, while twin brother Chris McCormick has chipped in 7.1 points per game and 2.8 rebounds. This is the first All-CCAC recognition for all five players in their collegiate careers. It is also the second year in a row that Coach Tom O'Malley's team has had the CCAC Freshman of the Year.

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For more information, contact Terri Sparks at (708) 636-8586, ext. 227.

St. Baldrick's Fundraiser

Cook County Sheriff Thomas J. Dart shows off his barber skills at the kick-off of Mt. Carmel's St. Baldrick's fundraiser. Father Carl Marketz, principal of Mt. Carmel High School, volunteered to be the first to have his head shaved in support of the St. Baldrick's Foundation, whose mission is to raise awareness and money for childhood cancer.

Students at Mt. Carmel raised more than $8,500 for the St. Balderick's Foundation, with more than 100 students, faculty and Carmelite priests participating.

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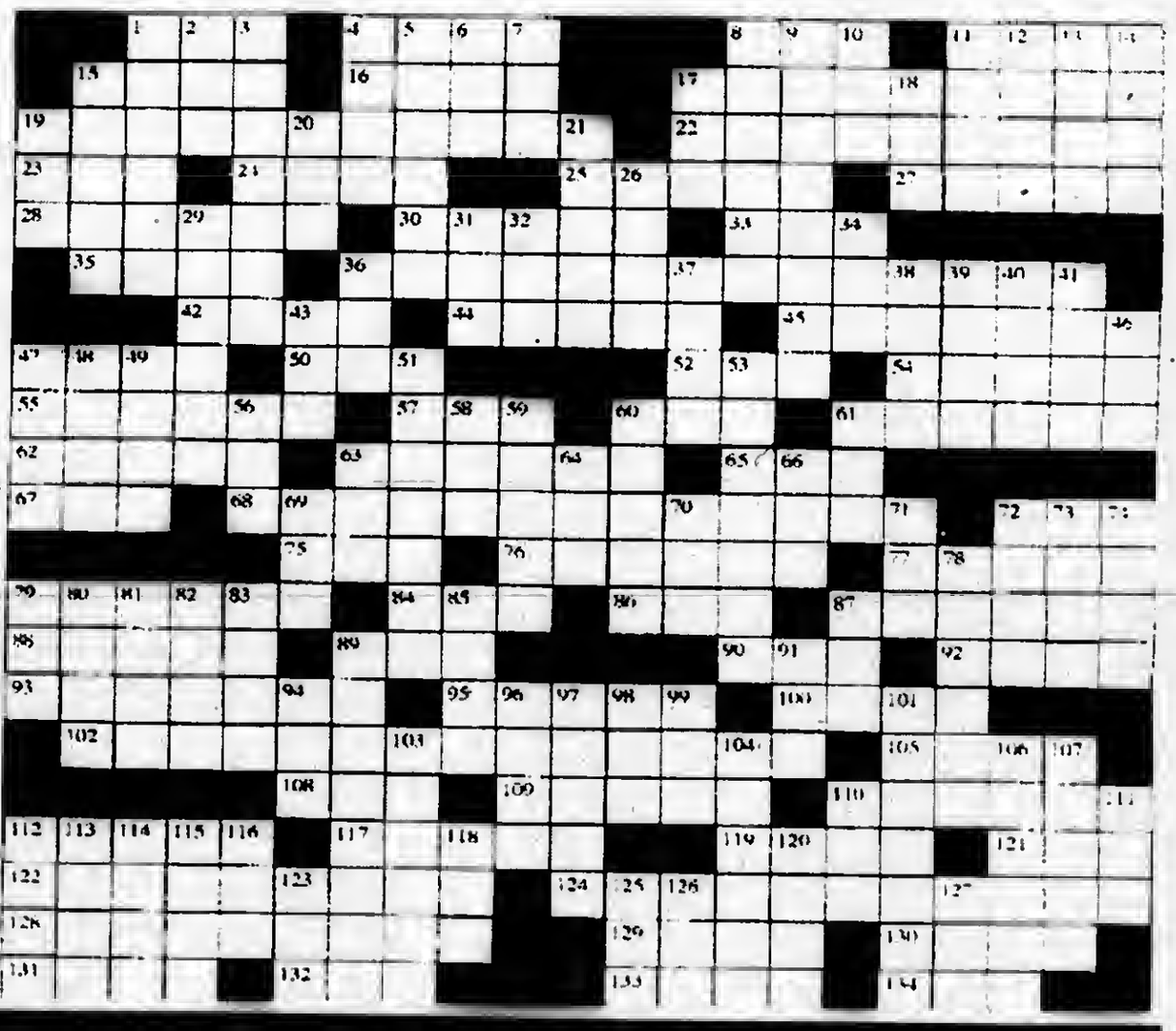

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Scuba Diving & Aquatic-Related Careers

Realizing that encouraging young people to get involved in diving is vital to the future of the industry, its business and the marine environment, the Diving Equipment & Marketing Association (DEMA) took its new youth-based initiative, Deep Ambitions Aquatic Career Fair, on the road to Our World Underwater in Chicago on Feb. 9th. DEMA's first Career Fair of 2007 was attended by 153 high school and junior high school students from Brookwood Junior High School in Glenwood; Edison Regional Gifted Center in Chicago; Eisenhower High School in Blue Island; Neukua Valley High School in Naperville; Richards High School in Oak Lawn; and Shepard High School in Palos Heights.

During the full-day event the students met with and heard from two successful professionals - Gary Joyce from PADI, who spoke about diving and aquatic careers, and Stephan Becker from Beautiful Oceans, who talked about marine conservation, education and the responsible enjoyment of our marine resources. Career Fair participants also took part in exciting and educational hands-on activities including scuba diving in the 17,000 gallon DEMA Scuba Tour pool under the supervision of local dive professionals and explored a virtual exhibit area which included a display and live animals from Chicago's Shedd Aquarium. Additionally, students had the unique opportunity to speak with Detective Barry Churin from the Palos Park Police Department and Jason Martin from the Palos Park Fire Department, each of whom provided valuable information about their jobs and let the kids try on various equipment used in their diving operations. "This event provided an amazing and unique opportunity for our students and the school district and has made a difference to so many of the kids," said Pamela Hollich, Superintendent of School District 167. "The fact that our students were invited to participate was huge for this group of kids and the impact of the event on them has been significant with many still talking about the activities and information they received in the weeks following."

"The Career Fair opened our students' eyes and exposed them to information and experiences they normally wouldn't have access to," said Bethany Lindsay, Principal of Brookwood Junior High School. "In addition to having the authentic experience to go scuba diving, the kids learned so much and on the way back to school talked about scuba diving, becoming marine biologists or divers for the police department - careers they hadn't considered before this - along with the courses they would have to take in order to pursue these careers. We can't wait for the Career Fair to revisit Chicago so that we can participate again."

"What was interesting [about the Career Fair] was how many schools were so open to the idea. And to put frosting on the cake letting them dive was fantastic. The Scuba Tour pool made this event. I would do the career days again," said DEMA member Patrick Hammer of Scuba Emporium and Our World Underwater show organizer.

Another local dive center owner and DEMA member, Tom Tovello of Sea Lions Dive Center of Hanover Park, said, "The pool is a great idea. Anything that gets people talking about diving is great. We need more. We need to go to classrooms and excite them and let them know that they can do it and they will come. We need to keep putting diving into the forefront. We not only showed a number of people what it feels like to breathe underwater, we also touched everyone they told, and anyone who walked by and saw them. Every person we touched will touch four to five others."

Developed by DEMA in response to requests from Association members to create an industry-wide initiative to bring more young people into diving, DEMA's Deep Ambitions Aquatic Career Fair is a youth-based program that provides a forum where students can learn about and experience scuba diving and aquatic-related careers firsthand. Benefiting both DEMA Members and the dive industry as a whole, the Career Fair not only raises awareness of scuba diving among today's youth, but also gets them excited about the many possible aquatic-related careers available. The Career Fair was launched at DEMA Show 2006 in Orlando, Florida and will continue traveling around the U.S. making stops in other cities throughout 2007. For information about DEMA's Career Fair Program, contact Nicole Russell at nrussell@dema.org.

Moraine Valley Buys Site In Tinley Park

Moraine Valley Community College has approved a contract to purchase a 12.6-acre site in Tinley Park, so it can provide full services conveniently to residents in the fastest-growing area of the college district.

"This property at 179th St. and 94th Ave. is ideal for us and offers great flexibility to our community members who live in the southwest sector of our district," said Sandra S. Wagner, chair of the Moraine Valley Board of Trustees.

"The site will allow us to build now and expand in the future," said Dr. Vernon O. Crawley, college president. "It is just east of LaGrange Road, north of Interstate 80 and west of Harlem Ave., and convenient for our students who reside in the southwest area of our district who would otherwise have a difficult time getting to our main campus in Palos Hills." Additionally, Dr. Crawley said, the center would be able to provide educational programming to area health care facilities.

The center will offer college credit and noncredit courses during the day, evening and Saturdays similar to the college's education center at Blue Island. The off-campus center is one of the projects in the $89 million bond referendum voters approved March 21, 2006.

"We look forward to working cooperatively with Tinley Park officials. This is a win-win situation for the college and the village," Dr. Crawley said.

"We will be able to serve the fastest-growing area of our district conveniently," said Nancy Curé, dean of Enrichment Services who oversees off-campus sites. According to the last census for the southwest region of the district, the population grew 36 percent from 1990 through 2000. Projections indicate that there will be an additional 35 percent growth in that area in the upcoming 15 to 25 years.

The center will serve residents in Oak Forest, Orland Hills, Orland Park, and Tinley Park. "We want to bring Moraine Valley closer to home for these residents. We have an excellent relationship with Andrew High School and Century Junior High School, but we are not able to offer day and weekend classes. We want to be able to provide those alternatives to the community," Curé said. Currently, approximately 500 students are enrolled in a variety of evening classes at Andrew in Tinley Park and at Century in Orland Park. Moraine Valley has offered classes at Andrew for the past 16 years and at Century for the past four years.

The center will be approximately 35,700 square feet that would include at least 10 classrooms, two computer labs, a science lab, and a multipurpose room. The center also would have a student services area, its own parking lot, and the potential for expansion.

OAK LAWN PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS

The Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St., has two community display cases that may be reserved for one calendar month by individuals, local community groups and organizations interested in exhibiting special collections, handicrafts, activities and creative works. Applications are available at the Reception Booth.

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This April, the library will hold a month-long celebration of the fictional character Curious George for children ages 2-7.

Registration begins Sunday, April 1st for a Curious George reading club that runs April 2nd to 30th. Participants can improve their literacy skills by reading with their parents and win a prize by completing a series of activities and reading for just over 2? hours. Sign up at the Youth Services Desk. Open to Oak Lawn residents and students only.

Curious George parties will be held on Saturday, April 21st from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 2 to 3 p.m. A costumed Curious George leads these identical events offering stories, crafts, activities and snacks. Pick up tickets in advance for one party at the Youth Services Desk starting Sunday, April 1st. Limit 30 children per event.

Patrons of all ages can meet a costumed Curious George on Saturday, April 21st from 3 to 4 p.m. in the Youth Services Dept. Bring your camera and take photos.

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Girls in third through fifth grade and their moms (grandmas, aunts, etc.) are invited to take part in a lively discussion of the children's novel "The Boys Start the War" by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor at a Mother and Daughter Book Club meeting from 11 a.m. to noon on Saturday, April 14th at the library. Register today and pick up copies of the book at the Youth Services Desk. Limited to 15 mother/daughter pairs. Light refreshments.

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For more information, call (708) 422-4990.

Spring Fling

Spring is in the air! Trinity Lutheran Church will host a "Spring Fling" small craft fair on Sunday, March 25th from 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon. The fair will include crafts that the church crafters have made for spring, including Easter, summer and garden items. There will be a few other crafters from the church who will sell their novelty crafts, jewelry and food items. Coffee and goodies will be for sale along with a wonderful bake sale.

The church is at 97th & Brandt Ave. (2 blocks west of Cicero). For more information, call the church office at (708) 422-0193.

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SHOP AND SAVE IN OAK LAWN

The Geek Squad Agents At Mother McAuley

The Geek Squad Agents from Best Buy were on a mission recently to encourage the students at Mother McAuley Liberal Arts High School to not only be confident young women who follow their dreams, but that careers in technology are within their reach.

McAuley welcomed three female executives from Best Buy and Geek Squad who spoke during the All-School Women's Rally to kick-off Women's Month at McAuley. The speakers were Beth Smits, Vice President – Services Operations, Shari Ballard, Executive Vice President - Human Capital and Leadership, and Moira Hardek, Mission Specialist Geek Squad Corporate and McAuley Class of 1997. Each guest spoke from personal experience about leadership, women in technology, and self-confidence.

After the rally, McAuley Principal Sister Rose Wiorek, RSM, announced the new Geek Squad Academy, a camp that will take place this summer at McAuley and be conducted by Agents from the Geek Squad. The two-week Academy will consist of a week long session for current McAuley students as well as one for grammar school girls interested in technology.

Best Buy/Geek Squad also sponsored a writing contest focusing on the issues of women and technology, women and learning, and self-confidence. The first place winners, senior Steffi Leung (Chgo., West Lawn) and freshman Mary Baker (Chg., Beverly) were awarded Toshiba Laptop Computers. The second place winners, freshman Julia Swann (Oak Lawn), sophomore Kaitlyn Vranicar (Oak Lawn), juniors Amanda Mendez (Chg., Eastside) and Allison Battain (Chg., Clearing), and senior Anne Kellogg (Evergreen Park) each received a digital camera. Third place winners, freshman Page Doiljani (Chg., West Beverly), sophomore Megan Lehocky (Oak Lawn), junior Tara Sheehan (Chg., Bridgeport), Julia Swann (Oak Lawn) and seniors Maggie Wood (Evergreen Park), and Ashley M. O'Brien (Chg., Mt. Greenwood) won an Apple iPod. All prizes were generously donated by Best Buy and Geek Squad.

Pictured: left to right, (standing) Beth Smits, Shari Ballard, Kristina Parker, Tim Kutzer, Agent Rick Jordan, Certified Special Agent Joey Jasion, Double Agent Patrick Pena, Special Agent Ryan Luering, Triple Agent Kasia Platt, Cadet Paul Tlarks, Double Agent Jiho Park, and Mission Specialist Moira Hardek; (kneeling) Kaitlyn Vranicar, Megan Lehocky, Ashley O'Brien, Amanda Mendez, Paige Doljanin, Allison Battain, Tara Sheehan, Steffi Leung, Julia Swann, Mary Baker, Maggie Wood and Anne Kellogg.

Early Voting

Registered voters in suburban Cook County can vote early for the April 17th Consolidated Election at the Village of Oak Lawn. Early voting begins on March 26th and continues until April 12th weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on two consecutive Saturdays, March 31st and April 7th, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

Luncheon

The Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce will host their annual Employee and Volunteer Appreciation Day Luncheon on Wednesday, April 25 at the Hilton Oak lawn, 9333 S. Cicero Ave. All Area businesses are invited to participate in this opportunity to thank their dedicated staff and helpers.

The luncheon theme is "Afternoon in the Park," and will feature entertainment by "The Singing Men of Notes," a delicious Chicken Marsala lunch with Caesar salad, wild rice blend, stuffed broiled tomato with spinach and chocolate cake for dessert (a vegetarian option is available), door prizes and a long stem rose & gift for all attendees. Sign-in begins at 11:30 am. Lunch will be served at noon. The cost is $22 per person. Reservation deadline is Wednesday, April 18.

For additional information, reservation forms or to find out how your business can donate prizes for the event, call (708) 424-8300.

Local Tourism Marketing Grants

The Chicago Southland Convention & Visitors Bureau (CSCVB) awarded $29,940 in Local Tourism Marketing grants to seven regional not-for-profit organizations and/or municipalities for promotion of their festivals and events targeted to visitors *outside* the Chicago Southland region.

The CSCVB developed the Local Tourism Marketing Grant program in 1991, and since the program's inception has awarded over $850,000 in grants to assist not-for-profits and municipalities in promoting their events. Annually, the Bureau can award up to $66,000 in two grant cycles.

Details of the seven grants awarded in the first cycle of FY07 includes:

The Children's Museum of Oak Lawn, Village of Oak Lawn: Emerging Museum Promotion, $6,443.00 – The Children's Museum of Oak Lawn is expanding its audience by advertising to families in Wisconsin, Indianapolis and Chicago. This grant will pay 60% of placement costs for advertisements in *Metroparent, Chicago Parent, Chicago Parent* (GOING PLACES) and *Indy's Child*, as well as brochure printing.

Freedom Hall, Village of Park Forest: Winter/Spring 2007 Promotion, $3,210.00 – Freedom Hall's Nathan Manilow Theatre Winter/Spring 2007 season presents popular performers from around the United States. This grant pays for 30% of the placement costs for advertisements in *The Chicago Reader* and *The Chicago Tribune*, plus radio spots on WGN Radio.

Governors State University Foundation, Village of University Park: Jazz in the Park for Charity, $6,661.00 – The GSU Foundation is expanding Jazz in the Park from a one day event to a weekend event geared toward GSU Alumni (29,000 – 6,000 of whom live outside the Chicagoland area). The Tourism Marketing Grant will pay for 60% of the brochure printing costs in addition to advertisements in the *Chicago Tribune* and *Chicago Jazz Magazine*; radio spots on WBEZ and WDCB; and a banner ad on ChicagoJazz.com.

Healing Racism Chicago Southland, Village of Flossmoor: From Good to Great: Academic Success in Diverse Communities, $512.00 – Healing Racism Chicago Southland, in partnership with the Metropolitan Institute for Leadership in Education at GSU, is sponsoring a one-day symposium at Prairie State College in March. The audience for this symposium is national, metropolitan and local education leaders. The grant will pay for 30% of advertising costs in the *Chicago Tribune*.

Illinois Philharmonic Orchestra, Village of Park Forest: 30th Anniversary Kick-Off Campaign, $5,366.00 – The IPO is in its 30th Anniversary Season as the premier and exclusive professional orchestra of the Chicago Southland. To celebrate this season, the IPO is proposing an ambitious marketing campaign. This grant pays 30% of the cost of the season brochure, a web site update, advertising in the *Chicago Tribune*, radio spots on WBEZ, and a billboard along I-80/I-94.

Park Forest Recreation & Parks Department, Village of Park Forest: Park Forest Scenic 10 Mile Race Promotion, $2,676.00 – The Park Forest Scenic 10 Mile & 5K Race has achieved local, state and national recognition. The 2007 race will be its 30th anniversary, and the Local Tourism Marketing Grant will pay for 60% of brochures/poster printing costs; advertisements in *Windy City Sports, Chicago Athlete* and *Running Times*, and an advertisement on the Chicago Athlete website.

Village of Richton Park, Blues & Bones Fest, $5,072.00 – Richton Park is expanding its annual Blues & Bones Fest. The fest targets adults with an interest in the Blues. The grant covers 40% of the design and printing costs for the fest brochure, rack cards, posters and flyers, an advertisement in the *Chicago Tribune*, radio spots on WXRT, and website updates.

The Chicago Southland CVB holds Grant Writing Workshops twice a year, with the next workshop scheduled for April 12 at the CSCVB offices in Lansing. Fore more information about the Local Tourism Marketing Grant Program, please contact Kim Kislowski at (708) 895-8200.

Annuals, Perennials And New Fun Things To Grow

Explore new, creative ideas for the garden at a free lecture hosted by the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St., Monday, March 26th at 7 p.m. Greg Stack, a horticulture educator with the University of Illinois Extension, will share information about older plant and flower varieties that are just being rediscovered, others that are new and unusual, and some that are simply fun for the garden.

A complete schedule of adult programs may be viewed at the library's web site at www.oaklawnlibrary.org. For additional information, feel free to call (708) 422-4990.

Teen Game Night

The Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St., will host a Teen Game Night, featuring Dance Dance Revolution (DDR), from 7 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 28th for students in grades six through ten. Teens are also invited to bring their favorite board or card games to play with others. Prizes will be awarded for the top scores in DDR. Free snacks for all who participate in the games.

For more information, call the Youth Services Department at (708) 422-4990.

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Thoughts On Health & Nutrition

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STRESS: NEW FINDINGS COME FROM NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

C-reactive Protein

Conventional wisdom suggests that a life lived in moderation is the secret to a long, healthy life. At Northwestern U., researchers have another bit of advice—cut the stress. In an ongoing collaboration with colleagues from the University of Chicago, associate professor Thomas McDade, Director of the Northwestern University Laboratory for Human Biology Research, is studying the factors that contribute to healthy aging among both men and women between the ages of 57 and 84. McDade and his colleagues have found that individuals with a high level of C-reactive protein-- an indicator which can be measured by simple blood testing-- often reported a high burden of stress. C-reactive protein historically has been found to demonstrate high levels in inflammation, and can be an indicator of heart disease. The community-based study is the first of its kind to link stress with C-reactive protein.

Bedtime "Angst" and Cortisol Levels

Another interesting finding is that high cortisol levels (cortisol is a hormone found in the blood which measures stress) may help to boost energy levels in older adults. It has been noted for some time among researchers, that older adults who go to bed sad, stressed, or lonely, often wake up with a "boost" which helps them cope; this "burst" of positive energy has been linked to an elevated level of cortisol. According to Emma K. Adam, assistant professor of education and social policy at Northwestern, and principal investigator on a recent study, "this stress hormone cues the body to rev up to deal with day-to-day negative experiences." In collaboration with researchers from the University of Chicago, the saliva of 156 older adults living in Cook County was sampled, three times a day for three consecutive days. Study participants reported their feelings each night in a diary, and researchers looked at whether cortisol levels on a certain day were predicted by the experiences the day before, or were predictive of experiences the same day.

While long-term elevations of cortisol are potentially harmful to human health, Adam found that older adults who go to sleep with high stress levels awaken with elevated cortisol levels that actually help them with their negative experiences. This may be why-- even under the most dire of circumstances--such as the illness or death of a spouse or loved one--the elderly are able to "carry on", in a way which appears impossible to the rest of us.

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Women s Health Issues

The Northwest Indiana Group of Y-ME Illinois, an organization dedicated to breast cancer education and support, will hold its next Open Door Meeting on Saturday, April 14th, in the Doctors' Meeting Room on the west side of Community Hospital's cafeteria, 901 MacArthur Blvd., Munster, Indiana, at 10 a.m. This meeting will feature one lecture entitled "General Overview of Pacemakers, Defibrillators, Etc.," given by Pam Mandich, Clinical Specialist of Medtronic Cardiac Rhythm Management. Breast cancer patients, their families and friends and health professionals interested in the topic are welcome at Open Door Meetings. This session is free and reservations are not necessary.

The mission of Y-ME is to ensure, through information, empowerment, and peer support, that no one faces breast cancer alone. Y-ME Illinois provides assistance to the nearly 10,000 persons newly diagnosed with breast cancer in Illinois each year, with a special emphasis on the underserved populations in Illinois. Y-ME Illinois offers the following free, local programs and services: mammography screening, support groups, educational workshops for adults and teens, wig and prosthesis salons, a resource library and ongoing advocacy and educational work throughout the state. For more information about Y-ME Illinois, call (312) 364-9071, or visit www.y-me.org/illinois.

For information about the meeting or Y-ME call Dorothy Gillespie at (219) 838-6111.

Health For Humanity Opera Gala

Health for Humanity, the Chicago-based non-profit international health organization, will celebrate its 15th anniversary of service to the global human family by hosting its 2007 Opera Gala on Saturday, March 31st at the Swissotel, 323 E. Wacker Dr., Chicago, at 6:30 p.m. The public is invited to attend the event. Tickets are $200 each and can be obtained by calling Health for Humanity at (847) 425-7900.

The event will honor the seven Founders of La Leche League International on the 50th anniversary of that organization's founding. Health for Humanity's "Evening of the Arts" will include opera performances by artists from the V.O.I.C.Experience Foundation under the direction of world renowned baritone, Sherrill Milnes.

Every year Health for Humanity's Opera Gala honors a Chicago community member who has demonstrated his or her commitment to the principles of the unity and nobility of humanity and the equality of men and women. This year, seven women, the Founders of La Leche League International will receive this prestigious award for their 50 years of helping women around the globe breastfeed their babies. The seven Founders of La Leche League are: Marian Tompson, Mary White, Edwina Froehlich, Viola Lennon, Mary Ann Cahill, Mary Ann Kerwin, and Betty Wagner Spandikow. As seven ordinary women living in the metropolitan Chicago area in 1956, they had a simple dream: that women who wanted to breastfeed should be able to find the necessary support and information. They created a model of a facilitated and participatory group dynamic, mother-to-mother support that validates the experience and knowledge of women while motivating them to learn more. The mother-to-mother support model has been very effective in initiating and changing behavior. Over 50 years, LLL has grown to be an international organization in 69 countries, with over 7,000 volunteers. The inspiration and dedication of the Founders to their cause has had a significant impact on the health and well-being of millions of women and infants around the world. For more information about La Leche League International see www.lalecheleague.org. Health for Humanity is pleased to honor these seven extraordinary women, who have so effectively embodied Health for Humanity's founding principles of the nobility of humanity, the quality of men and women, and the importance of local leadership for sustainable community health development. The evening's entertainment – the "Voices Around the World" opera performances featuring artists from the V.O.I.C.Experience Foundation under the direction of world renowned baritone, Sherrill Milnes, and his wife, Maria Zouves – will also highlight and honor volunteerism and service to others. Triple Grammy winner Milnes is internationally recognized as the leading Verdi Baritone of his time. Having sung in every major opera house and with every major symphony of the world, his remarkable voice, artistic integrity, commanding stage presence, and 42 year career has led him to legendary status. Milnes and his wife soprano Maria Zouves, have now dedicated their time to helping young, talented opera singers find their own career direction. The charity they established, V.O.I.C.Experience, is committed to the education and development of classical signers throughout the theatrical and operatic world.

Health for Humanity (HH) is a volunteer-supported health development organization. Established by Chicago-area health professionals in 1992 with the goal of uniting people in service for the advancement of world health, it has since grown to partner with local governmental and non-governmental institutions around the world, developing sustainable capacity for meeting the health needs of partner communities. HH's work focuses on maternal and child health, blindness prevention, and international continuing medical education. Health for Humanity's Executive Director is May Khadem, MD, MPH, an ophthalmologist and 2006 Northwestern Memorial Hospital Martin Luther King Jr. Award honoree.

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Go On An Energy Diet And Save Money

Like most Americans, you're probably reeling from your winter heating bills and hoping spring comes soon. I spoke with some insiders at a major utility company about ways consumers can conserve energy - and cut utility bills. Here are some of their money-saving tips:

Lower your thermostat. The U.S. Department of Energy estimates that every 1 degree you lower your thermostat saves about 3 percent on your heating bill. Try lowering it further when you go to bed or are away from home to see an even bigger difference. If you have a furnace, clean or replace the filters frequently - at least once every three months - to ensure efficient operation. On sunny days, open your blinds or curtains to help warm the house; close them at night to help retain heat.

Insulate your home. You can save up to 10 percent of your heating (and cooling) costs by adding weather stripping around windows and doors and caulking around ducts, plumbing bypasses and other openings in walls, floors and ceilings. And talk to a contractor about adding insulation to your attic, exterior walls, floors and crawl spaces. The investment will pay for itself many times over.

Water temperature. Water heating is the third-largest energy expense in the home. Try lowering your water heater temperature to 120°F or lower to see if it's still comfortable. No sense running scalding water from the tap. (However, if you have a dishwasher, check the manual first to ensure proper operation.) Many hot water heaters also work more efficiently with insulating "blankets," but be careful not to cover its thermostat.

Buy Energy Star products. If every American home replaced just one light bulb with a compact fluorescent bulb, we'd save enough energy each year to light more than 2.5 million homes. And Energy Star appliances are much more efficient than standard models. For example, Energy Star washers use 50 percent less energy than pre-1994 models. Go to www.energy star.gov for a wealth of information on finding stores that sell these products, special rebates offered by Energy Star partners and utilities, federal tax credits, home improvement suggestions, and much more.

Fireplaces. Traditional fireplaces can often allow more heated air to escape than they generate. Look into installing tempered glass doors and a heat-air exchange system that blows warmed air back into the room. And always make sure the damper is closed when the fireplace is not in use.

Use appliances more efficiently. For example:

- Run full loads in your washer and dryer and use cold or warm water whenever possible. Most detergents are formulated accordingly.
- Run full dishwasher loads and use the unheated drying cycle if it has one.
- Refrigerators are one of the biggest energy hogs in your home. Older machines use twice the energy of newer Energy Star models.
- Don't preheat your oven and limit how often you open the door - each time you do, the temperature drops about 25 degrees.
- Turn off computers, printers, televisions, stereos and other equipment when not in use.

You can find a host of other money-saving budgeting tips at Practical Money Skills for Life www.practicalmoney skills.com/budgeting, a free personal financial management site sponsored by Visa USA.

Staff Fights Fat Through Fitness

Employees in the Office of Dorothy Brown, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County, have more energy to work effectively throughout the workday because they are fighting fat with co-workers during a daily, morning workout.

"To exercise regularly is an important part of maintaining good health," said Clerk Brown. "I commend the County Division staff for working out to stay healthy and gain energy so they can better serve Clerk's Office customers."

Nearly 15 staff members in the Clerk's Office "County Division A Team" exercise for 15 minutes each workday before they begin handling job responsibilities. Steve Lewis, operations manager and exercise team leader in the County Division, initiated the program early this year.

"We started exercising after one status meeting," said Lewis. "Instead of just having a general meeting, I thought it would be nice to stretch and exercise."

Lewis explained that staff members enjoyed exercising at that initial meeting, and they love it even more now.

POINTS

Freezin' For A Reason

It's not every day that people are willing to "go jump in a lake" – particularly in the winter. But that's exactly what happened on various weekends in February and March as part of the annual Law Enforcement Torch Run Polar Plunge®. The plunges raised a total of $622,000 for the athletes of Special Olympics Illinois.

The event has grown from one location in 1999 to 16 locations across the state (see list below) this year. In addition, the 2nd Annual SUPER Plunge (where dedicated plungers jump into Lake Michigan once an hour for 24 hours) was a huge success. Six Flags Great America and its Hurricane Harbor is the statewide sponsor of the Polar Plunges.

Thousands of adventurous souls including college and high school students joined law enforcement officers, as well as media and business and civic leaders from their community by donning bathing suits, costumes or any clothing of choice to jump in a lake. Each plunger collected a minimum of $75 in donations that will be used to support Special Olympics programs in Illinois.

The Illinois Law Enforcement Torch Run is the single largest year-round fundraising event benefiting Special Olympics Illinois. The annual intrastate relay and its various fundraising projects have two goals: to raise money and increase public awareness for the athletes of Special Olympics Illinois. Each year, more than 3,000 officers in Illinois run more than 1,500 miles carrying the Flame of Hope through the streets of their hometowns and deliver it to the State Summer Games in Normal in June.

Hope For Olivia Grace

Join us for an afternoon of carnival fun at a benefit for Olivia St.Germain at the Bridgeview Community Center on Saturday, May 19th, from 1 to 6 p.m.

Olivia is 2 1/2 years old. She was diagnosed with Langerhans Cell Histiocytosis, known as LCH. It is a rare blood disease that causes tumors to grow in her body. Olivia has four tumors. She has already undergone two surgeries. Only one tumor was operable and there are three remaining tumors in her head, neck and her eye.

In addition, Olivia receives chemotherapy and steroid injections once every three weeks. Daily medications include a chemotherapy pill and antibiotics. Olivia's progress is monitored with MRI's and CAT scans every six weeks.

Any money that is raised will provide financial support to the St.Germain family to assist them with medical expenses and other costs associated with Olivia's treatments.

Come out to show your support and have "Carnivals of Fun" with Olivia and the St.Germain family!

Admission is $10 per person or $20 per family. The admission price includes one free entry into the Grand Prize Raffle. Inside there will be music, games, Gertie's ice cream, additional raffle prizes and may food items for purchase.

Tickets can be purchased at the door, or call (708) 819-0597 for purchase of tickets in advance. The Grand Prize Raffle winner need not be present.

For those unable to attend, but who would like to help, direct donations can be made to: Bridgeview Bank, 7940 South Harlem Ave., Bridgeview, IL 60455, in c/o Olivia Grace St.Germain Benefit Fund.

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Air Force Airman Michael S. Connolly has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. He is the son of Mary Pat Connolly of Chicago.

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Governor Rod Blagojevich on March 16th named and honored lifelong Illinoisan James Michael O'Rourke, Sr. of LaGrange as the State of Illinois' March "Veteran of the Month" O'Rourke died suddenly on Dec. 23, 2006 at the early age of 49. He was honored for his undivided commitment and dedication to helping service members and their families throughout Illinois.

On behalf of the Governor and Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs Director L. Tammy Duckworth, IDVA Assistant Director Rochelle Crump presented the O'Rourke family with the award during a special dedication ceremony on March 16th at the American Legion Hall in LaGrange.

James O'Rourke was a U.S. Army and Illinois National Guard veteran who served for 15 years, 3 years with the Army and 12 years with the National Guard. He retired from military service in 1999 as a Lt. Colonel. After retiring from service he continued his involvement with the military as the Senior Army Instructor for the JROTC Programs at the Chicago Military Academy-Bronzeville and at the Nicholas Senn Metro High School. Representing the Army, O'Rourke trained, supervised and mentored the cadets, spending many after-hours with them, participating in color guards for numerous veterans' organizations.

Mr. O'Rourke was an Honorary Life Member of the American Legion, serving as the Senior Vice Commander and Post Commander for the Robert E. Coulter, Jr. Post 1941. Later he served as the Junior Vice Commander, Senior Vice Commander and Commander for the American Legion Department of Illinois 5th District. O'Rourke also was a member of the Cook County Veterans Commission, the Lincoln's Challenge Academy State Advisory Board, served on the Board of Directors for the National Vietnam Veteran Art Museum and on the Chicago Armed Forces Council. He also served as the Military Affairs Coordinator for the Illinois State Treasurer.

Mr. O'Rourke received numerous decorations, medals and badges. He passed away in 2006 leaving his wife Kim and three children, Kelly, James and Sean.

The "Veteran of the Month" award highlights the work of community activists who also happen to be military veterans. Each month, on behalf of Governor Blagojevich, the Department recognizes a different person or group that contributes to the betterment of communities across the state of Illinois. To nominate a "Veteran of the Month," visit IDVA's web site at www.state.il.us/agency/dva or call (312) 814-2744 to obtain a list of guidelines and a nomination form.

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As taxpayers begin to fill out their IL-1040 tax forms, Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs Director L. Tammy Duckworth is reminding residents about an easy way to help the state's military heroes.

The state added the Illinois Veterans' Home fund to its list of voluntary contribution funds in 2004. The money raised is used to purchase much needed supplies and equipment to enhance the lives of the nearly 1,000 residents of the state's four veterans' homes in Anna, LaSalle, Manteno and Quincy. Last year, Illinois residents generously donated more than $105,000 to the fund. For more information, call IDVA at 1-800-437-9824.

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The Orland Park Veterans' Commission will host a breakfast for Orland Park veterans on Saturday, April 7th at 9 a.m. at the Orland Park Civic Center, 14750 S. Ravinia Ave.

Dr. Brian Hertz from Hines VA Medical Center will be the featured speaker. A vintage military vehicle display will be provided by the Illinois Chapter of the Military Vehicle Preservation Association.

Orland Park veterans are invited to attend and bring one guest. Only 200 tickets (two tickets per veteran) will be available on a first-come, first-served basis, now available at the Cashier's Office in the Frederick T. Owens Village Hall. Proof of residency will be required to obtain tickets. Non-resident veterans who are members of an Orland Park military organization will need to present their membership card to pick up tickets at the village hall. The Cashier's Office is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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Markham VFW Ladies Auxiliary will hold a Good Friday Fish Fry on Friday, April 6th from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Markham VFW Hall, 3220 W. 159th St. Tickets are $7 for adults; $3 for children 6 to 10; and free for children under 5. The dinner will include fried fish, salad, French fries, bread and butter, dessert, coffee and tea.

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Good-bye until next week. God bless you and your family and God bless America.

What To Expect If You Go To Traffic Court

Traffic courts hear more cases than any other court. Hundreds of thousands of traffic cases are heard each year in courts throughout Illinois, according to the Illinois Judges Association.

Some traffic violations are settled before they reach the court, if the defendant admits guilt and agrees to pay and mail a fine to the circuit clerk. A defendant who chooses to proceed in this manner will usually receive a conviction on his or her driving record for the citation.

Frequently, however, an appearance in traffic court is required. The defendant often desires to appear in court in order to work out a more acceptable negotiated plea. Court appearances are mandatory for more serious offenses, including driving under the influence (DUI) and reckless driving, where a jail sentence is possible.

Among the most common traffic violations are speeding, running a red light, or failure to provide proof of insurance. Drivers also break the law if they commit numerous other violations such as disobeying the Child Passenger Safety Act; (DUI); drag racing; reckless driving; leaving the scene of an accident where property damage, injury or death is involved; fleeing to elude police; and driving with a suspended or revoked driver's license.

If you are stopped by a police officer for violating a traffic law, and you are issued a ticket, it should include the nature of the charge, the date, time and location of the charge, and the statute or ordinance you are accused of violating. You will be asked to sign an affidavit, agreeing to appear in court on a set date and time. If you fail to sign the affidavit, you could face an additional penalty. Your signature on the affidavit is not an admission of guilt; it simply indicates your willingness to appear in court. If you receive a ticket for an offense punishable by jail, you will be arrested and will need to post bail before you are released. A court date is given to you at the time of your release.

A violation of traffic laws carries penalties that can range from a maximum fine of $100 for a parking violation up to a prison sentence of ten years or more for serious offenses that result in death. Certain offenses also may result in the suspension or revocation of your driver's license, such as a conviction for not stopping for a school bus which is loading or unloading children, or a conviction for speeding through a construction zone.

At the municipal level, traffic violations are indicated in ordinances and are usually punishable by a fine. At the county or state level, violations such as business offenses or misdemeanors, may carry more serious penalties. Felony offenses, for example, where death resulted, are usually not heard in traffic court, but in criminal court.

The term "Supervision" is mentioned in several places in this article. Supervision is a sentencing option available to the court for most traffic offenses where the defendant has a good driving record. With Supervision the defendant usually receives a fine, traffic school or community service and is placed on a definite term of Supervision. If the defendant complies with the conditions imposed by the court, the Supervision is then terminated satisfactorily. The defendant does not receive a conviction on his or her record

In Illinois, most traffic charges are categorized as either "petty" or "misdemeanor" offenses.

Petty offenses are those punishable by fine only. They include stop sign and red light violations, most speeding tickets, lane change violations and driving without insurance. Fines range from $1.00 to $1,000. Fines are either payable on the day assessed or on such later date as the court may direct.

Misdemeanors are divided into three (3) classes, referred to as Class A, B and C.

Class A is the most serious. It includes violations such as driving under the influence, speeding 40 or more miles over the posted speed limit, driving while license suspended or revoked, reckless driving or leaving the scene of an accident. The possible penalties for Class A misdemeanors are up to 364 days in jail and/or fines up to $2,500. Day for day good time credit applies to most misdemeanor jail sentences.

Class B misdemeanors, such as selling or providing a fraudulent driver's license or permit, carry a possible penalty of up to six (6) months in jail and/or fines up to $1500. Class C misdemeanors, such as drag racing, are punishable by jail up to thirty (30) days and/or fines up to $1,000.

Should a motorist receive three moving violation convictions in a twelve-month period, regardless of the classifications outlined above---even petty offenses---the Illinois Secretary of State will suspend the motorist's driver's license.

Whether you receive a traffic citation for a petty offense, or are charged with a more serious traffic violation, and need to appear in court, you should follow certain decorum. You should arrive to court on time and dress in a manner that shows respect for the court.

The judge who hears your case will begin by explaining an individual's rights in traffic cases. The judge will also outline how the court call will proceed. You may choose to resolve your case by having your attorney speak with the prosecutor. You may then decide to enter a negotiated plea of guilty. If you decide to plead not guilty and contest the ticket, your case will then be resolved through a trial.

Most traffic cases are conducted as a "bench trial," where a judge alone hears and decides the case based on the facts presented. Occasionally, jurors are summoned to hear a traffic case.

Each person testifying-- including you, the arresting officer and any witnesses --will be asked to take an oath and tell the truth about what occurred. After the arresting officer and any other prosecution witnesses testify, you and any of your witnesses will be asked to testify. The prosecution has the burden of proving its case. In a petty offense case, that burden is "by a preponderance of the evidence." For misdemeanor charges, the prosecution's burden is the heavier one of "beyond a reasonable doubt." After the close of all the evidence, the judge (or jury) will decide whether the prosecution has proven its case.

If you are found guilty of committing a petty offense traffic violation, the judge will issue a sentence that may include a fine and court costs, attendance at an approved Traffic Safety School, a period of Court Supervision or a conviction.

If you are found guilty of committing a more serious traffic violation, the judge will issue a sentence that may include a fine and court costs, attendance at an approved Traffic Safety School, a period of Court Supervision, or a period of Conditional Discharge (a conviction, and a form of non-reporting probation) or a period of Probation (a conviction and sentence that requires a Probation Officer to monitor your sentence), jail time, or any combination thereof. Sentences for driving under the influence will also include completing the counseling or treatment recommendations of an alcohol evaluation, and attending a Victim Impact Panel. At the time of sentencing the court will set a date for the payment of all fines, costs and administrative fees.

The Illinois Judges Association provides services to its members and education to the public. Headquartered in Chicago, the association can be reached at (312) 431-1283, or by visiting their web site at www.ija.org.

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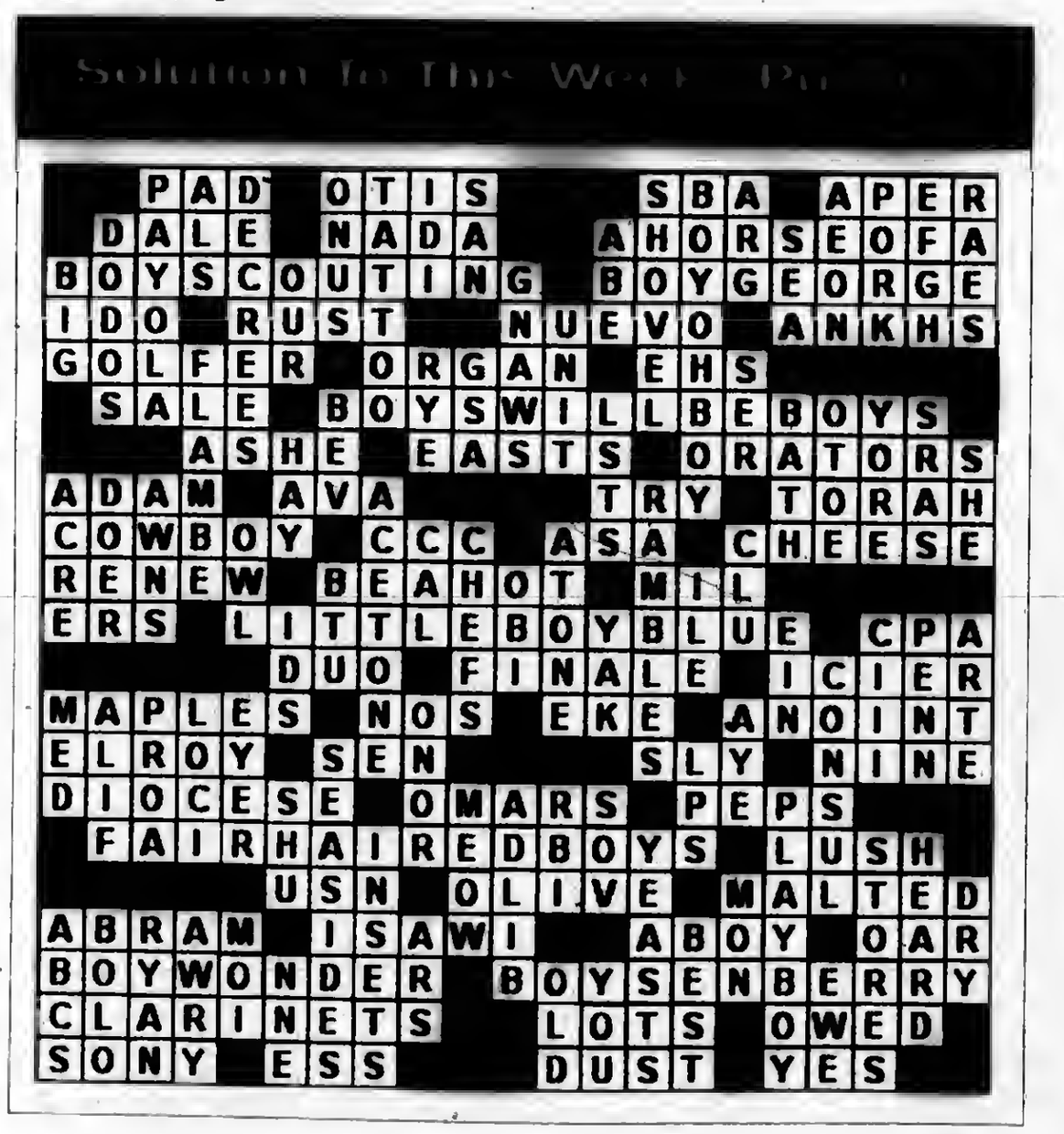

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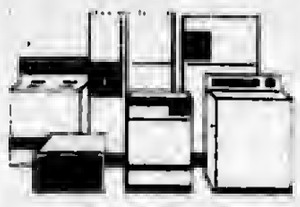

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PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on November 2, 2006, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, April 10, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 15804 S. Laramie Ave., #2, Oak Forest, IL 60459. P.I.N. 28-16-303-055-1002 and 1003 f/k/a 1013. The improvement on the property consists of a condominium residence. The purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by subdivisions (g)(1) and (g)(4) of Section 9 of the Condominium Property Act.
Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
For information call Ms. Diane Thomas at Plaintiff's Attorney, Freedman Anselmo Lindberg & Rappe, LLC, 1807 West Diehl Road, Naperville, Illinois 60563-1890. (877) 729-6734. W0608083 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I27619

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR ACCESS NATIONAL MORTGAGE, OR IT'S SUCCESSOR OR ASSIGNS Plaintiff, vs. DENISE VELAZQUEZ; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF DENISE VALAZQUEZ, IF ANY; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants, 05 CH 18124
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on 1/8/2007, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, April 10, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property: P.I.N. 18-36-109-012. Commonly known as 7728 West 83rd Street, Bridgeview, IL 60455.
The improvement on the property consists of a 1.5 story, single family residence with a detached 2 car garage. Sale terms: 25% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.
For information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com. Between 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. only. Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602. Tel.No. (312) 476-5500. Refer to File Number 0508815. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I27563

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR HCI MORTGAGE OR ITS SUCCESSORS OR ASSIGNS Plaintiff, -v.- PEDRO GOMEZ, et al Defendant 05 CH 5777 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 30, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on April 3, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 3704 WEST 85TH PLACE, Chicago, IL 60652 Property Index No. 19-35-324-068-0000 The real estate is improved with a single family yellow frame home.
The judgment amount was $157,583.48. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale
The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information: Visit our website at http:\\service.atty-pierce.com. between the hours of 3 and 5 pm. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys. One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602. Tel No. (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number PA0502764. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE. I28004

REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE UNDER THE INDENTURE RELATING TO IMH ASSETS CORP., COLLATERALIZED ASSET-BACKED BONDS, SERIES 2004-3 Plaintiff, -v.- ROBERT CAMPER A/K/A ROBERT F. CAMPER, et al Defendant 06 CH 19652 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on November 21, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on April 10, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 3303 W. 84TH PLACE, Chicago, IL 60652 Property Index No. 19-35-414-087 The real estate is improved with a single family residence.
The judgment amount was $168,753.11. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale
The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department.. Please refer to file number 14-06-8515. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I27918

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. Plaintiff, -v- LAURA A. MAJEWSKI A/K/A LAURA MAJEWSKI, et al Defendant 03 CH 17594 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 10, 2007, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on April 12, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 15505 LAVERGNE AVENUE, Oak Forest, IL 60452 Property Index No. 28-16-402-002 The real estate is improved with a single family residence.
The judgment amount was $133,128.21. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale'
The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department.. Please refer to file number 14-03-A487. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I28255PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered on January 25, 2007, Kallen Realty Services, Inc., successor to Kallen Financial & Capital Services, Inc., as Selling Official will at 12:30 p.m. on April 26, 2007, at 205 W. Randolph Street, Suite 1200, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real property: C/K/A 8632 SOUTH NEW ENGLAND AVENUE, BURBANK, IL 60459 TAX ID# 19-31-321-008 The mortgaged real estate is improved with a dwelling. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
The judgment amount was $205,658.05. Sale terms: 10% of successful bid immediately at conclusion of auction, balance by noon the next business day, both by cashier's checks; and no refunds. The sale shall be subject to general real estate taxes, special taxes, special assessments, special taxes levied, and superior liens, if any. The property is offered "as is," with no express or implied warranties and without any representation as to the quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to review the court file to verify all information.
For information: Sale Clerk, Fisher and Shapiro, 4201 Lake Cook Rd., 1st floor, Northbrook, Illinois 60062, (847) 498-9990, between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. weekdays only. I25471

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Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION HSBC MORTGAGE SERVICES, INC. Plaintiff, -v.- ROBERT BARRON, et al Defendant 06 CH 19076 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on November 13, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on March 29, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 7731 W. 79TH PLACE, Bridgeview, IL 60455 Property Index No. 18-36-103-017 The real estate is improved with a single family residence
The judgment amount was $147,061.93. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 785 ILCS 805/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale
The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 50527, (630) 794-9878 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department.. Please refer to file number 14-06-B075. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I27189

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION CITIFINANCIAL MORTGAGE COMPANY, INC. Plaintiff, -v.- JANET SALMAN, et al Defendant 06 CH 8121 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on June 28, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on March 30, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 16114 SOUTH LOCKWOOD AVENUE, Oak Forest, IL 60452 Property Index No. 28-21-110-009-0000 The real estate is improved with a aluminum siding 1 story house with a 2 car detached garage.
The judgment amount was $170,321.57.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 785 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale
The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information: Visit our website at http:\\service.atty-pierce.com. between the hours of 3 and 5 pm. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602. Tel No. (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number PA0603748. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE. I27024

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY AS TRUSTEE OF ARGENT MORTGAG SECURITIES, INC. ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES2006-W4 UNDER POOLING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT DATED AS OF APRIL 1, 2006, WITHOUT RECOURSE, ASSIGNEE OF ARGENT MORTGAGE COMPANY, LLC; Plaintiff, vs. PABLO LADISLAO; XEZ, INC., UNDER MORTGAGE RECORDED AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 0605533131; Defendants, 06 CH 20176 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on November 22, 2006, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, April 17, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 4655 W. 84th Place, Chicago, IL 60652. P.I.N 19-34-326-015. The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
For information call Sales Clerk at Plaintiff's Attorney, Law Offices of Ira T. Nevel, 175 North Franklin Street, Chicago, Illinois 60606. (312) 367-1125. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I28797

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION JP MORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR NOMURA ASSET ACCEPTANCE CORPORATION MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 2004-AR4; Plaintiff, vs. SUSANN M. FOLSOME; ET AL; Defendants, 06 CH 14780 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on January 18, 2007, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, April 17, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 15035 South Springfield Ave., Midlothian, IL 60445, P.I.N. 28-11-319-051. The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. THE SALE SHALL BE SUBJECT TO GENERAL TAXES, SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS AND TO A PRIOR RECORDED FIRST MORTGAGE. Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
For information call Ms. Diane Thomas at Plaintiff's Attorney, Freedman Anselmo Lindberg & Rappe, LLC, 1807 West Diehl Road, Naperville, Illinois 60563-1890. (877) 729-6734. W0607070 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I28769

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION WELLS FARGO BANK, NA SUCCESSOR BY MERGER WITH WELLS FARGO HOME MORTGAGE, INC. AS SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO NORWEST MORTGAGE, INC.; Plaintiff, vs. CHARLES E. WOODS; ET. AL.; Defendants, 06 CH 4461 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on October 10, 2006, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, April 23, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 2735 W. Seipp St., Chicago, IL 60652, P.I.N. 19-36-415-007.
The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
For information call Ms. Diane Thomas at Plaintiff's Attorney, Freedman Anselmo Lindberg & Rappe, LLC, 1807 West Diehl Road, Naperville, Illinois 60563-1890. (877) 729-6734. W0602049 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I29558

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION CITIMORTGAGE, INC. ASSIGNEE OF MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC.; Plaintiff, vs. KAREN A. KING; NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSING SERVICES OF CHICAGO, INC., UNDER MORTGAGE RECORDED AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 0010647388, CITY OF CHICAGO, UNDER LIEN RECORDED AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 0610102395; Defendants, 06 CH 19622 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on November 8, 2006, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Friday, April 27, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate. Commonly known as 7948 S. Sawyer Ave., Chicago, IL 60652. P.I.N. 19-35-206-028 & 053.
The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
For information call Sales Clerk at Plaintiff's Attorney, Law Offices of Ira T. Nevel, 175 North Franklin Street, Chicago, Illinois 60606. (312) 357-1125. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I29646

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION WACHOVIA BANK, N.A., ASSIGNEE OF ROCK FINANCIAL CORPORATION Plaintiff, -v.- JOHN LUCAS, JUNELLEN LUCAS, FIRST MIDWEST BANK, AS TRUSTEE, UNDER TRUST AGREEMENT DATED APRIL 11, 2002 AND KNOWN AS TRUST NUMBER 7118 Defendant 06 CH 19216 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 31, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on April 24, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 15545 SOUTH NATALIE DRIVE, Oak Forest, IL 60452 Property Index No. 28-18-309-006
The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was $51,489.36. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.\
For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: LAW OFFICES OF IRA T. NEVEL, 175 N. Franklin Street, Suite 201, CHICAGO, IL 60606, (312) 357-1125 Please refer calls to the sales department. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I29744

REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION LASALLE BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, TRUSTEE Plaintiff, -v.- JOHN HENEGHAN, LAURA M. HENEGHAN Defendants 05 CH 7722 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on July 20, 2005, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on April 26, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 9313 SOUTH SACRAMENTO, Evergreen Park, IL 60805
Property Index No. 24-01-320-025 The real estate is improved with a single family residence.
The judgment amount was $172,998.63. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court
If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 785 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4) Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information
For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The sales clerk, FISHER AND SHAPIRO, LLC, 4201 Lake Cook Road, NORTHBROOK, IL 60062, (847) 498-9990 between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. only. Please refer to file number 05-8552D. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE FISHER AND SHAPIRO, LLC 4201 Lake Cook Road NORTHBROOK, IL 60062 (847) 498-9990 Attorney File No.: 05-8552D Attorney Code. 42168 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.I29895

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION WELLS FARGO BANK, NA, Plaintiff V DEANNDRA JOHNSON, Defendant 05 CH 20463 NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE Fisher and Shapiro file #05-2206D (It is advised that interested parties consult with their own attorneys before bidding at mortgage foreclosure sales.)
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered on February 14, 2006, Kallen Realty Services, Inc as Selling Official will at 12:30 p.m. on April 26, 2007, at 205 W Randolph Street, Suite 1200, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real property: COMMONLY KNOWN AS 8212 SOUTH SACRAMENTO AVENUE, CHICAGO, IL 60652. TAX ID# 19-36-127-060 The mortgaged real estate is improved with a dwelling. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
The judgment amount was $145,073.68 Sale terms: 10% of successful bid immediately at conclusion of auction, balance by noon the next business day, both by cashier's checks; and no refunds. The sale shall be subject to general real estate taxes, special taxes, special assessments, special taxes levied, and superior liens, if any. The property is offered "as is," with no express or implied warranties and without any representation as to the quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to review the court file to verify all information.
For information: Sale Clerk, Fisher and Shapiro, 4201 Lake Cook Rd., 1st floor, Northbrook, Illinois 60062, (847) 498-9990, between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. weekdays only. I29893

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A. Plaintiff, -v.- JAMES GAIDES, et al Defendant 06 CH 18420 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 18, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on April 17, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 5724 W. GAINSBOROUGH PLACE, Oak Forest, IL 60452 Property Index No. 28-17-210-012-0000 The real estate is improved with a single family residence.
The judgment amount was $48,989.72. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale
The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: KROPIK, PAPUGA & SHAW, 120 South LaSalle Street, Suite 1327, CHICAGO, IL 60603, (312) 236-6405. Please refer to file number 36955. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I28718

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION U S BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE STRUCTURED ASSET INVESTMENT LOAN TRUST, 2005-HE3 Plaintiff, -v.- ANNIE SYKES A/K/A ANNIE L. SYKES, et al Defendant 06 CH 11586 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on November 21, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on April 17, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 8626 S. MOZART STREET, Chicago, IL 60652 Property Index No. 19-36-328-012 The real estate is improved with a single family residence
The judgment amount was $238,350.92. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction, the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 805/9(g)(1) and (g)(4) Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 80527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department Please refer to file number 14-06-6557. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor Chicago, IL 50606-4850 (312) 236-SALE NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I28680

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION CITIFINANCIAL MORTGAGE COMPANY, INC Plaintiff, -v.- MELISSA A. SPIEWAK A/K/A MELISSA A SMITH, et al Defendant 06 CH 12141 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 23, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on April 20, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60506, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 14808 PALMER AVENUE, Posen, IL 60469 Property Index No 28-12-440-012 The real estate is improved with a single family residence.
The judgment amount was $126,441.38 Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act. 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4)
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: HAUSELMAN, RAPPIN & OLSWANG, LTD., 39 South LaSalle Street - Suite 1105, CHICAGO, IL 60603, (312) 372-2020. Please refer to file number 06-3333-0804 THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I29026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION CITIMORTGAGE, INC., ASSIGNEE OF GSF MORTGAGE CORPORATION, Plaintiff, vs. GARY COCHRAN; GAIL D. COCHRAN; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, UNDER HUD MORTGAGE RECORDED AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 0610906151; Defendants, 06 CH 18490 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on November 29, 2006, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Wednesday, April 18, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 3543 W. 85th St., Chicago, IL 60652. P.I.N. 19-35-420-004. The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection
For information call Sales Clerk at Plaintiff's Attorney, Law Offices of Ira T. Nevel, 175 North Franklin Street, Chicago, Illinois 60606 (312) 357-1125. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I28813

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION BANK OF NEW YORK AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS CWABS II, INC. LFT 2005-04 Plaintiff, -v.- JOHN F. DYEHOUSE A/K/A JOHN F. DYEHOUSE JR A/K/A JOHN DYEHOUSE, et al Defendant 06 CH 15889 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 30, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on April 11, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate. Commonly known as 14345 S. MILLARD AVE. Midlothian, IL 60445 Property Index No. 28-11-107-009 The real estate is improved with a single family residence.
The judgment amount was $124,503.10. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.
The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527 (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department. Please refer to file number 14-06-9307. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I28106

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION ARGENT MORTGAGE COMPANY LLC, Plaintiff, vs. MAJEDA SULEIMAN; MOJTEHED SULEIMAN, CITY OF BURBANK; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF MAJEDA SULEIMAN IF ANY, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants, 06 CH 25490 NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on 2/22/2007, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, April 16, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property. P.I.N. 19-32-208-010. Commonly known as 8047 Austin Ave., Burbank, IL 60459 The improvement on the property consists of a 1-1/2 story single family residence with 2 car garage.
Sale terms: 25% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.
For information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com. Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602. Tel.No. (312) 476-5500. Refer to File Number 0614147. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I28760

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION Plaintiff, -v- ONISIO RICHARDSON, et al Defendant 06 CH 18306 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 16, 2007 an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on April 25, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate. Commonly known as 3717 WEST 85TH PLACE, Chicago, IL 60652 Property Index No. 19-35-328-051-0000 The real estate is improved with a 2 story tan siding single family home.
The judgment amount was $142,239.31. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information: Visit our website at http.\\service.atty-pierce.com between the hours of 3 and 5 pm. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602. Tel No. (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number PA0609303. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE I29008

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION MTGLQ INVESTORS, L.P. Plaintiff V. CHERYL TAYLOR A/K/A CHERYL A. BANDUSKY; JOHN M. TAYLOR; LONG BEACH MORTGAGE COMPANY; BRIARGATE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendents 06 CH 16307 NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE - CONDOMINIUM Fisher and Shapiro file #06-7398O (It is advised that interested parties consult with their own attorneys before bidding at mortgage foreclosure sales.)
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered on February 27, 2007, Kallen Realty Services, Inc., as Selling Official will at 12:30 p.m. on April 20, 2007, at 205 W. Randolph Street, Suite 1200, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real property: Commonly Known as: 6440 PAMELA LANE, UNIT 5, CHICAGO RIDGE, IL 60415. TAX ID# 24-18-216-093-1053 The mortgaged real estate is improved with a dwelling. The property will NOT be open for inspection. The purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
The judgment amount was $95,813.09. Sale terms: 10% of successful bid immediately at conclusion of auction, balance by noon the next business day, both by cashier's checks, and no refunds. The sale shall be subject to general real estate taxes, special taxes, special assessments, special taxes levied, and superior liens, if any. The property is offered "as is," with no express or implied warranties and without any representation as to the quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to review the court file to verify all information.
For information: Sale Clerk, Fisher and Shapiro, 4201 Lake Cook Rd., 1st floor, Northbrook, Illinois 60062, (847) 498-9990, between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. weekdays only. I26597

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION LASALLE BANK, N.A. AS TRUSTEE FOR THE MLMI TRUST SERIES 2006-RM2 Plaintiff, vs. SANTOS B. PANTOJA; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF SANTOS B. PANTOJA, IF ANY; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants, 06 CH 19339
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on 11/8/2006, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Thursday, April 26, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property: P.I.N. 24-08-203-021. Commonly known as 9516 Massasoit Avenue, Oak Lawn, Illinois 60453.
The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence with detached two car garage. Sale terms: 25% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.
For information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com. Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602. Tel.No. (312) 476-5500. Refer to File Number PA0610827. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I29636

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION BANK OF NEW YORK AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATE HOLDERS CWABS, INC. ASSET- BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-S Plaintiff vs. BOLESLAW GENEJA; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF BOLESLAW GENEJA, IF ANY; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS; SUNRISE CONDOMINIUMS ASSOCIATION; Defendants, 06 CH 15871 NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on 12/11/2006, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, April 17, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property: P.I.N. 23-13-404-019-1005. Commonly known as 7550 West 111th Street, Apartment 2A, Worth, Illinois 60482. The improvement on the property consists of a condominium residence. The purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by subdivisions (g)(1) and (g)(4) of Section 9 of the Condominium Property Act.
Sale terms: 25% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.
For information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com. Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602. Tel.No. (312) 476-5500. Refer to File Number PA0607589. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I28772

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION MORGAN STANLEY MORTGAGE CAPITAL, INC. Plaintiff, -v.- FELICIA BOYD AKA FELICIA R. BOYD, et al Defendant 06 CH 18825 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on December 5, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on April 18, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 8500 S. KOMENSKY AVENUE, Chicago, IL 60652 Property Index No. 19-34-422-038 The real estate is improved with a single family residence.
The judgment amount was $272,936.74. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department. Please refer to file number 14-06-A983. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I29073

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION NEW CENTURY CREDIT CORPORATION, Plaintiff V. JESSIE GOYTIA; OLGA I. GOYTIA; ARONSON FURNITURE COMPANY; COUNTY OF COOK; NEW CENTURY MORTGAGE CORPORATION, Defendants 05 CH 9210 NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE Fisher and Shapiro file # 64212 (It is advised that interested parties consult with their own attorneys before bidding at mortgage foreclosure sales.)
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered on January 25, 2007, Kallen Realty Services, Inc., successor to Kallen Financial & Capital Services, Inc., as Selling Official will at 12:30 p.m. on April 26, 2007, at 205 W. Randolph Street, Suite 1200, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real property: C/K/A 8832 SOUTH NEW ENGLAND AVENUE, BURBANK, IL 60459 TAX ID# 19-31-321-008 The mortgaged real estate is improved with a dwelling. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
The judgment amount was $205,656.05. Sale terms: 10% of successful bid immediately at conclusion of auction, balance by noon the next business day, both by cashier's checks, and no refunds. The sale shall be subject to general real estate taxes, special taxes, special assessments, special taxes levied, and superior liens, if any. The property is offered "as is," with no express or implied warranties and without any representation as to the quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to review the court file to verify all information.
For information: Sale Clerk, Fisher and Shapiro, 4201 Lake Cook Rd., 1st floor, Northbrook, Illinois 60062, (847) 498-9990, between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. weekdays only. I25471

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS, INC.; Plaintiff, vs. DAN HINDS; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR AMERICA'S WHOLESALE LENDER; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF DAN HINDS, IF ANY; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants, 06 CH 17639 NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on 1/18/2007, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Wednesday, April 18, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property: P.I.N. 28-10-415-057. Commonly known as 15015 Tripp Ave., Midlothian, IL 60445. The improvement on the property consists of a 2 story single family residence with garage.
Sale terms: 25% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.
For information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com. Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602. Tel.No. (312) 476-5500. Refer to File Number 0609363. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I28811

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION WELLS FARGO BANK N.A. AS TRUSTEE FOR ABFC 2003-OPT1 TRUSTEE ABFC ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2003-OPT1 Plaintiff, vs. LAURA COLBY; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF LAURA COLBY, IF ANY; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS; GREAT SENECA FINANCIAL CORPORATION; Defendants,
06 CH 12368
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on 8/15/2006, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, April 23, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property: P.I.N. 24-23-303-062. Commonly known as 3649 West 115th Street, Alsip, IL 60803.
The improvement on the property consists of a 1 1/2 story, brick and frame, single family residence with a detached 2 car garage. Sale terms: 25% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.
For information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com. Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602. Tel.No. (312) 476-5500. Refer to File Number PA0606701. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I29562

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION OMAC MORTGAGE CORPORATION Plaintiff, -v.-
MARGARET BARLOG, et al Defendant 06 CH 18801 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on November 21, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on April 17, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 13422 W. CIRCLE DRIVE UNIT #401, Crestwood, IL 60445 Property Index No. 24-33-403-093-1109-1096 The real estate is improved with a condominium.
The judgment amount was $119,868.65. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.
The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department. Please refer to file number 14-06-A845. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I28881

REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION WELLS FARGO BANK, NA AS TRUSTEE FOR SECURITIZED ASSET-BACKED RECEIVABLES LLC 2005-FR4 MORTGAGE PASS THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-FR4 Plaintiff, -v.- JAMES MAHER, et al Defendant 06 CH 18351 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on November 1, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on April 11, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 7859 S.LATROBE AVE, Burbank, IL 60459
Property Index No. 19-28-337-026 The real estate is improved with a single family residence.
The judgment amount was $189,560.15. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.
The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department. Please refer to file number 14-06-A780. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALENOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I28105

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE, LLC F/K/A CENTEX HOME EQUITY COMPANY, LLC Plaintiff, -v.-SHARON L. SIMS-CEPHUS A/K/A SHARON CEPHUS A/K/A SHARON SIMS A/K/A SHARON CEPHUS-SIMS A/K/A SHARON L. SIMS, et al Defendants 06 CH 17561 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on November 21, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on April 11, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 3118 W. COLUMBUS AVENUE, Chicago, IL 60652 Property Index No. 19-25-318-037 The real estate is improved with a single family residence.
The judgment amount was $139,787.55. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.
The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department. Please refer to file number 14-06-A262. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE, IL 60527 (630) 794-9876 Attorney File No.: 14-06-A262 ARDC# 00468002 Attorney Code. 21762 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I28124

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Hotel Revenues Show Strong 2006 Finish

After a slight occupancy dip in December 2006, Chicago Southland hotels and motels finished calendar year 2006 strongly, with gains in all three measurement categories, according to figures released by Smith Travel Research, an independent hotel industry research firm.

While December's occupancy dip was small – only 1.7 percent decrease compared to the same month in 2005 – overall occupancy in Chicago Southland hotels rose 5.7 percent for the year, to 59.5% occupancy. Figures have been on an upward trend most of 2006, with small occupancy decreases in January 2006 and December 2006. Things are already looking brighter in 2007, with a 1.1% gain in occupancy compared to January 2006 for this traditionally slow month.

Average daily room rates (ADR) and revenue per available room (RevPar) were up the entire year in 2006, and are continuing this positive trend into 2007.

ADR averaged $80.27 per room for calendar year 2006, an 11.2 percent increase compared to 2005. RevPar averaged $47.78 for the year, a 17.5 percent increase over 2005.

January 2007 numbers are ahead of the previous year, with a regional occupancy rate of 44.4%, a 1.1% increase over January 2006. ADR for January 2007 was $80.27, and RevPar was $47.78, both increases over the previous year of 11.2% and 17.5%, respectively.

Upcoming February 2007 numbers may be down somewhat because of a bitter cold snap and subsequent heavy snows that blanketed the Southland and the Midwest region during the month. But as the weather improves through the spring and summer, numbers are expected to continue their upward climb.

"The CSCVB Sales Department works closely with our partner hotels and communities to generate new business into the Southland, and these positive numbers reinforce the fact that our combined efforts are working," said CSCVB President/CEO Jim Garrett.

"It's great to see our industry recovering from the declines of the past several years," said Garrett. "People are traveling again, for both business and pleasure, and we're seeing positive gains at Southland hotels and motels. We're very fortunate to live and work in such a dynamic region. Chicago and the metropolitan area are the magnets that draw literally millions of visitors every year, and the Southland is continuing to develop its visitor amenities to draw more of these travelers to our region."

According to the year-end Smith Travel Research report, total 2006 room revenues were up 17.5% over the previous year to $106.6 million.

Southwest Area Obituaries

Edward A. Adomaitis Sr.

Mass was said at St. Gerald Church, Oak Lawn, on Monday, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Edward A. Adomaitis Sr., 86.

He is survived by his children Sharon (Steve) Skora, Edward A. Adomaitis Jr., Dottie (Ralph) Arnold; seven grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and his sister Francis Fahbusch.

Olga M. Baker

Mass was said at Our Lady of the Woods Church, Orland Park, on Thursday, March 22, with interment at St. Mary Cemetery, for Olga M. Baker, 82.

She is survived by her son Robert (Phyllis) Baker; two grandchildren; and her sisters Lina (William) Roach and Lucia Roach.

Anne E. Chinino

Mass was said at St. Damian Church, Oak Forest, on Monday, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Anne E. Chinino, a former Sears Employee and an Army Veteran of WWII.

She is survived by her children Eugene Jr., Patricia (Ronald) Wilfinger, Anthony (Lynn) and Michael (Sheila), seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Ann Rita Causland

Mass was said at St. Bernadette Church, Evergreen Park, on Monday, with interment at St. Mary Cemetery, for Ann Rita Cleland-Causland, late of Vero Beach, Fl, formerly of Evergreen Park.

She is survived by her daughter Joyce (Bob) Carter and five step-children; sixteen grandchildren and her sister Rose Marie (Ron) Furry

James S. Corcoran

Mass was said at Sacred Heart Church, Palos Hills, on Wednesday, with interment at St. Mary Cemetery, for James S. Corcoran, 86. He was a veteran of WWII serving as a SGT. 101st Airborne Division.

He is survived by his children Michele 9Stan) Nowak, Tim (Jan), Mary Ellen (Jim) Knight, Maribeth (Tom) Purtle, Patti (Kevin) Walsh and Liane (Jim) Birk, seventeen grandchildren and one great-grandchild; his brothers Mark and John Corcoran and his sisters Mary Seiler and Theresa Evans.

Joseph DeLuca

Services were held at the Lawn Funeral Home, Burbank, on Monday, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Joseph DeLuca, a member of IBEW Local 134 and the Sons of American Legion past President of the New Lenox Sportsman Club.

He is survived by his children Lisa (Ryan) Campbell and Joseph (Sheri) DeLuca; six grandchildren; his mother Dorothy; his sisters Roxanne (Donald) McCurdy and Sharon (Paul) Metcalf.

Helen A. Hassett

Mass was said at St. Fabian Church, Bridgeview, on Monday, with interment at St. Mary Cemetery, for Helen A. Hassett, 89.

She is survived by her children Jeannette (Robert E.) Bochnak and Michael (Carol); eight grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Herbert J. Huber

Mass was said at St. Barnabas Church, Beverly, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Herbert J. Huber.

He is survived by his children Jack (Susan) and Mike Young and six grandchildren.

Thomas F. Gavin

Services were held at the Robert J. Sheehy & Sons Funeral Home, Orland Park, on Tuesday, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Thomas F. Gavin.

He is survived by his wife Marie T.; his children Thomas (Maureen), Robert (Yolanda), Mary Kay (Terry) Walsh, Joseph, James (Rebecca, Eileen (Bruce) Watson and Catherine (Christopher Loss; fourteen grandchildren; his brothers Patrick (Josephine, John, Robert (Karen), Michael (Patricia, James; and his sisters Patricia (Martin) Brennan, Mary Daly, Ann (Hugh) Dennehy, and Kathleen Tiderman.

Cecilia R. Lile

Services were held at the Palos-Gaidas Funeral Home, Palos Hills, on Thursday, March 22, with interment at Evergreen Cemetery, for Cecilia R. Lile, 84.

She is survived by her husband Frank; her children Margaret "Peggy" Burns, Linda (Ted Passantino) Burns CPD, Diane (John Machay) Porto, Carmella and Frank (Lori Flemming) Lile; fourteen grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren; and her sister Carmella (Joe) Fleck) Kostner.

Bernice E. Matalis

A Chapel Service was held at the Hills Funeral Home, Palos Hills, on Wednesday, with interment at the Lithuanian National Cemetery, for Bernice E. Matalis, 89.

She is survived by her children John (Sandra), Tom (Phyllis) and Michael and two grandchildren.

Gertrude A. McClowry

Mass was said Sacred Heart Church, Palos Hills, on Wednesday, with interment at St. Mary Cemetery, for Gertrude A. McClowry, 89. She was a retired nurse's aide for Little Company of Mary Hospital.

She is survived by her husband Joseph J.; her children Joan (Robert) Quillman, Alice (Robert) Doherty, James (Mary Ellen), Daniel (Michaelle), Richard, Celeste (Thomas) Keefe, Joseph Jr. (Diane, Therese (Steve Barry) McClowery and Laura (Russell) Showalter; twenty grandchildren; and seventeen great-grandchildren.

Christopher O'Dwyer

Mass was said at St. Damian Church, Oak Forest, on Wednesday, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Christopher O'Dwyer.

He is survived by his wife Mary Therese; his children Denis, Michael (Mary Ann), Maureen (Jim) Scobey, Brian (Lora) and Patrick (Nancy) O'Dwyer; nine grandchildren; his sisters Mary O'Brien, Joan O'Malley, Kitty O'Dwyer, Helen Rafter, Breda; and his brothers Gerald, Philip, Tom O'Dwyer and Denis O'Dwyer.

Lynn Patko

Mass was said at St. Catherine of Alexandria Church, Oak Lawn, on Thursday, March 22nd, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Lynn Patko. He was a member of the International Union of Elevator Constructors Local #2.

He is survived by his wife Beth Patko; his children Elizabeth (Joseph) McCarthy, Joseph (Ali) Patko and Carolyn (James) Allegretti; six grandchildren and his brother George (Holly).

Kenneth I. Primozic

Mass was said at St. Alexander Church, Palos Heights, on Tuesday, with interment at St. Mary Cemetery, for Kenneth I. Primozic, 63, He was a former alderman with the city of Hickory Hills and a very active member of the St, Alexander Parish.

He is survived by his wife Carol; his children Casey Christopher and Faith Elisabeth; his brothers Edward (Audrey, Ronald (Connie), Thomas (Edith), James (Margaret), Gerald (Linda) and Donald (Debbie) and his sister Carin Hack.

Thomas Regan

Mass was said at St. Francis of Assisi Church, Orland Park, on Thursday, March 22nd, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Thomas J. Regan of Orland Park.

He is survived by his children Lynn Capua, Janet Casaz, Todd (Lori), Ellen (John) Johnson, Michael (Peggy) and Ginny (Rick) Schopper, twenty-two grandchildren and twenty great-grandchildren.

Loretta R. Rogers

Mass was said at St. Albert the Great Church, Burbank, on Wednesday, with interment at St. Mary Cemetery, for Loretta R. Rogers, 92.

She is survived by her children James (Marcia) and Mary; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Juanita Saran

Services were held at the All Saints Lutheran Church, Orland Park, on Thursday, March 22nd, with interment at Oak Knoll Cemetery in WI. She was a member of the Young At Heart Senior Club.

She is survived by her children Pauline (Tom) Javorski and Pam (Joe) Catalano, three grandchildren and one great-grandchild and her sister Josephine Wertical.

Edward J. Silekis

Mass was said at Sacred Heart Church, Palos Hills, on Thursday, March 22nd, for Edward J. Silekis, 81, a veteran of the US Navy in WWII. He was a member of the Darius-Girenas American Legion Post 271 and FOP. He had 32 years of service with the Chicago Police Department.

He is survived by his wife LaVerne; his children Linda (Donald) Nelson and Judith Silekis; and his sister Dorothy Jatezak.

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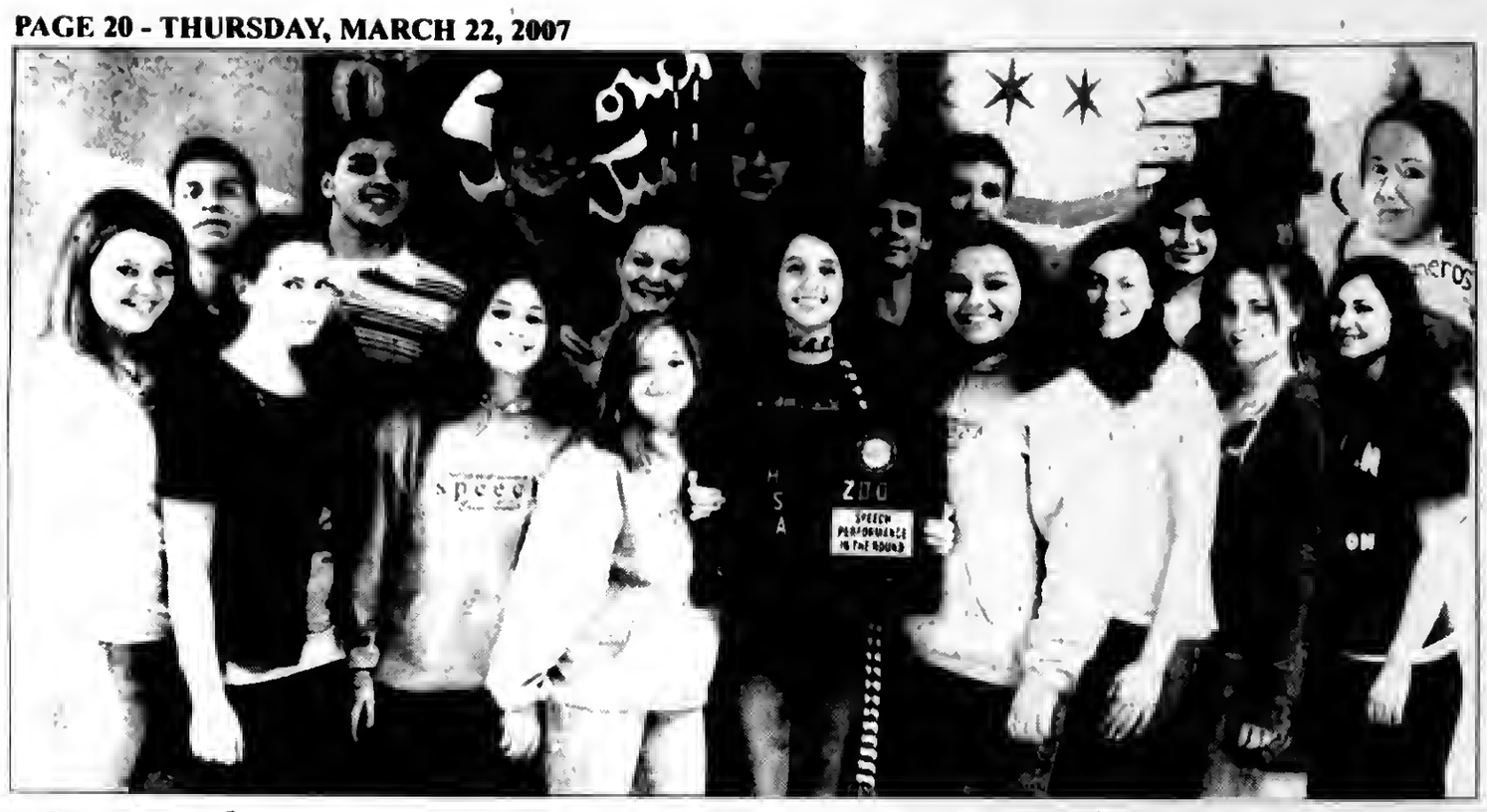

Speech Team Earns Second Place In State

At the Illinois High School Association State Speech Tournament, members of the Oak Lawn Community High School Speech Team earned a second place finish in the Performance in the Round competition. The Performance in the Round competition involves three or more students performing original or scripted dramatic/humorous literature. PIR is staged in a sixteen foot circle with the audience encircling the performance area. No scenery may be used, but costumes and props are allowed.

Pictured left to right: (row 1) Danielle Kita (Oak Lawn), Rosalie Hincks (Oak Lawn), Carissa Banich (Oak Lawn), Lauren Cassidy (Oak Lawn), Claire Ford (Oak Lawn), Sophia Barakat (Oak Lawn), Heather Kita (Oak Lawn), Amanda Eversole (Oak Lawn), and Susanna Zwirkoski (Oak Lawn); (row 2) Marek Gai (Oak Lawn), Muhanad Adas (Oak Lawn), Jonathan Waterstraat (Oak Lawn), Trina Procter (Oak Lawn), Thomas Murphy (Oak Lawn), Nicholas Szurgot (Chicago Ridge), Robert Beland (Oak Lawn), and Jennifer Nudo (Oak Lawn). The students were coached by Mr. Adam Zwirkoski and Mr. William Denton.

Saint Xavier's Campus Event A Success

Saint Xavier University's recent Presidents' Day campus visit for prospective students attracted the biggest crowd ever, with a total of 600 visitors coming to the campus, located in Chicago's Mount Greenwood neighborhood.

"Parents and students seemed genuinely interested in all the speakers. The students especially enjoyed the fun fair and visiting with representatives from the student activities and organizations," said Beth Gicrach, assistant provost of admission at Saint Xavier University. "More families than ever took advantage of the campus tours following the event."

Prospective freshmen and their families were invited to take campus tours and meet with faculty and representatives from the offices of admission, financial aid and campus life, as well as student leaders from campus organizations at the Feb. 19 event.

"The Presidents' Day event hosted by the Office of Admission was a great success thanks to the dedication of SXU students, alumni, faculty and staff. More prospective freshmen than ever visited our campus for an admission event, and we're confident that all 600 guests had a quality visit to Saint Xavier," Gierach said.

For more information about Saint Xavier, please contact the Office of Admission at (773) 298-3050 or visit www.sxu.edu/admission.

Lenten Series

"Living Beyond Limitations" is the topic for the panel of speakers for the Pilgrim Faith Church Lenten Series on March 28th. Beginning at 7:15 p.m. a panel of members including Bill Hoskins, Tim McCracken and Jon Perry will discuss how they live daily with illness, disability and other limiting conditions. A light supper of soup, bread, cheese and fruit will be served at 6:30 prior to the program.

A children's program for those in kindergarten through sixth grade will meet at the same time. Child care is provided for children younger than kindergarten.

The church is at 9411 S. 51st Ave. The public is invited to attend. For more information, call the church at (708) 422-4200.

Easter Meal And Egg Hunt

The Oak Lawn Community Church, 9000 S. Ridgeland Ave., will hold its Annual Easter Breakfast and Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 31st from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.

The Easter Bunny should arrive about 10 a.m. On the menu is eggs, sausage, pancakes, potatoes, juice, toast, etc., all for a freewill offering. There will also be a Bake Sale so you can pick up your Easter goodies early. Bring your family and friends.

If you would like to have futher information, please call the church office at (708) 599-4025.

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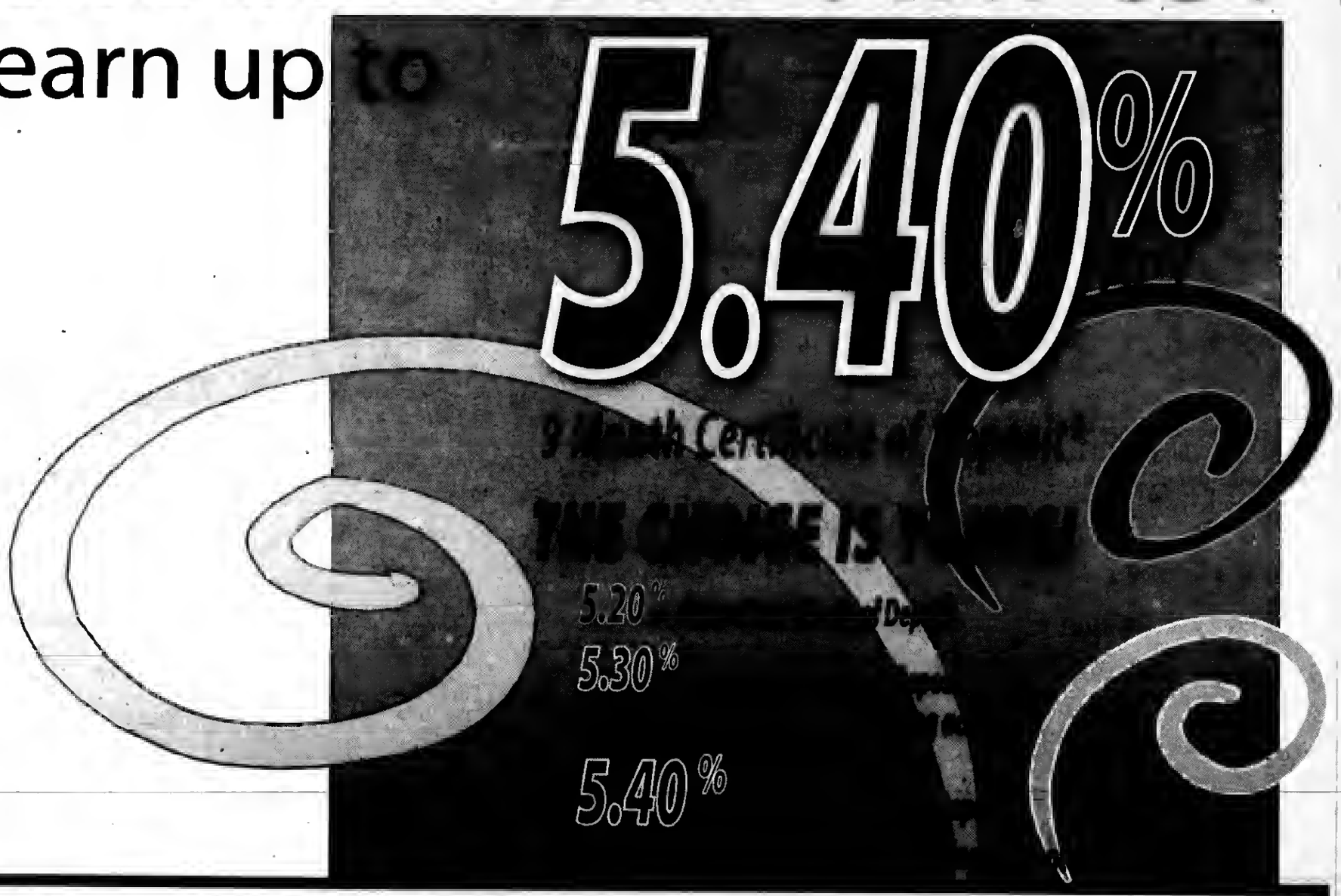

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The Oak Lawn Village Board Discusses

Traffic Control Barricades

Discussion took place at the Oak Lawn Village Board Meeting on the temporary barricades that were installed in the vicinity of 94th and Keeler. Two village residents approached the board to comment on the effect that the barricades are having on traffie in the vicinity. It was stated that the residents of the area appreciate the involvement that officials have put into the deterrent since traffic has been using the side streets to skirt traffic on 95th street for a long time. However, one of the residents elaimed that she did not see the difference in traffic. In fact, she reported that it seemed that when faced with the barricades, traffic on her block "just went around" the barricade.

Police Chief Villanova reminded the resident that the barricades had just gone up and were in operation for only a few days. In that time, there was no way to gauge the result of the barricade's usefulness until driver's got the word that if they drive around the barricades, they will be ticketed. Villanova reported that he has been getting complaints from driver's who have been ticketed with them saying that they didn't know that the barricades were in place or had no warning of their installation.

It was stated that in other areas of the community, where the barricades had been installed it took time for drivers "to get the message" and it was suggested that the barricades be given a chance to work. It was said that if they do not seem to work, the village will look into other options to help alleviate the situation.

Trustee Olejniczak lauded the police department on their recent handling of drug problems in the village. He could not be specific of the details, but he reported that complaints had come in last Thursday and by Monday, the department had made arrests after a hand-to-hand deal. Olejniczak reported that this was the most dangerous way to make an arrest which the police chief confirmed.

In other business, owners of Jalapeno's Restaurant at 9600 S. Pulaski, made the request to have an outdoor café liquor license in addition to their regular liquor license. It was stated that the restaurant is planning on having a small 10 seat outdoor café installed. A formal request for the café is being prepared for presentation to the board. The board granted permission for the license.

Mayor Heilmann brought up the opportunity for the village to make approximately $50,000 for allowing business logos to be placed on the village's new garbage totes. He asked the boards opinion on having this done. It was suggested that the option be put on the community website to get public opinion. The Mayor said that it was an idea so that the village can get extra money. He also reported that the totes will soon be delivered to the residents. It was stated that the waste hauler is doing the delivery and not the village.

Early voting is taking place in the village through April 12th Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on March 31st and April 1st from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

Permission was granted to erect a temporary tent at the Jewel-Osco, 8801 S. Ridgeland for their annual spring plant sale beginning April 1st with removal by June 27th.

It was announced that the annual Easter Egg Hunt on the Green will be on Saturday, April 7th. Three separate egg hunts will take place at 11:30 a.m.; noon and 12:30 p.m. Meet and take pictures with the Easter Bunny in the Gazebo.

New Voting Tool Kit

With 2,400 candidates and 769 unique ballots, the April 17th Consolidated Election in suburban Cook County will be the most complex election held anywhere in the United States this year. To prepare voters and the system for the upcoming election, Cook County Clerk David Orr has initiated a series of election improvements. At a recent press conference, Orr unveiled a new online voter tool kit. He also announced this election's early voting sites and issued a call for election judges as the County faces a significant shortfall.

To prepare voters for a smooth election day, Orr's office has redesigned its web site – www.voterinfonet.com. The site now includes "It's That Easy!" a new, three-minute instructional voting video showing voters how to use the county's new dual-system voting equipment as well as a comprehensive "Voter's Tool Kit."

The site's "Voter's Tool Kit" is an interactive package for voters with easy-to-use functions such as:

- Registration look-up
- Virtual, customized ballot
- Personalized polling place information and map
- Voter's guide (if the candidate submitted a statement)

The tool kit also includes a list of the Clerk's 32 Early Voting locations. Orr reminded voters that they can vote at any of the sites – even though there are nearly 800 different ballot styles in the upcoming election.

Orr's office switched to all-touch screen Early Voting for the November 2006 General Election. More than 33,000 people cast ballots during the three-week Early Voting period, and surveys showed an overwhelmingly positive response to the Early Voting experience.

Early Voting runs now through April 12th at 26 temporary locations throughout the county, as well as at the five suburban courthouses and the Clerk's downtown office, 69 W. Washington St.

Orr also announced that his office is seeking more than 2,000 people to work as Election Judges on April 17th.

"Last week, my office mailed letters to each of the 2,400 candidates running in this election," Orr said. "We asked them each to recruit two people to work as election judges. We are calling on community groups, religious organizations and residents to assist."

Election judges open polling places, certify that voters are registered and qualified to vote, explain election procedures, issue ballots and activate cards for the touch screens, operate election equipment, and transmit votes at the end of the day.

Election judges receive $150 for their work. That includes $100 for working on Election Day and $50 for attending a 2?-hour training session prior to the election. Judges begin work at 5:15 a.m. and work until the votes are transmitted after the polls close at 7 p.m.

To qualify as an election judge, you must be a registered voter and live in Cook County.

High school seniors are also eligible to be election judges. To qualify, they must have at least a 3.0 GPA, have written permission from a parent, and a letter of recommendation from the principal.

People interested in serving on Election Day can call (312) 603-0970 or download an application online at www.voterinfonet.com. The completed application can be faxed to (312) 603-9779 or dropped off at the Clerk's office, 69 W. Washington St., fifth floor, in Chicago.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MARCH 31 – Saturday – Easter Breakfast and Egg Hunt, Oak Lawn Community Church, 9000 Ridgeland Ave., 9 to 11 a.m.

APRIL 2 – Monday – Planning & Development Commission Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 8 p.m.

APRIL 2 – Monday – Fire Department Club Meeting, VFW, 9514 S. 52nd Ave., 8 p.m.

APRIL 3 – Tuesday – Civil Service Commission, 9446 Raymond, 5:30 p.m.

APRIL 4 – Wednesday – Appeals Board, 9446 Raymond Ave., 8 p.m.

APRIL 5 – Thursday – Alzheimer Support Group, Christ Hospital, 4440 W. 95th St., 6 p.m.

APRIL 5 – Thursday – Historic Preservation Commission, 9446 S. Raymond, 7 p.m.

APRIL 5 – Thursday – Athletic Club Meeting, VFW Hall, 9514 S. 52nd Ave., 8 p.m.

APRIL 5 – Thursday – Traffic Review Committee Meeting, Municipal Center auditorium, 9446 S. Raymond, 8 p.m.

Guests On "Community In Focus"

Frank Spula, President of both the Polish National Alliance and Polish American Congress, along with Arthur J. Trybek, P.N.A. Director, will be guests on Ed McElroy's "Community In Focus" program which airs weekly on Comcast channel 19.

The program will air on Tuesday, April 3rd and Tuesday, April 10th at 8 p.m. on Comcast Channel 19.

Pictured (left to right) Frank Spula, Ed McElroy, Past National Commander of Catholic War Veterans and Arthur J. Trybek.

News & Views For Senior Citizens

Mature Times Special Section In This Issue

April Is National Car Care Month

Rising fuel costs are on the minds of most Americans these days as gas prices are expected to top $3 per gallon in coming weeks. Sure, you can simply stop driving as much, but for many consumers, that's not an option. But there are two ways all of us can stretch our precious gasoline dollars.

One strategy is to change how we drive, and the other is to perform simple and inexpensive vehicle maintenance. Taking these steps will not only save gas money, but will improve a vehicle's safety and dependability.

National Car Care Month in April is an ideal time for motorists to review the factors that can impact fuel economy. According to the Car Care Council, the most common are under-inflated tires, dirty air filters, old spark plugs and something as simple as the gas cap.

Check your vehicle gas cap. About 17 percent of the vehicles on the roads have gas caps that are either damaged, loose or are missing altogether, causing 147 million gallons of gas to vaporize every year.

When tires aren't inflated properly, it's like driving with the parking brake on, and can cost a mile or two per gallon.

A vehicle can have either four, six or eight spark plugs, which fire as many as three million times each 1,000 miles, resulting in a lot of heat, electrical and chemical erosion. A dirty spark plug causes misfiring, which wastes fuel. Spark plugs need to be replaced regularly.

An air filter that is clogged with dirt, dust and bugs chokes off the air and creates a "rich" mixture – too much gas being burned for the amount of air, which wastes gas and causes the engine to lose power. Replacing a clogged air filter can improve gas mileage by as much as 10 percent, saving about 15 cents on a gallon.

Aggressive driving can lower gas mileage by as much as 22 percent on the highway and five percent on city streets, which results in seven to 49 cents per gallon.

Sitting idle gets zero miles per gallon. Letting the vehicle warm up for one to two minutes is sufficient.

Gas mileage decreases rapidly at speeds above 60 mph. Each mph driven over 60 results in an additional 10 cents per gallon. To maintain a constant speed on the highway, cruise control is recommended.

Last year, vehicle check-up events conducted throughout the country revealed that nearly nine out of 10 cars required some type of maintenance. This reinforces the need for the motoring public to become more aware of the maintenance needs of their vehicle to save money, conserve energy, improve highway safety and help protect the environment.

Every motorist can receive a free 56-page Car Care Guide that takes the guesswork out of vehicle maintenance by visiting the Car Care Council's Web site at www.carcare.org.

Standard Bank Supports St. Baldrick's Day

Standard Bank and Trust Co. recently donated $1,000 to the St. Baldrick's Day Fundraiser that was held to help in the research of childhood cancer. Participants had their heads shaved to show support as well as raising money for this great cause.

Standard Bank Vice President John Geary (far left) sports a new look along with (second from left to right) Brian Scanlon, Bill Kehoe and Kevin Hanlon. For over 60 years Standard Bank has continued to serve the community in supporting local organizations and remains committed to investing in the communities they serve.

Standard Bank and Trust Co. operates 41 locations throughout Chicagoland and Northwest Indiana.

Press FDA For Answers On Pet Food Safety

U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin (D-IL) and Rep. Rosa DeLauro (D-CT) sent a letter to Andrew von Eschenbach, Commissioner of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), asking for an analysis of FDA's oversight of pet food manufacturing facilities and a report of actions taken since the recent pet food recall.

"Many cats, dogs and other pets, considered members of the family, are now suffering as a result of a flawed pet food inspection system," said Durbin. "Congresswoman DeLauro and I have once again reached out to FDA to work on eliminating the vulnerabilities that are affecting food safety. Today we asked FDA to quickly provide us with a report of what FDA has done to address the recent recall, and what needs to be done to make real improvements to the system of overseeing pet food safety."

"Based on the evidence so far, it would appear that FDA is failing its responsibilities to protect animals from unsafe food as much as it is failing to protect American consumers. They have never visited the plant in Kansas being mentioned as a possible source of the contamination, and the last time FDA inspected the New Jersey plant that has also been implicated was in 2004," said DeLauro, Chairwoman of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, FDA and related agencies. "For the past decade, many of us who have examined our food safety system have pressed for a consolidated food safety agency. In light of recent events it looks like we will need to broaden that effort to include pet foods to ensure that all family members are protected from food-borne illnesses."

On March 17th, pet food producer Menu Foods, Inc. announced a recall of pet food products made at its Emporia, Kansas facility between Dec. 3, 2006 and March 6, 2007. The recall was made in response to a recent string of kidney failures in cats and dogs as well as a handful of pet deaths. The reported number of pets affected has grown to nearly two dozen recently.

Since the recall, the FDA has been working with Menu Foods to investigate the source of any potential contamination. It is unclear whether or not there has been a contamination or what the source of the contamination may be. In samples of the recalled product, recent tests have confirmed the presence of rat poison, aminopterin, which in high doses can cause kidney failure.

Letter To The Editor

Dear Editor:

As a resident of the southwest suburbs for over 40 years, I feel we have a treasure in the Moraine Valley Community College. The college has awarded nearly 40,000 degrees and certificates. That is in the top 8 percent of the nation. Over 85 percent of associate degree earners transfer to a four-year institution, and 93 percent of the graduates are employed or continuing their education.

More than 18,000 students will attend the college this spring. That is an increase of 5 percent over last year and an increase of more than 12 percent over the past six years. Moraine is a vital and essential asset to our community.

An unpaid Board of Trustees governs Moraine Valley Community College. As a taxpayer, I am pleased with the fiscal responsibility of the board's management of the budget. The high financial rating from investors has allowed the district to reduce the projected tax increase by 2 percent.

Finally, as a grateful citizen, I want to thank Sandra Wagner for her outstanding leadership as Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Moraine Valley Community College for the past three and one-half years. My family and I urge the community to support another six-year term for Sandra Wagner. This jewel of the community needs her experience to insure the continued growth and success of our college.

Sincerely,
s/s Jerry Lawler
Palos Heights, IL 60463

Tree City USA

Illinois Dept. of Natural Resources (IDNR) Acting Director Sam Flood on March 24th announced that 186 Illinois communities have received the Tree City USA designation for managing their local community forest resources in an effort to enhance citizen safety and welfare. These communities were presented with awards on March 27th at Morton Arboretum in Lisle and at the Northfield Center in Springfield on March 29th.

The Tree City USA program promotes tree planting and care programs in urban areas and calls public attention to the economic, health and aesthetic benefits trees offer. Citizen participation in community reforestation and beautification efforts is encouraged through this program. The Tree City USA program provides support to communities to assist in the battle against exotic invasive species such as emerald ash borer (EAB).

Area communities being recognized are: Chicago, Frankfort, Hickory Hills, New Lenox, Oak Lawn, Orland Hills, Orland Park, Palos Heights, Palos Hills and Palos Park.

Dedication

The Augustinian Friars of the St. Rita High School Monastery will hold a Mass of Dedication and Blessing of the Nine New Shrines on Sunday, April 15th at 9 a.m. at the St. Rita Shrine Chapel, 7740 S. Western Ave. The Nine New Shrines are part of a beautification project at the St. Rita Shrine Chapel and represent Our Mother of Good Counsel, Our Lady of Czestochowa, St. Monica, St. Patrick, St. Martin de Porres, St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, St. Therese of Lisieux, Pope John Paul II and Mother Teresa. The Most Rev. John Michael Botean, D.D., Bishop of the Romanian Catholic Diocese of St. George, Canton, Iowa, will preside over the Mass and Dedication.

A continental breakfast will follow. RSVP to Sr. Ardis Cloutier, OSF, at (773) 925-6600, ext. 6623, or acloutier@stritahs.com.

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Cracks Can Cause Hazards In Trees

As winter comes to a close, homeowners and property managers are advised that tree failure is a major cause of property damage. An ice storm or high wind can cause a cracked tree to fail under its own weight.

"Homeowners worried about trees falling and damaging property should call a professional arborist in for an inspection," advises Peter Gerstenberger, senior advisor for safety, standards and compliance with the Tree Care Industry Association. Gerstenberger notes that trees are designed to withstand storms, but all trees can fail – and defective trees fail sooner than healthy trees. A sound tree becomes potentially dangerous when the tree's woody structure is weakened by one or more defects. During storms, pre-existing defects predispose trees to failure.

"To a professional arborist," notes Gerstenberger, "defects are detectable signs that a tree has an increased potential to fail."

One of the major warning signs of tree failure is a visible crack. Cracks form when the load exceeds the capacity of the stem to withstand the load. The vast majority of cracks are caused by improper closure of wounds, by the splitting of weak branch unions, or by flush-cut pruning. Cracks can occur in branches, stems or roots. The wood behind the crack may be sound, decayed, or missing (cavity). Several types of cracks can be found in trees and, like other defects, the severity of cracks ranges across a spectrum.

Vertical cracks run with the wood grain along the length of the tree and may appear as shear cracks, inrolled cracks or ribbed cracks. Horizontal cracks run across the wood grain. Shear cracks, a type of vertical crack, become hazardous when they go completely through the stem and separate the stem into two halves. As the tree bends and sways in the wind, one half of the stem slides over the other, elongating the crack. Eventually the enlarging crack causes the two halves of the stem to shear apart. A shear crack always has a high risk of failure. An inrolled crack, also called a ram's horn, has margins that curl inward on each of its sides and forms inrolled bark and wood. An inrolled crack is formed when a wound does not close properly. Serious decay is always associated with an inrolled crack because the crack margins rewound the tree each year, allowing decay to spread rapidly. Inrolled cracks often generate other cracks in the same stem segment. Trees with an inrolled crack, advanced decay, and another crack all in the same stem segment have a high risk of failure.

A professional arborist can determine the potential for failure by measuring the shell thickness in a few locations around the tree's circumference, determining the width of the crack opening, and looking for the presence of any other type of crack. Ribbed cracks are created as the tree attempts to seal over a wound. Margins of the crack meet and mesh but are reopened due to tree movement or extremely cold temperatures. Thicker annual rings are created in order to stabilize the developing crack at the location of the crack. This forms the ribbed appearance over a period of many years. A ribbed crack has a high risk of failure when associated with another crack or with extensive advanced decay.

Horizontal cracks run across the grain of the wood and are formed when loading in the tree's crown pulls wood fibers apart. They are rarely found because they develop just before the trees fail. Horizontal cracks are a sign of imminent failure in leaning trees.

Cracks are hazardous when they compromise the structure of the tree by splitting the stem in two or when another defect, such as internal decay and a crack, do not provide enough sound wood in the outer shell to support the tree. The presence of multiple cracks and decay indicates a very defective tree.

Homeowners who would like a professional arborist to assess their trees should contact the Tree Care Industry Association (TCIA), a 69-year-old public and professional resource on trees and arboriculture. It has more than 2,000 member companies who recognize stringent safety and performance standards and who are required to carry liability insurance. TCIA has the nation's only Accreditation program that helps consumers find tree care companies that have been inspected and accredited based on: adherence to industry standards for quality and safety; maintenance of trained, professional staff; and dedication to ethics and quality in business practices. An easy way to find a tree care service provider in your area is to use the "Locate Your Local TCIA Member Companies" program. You can use this service by calling 1-800-733-2622 or by doing a ZIP code search at www.treecaretips.org.

White Awards Grants To Public Libraries

Secretary of State and State Librarian Jesse White has awarded Illinois public libraries almost $14.2 million in fiscal year 2007 per capita and equalization aid grants.

White said 633 public library per capita grants were allocated at a rate of $1.22 per resident. Ten public libraries with a low library tax base will receive equalization aid grants to ensure a minimum level of funding for library services.

Illinois citizens will benefit from the grants being awarded to public libraries this year. Libraries count on these per capita grants for important expenses such as paying for books, personnel, equipment, and electronic access.

Over the course of the next two years, as a requirement to receive a public library per capita and equalization aid grant, White said recipients are being asked to detail their plans for dealing with a disaster. Additionally, at least one member of the library board of trustees must attend a continuing education event and share information from the event with other trustees.

The Illinois State Library and the regional library systems and organizations such as the Illinois Library Assn. offer outstanding training and continuing education programs about library issues. White said patrons benefit when library trustees learn the most up-to-date information before making decisions that impact library policies.

Area libraries obtaining grants are: Alsip-Merrionette Park Library District, $27,955.75; Blue Island Public Library, $28,706.98; Bridgeview Public Library, $18,762.37; Prairie Trails Public Library District, $35,476.61; Chicago Public Library, $3,543,275.58; Chicago Ridge Public Library, $17,284.38; Crestwood Public Library District, $12,041.69; Evergreen Park Public Library, $25,474.49; Frankfort Public Library District, $30,898.27; Homer Township Public Library District, $35,471.71; Hometown Public Library, $5,465.37; Justice Public Library District, $17,011.54; Lemont Public Library District, $26,937.80; Bradford Anderson Oglesby Public Library, $15,440.57; Midlothian Public Library, $17,514.40; New Lenox Public Library District, $40,172.40; Acorn Public Library District, $45,116.56; Oak Lawn Public Library, $67,592.26; Orland Park Public Library, $69,587.79; Palos Heights Public Library, $15,856.56; Green Hills Public Library District, $38,651.59; Palos Park Public Library, $5,736.99; Posen Public Library District, $5,787.16; William Leonard Public Library District, $8,117.92; Orland Hills Public Library District, $8,294.11; Tinley Park Public Library, $66,499.67; Worth Public Library District, $13,516.

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Durbin Pushes Legislation To Avert Shortage Of Nurses

Last Thursday, U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin (D-IL) along with Sen. Ted Kennedy (D-MA) and Sen. Chris Dodd (D-CT) co-sponsored legislation to amend the National Labor Relations Act (NLRA) to clarify a legal distinction between supervisors and employees.

Under current law, supervisors cannot organize a union or collectively bargain. In October of 2006, the National Labor Relations Board issued a broad interpretation of the term supervisor, which will lead to more employees being deemed supervisors. The new rule will have a serious detrimental effect on workers in such occupations as manufacturing and nursing. The legislation introduced recently is known as the Re-empowerment of Skilled and Professional Employees and Construction Tradesworkers (RESPECT) Act.

"If Congress does not act, 8 million workers in the United States will no longer have the right to organize," said Durbin. "Illinois is one of many states suffering from nursing shortages. With 40,000 nurses in the state, many will be unable to join unions and collectively bargain, salary levels will be at risk and working conditions will be in question, driving more people to leave the profession and discouraging others from becoming nurses."

In 2001, the Supreme Court ruled that the interpretation of the term supervisor would be left to the National Labor Relations Board to determine what it should mean in the context of the NLRA. Last year, several cases came before the Board to determine whether 1) nurses acting as supervisors in a hospital, 2) nurses acting as supervisors in a long-term care facility and 3) load men acting as supervisors in a manufacturing facility should be deemed supervisors. The ruling of the National Labor Relations Board expanded the term "supervisor."

Durbin noted that the ruling of the National Labor Relations Board is contrary to the Congressional intent of the Taft-Hartley Act of 1947 which defined the term "supervisor" more narrowly. Under the new ruling, over 8 million workers, including over 800,000 nurses nationwide, will be stripped of their right to join a union. Building and construction trades, broadcasting, energy, shipping and other health care industries will also be affected. In the current economic and labor structure, skilled mid-level workers who make decisions and issue instructions are quite common and these employees should not be prohibited from their basic right to organize.

Last July, Durbin signed onto a letter urging the National Labor Relations Board to hold oral arguments before ruling on the case. The letter, stressing the ramifications that a broad interpretation would have for millions of workers, was initiated by Sen. Kennedy (D-MA) and signed by several Senate Democrats. The National Labor Relations Board refused to hear oral arguments. Durbin said his legislation would replace the NLRB's flawed ruling and restore the original intent of the law.

Governor's Proposal Gains Support

March 23rd wrapped up a week of increased momentum and new support for Governor Rod R. Blagojevich's "Investing In Illinois Families" plan. Hundreds of individuals and organizations added their names to the growing list of supporters for the Governor's proposal to increase funding for education, give every Illinoisan access to affordable healthcare and bring fairness to the tax system. Groups voiced their support at events in Alton, Chicago, Danville, Decatur, DuQuoin, Peoria, Quincy, Rock Island, Rockford and Springfield.

On March 20th, dozens of African-American ministers rallied around the Governor at First Church of Deliverance on Chicago's Southside to endorse his plan, which they said would provide long overdue help for the members of their congregations. The ministers further underlined their support by pledging to urge their lawmakers to approve the proposed budget.

Also that week, the AIDS Foundation of Chicago (AFC) rallied at the State Capitol to support Governor Blagojevich's "Illinois Covered" healthcare plan. Over 150 AIDS advocates gathered at the State Capitol wearing "Super Hero" T-shirts in an effort to encourage legislators to be "super heroes" by passing the Governor's plan to expand access to quality, affordable healthcare to all Illinoisans during the group's Seventh Annual Illinois HIV/AIDS Lobby Day. Of the approximately 40,000 to 42,000 Illinoisans living with HIV/AIDS, about 20,000 are either uninsured or do not have adequate coverage to meet their healthcare needs. Under Illinois Covered, they would be among the tens of thousands of moderate and low-income residents who would have access to affordable health coverage once the plan is implemented. AFC Executive Director Mark Ishaug said he is thankful that under the Governor's Illinois Covered plan, people living with HIV/AIDS can hope for a better future.

In addition, the Governor accepted the support of the Chicago Area Project and Illinois Council of Area Projects during their annual Youth and Community Services Recognition Luncheon last week. The organization will deliver more than 3,000 postcards of support to legislators, urging them to approve Blagojevich's proposed healthcare plan. David Whitaker, executive director of Chicago Area Project expressed his faith in the Governor's plan, saying that the Governor has led the way in making sure that Illinois is committed to programs that support our youth and their families.

All Points Southwest

By THOMAS E. GAVIN

On Wednesday, May 2nd business leaders, key policy makers, leading scholars and mayors from around the world will attend the "Third Annual Richard J. Daley Urban Forum" at the University of Illinois at Chicago. Guests and educators will examine how the cities of the future will be built.

Breakfast and registration begin at 7:30 a.m. and the Forum commences at 9 a.m. sharp. The Forum will be held at UIC's Illinois Room at Student Center East, 750 S. Halsted St. Featured participants include Mayor Richard M. Daley, and keynote speaker Robert E. Rubin, former Secretary of the U.S. Treasury. Professionals from the fields of urban planning, architecture and transportation will also participate.

Speakers will examine the roles that major infrastructure projects will play in developing and sustaining future cities. They will discuss how these projects can be financed, their impact on the environment, and their ultimate costs and benefits.

UIC faculty, staff, and students from other colleges and universities, will receive complimentary admission. Tickets for the event cost $25 each, which includes a continental breakfast and lunch. For more information, register for raffle tickets, or to just get excited about this renowned business roundup, one should visit www.RJDUrbankForum.uic.edu. For more information.

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Peoples Gas and North Shore Gas, subsidiaries of Integrys Energy Group, Inc. have filed a request for an increase in the amount they charge to deliver natural gas to customers. If approved the proposed increase would be less than $10 a month for typical residential Peoples Gas customers. If approved, it would be the first such distance delivery increase in 12 years and would go into effect in 2008. The proposed increase would apply only to the delivery charge which is about 20% of a customer's bill. We will keep you posted on this legislation.

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All Points hears that on April 2nd Friends of Bob Streit will be hosting a fundraiser in his honor at BJ McMahon's, 5432 W. 95th St. in Oak Lawn. Reelection candidate (and 16 year trustee) Bob Streit will be meeting and greeting friends and well-wishers at the party known as "Join Us for the Final Four" on Saturday evening, replete with an evening of fun, food, and drinks. Cost of tickets is $50 per person. To learn more about Bob Streit or to attend the celebration contact (708) 422-3600.

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Palos Township will host a Voter Education seminar, with the assistance of Cook County official David Orr's office, on Wednesday, April 4th, at the Township Hall, 10802 S. Roberts Road in Palos Hills.

Staffers from David Orr's office, will be present to discuss "early voting" and answer questions. There will be a demonstration of the Optical Scan and Touch Screen voting machines. There will be four touch screen machines available. Reservations for the date are being taken at (708) 598-4418.

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The Boy Scouts of America – Iroquois District has set Thursday, April 19th at Szalas Restaurant, 5214 S. Archer Ave., Chicago, as a platform location for honoring the 23rd Ward Alderman Michael Zalewski. His work, including the accommodations in support of Scouting nation-wide status are confusing.

Guests will have the opportunity to join in a silent auction featuring a wide variety of gifts, tickets and vacation packages. A brief program featuring local Boy Scouts will be presented...their goals and projects in the community. For more information call (312) 421-8800.

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The Misericordia Women's League have compiled a series of photographs and stories and transformed them into a mosaic which will be introduced at "The Magic of Misericordia" benefit on April 21st at the House of Blues in Chicago. "The Magic of Misericordia" will feature a full dinner buffet, open bar, and the music of R-Gang, singing rock and roll favorites! Both live auctions and raffles will feature one of a kind prizes and packages. To attend this high energy evening, call the Women's League hotline at (773) 273-2754.

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The Lipinski-Callahan-Daly Memorial Chapter of the Leukemia Research Foundation will present its 35th Annual Fashion Show fundraiser, Jazz with Pizzazz, Tuesday, April 24th at the Lexington House, 7717 W. 95th St., Hickory Hills. Tickets are $40 per person and $25 for students (19 and under). Cocktails begin at 6 p.m. with dinner scheduled for 7 p.m. The musical show will follow dinner.

Special dignitaries include Miss Illinois USA 2007 Mia Heston and Miss Teen Illinois USA 2007 Victoria Davis. More than 100 prizes will be given out at this event.

Proceeds from the benefit go to the Leukemia Research Foundation, which helps provide funding for leukemia, lymphoma and other syndromes research worldwide. For more information contact Loretta Lipinski at (708) 798-3482.

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All Points is happy to report that Moraine Valley Community College occupational graduates report a high degree of satisfaction with their college experience and enjoy a high level of employment. Nearly nine out of ten occupational graduates (86 percent) in 2005 were employed with about half working within the Moraine Valley district.

The annual Moraine Valley survey conducted in spring 2006 found that 70 percent of the 246 survey respondents were employed full time and 20 percent were employed part time. Seventy-two percent are employed in jobs related to their Moraine Valley degree. The health program area had the highest proportion of graduates employed in a related field – 80 percent.

Courses which seemed to generate particularly satisfying experiences included library sciences, childcare services, and courses with projects in their respective programs.

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New Rules To Help Protect Homebuyers

Governor Rod R. Blagojevich directed the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation (IDFPR) to increase protections to homebuyers and more effectively fight predatory lending by filing new rules to the Illinois Predatory Lending Database Pilot Program, also known as HB 4050. The new rules will help protect consumers by focusing scrutiny on the lenders and their loans rather than consumers and their credit history. These rules will provide first time homebuyers and homeowners who are refinancing their homes with counseling to protect them against predatory or other non-traditional types of loans.

The Governor also directed the Department to designate the pilot area to be all of Cook County once the rules are approved by the legislature. Last month, Gov. Blagojevich temporarily halted implementation of the original program that was drafted to only apply in certain Cook County neighborhoods after community organizations and civic leaders raised serious concerns.

HB 4050 was meant to protect consumers and their communities from the financial and personal costs of predatory lending. The new rules will increase protections effectively by focusing on predatory loans rather than a borrower's credit history. Predatory lenders often use loans with unusual provisions such as "teaser rates" (artificially low rates that are raised to market average or above, shortly after the mortgage is approved), little or no income documentation or excessively high fees and interest charges to entice homebuyers. These loans frequently result in foreclosures.

Under the proposed rules for HB 4050, first time homebuyers and owners opting to refinance their primary residence will be recommended for counseling if the loan they are considering contains any of the following provisions: permits interest-only payments; allows payments that result in negative amortization; total points and fees payable by the borrower exceed 5% of the amount of the mortgage; approval of the loan relies on the stated income of the borrower; a pre-payment penalty is included; or the financing transaction includes a second lien on the property, often known as an 80/20 loan.

Initial implementation of HB 4050 created uncertainly for lenders, limiting their interest in offering products to consumers in certain neighborhoods where the new rules applied. Furthermore, a report from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign showed that housing sales in the HB 4050 zip codes dropped by nearly half over the fall of 2006. Comparable zip codes in which the pilot program was not being applied saw a decline of just 20 percent. The report also stated that the pilot program did not offer borrowers additional consumer protections.

Once this rule has been filed with the Secretary of State, there is a 45-day 1st Notice period, during which industry groups, advocates and other concerned members of the public may file comments or request a public hearing. During the 2nd Notice period, also 45 days long, the rule and any modifications or amendments, will be reviewed by the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules (JCAR). JCAR can request additional clarification or information from the Department that must be supplied during JCAR's review. At the end of that time, if JCAR takes no action, the rule becomes permanent and any further changes must be filed through a new rulemaking process. Once the new rules have become permanent, the pilot program will be restarted, and the new designation for the pilot area will become effective.

Jesse White Proposes Legislation To Improve Teen Driver Laws

Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White recently proposed legislation that will toughen the laws that govern drivers up to the age of 21, and better prepare new, teen drivers before they obtain their licenses. The legislation is based on the recommendations of White's Teen Driver Safety Task Force. White's task force, composed of legislators, traffic safety experts, law enforcement officials, educators, judges and victim advocates, released a final report that served as the basis for legislation that would make the Illinois Graduated Driver Licensing program one of the most comprehensive in the nation and a model for other states to follow. The legislation includes extending the permit phase from three months to nine months; shifting the nighttime driving restriction from 11 p.m. to 10 p.m. on weekdays and from midnight to 11 p.m. on weekends for all drivers under the age of 18 and those who fail to graduate from the initial licensing phase; and doubling the period – from six months to 12 months – that restricts a new driver to a maximum of one unrelated teen passenger. Vehicle crashes are currently one of the leading causes of death for teens.

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Marist Players Set The Scene For Dolly!

Matchmaker Dolly Levi (Molly Sheehan, Beverly, far right) leads the parade of 75 Marist High School Theatre Guild players set to perform in the lively hit musical "Hello, Dolly!" during four show dates, Thursday through Saturday, March 29, 30, and 31. Curtain times are 7:30 p.m. with a matinee on March 31st at 1 p.m. on the school stage, 4200 W. 115th St., Chicago. Advance tickets, priced at $7 general admission and $5 students, are available at (773) 881-5300 or at the door on the production dates.

Preparing For A Summer Full Of Thrills

Every summer guests from around the country visit Cedar Point Amusement Park and Resort in Sandusky, Ohio to challenge the park's unmatched collection of rides and roller coasters. With towering rides such as Millennium Force and Top Thrill Dragster to adrenaline-rushers such as Raptor, Skyhawk and the new Maverick roller coaster, Cedar Point is a thrill-seeker's dream come true. But just what does it take to maintain these massive structures and technologically advanced thrill rides? The answer may surprise you.

During the off-season, all of Cedar Point's rides and roller coasters undergo an extensive preventative maintenance program that includes completely overhauling all of the ride vehicles and coaster trains. In fact, there are more than 2,000 individual cars, gondolas, carts and coaster trains that are removed from the rides and inspected each and every winter by the park's maintenance staff. All of the ride vehicles are basically "stripped down" and then rebuilt to properly inspect every square inch of the vehicle.

To accomplish this during the short off-season, Cedar Point transforms the park's two public picnic shelters into makeshift maintenance garages. While most of the Midwest is being ravaged by cold weather and snow, Cedar Point's highly trained and experienced maintenance employees are hard at work inspecting, repairing and rebuilding the park's ride vehicles and roller coaster trains. During these inspections, they examine wheels, bearings, hitches, padding, panels, seat belts and harnesses to ensure the integrity of each part.

In all, Cedar Point has more than 130 employees in its Maintenance Division during the off-season, including ride mechanics, carpenters, plumbers, electricians, painters, laborers and more.

"The winter overhaul is the most important part of our preventative maintenance program," stated Gary Gast, director of maintenance and new construction for Cedar Point. "Nothing goes further than the winter overhaul to ensuring the safety and reliability of our rides and roller coasters."

Not only are the ride vehicles and coaster trains overhauled, but the coaster track and supports also undergo extensive scrutiny during the off-season. Non-destructive testing, which includes ultrasonic tests, dye penetrate examinations and X-ray inspections, is used to judge the structural integrity of the track on each steel roller coaster at the park.

Advanced safety measures are being utilized on Maverick, Cedar Point's latest scream machine. The support columns of the coaster are being filled with a fine, dry silica sand. This serves two purposes: it reduces the noise of the ride and limits vibrations, which extends the fatigue life of the columns.

"Nothing commands more of our time and attention than our safety program here at Cedar Point," said Gast. "Our maintenance employees take pride in our safety record and in knowing that all of their hard work and dedication help make our rides and roller coasters as safe as possible for our guests, fellow employees and ourselves."

During the upcoming weeks, crews will be busy with their final inspections of the rides and roller coasters before inspectors from the Amusement Ride Safety Division of the Ohio Department of Agriculture (which serves as the outside regulatory agency for all amusement park rides in Ohio) complete their evaluations. Once licensed by the State of Ohio, the rides and roller coasters will be ready to welcome their first guests on Opening Day, Saturday, May 12.

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Class Reunions

St. Laurence School, 72nd & Dorchester in Chicago, is planning a 50th-year reunion for the class of 1957 to be held at Durbin's, 17265 Oak Park Ave. in Tinley Park, on Sept. 29th from 7 to 11 p.m. Contact Judy (Jellison) Graves at (708) 349-8570 or Peg (Kilgallon) Weeden at (708) 748-3499.

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Reavis High School class of 1977 – 30-year Reunion will be held on July 7th, 2007 at the Old Barn in Burbank. Contact reavisclassof77@yahoo.com.

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DuSable High School class of 1951 will hold a 55th-year reunion from Sept. 15th to 17th at the Hilton Oak Lawn Hotel. Call (708) 206-0468.

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Harrison High School - Classes of 1931 to 1960 Reunion on Sept. 24th from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at The Abbington, 3 South 002, Route 53, Glen Ellyn. Call (708) 366-3423.

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New Trier class of 1986 20th reunion will be held on Nov. 4th at the North Shore Skokie Hotel. Visit www.1986.com.

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St. Florian School – An All-School Reunion, celebrating 100 years, will be held Nov. 17th. Organizers are looking for all alumni names, addresses and the year they graduated. Call (773) 646-2868 or visit www.florian.hegewisch.net.

Carraig Pub Hosts Musicians

The Carraig Pub at Gaelic Park, 6119 W. 147th St., Oak Forest, offers an entertaining atmosphere every day. Enjoy the energetic and free musical entertainment beginning at 9:30 p.m. on Fridays and 10 p.m. on Saturdays. This month hear: Donna Finn, Friday, April 6th; Mulligan Stew, Saturday, April 7th; Joe McShane, Friday, April 13th; The Ploughboys, Saturday, April 14th; Bernie Glim & Country Roads, Friday, April 20th; Jerry Eadie, Saturday, April 21st; and Dan McGuinness, Saturday, April 28th.

But don't just come for the music, the Carraig has daily food and drink specials including delicious BBQ ribs on Wednesdays, a fish fry on Fridays and a mouth watering corned beef and cabbage dinner special served Fridays and Saturdays. Tuesday nights come in to attain prizes and knowledge at the Carraig Pub Quiz beginning at 8 p.m. Enter a team for a minimal entry fee.

Also, every Thursday night at 7:30 p.m. bring the whole family to hear the traditional music session given by the Irish Music School instructors Sean Cleland and Pat Finnegan, their students, friends and families. All ages are welcome.

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Party For The Planet At Brookfield Zoo

Celebrate Earth Day during a treemendous Party for the Planet at Brookfield Zoo on Sunday, April 22nd. The event features live entertainment and fun crafts, activities, and other hands-on projects to get everyone thinking "green."

Throughout the day, the zoo's Nature Stage will be filled with family entertainment. At noon and 2 p.m. Green E – The Environmental Elvis will save the planet one song at a time with his own conservation-themed renditions of popular 60s and 70s tunes, including "Don't Waste Fuel," "Are You Recycling Tonight?" and "Burning Sludge." Carolyn Finzer, "The Mad Hatter" of storytellers, will take the stage at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Guests of all ages are sure to enjoy her assortment of colorful and flamboyant characters in mini-theatrical performances about nature and animals.

In the Hamill Family Play Zoo (admission is free on April 22nd) youngsters can help decorate a gigantic Earth Day cake with recycled materials and even make mini cakes and cards to keep and display at home. Additional craft projects include creating paper and native journals. Every hour on the hour between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. young guests can discover how to conserve water and energy by playing the Energy Star Scavenger Hunt. And in the Play Zoo's backyard area, kids can get back to nature at the make-believe camp setting, complete with tents and cooking accessories. In addition to helping plant acorns in the greenhouse, kids can take home oak tree saplings to plant (while supplies last).

The zoo's volunteers are joining in this huge celebration by engaging guests in activities throughout the day. Gather around the elder tree outside Habitat Africa! The Savannah where Mother Earth will share environmentally friendly stories from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. At Indian Lake between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. volunteers and Play Zoo staff will help kids create binoculars made with paper tubes and then use them to look for birds in the area. More powerful binoculars and scopes will be available from 10 a.m. to noon along the lake's pathway to assist guests in spotting our fine-feathered friends in the area.

From 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the North Mall, guests can watch Bim Willow, author, artist and teacher, create amazing giant sculptures out of willow branches. Also on the mall, folks from the Adler Planetarium will have telescopes set up for daytime solar viewing, and representatives from the Chicagoland Bicycle Federation will engage guests in an interactive game that promotes bike safety. In addition, there will be information about Chicago Wilderness, of which the Chicago Zoological Society is a member. If you have always wanted to work for a conservation leader such as the Chicago Zoological Society, which manages Brookfield Zoo, be sure to stop by the zoo's Human Resources booth to learn about current job opportunities.

Get the inside scoop on some of the animals during special Zoo Chats. Keepers will present 15-minute informative sessions about the camels, kangaroos, lemurs, African elephants, Mexican gray wolves, and Andean condors, to name just a few. Then find out what the zoo does with some of the animals' poop. Zoo goers can board the "Poop Tram" at 12:30 p.m. for a tour of the park's odorless compost facility. (The tour departs from the east end of Pachyderm House.)

While strolling along the zoo's walkways during the festival, take a moment or two to note the conservation message boards located throughout the park that explain why clean water is important to animals and the environment, as well as provide some H20 facts and tips on ways to conserve water at home and how you can support clean water efforts.

As visitors enter the zoo, they will receive information detailing all of the Party for the Planet activities. In addition, the complete schedule is posted on the zoo's Web site, www.BrookfieldZoo.org, where advance tickets may be purchased. Earth Day activities are free with regular zoo admission of $10 for adults and $6 for children 3-11 and seniors 65 and over. Children 2 and under are free. Parking is $8.

Chicago Improv Festival

Catch a preview of the 10th Annual Chicago Improv Festival at the Beverly Arts Center, 2407 W. 111th St., Chicago, Saturday, April. 7, 8 p.m. Bassprov with Joe Bill and Mark Sutton is the headline act, and IO's The Reckoning opens. Advance tickets are $15.

"The shows we do at the Beverly Arts Center are such a success," said Jonathan Pitts, executive director of the Chicago Improv Festival. "Their audiences are great and their theatre is one of the best in the city. We are thrilled that our partnership with the BAC is thriving." CIF stages improv performances and workshops at BAC several times a year.

Bassprov, an original long form improv show developed by comedy veterans Joe Bill and Mark Sutton, is set in a fishing boat. Comedian Tim O'Malley is special guest for the CIF preview.

Spinning off from simple audience suggestions, Bassprov is set in a bass boat where best friends open a few beers, discuss world issues and reel in some very funny material.

Sutton, a founding member of the Annoyance Theater and longime comedy performer, teacher, writer and director, and Bill, also a founding member of The Annoynance Theater and a comedy performer since 1977, have been performing Bassprov on tour and at festivals around the United States ever since creating it at the 2001 Chicago Improv Festival.

Tim O'Malley has appeared in several revues at The Second City and is now on the core faculty of The Second City Training Center Chicago. Creator of the acclaimed "Godshow," O'Malley has a long career in theater and comedy that includes television and film. He was raised in the Beverly/Morgan Park community, not far from the Beverly Arts Center, and has been an active supporter of the facility, performing in sold-out shows and benefits

Recognized as one of the top improv groups in Chicago, The Reckoning is a riotous troop of performers that has been working together for several years at the famous IO theatre, pushing the boundaries of long form improv. As a group, The Reckoning has performed, directed and taught at improv festivals throughout the US. The individual performers are involved in comedy, theater, TV and film projects.

Tickets to the Chicago Improv Festival Preview at the Beverly Arts Center are $15 in advance or $20 at the door and available from the box office, 773-445-3838 or online at www.beverlyartcenter.org.

The 2007 Chicago Improv Festival will be held at various locations April 23 through 29. For more information visit www.chicagoimprovfestival.org.

Mt. Carmel Alumni Banquet

The 71st Annual Alumni Banquet of Mount Carmel High School in Chicago will be held on Friday, May 4th at Lexington House, 7717 W. 95th St. in Hickory Hills. Doors will open at 6 p.m. with dinner to follow at 7 p.m. The classes of 1957 and 1982 are the special guests at this year's banquet. Tickets are $50. For additional information and tickets, contact Fr. Peter McGarry at (773) 359-0463.

Musical Luncheon

Gaelic Park, 6119 W. 147th St. in Oak Forest, will host the Monthly Musical Luncheon on Wednesday, April 4th beginning at noon. Lunch will be served at 1 p.m. with dancing music provided by Sean O'Donnell until 4 p.m. For the modest cost of $13, the musical luncheon includes an afternoon of lively entertainment and a delicious sit-down lunch with soup, salad, entrée, dessert and coffee or tea.

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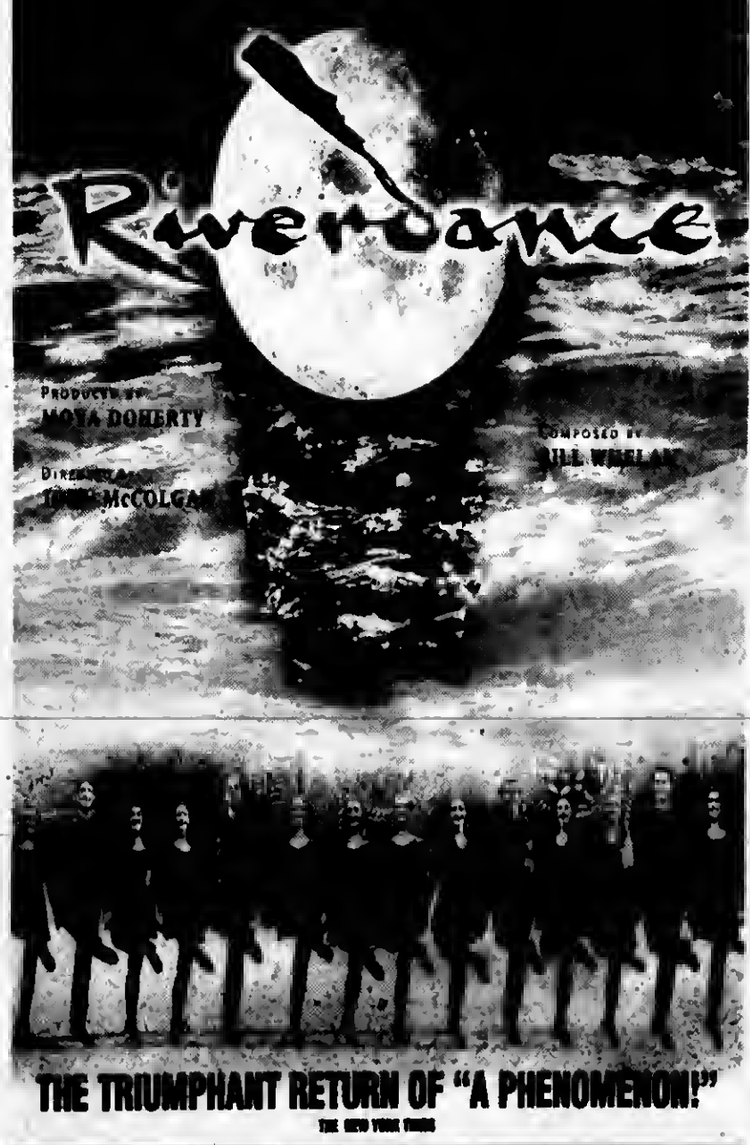

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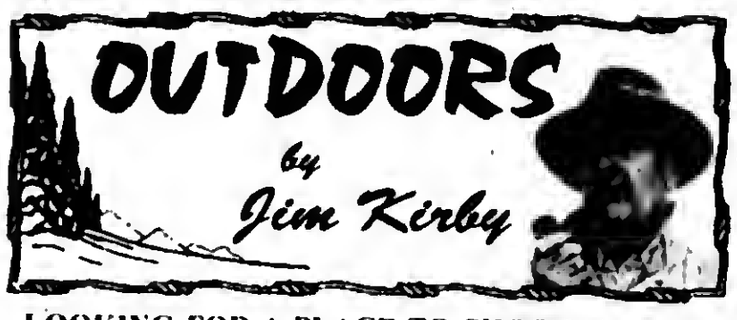

LOOKING FOR A PLACE TO SHOOT: A common complaint that I hear is gun owners bemoaning the fact that they have no place to use their firearms. It's true that ranges are few and far between. However, there is a place close to home that offers the opportunity to gather with like-minded individuals and enjoy shooting opportunities.

The Howell Shooting Club & Clyde Howell NRA Youth Shooting Sports Club located in nearby Yorkville, Illinois has many programs for adults, youth and women covering rifle, shotgun, pistol, air rifle and archery.

Reservations are now being taken for the very popular **Youth Shooting Sports Camp** that runs from June 1st to June 3rd. For information on the Youth Camp, club membership and NRA Instructor Training Courses, contact **David A. Lombardo** at (815) 744-5487 or dlombardo@howellshootingclub.com.

■STUDIES EXAMINE IMPACT OF 'CULLING' ON FISHING TOURNAMENTS: Bass fishing tournaments in which participants are allowed to "cull" or sort fish have a minimal effect on fish survival when water temperatures are low but can be a concern when water temperatures are warm, according to a recently released report on the impact of such tournaments in Wisconsin.

Less than 1 percent of bass caught during tournaments when water temperatures were low died in the live well or later after the fish were released, but that mortality rate climbed to 15.6 percent for largemouth bass and 33.9 percent for smallmouth bass when water temperatures were above 80 degrees, according to the report, which details results from separate studies the Wisconsin DNR commissioned to meet a lawmaker's request.

Wisconsin does not allow culling by any anglers but lawmakers in 2004 established a pilot program in which four tournaments each in 2005 and 2006 were authorized to allow their participants to cull fish. Culling involves tournament anglers replacing smaller fish with bigger fish in live wells, and continuing to fish once they reach their daily limit. The pilot program responded to contentions by some bass anglers and tournament sponsors that big-time bass tournaments skipped Wisconsin because of the State's culling rules.

The full report will be presented to the DNR's policy-making board in April, also addressing problems such as crowding at boat ramps and concerns over fish dying after being caught and released. No final decision has been made on any changes to the proposed rules to reflect public comments or the final study results.

■ORLAND PARK CAPITULATES TO PETA: One of the nation's most outspoken animal rights groups is pressuring local governments to eliminate beaver trapping programs.

The Chicago suburb of **Orland Park** has capitulated to demands by People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) and removed three conibear traps that had been set to control the beaver population. The animals have been building dams that are diverting water into local streets.

The village manager admits that the beaver dams present hazards to motorists, but nonetheless caved in to anti's demands and ordered the traps removed.

Trapping is recognized by every wildlife agency at the state and federal level as a viable and important conservation tool. It helps keep fur-bearer populations at healthy levels and is important in stemming the spread of wildlife diseases that threaten animals and humans. (*Source: Sentry Newsletter, U.S. Sportsmen's Alliance*)

■GREAT LAKES PLAN FUNDING QUESTIONED: Federal officials, anglers, boaters and other conservation groups are hailing reauthorization of the Great Lakes Fish and Wildlife Restoration Act as proof of the high priority given to Great Lakes issues. But while the Act provides funding for a wide range of projects and promotes collaboration in restoration efforts, questions remain as to how much funding the federal government will actually put forth.

■OUTDOOR NOTES: MARCH 30 – Cook County Turkey Baggers WTF Banquet, Elk Lodge, Crestwood, tickets: phone (708) 349-8862. ***MARCH 31** – Beaver trapping, woodchuck hunting and Conservation Order light goose seasons close statewide. *2006 hunting, fishing and trapping licenses expire. *Youth turkey season south zone March 31-April 1. *Final "Let's Talk Fishing Show" American Legion Hall, 9701 S. Kedzie, Evergreen Park, guest speakers: Don Dziedzina (Fishing the cooling lakes), Steve Sarley (Radio & TV Personality). ***APRIL 1** – Heidecke Lake opens for fishing. *Resident firearm muzzleloader deer permit applications accepted for the first lottery. *Wildlife biologists and Conservation Police Officers begin spring spotlight surveys to monitor raccoon populations in north central Illinois.

■SAFETY COURSES – REQUIRE PRE-REGISTRATION: *BOATING SAFETY COURSE – April 21-22, Tinley Park Police Station, 7850 W. 183rd St., (708) 429-4903 (Do not call the police station) Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Must attend both days.

ThunderBolts Ticket Special Presale

The Windy City ThunderBolts are giving fans an early chance to purchase tickets during a special presale. The discounted prices will last through Saturday, April 7th.

Lower deck tickets for individual games will be available during the presale for the discounted price of $6 per ticket. For every four tickets purchased, fans will receive a complimentary ThunderBolts logo baseball.

Just in time for Easter, fans can purchase a gift pack with four undated ticket vouchers and a ThunderBolts logo baseball for $24. The gift pack is a perfect idea for Easter baskets. The undated ticket vouchers can be exchanged at the box office for tickets to any 2007 ThunderBolts home game, subject to availability.

The ThunderBolts box office is open from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The box office is not open on Sunday. Presale tickets and the voucher gift pack can also be purchased by calling (708) 489-2255. ThunderBolts merchandise is available at the team store whenever the box office is open. Tickets will go on sale for good at regular price on Friday, April 13th.

Cline Joins St. Xavier University Women's Soccer

Cecilia Cline, a sophomore forward transferring in from Ashford University in Clinton, Iowa, has signed a letter of intent to continue both her athletic and academic career at St. Xavier University as a member of the Cougar women's soccer program. She played girls soccer at De La Salle Institute in Chicago under head coach Tom Dufficy before playing one season at Ashford University.

Cline is the daughter of Thomas and Sandi Cline of Chicago and plans to pursue a degree in business administration at SXU. She was the leading scorer for Ashford in 2006 starting all 17 games and recording 11 goals, four assists and 26 points. In addition, Cline was selected to the second team of the 2006 All-Midwest Classic Conference (MCC) as a freshman.

"Cecilia will add depth to our team, which returns 19 players from last season," said SXU women's soccer coach Derek Begich. "She is going to battle for a forward position with the graduation of senior co-captain Angie Holmes. We are very excited that she has decided to continue her collegiate career at St. Xavier."

Baseball Tournament

Marist High School Baseball Program will be hosting a 13-year-old boys baseball tournament on June 8th, 9th and 10th at the Marist High School baseball fields. This will be a 60 ft.-90 ft. tournament. All players will receive a Marist High School baseball T-shirt for their participation. For information regarding the tournament, contact Rob Pyznarski at (708) 424-8379.

Coaches Hall Of Fame

The Illinois High School Football Coaches Assn., in conjunction with their Annual Spring Clinic, will induct a group of high school football coaches into their Hall of Fame. The list of retired, deceased and active coaches includes some truly great individuals. They were selected for their contributions to the profession and impact on the school and community where they coached.

The coaches will be honored at a luncheon to be held at the Hilton Garden Inn in Champaign on Saturday, March 31st at noon. The price per ticket is $20 and may be obtained from Phil Salzer, secretary/treasurer, at 3101 N. Old Trail Road, Peoria, IL 61604.

The emcee for the event is Brian Barnhart of Champaign. The program speaker will be Ron Zook, head coach of the University of Illinois Football Program.

For future nominations to the Football Coaches Hall of Fame, contact the officers of the IHSFCA. Suggestions are appreciated. All nominations may be sent to Phil Salzer at the above address.

Runners Earn Academic All-American Honors

Two members of the Moraine Valley women's cross country team and one member of the men's team were selected as Academic All-American for 2006 by the National Junior College Cross Country Coaches Assn., and the Cyclones women's team was ranked 14th as an Academic All-American team. Over the past six years, Moraine Valley's cross-country teams have fielded 19 Academic All-Americans.

Jerry Thor and Veronica Canseco, both of Justice, and Marisol Perez of Blue Island were named to the association's Academic All-American team. Sharon and Sandra Hubbard, both of Hickory Hills, Maggie Smorczewska of Justice, Lisa Reitz of Oak Lawn, and Perez and Canseco were members of the college's Academic All-American team.

"We are very proud of them," coach Mark Horstmeyer said. "These scholar-athletes are simply outstanding. They attend class full-time, work part-time, and excel as athletes and students. Their performance on and off the field speaks highly of them. I am very proud of their achievement. It is a tremendous honor for them and Moraine Valley."

Tickets On Sale For 2007 Roundball Classic

The 43rd annual Roundball Classic presented by Sonny Vaccaro and Rbk returns to the United Center, 1901 W. Madison St., for the sixth consecutive year on Tuesday, April 3rd at 7 p.m. The original high school basketball all-star game will feature the top 23 seniors in the country in an East vs. West competition.

Among the talented high school basketball athletes featured in this year's game include O.J. Mayo (Huntington, WV), Kevin Love (Lake Oswego, OR), DeAndre Jordan (Houston, TX) and premier local talents including Chicago-area standouts Nyal Koshwal (Chicago), Evan Turner (Chicago) and Demetri McCamey (Bellwood).

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Youth Services Day In April

The Illinois Commission on Volunteerism and Community Service (ICVCS), through its AmeriCorps* State programs across the state, will mobilize at least 750 young people to participate in the 19th Annual National & Global Youth Service Day, Friday, April 20 and Saturday, April 21. Volunteers of all ages throughout Illinois and millions of youth in the United States and in 116 other countries are planning community service projects and special events to celebrate the 19th annual National and Global Youth Service Day.

"Youth are volunteering at record rates – more than any other generation in history," according to Steven A. Culbertson, president and CEO of Youth Service America, the national coordinating body for NGYSD. "With 24-hour internet and news shows available, young people are exposed to global coverage and they are reacting to it now – not waiting until they are adults to make a difference in the world," Culbertson added.

ICVCS Executive Director Scott Kimmel noted that the prestigious Lead Agency grant the Commission received last fall has aided the Commission and Illinois AmeriCorps programs in better fulfilling their mission. "Americorps Members pledge up to a year of their lives to 'get things done' in their communities," he said. "National and Global Youth Service Day weekend will demonstrate the impact youth volunteers can have in just one weekend."

Projects coordinated through AmeriCorps*State programs in the Chicago area include: City Year Chicago (Americorps*State Program), creating green spaces, education and community beautification projects; Project YES! AmeriCorps (program of Northwestern University Settlement House Association) and Asian Human Services AmeriCorps, community garden renewal project; and PCC Westside AmeriCorps (program of PCC Wellness Center) and American Red Cross AmeriCorps, environmental and conservation education projects.

The Illinois motto for NGYSD 2007 is "You cannot escape the responsibility of tomorrow by evading it today." – Abraham Lincoln

For more information about local events or to get involved, visit www.ysa.org/map and click on the State of Illinois for projects across the state. Interested persons may also contact the Commission at 1-800-592-9896.

National & Global Youth Service Day (April 20-22), the largest service event in the world, mobilizes youth to identify and address the needs of their communities through service-learning and community service. Research continues to support service-learning programs as an effective method to increase student academic achievement. According to a leading researcher in service learning, Shelly Billing from RMC Research Corporation, "Service-learning, when implemented with high quality, yields statistically significant impacts on academic achievement, civic engagement, acquisition of leadership skills, and personal/social development."

The event is organized by Youth Service America (YSA) with the support of State Farm Companies Foundation as the Presenting Sponsor. More than 1115 National Partners and 51 Lead Agencies throughout the United States organize projects. Overseas, National Lead Agencies in 116 countries around the world manage national events. Planning Tool Kits, Service-Learning Curriculum Guides, classroom posters, grants, and more are available for youth, parents, teachers and organizations.

Youth Service America is a national nonprofit resource center that partners with thousands of organizations for young people ages 5 to 25, to serve locally, nationally, and globally. Founded in 1986, Youth Service America's mission is to expand the impact of the youth service movement with communities, schools, corporations, and governments. Youth Service envisions a global culture of engaged youth who are committed to a lifetime of service, learning, leadership and achievement. In addition to National & Global Youth Service Day, which takes place concurrently each April, YSA also hosts SERVEnet www.SERVEnet.org, providing the largest database of volunteer of volunteer opportunities in America. For more information: www.YSA.org.

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28 One __ customer
29 Draw to a close
31 "Terrific!"
34 Live
35 Rose, for one
36 Sharp object
39 __ tree; unable to escape
40 Baseball's Nolan
41 Speaks without thinking
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58 Greek monogram for Jesus
60 Last in a series
61 Poker prize
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67 Vampire movie
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103 Howard
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106 Joke
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110 Frenzy
112 Get cozy
117 Take to court
119 "Ben-__"
120 Refusing to seek revenge
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126 Military greeting
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128 Sketched
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2 Late Greek tycoon, for short
3 Noises
4 Collegians' goals
5 Sooty residue
6 Unsightly mark
7 Lily
8 Speak unclearly
9 Farmyard residents
10 Exclamation of disgust
11 Cockney dwelling
12 Weather forecast
13 Plum variety
14 Buck or bull
16 Timely question
18 Student's assignment
19 Numerical prefix
20 Family member
21 Role in "The Lone Ranger"
22 Victory
27 One with a six-year term: abbr.
30 ABC followers
32 Military addr.
33 Fraternity letter
35 School org.
36 Movie-goer's purchase
37 Wrote
38 Word with a maiden name
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41 Very short distance
42 City in the Aloha State
43 Hot spot
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45 Enjoyment
46 English Channel feeder
47 Steak lover's choice
51 Calif's place
52 Grow older
53 Saw from bottom to top
55 Dirt
56 City in Oklahoma
57 Feel miserable
59 Misses in Madrid: abbr.
64 Quarantine
66 Robert __
67 Professions of faith
68 Greeting
69 Playing card
71 1/48 of a cup: abbr.
72 Suitcase
73 Altar constellation
74 N.T. book
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78 Part of a casa
79 Large boats
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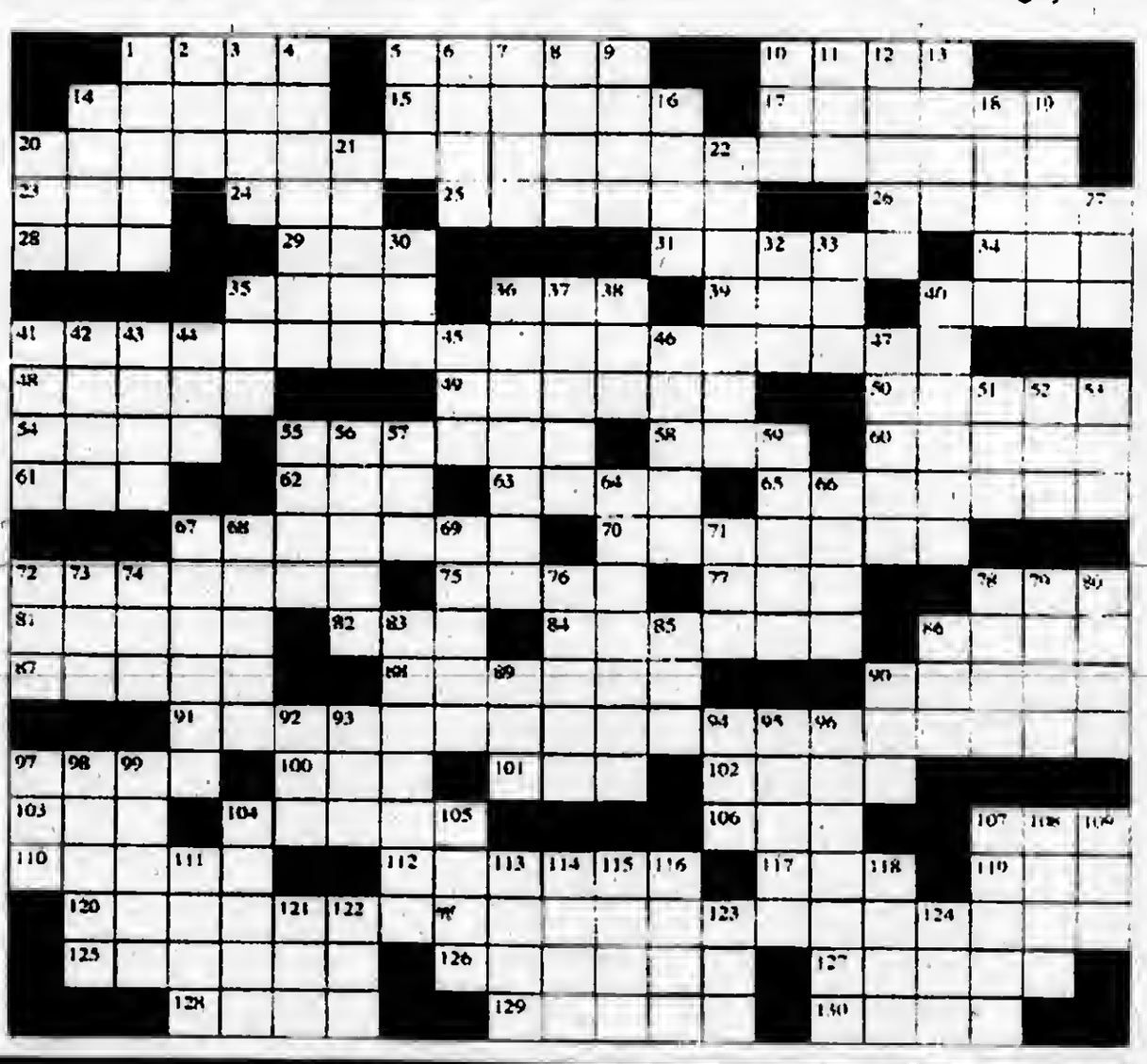

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EASTER & HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

CONFESSIONS
Saturday March 31st 5:00 – 4:50 p.m.

PALM SUNDAY MASSES
Palms will be distributed at all masses
Saturday March 31st 5:00 p.m.
Sunday April 1st
7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. -12:00 p.m.
1:15 p.m. (Polish) - 5:00 p.m. (Polish)

CONFESSIONS
Tuesday April 3rd 6:00 p.m.
Until all confessions are heard

WEEKDAY MASSES OF HOLY WEEK
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday: 6:30 a.m. and 8:30 a.m.

HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 5
7:00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Last Supper –
Adoration until 11:00 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 6
3:00 p.m. Liturgy Service
7:00 p.m. The Living Passion Play

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 7
1:15 p.m. Blessing of Easter Baskets (church)
8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil Mass

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 8
5:30 a.m. Sunrise Mass (Polish)
7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon
1:15 p.m. – (Polish)

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Holy Week Services

Palm Sunday – April 1
9:30 a.m. Worship and Sunday School

Maundy Thursday, April 5
Darkness in Gethsemane
11:00 a.m. PMC Residences - Communion
2:00 p.m. PMC Village Circle Inn - Communion
7:00 p.m. Peace Memorial Church - Communion

Good Friday, April 6
Tenebrae Service
7:00 p.m. Peace Memorial Church

Easter Sunday, April 8
Christ the Lord has Risen Today!
7:30 a.m. Easter Festival Service
8:30 a.m. Easter Breakfast in Zion Hall
9:30 a.m. Easter Festival Service

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HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SCHEDULE
Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturday, March 31st - 4-5:00 PM

PALM SUNDAY MASSES
Saturday, March 31st - 5:30 PM
Sunday, April 1st
7:30, 9:30, & 11 AM

HOLY WEEK WEEKDAY SERVICES
Monday, April 2nd, 7:00 a.m. Mass
Tuesday, April 3rd – 7 & 8:30 AM Mass
Wednesday, April 4th - 7:00 & 9:05 AM Mass

HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 5th
Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7:30 PM
Eucharistic Adoration until Midnight

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 6th
Living Stations of the Cross - 3:00 PM
Good Friday Liturgy - 7:30 PM

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 7th
Blessing of Baskets - 12:00 Noon

EASTER VIGIL - 7:30 PM

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 8th
Masses: 7:30, 9:30, 11:00 AM, and 12:30 PM

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Holy Week and Pascha Program – 2007

Lazarus Saturday, March 31st
Orthros and Divine Liturgy – 8:15 a.m.
Great Vespers/Holy Confession – 5:00 p.m.

Palm Sunday, April 1st
Orthros – 7:00 a.m.
Two Divine Liturgies
1st Divine Liturgy (Youth Choir Sings) – 8:30 a.m.
2nd Divine Liturgy – 10:30 a.m.
There will be no Sunday School Classes.
Parents please bring your children to 1st Liturgy
Nymphios (Bridegroom) Service – 7:30 p.m.

Holy Monday, April 2nd
Nymphios (Bridegroom) Service – 7:30 p.m.

Holy Tuesday, April 3rd
Nymphios (Bridegroom) Service – 7:00 p.m.
His Eminence Metropolitan Iakovos will officiate

Holy Wednesday, April 4th
Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts – 8:00 a.m.
Sacrament of Holy Unction
Koraes School Children and Adults – 10:30 a.m.
All of our Other Children and Adults – 3:30 p.m.
Service of Niptira (Washing) and Anointing
with Holy Unction for the Community at large 7:30 p.m.

Holy Thursday, April 5th
Two Divine Liturgies (Liturgy of St. Basil)
1st Vesperal Divine Liturgy – 6:00 a.m.
2nd Vesperal Divine Liturgy – 8:30 a.m.
All School Children to Receive Communion
followed by a Lenten Breakfast
Holy Passion Service – Reading of
the Twelve Passion Gospel Lessons – 7:00 p.m.

Great Friday, April 6th
The Royal Hours – 8:15 a.m.
Apocathelosis (Removal from the Cross) – 3:30 p.m.
Lamentations (Epitaphios) – 7:30 p.m.

Holy Saturday, April 7th
Two Divine Liturgies (Liturgy of St. Basil)
1st Vesperal Divine Liturgy – 6:00 a.m.
2nd Vesperal Divine Liturgy – 8:30 a.m.
The Canon with the Proclamation of the Resurrection
followed by the Pascal Orthros and Divine Liturgy beginning –
11:00 p.m. (into Sunday morning/Pascha)

Pascha – (Easter) Sunday, April 8th
The Agape (Love) Vespers Service
(With Easter Egg Hunt for children 10 & under following) – 1:00 p.m.

Bright Friday, April 13th
Feastday of the Life Giving Fountain of the Theotokos/Zoodohos
Peges Orthros and Divine Liturgy – 8:15 a.m.

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MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 5
7:30 p.m. Service

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 6
7:30 p.m. Tenebrae

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 7
7:30 p.m. Great Vigil of Easter

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 8
8:00 a.m. Worship
10:30 a.m. Worship

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HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE
Maundy Thursday, April 5 – 7:30 p.m.
Finally, we hear the words of forgiveness that we've been missing in Lent. We remember the events of Jesus' last hours by washing feet and eating the Holy Supper.
Good Friday, April 6, 7:30 p.m.
On this night we read the story of the crucifixion, or the Passion. We pray for our world, and meditate on the mystery of the cross and salvation.
Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 7, 8:00 p.m.
On this night, we strike new fire, a sign of the first work of the Creator, and the one who is the Light of the World. We tell some of our "family stories" from the Old Testament, and renew our baptism.
Easter Sunday, April 8, at 10:30 a.m.
Breakfast at 9:00 a.m.
Easter Egg Hunt after worship

Worship on Sundays at 10:30 a.m.
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Holy Week & Easter Schedule

The Sacrament of Reconciliation
Penance Service on Tuesday, April 3 at 7:30 p.m.
Confessions will also be heard on
Wednesday, April 4 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. and
Friday, April 6 (Good Friday) after
The Stations of the Cross

Holy Thursday
Morning Prayer at 8:30
Liturgy of the Last Supper at 7:30 p.m.
Our Church will be open until 12:00 a.m. for
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Good Friday
Morning Prayer at 8:30 a.m.
Stations of the Cross at 3:00 p.m.
Liturgy of the Lord's Passion at 7:30 p.m.

Holy Saturday
Morning Prayer at 8:30 a.m.
Blessing of Food Baskets at 1:30 p.m.
Liturgy of the Easter Vigil at 7:30 p.m.

Easter Sunday
Masses will be at 7:15, 8:30, 10:00 & 11:30 a.m.
There will be no 5:00 p.m. Mass on Easter

ST. DAMIAN CHURCH

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HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE 2007

Reconciliation – Saturdays 3:30 - 4:30

HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 5
9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer
7:30 p.m. Celebration of the Lord's Supper

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 6
9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer
3:00 p.m. Living Stations of the Cross
7:30 p.m. Celebration of the Lord's Passion

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 7
9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer
1:00 p.m. Blessing of Easter Baskets
7:30 p.m. Easter Vigil Mass

EASTER SUNDAY MASSES, APRIL 8
6:45 a.m. Church
6:35 *Preludes of Classical Music*

8:00 a.m. Church
7:45 Preludes by the Heavenly Metal Bell Choir

8:15 a.m. Fr. Shaw/Msgr. O'Day Halls

9:30 a.m. Church
9:20 *Preludes sung by the Traditional Choir*

9:45 a.m. Fr. Shaw Hall/Msgr. O'Day Halls

11:00 a.m. Church
10:50 *Preludes sung by Celebration Singers*

11:15 a.m. Fr. Shaw Hall/Msgr. O'Day Halls

12:30 p.m. Church
12:30 *Preludes sung by the Youth Choir*

12:45 p.m. Fr. Shaw Hall/Msgr. O'Day Halls

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Palm Sunday – April 1
9:00 am Blended Service
10:45 am Contemporary Service
Good Friday – April 6
7:30 pm Communion Service
Easter Sunday – April 8
7:30 am Sunrise Service – led by Rev. John Wilczewski
8:30 am Breakfast served by the REACH Youth Group
(a free-will donation will be taken)
10:00 am Worship Service – "The Victory of Grace"
led by Rev. Jim Van Zetten

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PALM/PASSION SUNDAY, APRIL 1
9:30 a.m. Worship

HOLY WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4
5:30 p.m. – Lenten Supper
6:30 p.m. – Lenten Service: 'Christ on Trial'

MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 5
6:30 p.m. Jesus' Last Meal

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 6
7:00 p.m. Tenebrae Service

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 8
7:00 a.m. Youth led Sunrise Service
8:00 a.m. Breakfast for everyone served by United Methodist Men
9:30 a.m. – Worship: Celebration of New Life

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PALM/PASSION EVE SATURDAY, MARCH 31
6:30 p.m. Eve of Palm/Passion Sunday
Palm Processional and Holy Communion

PALM/PASSION SUNDAY, APRIL 1
9:30 a.m. Palm Processional and Holy Communion

MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 5
7:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 6
7:30 p.m. Tenebrae

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 8
6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service with Holy Communion
9:30 a.m. Festive Celebration of the Resurrection

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EASTER SUNDAY
APRIL 8TH 9:30 AM

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Palm Sunday, Holy Week, & Easter Worship Schedule

PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 1
8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.
Holy Communion and Procession of Palms at all services

MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 5
11:00 a.m. – Holy Communion
7:00 p.m. – Holy Communion
Laying Bare of the Altar

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 6
11:00 a.m. – Seven-Words Tenebrae
7:00 p.m. Passion Tenebrae Service
"Rose of Calvary"

Alleluia!

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 8
6:30 a.m. Communion Service with Sunrise Procession
8:00 a.m. Breakfast (Sponsored by Youth Group)
9:00 a.m. Family Service with Holy Communion
11:00 a.m. Festival Holy Communion

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MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 5th
7:00 p.m. Seder Service

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 6th
7:00 p.m. Tenebrae Service

SATURDAY, APRIL 7th
9:00 p.m. Vigil Service

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 8th
9:30 a.m. Traditional Service
11:15 a.m. Celebration Service

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Palm Sunday Masses
Saturday, March 31 at 5:00 PM
Sunday, April 1: 7:30, 9:00 & 11:00 AM

Holy Thursday, April 5
7:30 PM – Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday, April 6
3:00 PM – Liturgy of the Lord's Passion
7:30 PM – Living Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday, April 7
7:30 – Easter Vigil Service

Easter Sunday, April 8
Masses at 7:30, 9:00, & 11:00 AM

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PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 1
9:15 a.m. Adult Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Kingdom Kids Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Worship Service

MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 5
7:30 p.m. Service and Communion

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 8
10:30 a.m. Kingdom Kids Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Worship Service
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Holy Week and Easter Schedule

Palm Sunday, April 1, Worship at 10:00 AM
Palm Processional
Confirmation
Communion
Maundy Thursday, April 5, Services at 7:30 PM
Remembering Christ's Last Supper
Communion
Good Friday, April 6, Services at 7:30 PM
Choir Program: Service of Tenebrae, featuring works from Handel's Messiah. There will be a visiting Mezzo Soprano. The choir will sing an arrangement of "What Wondrous Love is This" by Director of Music Ministries Peter Slavin.
Easter Sunday, April 8
Early Worship, 7:00 AM – worship prepared for all ages including children
Easter Breakfast, 8:00-9:30, Serving French Toast
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GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 6th
3:00 p.m.-Children/Family Service followed by children coloring Easter eggs for Nursing Homes
7:15 p.m.-Service of Darkness "The Last Words of Jesus"
No communion
EASTER EVE, SATURDAY, APRIL 7th
6:00 p.m.-Traditional Easter Worship
Portrayal of Risen Christ All Services
EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 8th
8:30 a.m.-Traditional Easter Service
9:45 a.m.-Musical Praise Service
(Signed for the Deaf and Hearing Impaired)
11:15 a.m.-Celebration Service
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Enter To Win A Free Prepaid Tuition Contract

Citing projections that indicate college costs will continue to significantly increase in the future, the College Illinois 529 Prepaid Tuition Program is providing an opportunity for Illinois parents and grandparents to offset some of those costs for their college-bound children. Individuals who complete an entry at the program's Web site by April 9th are eligible to be selected as the lucky winner of a prepaid tuition contract.

College Illinois protects participants from future tuition inflation and takes the guesswork out of predicting college costs. Parents and grandparents can lock in a price now on a contract that can be used for future tuition and fees at colleges nationwide.

To enter the drawing, Illinois residents should visit the program's Web site, collegeillinois.com, and complete an online entry form. Visitors to the site can learn about the drawing's sponsors as well as confirm eligibility and prize value by referencing the drawing rules and regulations.

College Illinois is open for enrollment through April 24th. For more information about College Illinois, or to register to win a prepaid tuition contract, visit collegeillinois.com or call (877) 877-3724.

Moraine Valley's 'Starry Night'

The Moraine Valley Foundation will host a '60s-themed Starry, Starry Night this year, complete with food, music, raffles and a silent auction, on Saturday, April 14th at 6 p.m. to celebrate the college's 40th anniversary. The event will take place in the Dorothy Menker Theater, on campus, 9000 W. College Parkway in Palos Hills.

Those attending the event will be able to stroll through the college's Fine and Performing Arts Center, sampling cuisine from some of the area's finest restaurants. In conjunction with the 40th anniversary, memorabilia dating to 1967 – the year Moraine Valley was founded – will be on display throughout the event. Entertainment will be provided by Chicago's own Rich Daniels and the City Lights Orchestra. In addition, the Foundation's prize raffle will include chances to win a Las Vegas vacation, a diamond necklace, and a $1,000 gift certificate for Walter E. Smithe furniture.

This year's honoree will be the Oak Lawn Rotary, which spearheaded the original referendum that helped to create the college 40 years ago. At the time, the Oak Lawn Rotary determined that Moraine Valley would need to hold 3,700 students – a number ascertained by the amount of students graduating from the district high schools at the time. Forty years later, Moraine Valley enrolls more than 18,000 students per semester. By honoring the Oak Lawn Rotary, this year's Starry, Starry Night will celebrate the vision of Rotary International and how their philanthropic and community projects continue to create a lasting legacy in the communities they serve.

Tickets for Starry, Starry Night are $100 per person. In addition, raffle tickets can be purchased for $15 apiece or four for $50. The money raised at the event will help to support the college, its Fine and Performing Arts Center, and its students.

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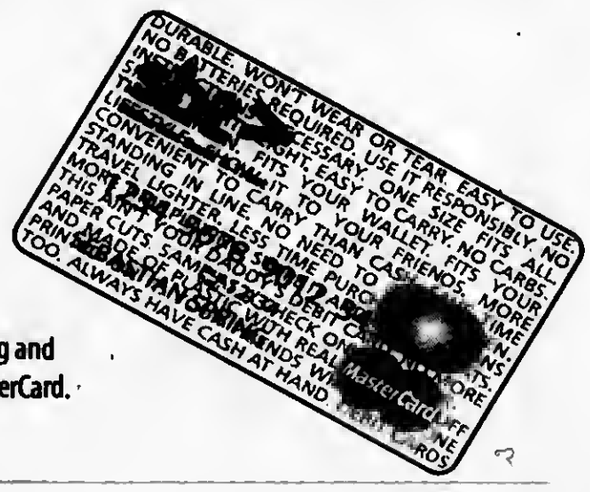

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Veterans And Soldiers News

By Lori Taylor Ph: 708.388.2425

Army National Guard Spec. Ace J. Blaszczyk has graduated from basic infantry training at Fort Benning, Columbus, Georgia. He is the son of Shirley Blaszczyk of Burbank. Blaszczyk is a 1996 graduate of Brother Rice High School in Chicago and received a bachelor's degree in 2001 from Ball State University, Muncie, Ind.

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Army Pvt. Sean M. Fox has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, South Carolina. He is the son of Gary Fox of Crestwood. Fox is a 2005 graduate of Alan B. Shepard High School in Palos Heights.

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Air Force Airman Robert G. Reggio has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. He is the son of Marites Reggio of Chicago. Reggio is a 2006 graduate of Morgan Park High School in Chicago.

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The Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs hosted a Legion of Honor Medal ceremony for local World War II veterans at the James R. Thompson Center in Chicago on March 22nd. The French authorities presented the "Legion of Honor Medal" to five Illinois Veterans who helped liberate France during World War II. The Legion of Honor Medal is the highest honor that France can bestow upon those who have accomplished remarkable deeds in France.

Recipients of this great honor are: William V. Howland of Lisle, James B. Nannini of Darien, Edward J. Smagala of Chicago, William Stefanu of Orland Park and Willis E. Young of Hanna City, Ill.

William Howland participated in the Southern and Northern France campaigns with the 36th Infantry Division. Captured in combat, he was a prisoner of war for several months. Mr. Howland was presented with several awards including the Silver Star, the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart for two wounds he received in battle.

James Nannini landed in Normandy on D-Day and participated in four campaigns through France and all Western and Central Europe with the 4th Infantry Division (22nd Infantry Regiment). He was wounded in France and has been awarded numerous awards, including the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star.

Edward Smagala served in the 44th Infantry Division (71st Infantry Regiment) and participated in the Northern France, the Rhineland and the Central Europe Campaigns. For his actions in combat, Mr. Smagala was awarded the Silver Star and the Bronze Star.

William Stefanu served in General Patton's Third Army and took part in various glorious battles, including the Rhineland Campaign and the Ardennes. He was wounded in France and has been awarded with the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart.

Willis Young served with the 3rd U.S. Army in three campaigns including Northern France, the Rhineland and Central Europe campaign. Wounded in combat, Mr. Young was a prisoner of war for several months. He was presented with several awards including the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart.

In an effort to recognize the outstanding deeds accomplished by American soldiers during WW II, the French Republic began awarding its highest distinction to American WW II veterans in 2004. This campaign was met with great success as some WW II veterans have been named Knight of the Legion of Honor. Created by Napoleon, the Legion of Honor Medal is France's highest honor and serves as a sign of true gratitude for the honoree's invaluable contribution to the liberation of France during difficult times in the nation's history.

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The Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA) will hold two news conferences in Springfield at the President Abraham Lincoln Hotel and Conference Center today and tomorrow (March 29th and 30th). According to VVA president John Rowan, the organization is hosting the news conferences to provide advance outreach about the July 18-22 National Convention and to begin media registration for the convention. Rowan said, "We are extremely pleased to be holding our National Convention in the heartland of America this summer and we want to get an early start on the media registration process for the convention."

When the 13th biennial National Convention meets in July at the Prairie Capital Convention Center in Springfield, more than 800 delegates from VVA local chapters across the country will join hundreds of other Vietnam veterans and guests for this big event.

VVA has already received a commitment to appear from Nancy Sinatra, who entertained the troops in Vietnam and has been a strong Vietnam veterans advocate for many years. Also committed is HBO's COO, and Vietnam veteran, Bill Nelson, who will receive the Excellence in the Arts Award at the Saturday night banquet. The list of many more guests to appear has not yet been finalized.

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Good-bye until next week. God bless you and your family and God bless America.

Prepaid College Enrollment Plans Available

It's tax time again. Although this annual wrap-up focuses on the previous year's finances, tax season should serve as a reminder to start planning for the next year and beyond. For parents of young children, one area for review should be college saving and what tax benefits, if any, your strategy will bring.

A good college-funding plan is important these days. College is expensive. Many parents underestimate the costs associated with their children's college years. In fact, many parents are shocked to learn how much college costs have been outpacing general inflation. In Illinois alone, tuition and fees at public universities have increased at an average of 8 percent per year over the last 20 years. With increases like that, a child born today will have a staggering tuition bill once college rolls around.

Unfortunately, many parents must also learn not to depend on financial aid as a means to pay for college. The availability of financial aid in the future is uncertain and currently, a good majority of financial aid is awarded in the form of loans that must be repaid with interest. Nationally, the average debt facing college graduates is close to $20,000.

So, what should parent do to offset future college costs and earn some tax benefits in the interim? There are numerous options available to parents including 529 plans. These plans are 100 percent exempt from state and federal income taxes and many states provide additional tax incentives. For example, in Illinois, taxpayers who make contributions to the state's 529 prepaid tuition program, *College Illinois*, can deduct those contributions (up to $10,000 per year; $20,000 for couples) from their state taxable income. The program, which allows parents and grandparents to protect a child's future college education from tuition inflation, also allows for gift and estate tax benefits when they lock in a price to cover future college tuition and fees.

No matter which option a parent chooses to pay for a college education, the most important thing is that they get started. However, getting started is often the hardest part.

In addition to tax advantages, Illinois families can begin paying for college via S.T.E.P.S. – which translates to "Start Today with Easy Payment Solutions" – another offering from *College Illinois*.

With *College Illinois* S.T.E.P.S. approach, parents can purchase as little as one semester and choose to pay in installments that work best for them. Various payment options are available, including monthly and annual installments, with or without a down payment. If a family's needs and opportunities change, they can adjust their plan to a higher semester level (up to nine) and a payment plan that is appropriate.

Despite starting small, participants using *College Illinois* S.T.E.P.S. approach still realize big tax benefits and have the flexibility to send their children to virtually any college across the country. The plan is similar to an insurance policy and backed by the state of Illinois, ensuring tuition and fee benefits for the number of semesters covered by a specific plan. Programs like College Illinois provide a low-risk way to ensure that there will be money available when a child is ready to go to college because benefits do not fluctuate with the stock market.

For more information about *College Illinois* or the tax benefits associated with 529 plans, visit collegeillinois.com or call toll-free (877) 877-3724. *College Illinois* is open for enrollment through April 24th.

VFW Auxiliary Visit

Linda Meader, National VFW Ladies Auxiliary President made her official visit during the Lincoln Pilgrimage weekend in February in Springfield. Pictured during her visit are left to right: Third District Jr. Vice President Gayle Bukowski, Hometown Murray VFW Ladies Auxiliary; Third District President, Patricia Schoenbaum, Hometown Murray VFW Ladies Auxiliary; National President Linda Meader; Third District Sr. Vice, Ruth Sorgenfrei, Johnson Phelps VFW Ladies Auxiliary; and Department of Illinois Ladies Auxiliary President Maureen Hayden.

SCORE Workshop

Attend a full-day workshop on Tuesday, April 3rd from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., offered by SCORE. Counselors to America's Small Business. This practical, low-cost workshop gives the foundation and tools needed to launch and manage a successful business. Instructors are SCORE Counselors, who are joined by working professionals.

Register and pay the $50 fee on line, www.scorechicago.org. Walk-in same-day registration and pay at the door $60. Space is limited. Call (312) 353-7724 any weekday morning with questions.

Ask about taking four additional Half-Day "Certificate Workshops" costing only $100 that you would qualify for following completion of this "Basics" session.

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For Your Veterans News

Prostitution Bill Passed The Senate

A monumental bill sponsored by State Senator Jacqueline Y. Collins (D-Chicago) to help prostitutes get their lives on the right track and turn away from prostitution passed the Senate.

"When we grant probation to individuals convicted of prostitution for the first time, we empower them to find a job, get an education, and receive the medical or psychological attention they need to reform," said Senator Collins.

Senate Bill 75 allows the court to sentence a person convicted of felony prostitution for the first time to probation without entering a judgment and with the consent of the person. The court sets the conditions of probation to require counseling and rehabilitation services. A defendant can only receive this probation once. During probation, the individual would submit to periodic drug testing, be prohibited from owning firearms or committing any criminal violations, and must perform at least 30 hours of community service. At the Court' discretion, the probationer could also be required to enter a work or study program, receive medical treatment, or pay fines and costs. Minors could be required to live with their parents or in a foster home and attend school.

Felony convictions for prostitution have doubled in Cook County between 2002 and 2003. Between 16,000 and 25,000 female prostitutes are estimated to be in Chicago alone. Many are victims of incest, sexual abuse, or domestic violence. A significant number are also homeless, and were forced into prostituting themselves by another person. An increasing number of experts are coming to realize that rehabilitation, rather than punishment, is the more effective way to combat prostitution, and ultimately will lead to a decrease in prostitution rates.

"I co-sponsored the Predator Accountability Act last year allowing prostitutes and other victims of the sex trade to file civil suit against the person forcing them into that field. Senate Bill 75 continues the trend toward reducing prostitution through rehabilitation, opportunity, and empowerment, rather than incarceration," Senator Collins added.

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Thoughts On Health & Nutrition

by
Lucinda K. Lysen, RD, RN, BSN

ALLERGY ATTACKING?

It's springtime, and allergies are in the air! Not only are allergens outside (where they can't be controlled), but they are indoors as well. New ones, old ones...you are bombarded! Antihistamines usually help, but need to be taken on a regular basis. At home, rigorous housecleaning and a laundry routine can help you reduce them tremendously, but only if you are diligent and follow the rules daily.

Just what are allergies?

Allergies occur when a person produces too much of an antibody called IgE. IgE binds, or connects, to cells called mast cells, which line the nose, eyes, lungs and GI tract. Such antibodies attach themselves to the surface of the mast cells and wait for individuals to come into contact with particular allergens—substances in the environment that trigger an allergic reaction. Dust mites, animal dander, and cockroach droppings are common indoor allergens, while pollens and molds top the list of outdoor allergens.

When a person is exposed to allergens to which he or she is sensitive, the allergens link to the IgE antibodies bound to the mast cells. "This process is like a key unlocking a lock, causing the cells to release chemicals that trigger an inflammatory reaction," according to Dr. William E Berger, past president of the American College of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology. The result is swelling, sneezing, coughing and wheezing.

All allergic reactions result from interaction with IgE antibodies, but the specific symptoms depend on what organ is affected and which chemicals are involved. For instance, people who have allergic rhinitis, or hay fever, experience congestion, a runny nose, and itchy watery eyes. Those with allergic asthma experience narrowed air passages which leads to wheezing and shortness of breath and inflammation in the airway lining.

Ways to Control Inside Allergens

While you can't control the levels of outdoor allergens, such as grasses, flowers, weeds, you can take some big measures to control them at home, but, again, you must do this regularly!

It is wise to keep a checklist to be certain you're on top of things.

1. Wash bedding weekly in hot water, and dry in a hot dryer.

2. Avoid having pets, or, at least, keep them out of the bedroom.

3. Keep bedroom windows closed during pollen season.

4. If mold is a problem, remove the source of excessive moisture through such measures as double-paned windows and fans.

5. Remove wall-to-wall carpeting and minimize the use of soft furnishings. Hardwood and tiles are less likely to cause problems. Washable throw rugs can be used if cleaned regularly.

6. Use air conditioning to help prevent the entrance of pollen and mold allergens from the outside.

7. For areas that have a tendency to become mildewed, clean with a detergent mixed with a dash of bleach.

And last but not least, consult an allergist if you have ruled out what's listed above. You might be surprised to find out what allergens ail you.

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High-Dose Radiation Treatment For Cancer

Thurmon Ware Jr., a 50-year-old man from Chicago, was sure about a few things when he learned he had prostate cancer last May. He knew that he did not want to undergo a major operation or undergo any chemotherapy. He also wanted to avoid becoming impotent, incontinent, or losing his hair.

Ware learned that there were several new non-surgical prostate cancer treatment options available and that Little Company of Mary's Prostate Cancer Management Program offered the widest comprehensive range of treatment options including the Da Vinci robotic prostatectomy, Intensity Modulated Radiation Therapy, and High Dose Rate Brachytherapy (HDR).

"Even though my doctor was from a downtown hospital, I knew I wanted to receive my treatment at the hospital in my neighborhood, Little Company of Mary," Ware said.

Ware ultimately decided that High Dose Rate Brachytheraphy was the best treatment for him and that Paul Y. Song, M.D. was the best doctor for his treatment. Prior to joining the Little Company of Mary staff, Dr. Song served as Chief of the Brachytherapy Service at the Center for Prostate Disease Research at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C.

"HDR involves placing temporary radioactive catheters directly into the prostate with sophisticated computer planning to deliver the most precise radiation treatment available. This technique allows us to maximize cancer treatment and minimize side effects," Dr. Song said. "Unlike radioactive seed implants in which radioactive seeds are permanently placed within patients, our technique is temporary and therefore avoids radiation exposure to family. I am very pleased that Little Company of Mary is one of the only hospitals in the Midwest region to offer this cutting edge treatment."

In November 2006, Ware became the first person at Little Company of Mary to receive HDR prostate brachytherapy when Dr. Song gave him four treatments over a two and a half day period.

"I was given an epidural and on the third day when the numbness wore off, I was able to go home," Ware said.

Ware was back to normal within two weeks and experienced minimal discomfort requiring only Ibuprofen. He frequently recommends Little Company of Mary and Dr. Song to his friends.

Little Company has invested in providing the latest innovative technology like HDR, to provide a nearly pain-free and highly efficient treatment experience. To learn more about Little Company of Mary's multidisciplinary team and minimally invasive approach to treating prostate cancer, call 1 (866) 540-LCMH or visit www.pursuingpainfreecancer.org to take a free prostate cancer risk assessment.

Pictured left to right: Radiation Oncologist Paul Y. Song, M.D., and Radiation Physicist, Shin Liu, M.D., prepare the HDR Brachytherapy machine.

Director Issues Consumer Warning

Dr. Eric E. Whitaker, state public health director, recently issued a warning about the dangers of consuming illegally manufactured Mexican-style cheeses, such as queso fresco or queso cotija. The warning came after a sample of Mexican-style cheeses from a grocery store in Kane County tested positive for Salmonella. The manufacturer of the Salmonella-contaminated cheese in Kane County has not been clearly identified.

"We're concerned that people who have this illegally manufactured cheese may become sick from Salmonella," said Dr. Whitaker. "It is important that people check the labeling to make sure the product is by licensed manufacturers – even if you purchase the product from a grocery store. Anyone who has become ill after eating Mexican-style cheese should contact their healthcare provider."

The Illinois Dept. of Public Health (IDPH) is working with Kane County and alerted other local health departments about this illegal contaminated cheese. The IDPH Food, Drugs and Dairies Division has advised local health departments to review the cheeses present in grocery stores in their jurisdiction and make sure they are from approved sources.

Salmonella is bacteria that can be found in illegally manufactured cheese. While the bacteria cannot be detected by sight, taste or smell it can cause illness, including fever, abdominal cramps and diarrhea. Most individuals can recover on their own in 3 to 5 days. The infection can be more severe in young children, the elderly and those with compromised immune system. Consumers who are ill with fever and diarrhea should call their physician. If consumers believe their illness is linked to Mexican-style cheese they should contact their local health department and hold the cheese in case it is needed for testing.

Outbreaks of Salmonella in other states have been associated with these illegally manufactured cheeses popular in Latino communities. Consumers are strongly warned against buying or consuming cheese that is suspected of being made by an unlicensed producer. The IDPH recommends persons who have Mexican-style cheese in their home, but cannot clearly identify the product was manufactured by a licensed or regulated manufacturer, should not eat the cheese.

Legitimate, wholesome Mexican-style cheeses are available in the refrigerated case at retail stores and authenticated by label information specifying: legal name of the product, name and address of distributor or processor, quantity of contents, an ingredient statement, nutrition facts (in most cases).

Mexican-style cheeses purchased from a deli and packaged at the time of sale are required to be labeled with the common or usual name of the product and the name and address of the manufacturer, packer or distributor. The product is then weighed and priced at the time of sale. Nutrition facts and other information required for packaged cheese must be available upon request.

IDPH encourages consumers to always purchase milk and dairy products made by licensed manufacturers.

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News & Views For Senior Citizens

Mature Times

This issue contains a little bit of everything that will make living easier for our senior readers. Its shows that our great Southwest Suburban Area has everything needed for comfortable living from places to eat, exercise facilities, entertainment, banking and yes, also retirement.

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New "Go Direct" Plan

Each fall, thousands of seniors pack up their belongings in search of warmer weather. These "snowbirds" flock to places like Florida and Arizona to avoid winter's snow and cold. But rather than go through the hassle of having their Social Security checks re-directed to their winter address, the federal government is encouraging seniors to select the safer, easier option that also offers retirees more control-direct deposit.

Seniors who make the transition from winter weather to warmth can benefit from a new national campaign called Go Direct. Sponsored by the U.S. Department of the Treasury and the Federal Reserve Bank, Go Direct is an initiative to motivate Social Security and other federal benefit recipients to use direct deposit and to help them sign up for it.

When you use direct deposit, your payment is sent electronically to your checking or savings account, so you don't need to go to the bank or credit union to make a deposit. Your money already is there on your payment day-on time, every time. You are free to travel or visit friends and family anytime. Waiting for your check no longer rules your schedule.

Direct deposit also is much safer than checks. Check fraud and identity theft are growing risks for all Americans. In fact, more than 70,000 checks issued by the U.S. Department of the Treasury were forged in 2004. The checks totaled more than $61 million. Direct deposit helps protect you from someone stealing your identity or your money-because your payment goes straight into your account, instead of your mailbox.

Finally, direct deposit just makes good sense. Each benefit check costs 75 cents more to issue than direct deposit and the government mails approximately 160 million benefit checks a year. Nationwide, that adds up to about $120 million that could be saved every year with direct deposit-money that could benefit you and future generations.

Go Direct reaches out to people who could benefit from direct deposit through organizations they know and trust. The Go Direct campaign is working with local organizations, banks and credit unions to hold events where you can learn about direct deposit and how it can help you in your daily life.

To sign up for direct deposit today, call the Go Direct helpline toll-free at (800) 333-1795 or visit www.GoDirect.org for more information about direct deposit and sign-up events being held by organizations in your area. For information in Spanish, you can call (800) 333-1792.

MIDLOTHIAN SALUTES ITS SENIORS!

Special Events:

- **Raday Lodge:** Senior Luncheons are held at Reday Lodge monthly. The cost of $7 and includes a delicious meal supplied by one of Midlothian's fine caterers, dessert, coffee and soft drinks. The atmosphere is very festive, with a seasonal theme. Lunch is served at 11 and doors open at 10. Following lunch, you can stay around and play Cash Bingo. The luncheons will be held on the following Fridays in 2007: **March 30, April 20, May 11, June 8, July 13, August 10, September 14, October 12, November 9, and December 14.** MASH bus service is available to take you to and from the luncheon. Call 269-8080.
- **Village of Midlothian Historical Society:** Here's a spot close to home that you might want to visit some Saturday. Even if you have not lived in Midlothian since its incorporation in 1927, you will enjoy the many displays of the past 80 years as well as the Scottish exhibit donated by the late Gordon Flaws. These memories are treaures that we want to keep for future generations, giving them some idea of what life was like in earlier times. The society is located at 14609 S. Springfield, across the street from Springfield School, and is open from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m on the first and third Saturdays of the month. The society will also be open for school groups, scout groups, or others by appointment. Please call the Historical Society at 389-0055 or the Village Hall at 389-0200.
- **Community Events:** 2007 is quite an anniversary year. It is the Village's 80th anniversary and St. Christopher Parish's 85th anniversary. St. Christopher will celebrate with and 85th anniversary Dinner Dance at The Odyssey Country Club. Tickets ar e$50 per person and are on slae at St. Chirstopher's Parish Office, 4130 W. 147th Street. The Village will celebrate its anniversary at the 10th annual Scottish Fair on Saturday, September 29th with and all Midlothian parade.
- **M.A.R.S. Day & Clean Up Day:** Saturday, May 5th will be M.A.R.S. day in Midlothian. So, whether you are a seller of a buyer, this is a fabulous day in Midlothian. Garage sales will be held throughout the village and there will be bargains galore. If you're trying to clean up and clean out you can sell your no longer needed treasures at a garage sale on May 5th. May 12th is the rain date. Then, on May 19, we will be cleaing up public areas and recycling. The bulk garbage pick up will be on your regular garbage day the week preceding Clean Up Day: Tuesday, May 15th or Friday, May 18th.
- **Senior Clubs:** Throughout the the year senior clubs meet at Raday Lodge. Midlothian Buddies usually meet on the 1st and 3rd Thursday and Community Seniors usually meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday. Both clubs meet from 11 a.m. until about 3:30 p.m. Come on out and enjoy the camaraderie of your fellow seniors.

For Your Information . . .

The MASH Bus operates within the Village limits Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Call 269-8080 for a ride. The Building Department may be contacted directly at 385-8642. Always check with the Building Department before letting anyone perform work in and around your home PHONE FIRST to avoid being taken advantage of by unscrupulous contractors. Make certian the contractor is licensed & bonded and DO NOT GIVE ANYONE CASH before work is completed and inspected.

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Borrow Home Equity Without Repaying Debt

A growing number of older Americans are tapping into the valuable equity in their homes through an increasingly popular retirement product that allows them to maintain or enhance their existing standard of living and remain in their homes for as long as they wish.

A reverse mortgage enables seniors to borrow against the equity in their home without repaying the debt for as long as they live there. That's the "reverse" part of this kind of mortgage loan. Instead of making monthly payments, you can opt to receive them. Senior homeowners can use the funds anyway they wish, including paying for long-term care insurance, home repairs or even a vacation.

"It's exactly as the name implies," said Jeff Taylor, vice president, Wells Fargo Home Mortgage Senior Products Group. "You worked hard to own your home and now it is time to make your home work for you."

As an example, Taylor described a customer who was about to lose her home. Getting a reverse was the answer. With the woman's husband in a nursing home and his Social Security check diverted to pay for his skilled care, the 75-year-old woman had no money to pay the mortgage on their house. In addition, she had significant debt because she was using credit cards to pay for basic needs such as food and health care. Her reverse mortgage gave her enough money to pay off most of her bills, including her house payment. In addition, she gained immense peace of mind because it eliminated a lot of financial stress.

Eligibility for a reverse mortgage depends on two factors: age and homeownership. No income requirement exists and credit history is not considered. Reverse mortgages are for homeowners 62 and older. The loan draws on the equity established in the home.

"As many seniors approach retirement, they begin to realize their major asset is likely to be their home," Taylor said. "By the time the average person retires, they own a house that is usually worth more than they paid for it."

When you take out a reverse mortgage, you are not forced to relinquish ownership. You remain the owner for as long as you live there and you will never be forced to move. If you decide to sell or move from your home, the outstanding balance of your reverse mortgage becomes due just as it would with a traditional mortgage. Unlike a traditional mortgage, however, your balance can never exceed the value of your home when you sell it.

The maximum loan amount for a reverse mortgage is based primarily on four factors: the age of the youngest borrower, the location and value of the home and the current interest rate. You must occupy the home as your principal residence for a majority of the year. The property must be a single-family or two-to-four unit dwelling. Town homes, detached homes, condominium units, planned unit developments and some manufactured homes are eligible.

The home doesn't have to be owned free and clear to qualify for a reverse mortgage. You may qualify for a reverse mortgage if the home has a low remaining mortgage that can be paid off at the closing with proceeds from the reverse loan.

As a key consumer protection, all borrowers are required to participate in a free educational session with a HUD-approved counselor in order to determine if a reverse mortgage is the best option.

Wells Fargo Home Mortgage can take the application prior to counseling, however, it cannot collect any fees, order a credit report or appraisal or begin to process the loan until the borrower can show certification that the required consumer counseling was completed.

Wells Fargo Home Mortgage is the leading originator of reverse mortgages in the nation, helping senior homeowners capitalize on the equity they have built in their homes. In 2004, Wells Fargo Home Mortgage helped senior Americans secure over one-third of all reverse mortgages in the country.

Alzheimer's Research

Today, 4.5 million Americans have Alzheimer's disease (AD) and the number is expected to increase dramatically as the baby-boom generation ages. The brain disorder strikes an estimated one in 10 people 65 and older and half those 85 or older. Without a cure, the Alzheimer's Association estimates as many as 16 million Americans will have AD by 2050.

Fortunately, distinguished researchers are working on the issue, including William E. Klunk, M.D., Ph.D. and Chester A. Mathis, Ph.D., of the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center; John C. Morris, M.D., of the Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis; and Ronald C. Petersen, M.D., Ph.D., of Mayo Clinic-each of whom recently won a MetLife Foundation Award for Medical Research in Alzheimer's Disease.

"The goal of the award is to encourage research and to support the future work of scientists who have already made a significant contribution to our understanding of Alzheimer's disease. These four scientists have contributed to the early detection and diagnosis of this dreaded disease." says Sibyl Jacobson, president, MetLife Foundation.

Drs. Klunk and Mathis have developed experimental noninvasive methods of detecting and creating images of the plaques that form in the brain tissue of Alzheimer's sufferers. The researchers use dyes to make the plaques visible to medical imaging equipment. The ability to see these plaques in living patients will help researchers directly measure the effects of therapies now being developed.

Dr. Morris works on ways to identify the earliest symptomatic stages of AD, evaluating new drug therapies in the treatment of dementia, and establishing phenotypes for inherited forms of AD and other dementias.

Dr. Petersen focuses on mild cognitive impairment and whether it becomes Alzheimer's. Those past the age of 65 with mild cognitive impairment are found to be at greater risk of developing AD than healthy individuals the same age.

MetLife Foundation has supported Alzheimer's research through the awards program since 1986. The Foundation also supports the Alzheimer's Association, and has sponsored a documentary on PBS called The Forgetting: A Portrait of Alzheimer's.

For information about the Foundation, visit www.metl.ife.org.

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Older Drivers May Maintain Safe Driving Skills

Driving has long been a family affair. Be it family road trips, the infamous "backseat driver" in the family or teaching a teen how to drive, driving is a hot topic for families. What's more, families also play an important role in encouraging safe driving practices among their older loved ones.

"Families nationwide are dealing with the sensitive issue of older driver safety," says Elinor Ginzler, AARP's Director of Livable Communities and an authority on older driver safety. "AARP encourages families to talk openly with loved ones about safe driving practices. Older drivers trust the advice of family—be it spouse or children—when it comes to their well-being."

Today, about one in seven drivers is age 65 or older. This figure is expected to rise significantly in the years ahead, increasing the need for safe driving practices. By the time the last baby boomers turn 65, in 2029, about one in four drivers will be age 65 or older. Older drivers face different challenges on the road than do their younger counterparts. Age-related changes-such as impaired vision and slower reflexes and response time-can affect their driving skills.

Older drivers may be able to maintain safe driving skills as well as extend their driving years by:

- Conducting regular self-assessment of driving capacities
- Attending a driver-refresher course
- Recognizing and addressing vision changes
- Maintaining quick reflexes and flexibility by staying physically active
- Therapeutic interventions from certified driving rehabilitation specialists.

However, if older drivers continue to experience a decline in driving abilities, it might be time for them to consider limiting driving or hanging up the keys altogether. If you or a loved one experiences any of the following signs, it might be time to talk about safe driving practices and transportation alternatives:

- Frequent "close calls" (i.e., near accidents)
- Dents or scrapes on the car or on fences, mailboxes, garage doors, curbs, etc.
- Trouble judging gaps in traffic at intersections and on highway entrance/exit ramps
- Getting lost
- Difficulty seeing the sides of the road when looking straight ahead
- Slower response time; trouble moving foot from gas to brake pedal or confusing the two pedals
- Getting distracted easily or having trouble concentrating
- Difficulty turning around to check over the shoulder while backing up or changing lanes
- Frequent traffic tickets or "warnings" by traffic or law enforcement officers in the last year or two.

"Although most older drivers believe that they should be the one to make the final decision about driving, they also agree that their physician should advise them," says Dr. Carl Soderstrom, Director of the Driver Safety Research Program for the Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration. "By providing evaluations about medical fitness to drive, clinicians can help their patients make informed and wise decisions, or become familiar with mobility alternatives in their community."

If you are concerned about a loved one's driving, start a conversation about driving that's based on your observations. It's also important that they understand you're broaching the topic out of sincere concern for their well-being. In recommending driving solutions, offer various options depending on the degree of impairment. For example, suggest that they limit driving to certain times of the day or familiar areas. Additionally, encourage them to gradually begin using alternative transportation, including rides from family and friends, taxis or public transportation.

To help drivers refresh their skills, AARP offers a classroom course, as well as an online driver's safety course, that teaches safe driving strategies to address age-related changes that affect one's driving ability.

To learn more about older driver safety, visit www.aarp.org/families/driver_safety/ or call (888) 227-7669 toll free.

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Vision Changes

Just as the body changes with age, our eyes undergo changes, too. Some of these vision changes can be corrected with eyeglasses, contact lenses or surgery; some cannot. Most of these changes are normal, and are not caused by disease or illness. They can, however, cause problems by interfering with a wide range of everyday activities.

The most common age-related vision changes and their effect on everyday activities can include the following:

- Increased sensitivity to glare: Being able to see clearly when exposed to reflected light or bright sunlight especially outdoors on a sunny day or in a hallway with highly polished floors may require filtered lenses or other adaptations to control glare and to see the environment clearly.
- Increased lighting requirements: Many older adults require three to four times more light than they did previously to perform certain types of everyday activities.
- More time required to adjust to bright light and/or darkness: Adjusting to changes in light levels between bright and dark areas can take two to three times longer than it used to.
- Reduced contrast sensitivity: Difficulties seeing an object clearly against a background of the same color becomes more difficult and requires stronger contrast to make it stand out.
- Decreased depth perception: Difficulties judging distances accurately requires close attention to safety cues such as color, contrast and lighting.
- Decreased ability to focus close-up: As the eye muscles that control the switching of focus from far to near begin to lose flexibility, it becomes more difficult to perform everyday activities such as reading a newspaper, writing or sewing.

A new Web site—called VisionAWARE—offers a wealth of free information on eye conditions; blindness and low vision; how to locate vision rehabilitation services and professionals; how to cope with the emotional impact of vision loss; how to maximize all your senses; how to make simple adaptations for taking care of yourself and your home; how to adapt your computer; how to continue enjoying sports, crafts and other leisure and recreational activities; and how to find a vast range of invaluable informational and special equipment resources.

The VisionAWARE site was specifically designed for blind and low-vision adults and their families and caregivers, and was developed with support provided by Reader's Digest Partners for Sight Foundation. To learn more, visit www.visionaware.org.

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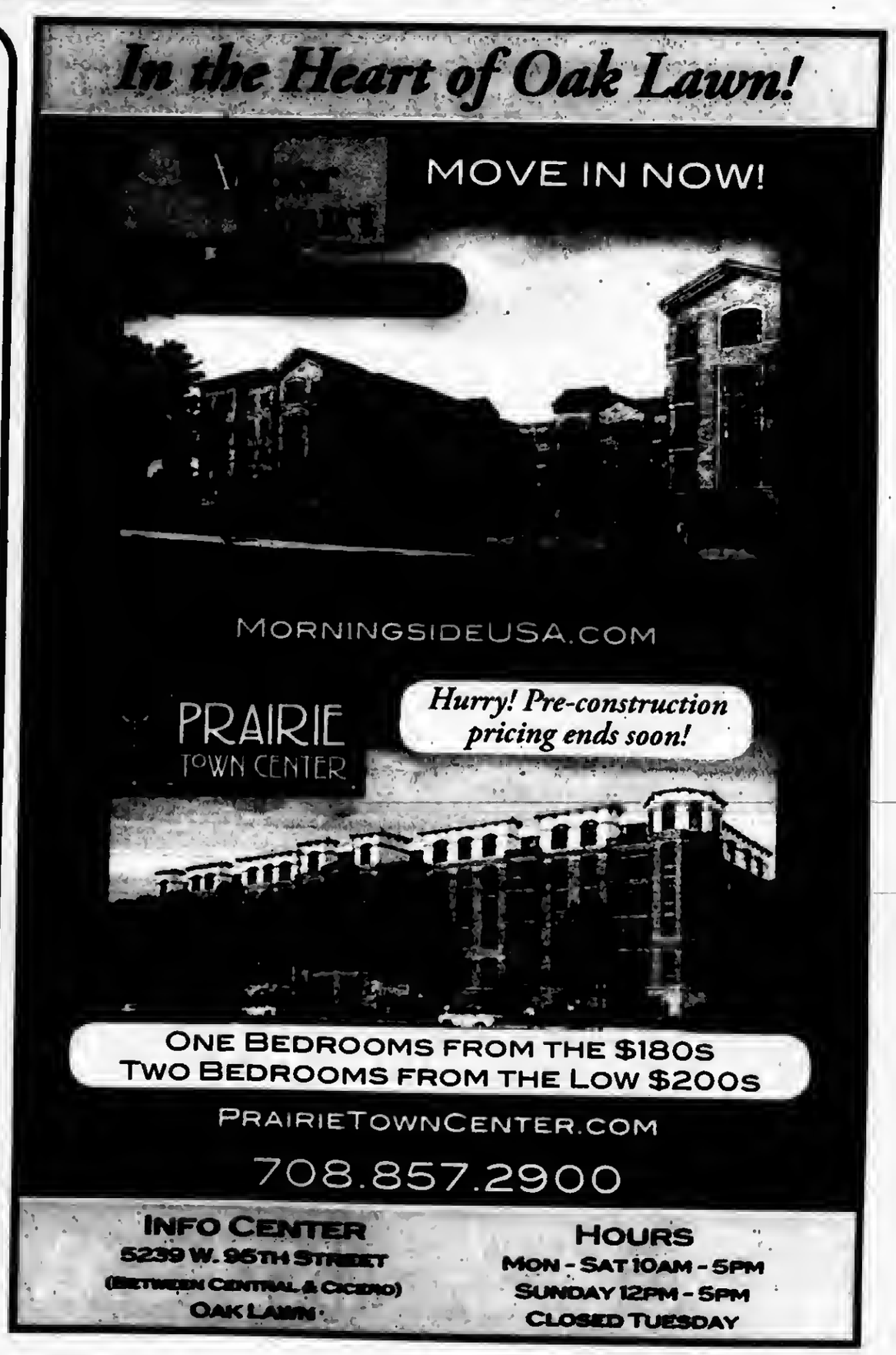

Suburban Bank & Trust Celebrates Opening Of New Oak Lawn Branch

Suburban Bank & Trust (SBT) celebrated the opening of its new branch building at 10350 Cicero Ave. with a ribbon cutting ceremony and reception on March 15. SBT President and CEO Blanche E. Hill cut the ribbon to signify the official opening of the branch, along with Oak Lawn Village Clerk, Jane Quinlan; Branch Manager Carol Hakala; SBT Vice-Chairman of the Board, David B. Hill III; Oak Lawn Chamber members, and SBT branch staff and guests. Following the ceremony, a reception was held at the branch.

The new 3,640 square foot building was designed by GEA Architects of Lombard and is located immediately south of the existing branch building. R. J. Pozzi Construction, Inc. of Hoffman Estates provided general contracting services. Designed as a full service banking center, the new branch features safe deposit and night depository services, three drive-up banking lanes, plus an additional ATM lane. The branch is open to serve customers 7 days a week, with drive-up banking services on Sundays and 24-hour/7-day ATM service.

Founded in 1976, Suburban Bank & Trust is a locally owned and operated community bank with ten branch offices and assets in excess of $627 million. Celebrating 30 years of community banking, SBT offers personalized service to individuals and business customers through its Retail Banking, Commercial Lending, Corporate Cash Management, and Wealth Management, Trust & Investment Services departments. SBT branch offices are open 7 days per week to serve customers. Further information about SBT can be found at www.suburbanonline.com.

Abdullah To Address Fellowship Seniors

Askia Abdullah, an official for Eugene Moore, Cook County Recorder of Deeds, will speak before the Trinity Lutheran Fellowship Seniors on Thursday, April 5th at 1:15 p.m. in Trinity Lutheran Church, 9701 S. Brandt Ave.

Lydia Peterson, coordinator, announced that Abdullah will explain the workings of the Recorder of Deeds Office and discuss Home Repair Fraud, Reverse Mortgages and On Line Property information.

In his position, Askia is responsible for marketing the office to the general public and professional market sector. He circulates press releases concerning issues and accomplishments of the office and represents the office and Recorder of Deeds at public forums.

He received his Jurist Doctor Jurisprudence from Thomas M. Cooley Law School in Lansing, MI.

AARP Meeting

The AARP Oak Lawn Chapter 3558 will meet on Monday, April 9th at 1 p.m. at the Johnson-Phelps VFW Hall, 9514 S. 52nd Ave. in Oak Lawn.

If you are a paid-up member of AARP, you are invited to join the Chapter; you do not have to live in Oak Lawn. Members are from Chicago and other suburbs. Dues for the year are $5.

The speaker will be Dr. Gerald Helwig, chiropractic physician from the 21st Century Chiropractic.

Refreshments will be served after the meeting.

For futher information, call Felix Waitches at (708) 422-4121.

Easter Worship Services

Pilgrim Faith United Church of Christ will hold two Easter worship services on Easter Sunday, April 8th. The 9 a.m. service will feature a processional by the children to place flowers on the cross. The 11:15 a.m. service will include a special message for children. Rev. Peggy McClanahan will preach on "Surprised by Joy" at both services. At 10 a.m. the Senior High youth group will serve Easter breakfast in Colonial Hall in the church basement, with proceeds to support their upcoming work trip to Georgia. The church is at 9411 S. 51st Ave. and is handicapped accessible.

Sign-up For Summer Camp

Early registration is beginning April 2nd through June 1st for Summer Camp Programs at Worth Township, 11601 S. Pulaski in Alsip, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Late registration will be held June 4th through 8th; there will be an additional $25 for registration during this week. No registration will be accepted after June 8th.

Information packets and registration forms may be picked up at Worth Township at the receptionist office. Information can also be found on the Internet at www.worth-township.com.

Kiddie Kamp will be held for children 3-5 years of age (must be toilet trained) on Tuesday and Thursday, June 26th to Aug. 2nd from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The cost is $140 for a township resident, $165 non-resident.

Day Camp will be held for children 6-10 years of age on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, June 25th to Aug. 3rd from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The cost is $150 for a township resident, $175 non-resident.

Tween Camp will be held for children 11-15 years of age on Tuesday and Thursday, June 26th to Aug. 2nd from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The cost is $150 for a township resident, $175 non-resident.

Weekly field trips and planned activities are scheduled for each camp. There is a $5 charge for each field trip. For additional information, call (708) 371-2900, ext. 45.

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District 218 Announces Yearly Progress Report

Nearly all subgroups in Community High School District 218 satisfied the Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) standards established by the No Child Left Behind Act in 2006.

For the first time, all subgroups from Shepard High School satisfied AYP standards.

While Richards High School as a whole met AYP standards, a pair of subgroups (Black students on the math exam, and economically disadvantaged students on the math exam) did not meet AYP. All Richards subgroups achieved AYP on the reading exam. Richards has been the only district school to meet AYP goals the past two years.

For Eisenhower High School, results varied as well. The White and Hispanic subgroups met AYP on the reading exam, while the Black subgroup did not earn AYP. Meanwhile, White, Black and Hispanic subgroups all earned AYP on the math exam. The only subgroups not earning AYP on the math exam were Students with Disabilities and Economically Disadvantaged.

"Obviously, work remains for us. We realize that, and we're dedicating ourselves to providing the finest education possible. Fortunately, we have a wonderful faculty and a devoted administrative team and Board of Education," said Superintendent Dr. John Byrne. "We're proud of the progress our students made this year."

District 218 has substantially altered its curricula, graduation requirements and, in particular, freshman year to better prepare students for the rigors of universities and the labor market. This trend will continue next year with the introduction of small learning communities (SLC) at Eisenhower, Richards and Shepard. The introduction of SLCs satisfies the federal government's sanctions for the failures of specific subgroups to earn AYP.

Designed for freshmen who scored below standard on their high school entrance exam, the SLCs will serve 400 first-year high school students.

With class sizes at 25 and the same teachers interacting with students daily, the program will satisfy the needs of the freshmen who require the most help. "The concept is to personalize education, to allow staff to really get to know each student," Assistant Superintendent for Instructional Services Dr. Kevin McCaffrey said.

SLCs will help freshmen adapt quicker to high school while boosting academic growth. The SLCs will feature transitional level courses in Literacy Workshop, English I, Geography, Algebra IM/PDS Math; Freshman Transitions, an interdisciplinary course stressing career exploration, test prep, study skills, writing, and other areas; a common planning period for all program teachers at either the start or end of the day; assignment of each student to an advisory upperclassman, who will serve as an advisor (a teacher, social worker, dean or counselor will provide extra support); and, professional development in areas such as teaching within the block and best practices on poor-performing students.

The SLCs represent the latest step in the evolution of education in District 218.

"In recent years, the Board has instituted many changes we feel have enriched our educational experience and enhanced preparation for life after high school," Byrne emphasized.

Examples include

- Graduation requirements – Today, District 218 students must earn 23.5 units of credit, which exceeds state requirements. District 218 in recent years has increased the graduation requirements in English from three years to four, in math from two years to three, and required students to pass courses in geometry and geography.
- EARLY Start – Hosted by District 218 in the summer between 8th grade and freshman year for students posting substandard marks on their high school placement exam. This program immerses students in lessons and activities designed to strengthen their skill foundation for high school.
- FAST Start – Freshmen Achieving Success Together assists freshmen with the transition to high school. Led by homeroom teachers and junior and senior student volunteers, FAST Start helps new students acclimate to their new surroundings. The student and faculty volunteers engage freshmen in activities designed to boost participation in extracurricular activities and enhance academic achievement during the first year of high school.
- For years, District 218 has employed reading and writing initiatives across all content areas. These programs integrate activities designed to enhance reading and writing skills in science, foreign language, social studies, and other academic departments.

Mt. Zion Services

During Holy Week, Mt. Zion Lutheran Church, 10400 Kostner, Oak Lawn, will be holding worship services at the following times: Maundy Thursday, April 5th at 7:30 p.m.; Good Friday, April 6th at 7:30 p.m.; Easter Vigil, Saturday April 7th at 8 p.m.; Easter Sunday, April 8th, breakfast at 9 a.m., worship at 10:30 a.m. and an egg hunt after worship.

Worship services are on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. A nursery is provided.

For futher information, please call (708) 423-6554, between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Editor:

One of several issues I feel very strongly about is the need for the overpass on Central Ave. When the train is on Central cars make a U-turn and go down Cook Ave. and the surrounding streets. Many times residents cannot get out of their driveways. They do not deserve this. They are paying the highest taxes in Oak Lawn. I will come up with a plan for this traffic problem. One plan is to prohibit U-turns at this area. I also would like the light on Central and 107th St. to turn red when the train gates go down with no turn permitted when the light is red.

I will make sure there is increased police protection for all areas of Oak Lawn. We must be concerned for the safety of our citizens.

I will propose to install signs "watch out for children" because many times children run across the street and do not look to see if there are any cars in sight.

The old Dominick's at 111th and Cicero has not been in use too long. I will try to get some type of grocery store at that location because many seniors do not have cars and need a closer store to get food and medication.

I will have weekly office hours and monthly community meetings where I can find out what the problems are and solve these problems.

I want to make Oak Lawn a better place to live. It is time for a change. I can make this possible. I will work with everyone.

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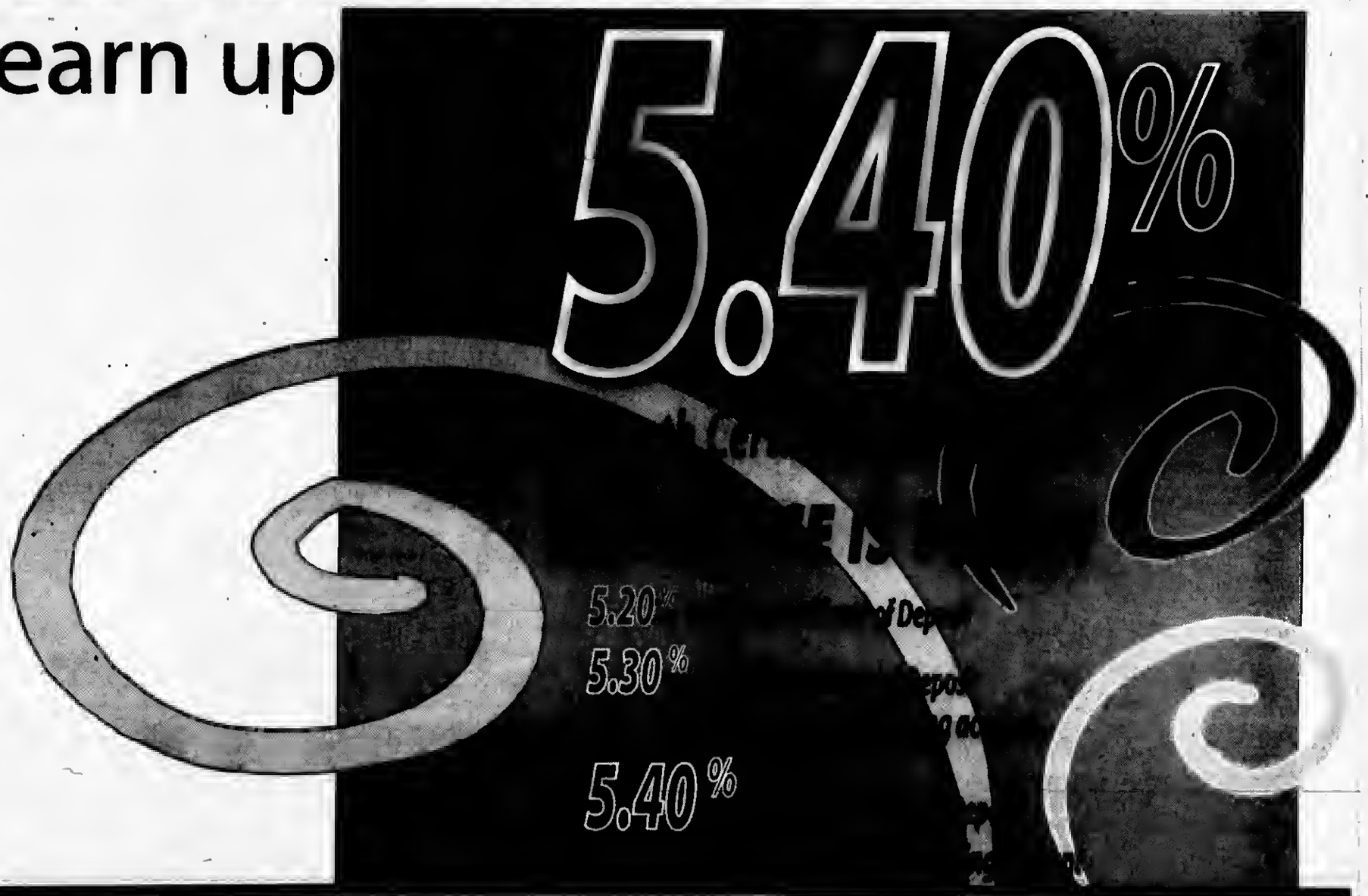

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Treatment Is Available For Enlarged Prostate

As men age, it's not uncommon that they find they make more frequent trips to the bathroom-especially in the middle of the night. For most men, this inconvenience is often made worse by the need to push or strain while urinating. Some even encounter pain or burning while urinating.

While the majority of men over age 60 experience these symptoms, most are not aware of what causes them. Symptoms such as these may be signs of an enlarged prostate, one of the most common urological disorders affecting men over the age of 60. In fact, 60 percent of men over the age of 60 and up to 80 percent of men over the age of 80 have an enlarged prostate.

An enlarged prostate, or benign prostatic hyperplasia (BPH), is not life threatening. It is not a form of prostate cancer, nor does it lead to prostate cancer. However, as many men know, it can cause significant discomfort, inconvenience and awkwardness. BPH symptoms differ depending on the severity of the condition. The most common symptoms include:

- Waking at night to urinate
- Frequent need to urinate (sometimes every two hours or less)
- Pain or burning during urination
- Repeated, sudden or uncontrollable urge to urinate
- Pushing or straining to begin urination
- Feeling like the bladder does not empty during urination
- Dribbling after urination

As a man ages, the chance of developing BPH increases. This is because of growth patterns associated with the prostate. After a male reaches the age of 40, a second round of prostate growth often occurs as a natural part of the aging process.

The prostate is a gland located just below the bladder whose main function is to produce fluid for semen. As it expands, it can squeeze and place pressure on the urethra, like a clamp on a garden hose, thus constricting urinary flow. As pressure builds and the "clamp" tightens, the result can be some of the commonly perceived BPH symptoms.

Although there is no known cure for BPH, there are medications and procedures available to reduce the symptoms. These range from prescription oral medications and surgical procedures to minimally invasive, office-based procedures that can provide rapid symptom relief.

If you think you or a loved one has BPH, you can visit www.understandbph.com or call, toll-free, (877) 274-2273 to learn more about the condition, find information on current treatment options and locate physicians who specialize in the treatment of BPH.

Mental Aerobics: A Key Part Of Avoiding Alzheimer's

According to the national Alzheimer's Association, an estimated 4.5 million Americans have Alzheimer's disease and another 10 to 20 million are at risk of developing the condition. Fortunately, it may be possible to improve memory function and stave off Alzheimer's with the help of a few simple training techniques.

One example is the "Look, Snap, Connect" method, which exercises the brain's memory:

- Look-A reminder to focus your attention on what needs to be remembered.
- Snap-Create a visual image or mental snapshot of what needs to be remembered.
- Connect-Connect the mental snapshots with a story to commit to memory.

"It's important to cross-train your brain by doing regular 'mental aerobics' to improve memory skills and stimulate the brain," says Gary Small, M.D., author of three best-selling books on the subject of memory and aging. "By keeping our minds sharp, we are more inclined to stay physically fit and lead the type of healthy lifestyle that will slow down the aging process."

Game Theory

Radica, a subsidiary of Mattel, recently introduced Brain Games, an innovative handheld game that features five "brain aerobics" based on Dr. Small's research. The game features a free play mode and training mode, and includes games such as Sequence, Flash Card, Thinkfast, Word Hunt and Recall. A scoring system allows players to track their brain-training progress.

"Doing simple mental aerobics like those found in Brain Games can significantly improve memory skills and stimulate the brain," says Dr. Small.

In addition to brain training, Dr. Small's research shows that a few simple steps can help enhance memory power and lower one's risk for Alzheimer's. These include:

- Learning an instrument or foreign language;
- Playing board games, doing crossword puzzles or taking up a new hobby;
- Maintaining a positive attitude and cultivating healthy relationships;
- Reducing stress and emotional clutter; and
- Following a healthy diet and exercise plan.

For more information on Alzheimers disease, visit the Alzheimer's Association Web site at www.alz.org.

Check Your Feet

If you think dry, flaky skin on your feet is nothing to worry about, think again.

Dry skin can be more than a minor annoyance, especially for people with diabetes. Of the 16 million Americans with diabetes, 25 percent will develop clinical signs of xerosis, or extremely dry skin on the heels of their feet. One reason is that diabetes causes reduced perspiration, especially with the skin on the feet.

The skin on xerotic heels is perpetually prone to cracking and scaling. Thankfully, the most common of foot problems for diabetics can be remedied with a little extra care and attention.

Manage Your Diabetes: Make healthy lifestyle choices to help keep your blood glucose (sugar), blood pressure, and cholesterol close to normal. Doing so may help prevent or delay diabetes-related foot problems as well as eye and kidney disease.

Check Your Feet Every Day: You may have serious foot problems, but feel no pain. Check your feet for cuts, sores, red spots, swelling, and infected toenails. Find a time (evening is best) to check your feet each day. Make checking your feet part of your everyday routine.

Use Appropriate Products: Although most people apply body lotions to dry, cracked feet, these moisturizers are not designed for skin on feet, which is almost three to five times thicker than skin on the rest of the body. When it comes to treating diabetic skin, experts recommend using an intensive moisturizer to heal and protect skin.

One such moisturizer is dermatologist-recommended Eucerin Plus Intensive Repair Foot Creme, which is clinically proven to smooth and restore feet in just two weeks. With a unique combination of gentle exfoliators and effective moisturizers, it quickly helps heal rough skin and cracked heels.

Trim Your Toenails: An ingrown nail is not only unsightly, it can even make walking painful. Trim toenails straight across and smooth them with a nail file; do not cut into the corners of your toenails. Aside from improper trimming, a nail that curves too much or excessive pressure from tight shoes is usually to blame.

People with diabetes must be aware of how to prevent foot problems before they occur, to recognize problems early and to seek the right treatment when problems do occur. Although treatment for diabetic foot problems has improved, a little extra attention remains the best way to prevent problems.

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Timely Tips For Family Caregivers

Many of us take for granted that we will be able to take care of our personal and financial affairs "tomorrow." However, if you are a family caregiver, particularly for an older adult, you know that you cannot always count on tomorrow.

Health and finances are two areas that may require caregivers to have the input and the legal authority to make decisions on behalf of another person. The issue may be as simple as signing a check for a loved one or as complex as deciding if he or she would want a feeding tube after becoming bedridden and nonresponsive.

Things You Should Know

The number of older adults in the U.S. continues to increase. There are an estimated 35 million people (13 percent of the population) who are over the age of 65, with the number expected to rise to 20 percent-or more than 71.5 million Americans-by the year 2030.

The increase in the older-adult population in the U.S. has given rise to the specialty of elder law attorneys that focus on the many legal issues specific to older adults. In addition to the many legal complexities, elder law attorneys have experience with older adults and appreciation for many of the physical and mental challenges associated with the aging process. Sources to consider when locating an elder law attorney include:

- The U.S. Administration on Aging, which sponsors statewide legal hotlines for those age 60 and over. To obtain the appropriate number, call (800) 677-1116.
- The state bar association.
- Patient representatives at any nearby hospital.
- National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys (NAELA) at www.naela.org or by phone at (520) 881-4005. Within the site is a search field to find an elder law attorney in your area.

Where There's A Will...

One important legal consideration is the creation of a will. A will is a legal document detailing how an individual wants his or her assets distributed upon death. If an individual dies without a will, called "dying intestate," the state will determine the distribution of assets. Individuals must be competent when their wills are drawn up and may make changes to them as long as they remain competent.

Work with your loved ones to inventory their assets, review outstanding debts, detail beneficiaries and identify any special desires they may have for particular items or monies.

Health Care Matters

As a caregiver, friend or child of an aging loved one, it is important that you know what his or her health care wishes might be should he or she become incapacitated-mentally or physically. To best carry out your loved one's wishes, you may encourage written documentation in the form of an advance directive. Advance directives are designed to convey an individual's wishes about his or her medical care to family and physicians at a time when he or she is otherwise unable to do so. There are two types of advance directives:

- Living Will-Details and records the care individuals do or do not wish to receive at a time when they are no longer able to speak for themselves.
- Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care-Also known as a "health care proxy," this document is usually prepared in addition to a living will. It allows you to appoint an individual, called an agent, attorney-in-fact or proxy, to make medical decisions for you if you are incapacitated and unable to do so.

Caregivers face many challenges as they search for information and make decisions about how best to provide care to their loved ones. One good source of information on legal considerations for older Americans is a free booklet from the MetLife Mature Market Institute called "Legal Matters." It is part of the "Since You Care" series of guides created in cooperation with the National Alliance for Caregiving. It includes information, resources and checklists. You can get a copy by calling (203) 221-6580, e-mailing maturemarket institute@metlife.com, visiting www.maturemarketinstitute.com or writing to MetLife Mature Market Institute, 57 Greens Farms Road, Westport, CT 06880.

Diabetic Neuropathy

Diabetic neuropathy (nerve damage) is a serious complication of diabetes that leads to sensations of pain and/or numbness, tingling or "pins and needles" in the feet and hands. Although the majority of people with diabetes experience symptoms associated with diabetic neuropathy, only a small minority have been diagnosed with this condition.

Nerves send messages to and from your brain about pain, temperature and touch. They tell your muscles when and how to move.

Left untreated, diabetic neuropathy can lead to foot injury, infections and even amputations.

Symptoms

Reporting symptoms to your health care provider is important. Place a check mark (4) next to any symptom you have. Take this list to your next office visit.

o My feet tingle.
o I feel "pins and needles" in my feet.
o I have burning, stabbing or shooting pains in my feet.
o My feet are very sensitive to touch. For example, sometimes it hurts to have the bedcovers touch my feet.
o My feet hurt at night.
o My feet and hands get very cold or very hot.
o My feet are numb and feel dead.
o I don't feel pain in my feet, even when I have blisters or injuries.
o I can't feel my feet when I'm walking.
o The muscles in my feet and legs are weak.
o I'm unsteady when I stand or walk.
o I have trouble feeling heat or cold in my feet or hands.
o I have open sores (also called ulcers) on my feet and legs. These sores heal very slowly.
o It seems like the muscles and bones in my feet have changed shape.
o Other symptoms _____.

Treatment

For information about treatments available to relieve pain and reduce burning, tingling and numbness, talk with your health care provider.

To learn more-and to get your free copy of All About Nerve Damage & Diabetes, the newest title in the Diabetes Advisor series-call the American Diabetes Association at 1-800-DIABETES or visit the Web site at www.diabetes.org/neuropathy

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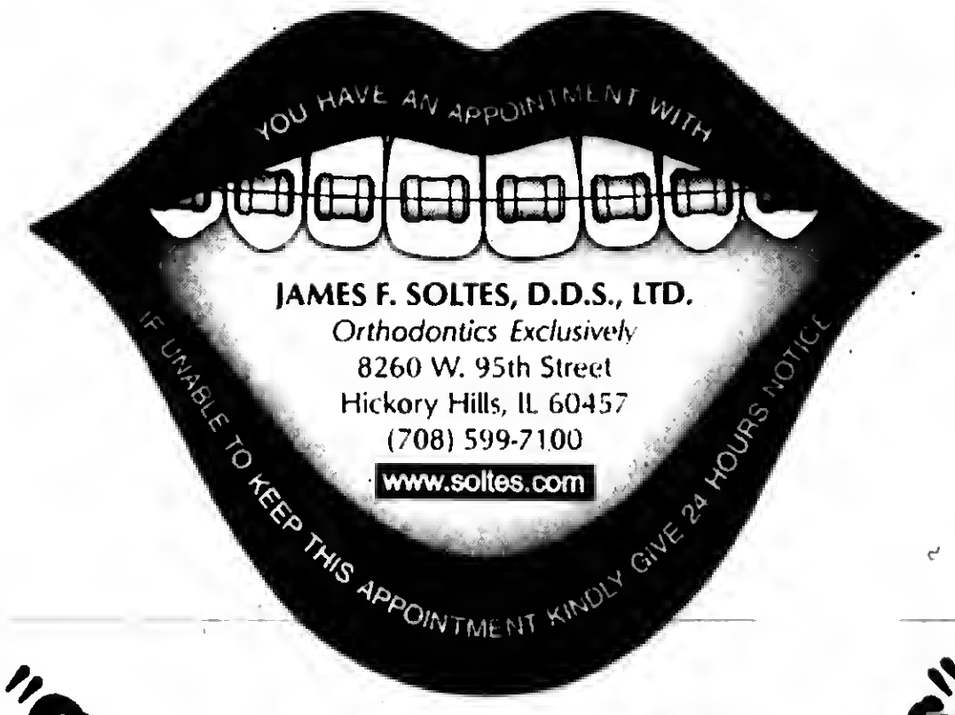

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Stroke Is Nation's Number Three Killer

Stroke is the nation's number three killer and the leading cause of long-term disability in the United States. More than 700,000 Americans will suffer a stroke this year. Yet many Americans do not know the symptoms or what to do when they witness someone having a stroke. The following information is provided to you by the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS), part of the National Institutes of Health.

"Stroke is an unmistakable event. Few other medical conditions come on so suddenly or are so noticeable to a bystander," said John R. Marler, M.D., associate director for clinical trials at NINDS.

A stroke occurs when blood flow to the brain is interrupted. Brain cells die when deprived of oxygen and nutrients provided by blood. Because stroke injures the brain, if you are having a stroke, you may not realize what is happening. But to a bystander, the signs of a stroke are distinct:

- Sudden numbness or weakness of the face, arm or leg (especially on one side of the body);
- Sudden confusion, trouble speaking or understanding speech;
- Sudden trouble seeing in one or both eyes;
- Sudden trouble walking, dizziness, or loss of balance or coordination; and
- Sudden severe headache with no known cause.

In treating a stroke, every minute counts. New treatments are available that greatly reduce the damage caused by a stroke. But you need to arrive at the hospital as soon as possible after symptoms start. Knowing the symptoms of a stroke and getting to the hospital quickly can help you act in time to save yourself-or someone you know-from serious long-term disability.

And making changes in your lifestyle can help prevent stroke. NINDS is dedicated to research and education on the causes and treatments and prevention of stroke. Risk factors include family history, high blood pressure, smoking, diabetes, physical inactivity, heavy alcohol consumption, and being overweight. Talk to your doctor. Find out your risks and take action.

More information on stroke is available from NINDS. Order free materials by calling 1-800-352-9424 or by visiting www.ninds.nih.gov/stroke.

Keys To Healthy Aging

What is longevity without health? Adults today are looking not only to extend their lives, but to enjoy their extra years. Researchers at the University of Pittsburgh's Center for Healthy Aging simplified the barrage of health messages aimed at older adults to create the 10 Keys to Healthy Aging. The Center is promoting these sensible strategies for a long, healthy life among residents of Pittsburgh, and they hope to share them across the country. Allegheny County in western Pennsylvania has one of the highest concentrations of adults aged 65 years and older, second only to Dade County, Florida.

- Years of research yielded these keys:
- Prevent bone loss and muscle weakness
- Control blood pressure
- Increase physical activity
- Regulate blood sugar
- Stop smoking
- Maintain social contact
- Participate in screening for cancer
- Get regular immunizations
- Lower cholesterol
- Combat depression.

Dr. Constance Bayles, director of the center, says these strategies can help people take charge of their health and delay or prevent disease and injury as well as speed recovery time.

"Empowering older adults is one of our many missions," Dr. Bayles said.

While some keys seem basic, such as maintaining social contact, activity can become difficult as adults age and become less mobile, she said. Part of the center's work is to help seniors access resources for social contact, physical activity, transportation and other needs.

The Center for Healthy Aging is a Prevention Research Center (PRC) in a network of 33 academic centers the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention funds. Each PRC works closely with a local community to design effective interventions. Nine PRCs belong to a Healthy Aging Network that collaborates on the best ways to promote health for older adults and transform research results into sustainable community programs.

The University of Washington's Health Promotion Research Center (HPRC), for example, developed EnhanceFitness, a physical activity curriculum for older adults that improves flexibility and strength and is shown to reduce hospital visits by participants. The program is now offered at 92 sites in nine states. The HPRC also developed a counseling program that reduces minor depression in seniors.

For more information on PRC research, visit www.cdc.gov/prc.

Medicare Paying For Preventive Aneurysm Screening

Hundreds of thousands of Americans who receive Medicare benefits now have access to an important tool for fighting vascular disease: a free abdominal aortic aneurysm (AAA) screening. AAA is a bulge in the wall of the aorta and exists in an estimated 2 million Americans. AAA rupture is one of the leading causes of death in the U.S. and an estimated 15,000 seniors die from AAA rupture each year. In 2007, for the first time, new Medicare beneficiaries at risk for AAA have the opportunity to be screened using painless and noninvasive ultrasound technology.

The Screening Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Very Efficiently (SAAAVE) Act that was passed by Congress is effective as of January 1, 2007. This free AAA screening is available to men who have smoked at least 100 cigarettes at any time in their lives, and to men and women with a family history of AAA. This screening is part of the Welcome to Medicare physical.

"AAA screening is an important measure that will save thousands of American lives each year," said vascular surgeon Robert Zwolak, M.D., a member of the Society of Vascular Surgery (SVS) and a professor at Dartmouth Medical School. "Our SVS members worked diligently on SAAAVE. These vascular surgeons concentrate their practices on the prevention and cure of vascular disease, and they know the effectiveness of screening in saving lives."

All new Medicare beneficiaries are encouraged to call their doctors and take advantage of this improved access to the free AAA screening. The test is quick and painless, involving a simple ultrasound on the abdomen, similar to a pregnancy ultrasound. AAA often has no warning signs and therefore screening is an effective way to detect the presence of a potentially life-threatening aneurysm.

To learn more about AAA screening and reducing the risk of AAA disease, Medicare recipients should consult their physician or visit www.aneurx.com.

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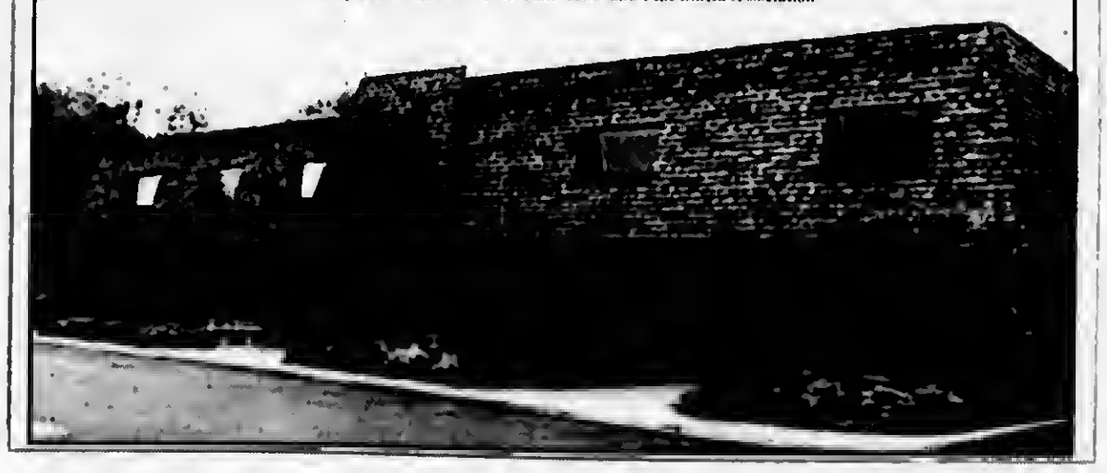

Americans Are Giving Retirement A Makeover

Will retirement be a makeover or a stopover for most Americans? Once regarded as an opportunity for the elderly to stop working and settle down, retirement now seems to signal an exciting new life chapter.

According to a new survey by AXA Equitable, Americans are giving retirement a makeover. Many respondents plan to stay active in retirement with travel and hobbies and some may even take a shot at that second career they've always dreamed about.

Many retirees get more active after they retire. Whether engaged in physical, intellectual or benevolent activities, retirees stay on their feet. Nearly 70 percent of American retirees exercise to stay healthy and 93 percent consider themselves quite or very happy.

More than a third spend retirement on travel, hobbies and special interests. American retirees travel more than their counterparts in other surveyed nations but rarely leave the country.

Around 20 percent are active in sports, volunteerism, gardening/ DIY projects and spending time with children and grandchildren.

Retirement travel is not as prevalent as workers hope. While nearly 60 percent of today's workers expect to travel frequently, only about 31 percent of retirees value travel as much.

A positive financial outlook may contribute to contentment and plans for activity and travel. About 70 percent of retirees are relying primarily on Social Security and pensions for income in retirement and believe that income will be sufficient to meet their needs. Even with all the recent attention it has received, 69 percent are not convinced the current Social Security system is in trouble.

Many plan to continue working past retirement-63 percent-but only 15 percent of retirees currently work for pay. Some retirees will take the opportunity to use their skills and experience to pursue the careers they always wanted. Some plan to continue to work because they are still able.

The global survey, called the Retirement Scope, was conducted for the second year in a row by AXA, a leader in financial advice and wealth management. More than 6,900 working and retired people in 11 countries were surveyed.

For more information about the survey or retirement planning, visit www.axaonline.com.

Uncover New Clues

The secrets to preventing or curing Alzheimer's disease (AD) are not yet known, but researchers are uncovering new clues all the time, raising hope that it may someday be possible to delay or prevent the disease.

Meanwhile, according to the National Institute on Aging's Alzheimer's Disease Education & Referral (ADEAR) Center, there are a few things people can do now that might reduce the effect of possible AD risk factors. The group offers a free booklet called "Genes, Lifestyles, and Crossword Puzzles: Can Alzheimer's Disease Be Prevented?" that provides the latest AD prevention research findings.

The 28-page booklet also explores potential prevention strategies, including lowering cholesterol and homocysteine levels, lowering high blood pressure levels, controlling diabetes, exercising regularly and engaging in intellectually stimulating activities.

To download or view the publication online, visit the Web site www.alzheimers.org. You can also order the booklet by calling (800) 438-4380.

Tea Reduces Risk

An apple a day may keep the doctor away, but a recent study found drinking tea might keep the cardiologist at bay. The USDA reported that men and women who drank black tea for three weeks reduced their total and bad cholesterol (LDL) levels by an average of 7.5 percent. Researchers concluded that drinking tea may reduce the risk of coronary heart disease. Antioxidants called flavonoids, found in both green and black teas, are thought to be potent weapons in the fight against heart disease.

That news may be especially important for women, given that heart disease kills more women than all forms of cancer combined including breast cancer. A new fashion show called the Red Dress Collection (featured each Fashion Week in February) may help spread the word on tea and women's heart health. Co-Sponsored by Celestial Seasonings and The Heart Truth Campaign, it will showcase celebrities modeling red dresses created by the fashion industry's top designers.

For additional information visit www.celestialseasonings.com/reddress.

Seniors Can Make A Difference

America's seniors are a vital resource that can positively affect communities today through volunteerism.

Seniors volunteer for many different reasons. Some seek an opportunity to "give back" to their communities, while others hope to form new friendships. Whatever the reason, seniors can make a difference in their communities by volunteering their time and knowledge.

"Seniors have a wealth of practical experience, from business and academic knowledge, to home repair and economic skills," said Scott Perry, executive vice president and COO of Bankers Life and Casualty Company in Chicago, an insurance company that specializes in the senior market. "Everyone can benefit from seniors who volunteer in their communities, and organizations are reaching out to this valuable resource."

To find a volunteer opportunity that's right for you, start where you live. Look for organizations in your own neighborhood. Consider churches and local charities that provide services to your own friends and neighbors. Web sites such as www.1-800-V LUNTEER.org can connect you with volunteer opportunities and contact information for each organization.

Some national organizations that need volunteer help:

- Alzheimer's Association-The Alzheimer's Association is committed to winning the fight against Alzheimer's disease, and they rely on 35,000 volunteers nationwide to support this important work. Volunteers are needed to develop and implement programs, and help with special events at the local chapter level. You can get involved by contacting your local chapter of the Alzheimer's Association.
- Meals on Wheels-The Meals on Wheels Association of America (MOWAA) is a national organization supporting programs that provide meal services to people in need. For homebound seniors in communities across the country, Meals on Wheels delivers a hot meal and an essential connection to the outside world. Volunteers are needed for various services, and needs vary from program to program. To learn more, contact the Meals on Wheels program in your community or visit the Meals on Wheels Web site at www.mowaa.org.
- Senior Corps-This nationwide program connects seniors with the organizations and people that need them the most, such as the Foster Grandparent Program, the Senior Companion Program, and the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP). Visit their Web site at www.seniorcorps.org.

Bankers Life and Casualty Company, a national life and health insurer specializing in the insurance needs of seniors, encourages seniors to volunteer in their local communities. To read more articles with tips for seniors, go to www.Bankers.com and click on "Senior Resources."

Midlothian Pearle Vision Offers Optomap Exam

Pearle Vision in Midlothian is first to offer revolutionary modality for retinal disease detection to patients in the southwest suburbs.

Pearle Vision in Midlothian is the first eye care practice in the southwest suburbs to offer its patients the Optomap retinal exam (Optos North America). This revolutionary modality captures and analyzes an image of virtually the entire retina, for the early detection and management of eye disease. Since Optos first introduced the Optomap exam, nearly one million exams have been conducted worldwide, diagnosing serious eye conditions – such as diabetic retinopathy, retinal detachments and macular degeneration – that could have otherwise gone undetected and often progress without symptoms.

The Optomap retinal exam takes a computer-generated image of the retina, which can be immediately evaluated by Doctors Ronald and Deborah Cope at Pearle Vision, 14702 Cicero Ave. There is no pupil dilation, no eye drops, blurred vision or sensibility to light. The Optomap retinal exam is a simple, quick and important way to maintain good eye health.

"The Optomap increases the quality of the retinal exam by allowing us to view almost the entire retina at the start of the exam, which can have important implications, not only for detecting eye disease, but also in detecting and managing other medical conditions such as diabetes," said Dr. Ron Cope. "We recommend all of our patients have this exam, which has already detected issues in some of our patients which could have otherwise gone undetected."

About Optos

The Optos modality was developed as a patient-friendly examination tool by Douglas Anderson, founder and vice-chairman, Optos, after his son Leif lost the use of an eye when a retinal detachment was detected too late. It incorporates the latest in scanning laser ophthalmoscope (SLO) technology, using low-powered red-green laser beams to capture an image of virtually the entire retina on an "Optomap," a permanent digital record that gives clinicians a view of the retina that is unprecedented with prior technologies.

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Fraud Alert: A New Tool To Protect Your Credit

There's good news for anyone who worries that their financial information has fallen into the wrong hands. Consumers now have a new tool at their disposal; they can place a "Fraud Alert" on their credit file.

Fraud Alerts help prevent anyone from opening new accounts in your name. They act as a red flag on your credit report, visible only when businesses access your file to possibly extend you credit. To place an alert on your account, call one of the three credit reporting agencies and ask them to flag your credit file for fraud. Within 24 hours, an alert will be attached to your credit file and your name will be removed from pre-approved credit and insurance applications for two years.

Types Of Fraud Alerts

An "Initial Alert" will be active on your credit report for 90 days. Use this if someone has gained access to personal information that could be used to open accounts in your name, such as your Social Security number or your date of birth. Once an initial alert is in place, potential creditors will need to verify your identification prior to extending credit, so you should provide them with a phone number where you can be easily reached. The alert will help to ensure that you are the only one opening accounts in your name.

An "Extended Alert" is recommended if your identity has been stolen. With an extended alert, your credit file will remain guarded for seven years. In addition, your name will be removed from lists marketing prescreened credit offers for five years. In order to qualify for an extended fraud alert, you will need to provide proof of identity theft, such as a police report.

Active duty members of the military are eligible for a "Military Fraud Alert." This alert allows members of the military on active duty to prevent anyone from opening accounts in their name while they are overseas.

Helpful Hints

- Experian, Equifax and Trans- Union (the three credit-reporting agencies) share data, so after calling one company, the other two will be notified.
- If you need to apply for a loan during the period that your credit file is on alert, notify your lender.
- To remove a fraud alert, you will need to send requests in writing to one of the three credit- reporting agencies.

For more information, please visit www.aba.com and click on Consumer Connection.

Update The Medicine Cabinet

Experts say there's one area of the home that's often neglected when it's time for a major updating-the home medicine cabinet. Yet with more than 300,000 over-the-counter medicines available, how do you know what should be in your medicine cabinet and what shouldn't?

Dr. Donnica Moore, a leading women's health expert, columnist and TV personality, offers the following tips on what to have on hand and how to organize your in-home pharmacy so what you need is readily available when you need it.

"The most effective way to tackle the task is to take inventory. Assess what's already there and then make a list of over-the-counter medications and other supplies that should be in your medicine cabinet," advises Dr. Moore.

Some common medications you should have on-hand include:

- Headache/pain/fever medicines: Depending on the ages and specific needs of your family members, you may need to stock several different types of pain relief medicines.
- Aspirin, for example, is considered one of the most universal products: it reduces fever, pain and inflammation; can be taken by many people daily to reduce the risk of heart attack or certain types of stroke; and is even given in emergency situations when someone is having a heart attack. However, aspirin is not recommended for children under the age of 12 without medical supervision or in the last trimester of pregnancy, so acetaminophen (Tylenol) may be needed as well. It's always wise to check with a physician when taking aspirin on a regular basis, particularly if there are heart concerns.
- Cough/cold/flu symptom products: There are actually five different categories of ingredients, including decongestant, cough suppressant, expectorant, antihistamine, and fever/pain reducers. Throat lozenges and mouthwash are also helpful to have on hand.
- Allergy products: These are helpful for allergic reactions of the skin, including those from insect bites or the treatment of certain recurrent skin conditions such as eczema. Stock generic hydrocortisone cream 1 percent (a steroid) or an antihistamine cream (e.g., Benadryl or diphenhydramine cream).
- Products for stomach upset or constipation-related problems: Choose a brand you've had experience with and keep it on hand. Many products in this category will help with more than one type of problem. For example, some products for indigestion also help with nausea or diarrhea as well as calcium supplementation. If constipation is a problem for adult family members, keep a gentle stimulant-laxative on hand such as Dulcolax.
- Antibiotic creams and ointments. For minor cuts, scrapes and burns, keep an antibiotic cream or ointment such as Bacitracin on hand.
- Dr. Moore also advises making a periodic clean sweep of your medicine cabinet and its contents. "Medicine cabinets can become a haven for expired medicines and half-empty bottles of shampoo," she notes. So it's important to stay organized so you know what medications and supplies need to be replenished.

Dr. Moore suggests throwing out medicines that have passed their expiration date-even if an entire bottle remains; tossing "left-over" prescription medications from previous illnesses; keeping all medicines-prescription and OTC-out of the reach of children; and storing all medicines according to package directions.

For more information concerning medicine cabinet essentials, Dr. Moore recommends talking to your family physician or pediatrician www.DrDonnica.com.

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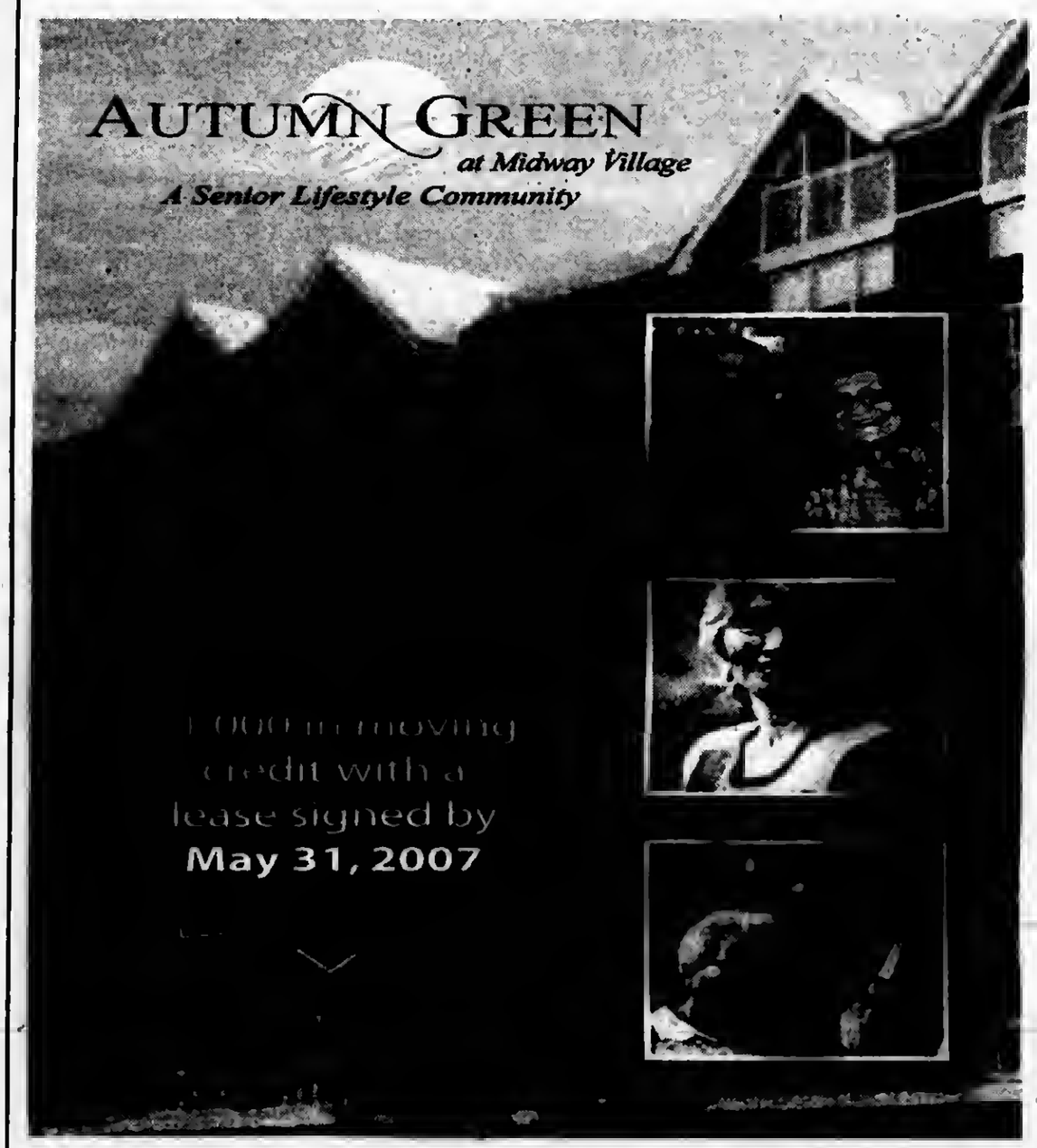

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How Old Is Too Old To Drive?

Driving has long been a family affair. Be it family road trips, the infamous "backseat driver" in the family or teaching a teen how to drive, driving is a hot topic for families. What's more, families also play an important role in encouraging safe driving practices among their older loved ones.

"Families nationwide are dealing with the sensitive issue of older driver safety," says Elinor Ginzler, AARP's Director of Livable Communities and an authority on older driver safety. "AARP encourages families to talk openly with loved ones about safe driving practices. Older drivers trust the advice of family-be it spouse or children-when it comes to their well-being."

Today, about one in seven drivers is age 65 or older. This figure is expected to rise significantly in the years ahead, increasing the need for safe driving practices. By the time the last baby boomers turn 65, in 2029, about one in four drivers will be age 65 or older. Older drivers face different challenges on the road than do their younger counterparts. Age-related changes-such as impaired vision and slower reflexes and response time-can affect their driving skills.

Older drivers may be able to maintain safe driving skills as well as extend their driving years by:

Conducting regular self-assessment of driving capacities

Attending a driver-refresher course

Recognizing and addressing vision changes

Maintaining quick reflexes and flexibility by staying physically active

Therapeutic interventions from certified driving rehabilitation specialists.

However, if older drivers continue to experience a decline in driving abilities, it might be time for them to consider limiting driving or hanging up the keys altogether. If you or a loved one experiences any of the following signs, it might be time to talk about safe driving practices and transportation alternatives:

Frequent "close calls" (i.e., near accidents)

Dents or scrapes on the car or on fences, mailboxes, garage doors, curbs, etc.

Trouble judging gaps in traffic at intersections and on highway entrance/exit ramps

Getting lost

Difficulty seeing the sides of the road when looking straight ahead

Slower response time; trouble moving foot from gas to brake pedal or confusing the two pedals

Getting distracted easily or having trouble concentrating

Difficulty turning around to check over the shoulder while backing up or changing lanes

Frequent traffic tickets or "warnings" by traffic or law enforcement officers in the last year or two.

"Although most older drivers believe that they should be the one to make the final decision about driving, they also agree that their physician should advise them," says Dr. Carl Soderstrom, Director of the Driver Safety Research Program for the Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration. "By providing evaluations about medical fitness to drive, clinicians can help their patients make informed and wise decisions, or become familiar with mobility alternatives in their community."

If you are concerned about a loved one's driving, start a conversation about driving that's based on your observations. It's also important that they understand you're broaching the topic out of sincere concern for their well-being. In recommending driving solutions, offer various options depending on the degree of impairment. For example, suggest that they limit driving to certain times of the day or familiar areas. Additionally, encourage them to gradually begin using alternative transportation, including rides from family and friends, taxis or public transportation.

To help drivers refresh their skills, AARP offers a classroom course, as well as an online driver's safety course, that teaches safe driving strategies to address age-related changes that affect one's driving ability.

To learn more about older driver safety, visit www.aarp.org/ families/driver_safety/ or call (888) 227-7669 toll free.

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Alzheimer's Disease And Long-Term Care

With the aging of the U.S. population, Alzheimer's disease is estimated to affect 4.5 million Americans by 2010. This means, in the near future, many families will have to face difficult decisions about long-term care for their loved ones with the disease.

What are some important things families should consider before placing a loved one in a nursing home or assisted living facility? Here, from Lynn Heup, MSN, GNP, RN, a nurse practitioner with extensive experience caring for patients with Alzheimer's disease in the long-term care setting, are a few answers.

Q: *How do you know when it's time to place a loved one with Alzheimer's into a long-term care setting?*

When there is no other alternative to meet the physical, medical, cognitive, social, emotional, safety, and/or financial needs of your loved one within your own home. Common factors that precipitate placement include functional and cognitive impairment and/or decline, multiple medical comorbidities, recent hospitalization, and any event or decline that requires closer medical supervision and safety monitoring. Each family has to weigh all the variables, but it's important for them to know that they do have options.

Q: *What should you look for in a nursing home?*

Examine the systems the facility has in place to ensure the safety of its residents. Inquire as to whether staff has been trained to care for geriatric patients and their needs. Ask about the staff-to-patient ratio for all shifts, including the weekend. Make sure the facility is clean, and that doctors visit patients with appropriate frequency and are available to answer your questions.

Q: *Should I look for a facility with a dementia care unit?*

I suggest you look for a facility that has either a dementia care unit or a clear understanding of the specific needs of someone with dementia.

Q: *What type of support should one expect to get from the staff at a long-term care facility?*

Staff should be respectful and empathetic to the family and the patient. This means allowing residents to make as many decisions for themselves as possible and listening to their concerns and responding appropriately. Staff should give the patients as much privacy as possible, and should consistently be assigned to the same patients in order to build relationships with them. Overall, it's important for the staff, family and entire healthcare team to work together to reach the patient's goals.

Q: *Is it inevitable that dementia patients in a long-term care setting will show behavioral symptoms? Are there treatments that can help?*

Many patients with moderate to severe Alzheimer's disease have behavioral issues, which are often the result of unmet needs, such as frustration from being unable to communicate. Interventions include: decreasing or eliminating stimuli that precipitate agitation and aggression, such as changing a resident's schedule, activities, room or unit; music therapy; and family interaction. Prescription medications may also help.

A study published in the Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA) found that treatment with Namenda(r) (memantine HCl), the first and only NMDA (N-methyl-D-aspartate) receptor antagonist indicated for the treatment of moderate to severe Alzheimer's disease, along with a cholinesterase inhibitor, provides greater cognitive, functional and behavioral benefits to people with moderate to severe Alzheimer's than treatment with donepezil plus placebo. An in-depth behavioral analysis of the JAMA study found that, in patients maintained on stable therapy with a cholinesterase inhibitor, treatment with Namenda was associated with improvement in behavior, such as agitation, irritability, and appetite changes, compared to patients receiving a placebo.

Namenda is available by prescription in the U.S. For more information, ask your doctor about Namenda or visit www.namenda.com. Individual results may vary by patient.

Namenda (memantine HCl) is contraindicated in patients with known hypersensitivity to memantine HCl or any excipients used in the formulation. The most common adverse events reported with Namenda vs placebo (>5% and higher than placebo) were dizziness, confusion, headache, and constipation. In patients with severe renal impairment, the dosage should be reduced.

Two Riders Go The Distance To Find The Cure For Diabetes

The fight against diabetes means something different for everyone-and for some, it means discovering the joy of cycling.

These reasons inspired riders Tom Leonard of Indiana and Eileen Nunley of Maine.

Together, along with 32,000 other cyclists, Leonard and Nunley took part in an event that provides more than a trophy at the finish line. Their finish line has a future goal in finding a cure-a cure for a disease that impacts nearly 21 million children and adults and is the fifth-leading cause of death by disease in the United States.

Leonard nearly became one of those statistics. Because of a condition known as empty sella syndrome, he gained a massive amount of weight. At 581 pounds, he relied on oxygen because of his body mass and was confined to a wheelchair because he was unable to walk far. He developed type 2 diabetes and recalls feeling as if he were "stuck in this body that was more or less dying." Leonard knew he had to act, and he chose to start living. He underwent bariatric surgery and added exercise to his life.

During his recovery, Leonard rediscovered his joy of cycling, which he credits as helping manage his weight loss and diabetes. His joy of cycling led him to participate in the ADA's Tour de Cure cycling event.

In addition to being an avid cyclist, Leonard is also a Tour de Cure team captain and plans to ride 62 miles in support of the association. As Tom says, "This is a cause that directly affects my life."

After losing nearly 350 pounds, Leonard is in control of his diabetes. He no longer requires oxygen or any cardiac or blood pressure medication.

Not all reasons to ride are driven by the health of the individual rider. Eileen Nunley participates in the Tour de Cure, which raises money toward finding a cure for the same disease that took the life of her father.

Nunley's father had been living with type 2 diabetes for 10 years, suffering from complications such as poor eyesight and congestive heart failure.

In 1996, she met a co-worker who was participating in ADA's Tour de Cure in Kennebunk, Maine. She was invited to join her co-worker's team and was happy to ride as a way of honoring the life of her father.

Nunley not only rides in the Kennebunk Tour de Cure, but she has expanded her efforts and travels to participate in the Mount Desert Island (Maine) ride as well. She explains that "the ride has become a special, annual connection to my father." She has recruited other family members to participate in the ride to help find a cure.

In 2006, as team captain for teams in both the Kennebunk and Mount Desert Island rides, Nunley recruited over 30 riders. Together, her teams have raised over $6,000 for the American Diabetes Association.

The Tour de Cure is a ride, not a race, that welcomes people of all experience levels to participate in a fun event to raise awareness about diabetes. Participants form teams, raise money and ride in an event with distances ranging from a few miles to challenging 100-mile "century" rides.

The 2007 Tour de Cure is sponsored by Gold's Gym, Performance Bicycles, LeMond Fitness, Discovery Health Channel and LeMond Racing Cycles-the official bicycle of the Tour de Cure. To learn more, call the American Diabetes Association at (800) DIABETES (800-342-2383) or register at www.diabetes.org/tour.

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If you're about to retire, here's some good news and bad news. At least 10 percent of the people who reach age 67 will live to 95! (National Vital Statistics Vol. 52, No. 14, February 18, 2004) Good news indeed, but it also means stretching your precious retirement savings a lot longer.

Here's some advice you can bank on about getting the most from your retirement funds. The first step is speaking to a professional trained in the financial issues that impact you, the retiree. In many cases this will mean speaking to a Certified Retirement Financial Advisor (CRFA™), a professional who will be able to advise you on these important retirement issues:

- How to reduce or eliminate tax on your Social Security income.
- How to harvest your assets to make them last the longest.
- The scientific way to divide your investments to make sure your money outlasts you.
- Long-term care or Medicaid? How these work for financing health care in later years.
- Managing your IRA-why leaving your IRA to your children could turn out to be the opposite of what you hope to accomplish.
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CRFA™ graduates are experienced financial advisors who take the additional four-day training in specific retiree financial issues. Then, they must pass a four-hour, closed-book exam and complete 15 hours of continuing education annually in financial issues specific to retirees to maintain their competence.

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Technology Drives Vehicle Repairs

Whether they're on the road to retirement or already living on easy street, America's seniors depend on their cars and trucks. Yet trend watchers say many seniors may soon lose the right to decide where to have their vehicles repaired.

Instead, they will have to take their cars, trucks and SUVs to expensive car dealerships to have repairs done. Opponents of this car dealer monopoly say that it would raise the repair costs for seniors by 20 to 40 percent, and would force them to go to mechanics they would rather not do business with. Fortunately, a bill in Congress would help. Called H.R. 2048, it would guarantee all Americans the "Right to Repair" their own cars or to choose their own mechanics.

Technology Drives Repairs

Federal laws and new technologies have resulted in vehicles being more computerized. As a result, increased levels of technology and information are required for maintenance and repairs.

While the automakers make all of this critical repair data available to car dealers, they limit its availability to the independent techni cians.

If carmakers refuse to share all of their info rmation, many, if not all, of the 147,000 independent repair shops could go out of business, inclu ding up to 50 percent of the American Auto mobile Association's approximately 7,500 AAA-Approved Auto Repair Shops.

According to RetireSafe, a national organization that represents over 367,000 seniors, the loss of independent repair shops would be devastating for seniors. In addition to a significant rise in repair bills, seniors may be forced to find new mechanics-many of whom may be difficult to physically get to, and some of whom may not provide the customer service seniors might have grown accustomed to.

RetireSafe warns that a lack of fair competition between repair shops could ultimately cost seniors the vehicles they depend on.

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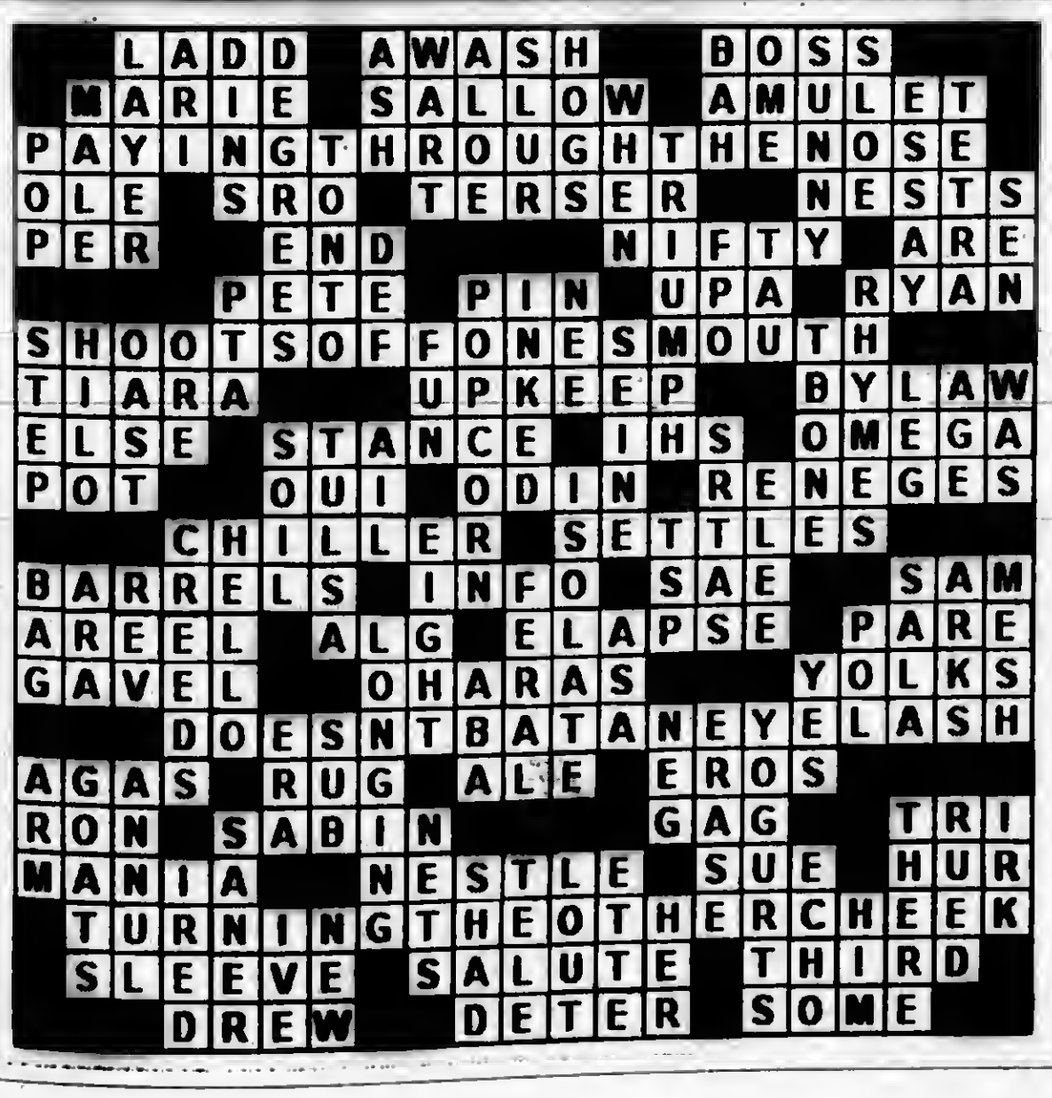

If You Snooze You Lose When Planning Retirement

When it comes to retirement planning, if you snooze, you lose-in more ways than one.

If the debate over Social Security reform has made anything clear, it's that each individual is responsible for planning his or her own retirement-and that means investing enough money to make a difference and paying attention to what's happening to your money once it's invested.

Avoid paralysis by analysis

Sitting on the sidelines and thinking about increasing your contribution to your retirement plan is not the same as doing it. Plus during all the time you are thinking and not acting, you may be missing out on the potential benefits of long-term compounding.

Let's assume you earn $30,000 a year and defer 5 percent of your salary, for a contribution of $1,500 a year to your retirement plan. If you earned 8 percent a year on that investment, you could have $177,202 after 30 years. Not bad.

While $177,202 is a sizeable sum, look at what you could accomplish if you had doubled the contribution. Using the same assumptions for an extra $1,500 a year for 30 years, you could accumulate a total of $354,404.

However, waiting 10 years to double your contributions could result in missing out on $105,619 in accumulated contributions and compounded earnings, based on the assumed 8 percent annual return. Taking action today is in an investor's best interest over the long term.

Be a vigilant investor

Your investment time horizon (how long you expect to keep the money invested) is an important factor when deciding how much money to place in stock, bond and money market funds.

There are no guarantees, but exposure to a moderate mix of stocks, bonds and cash would make sense for most long-term investors. Remember, when it comes to investing, you can't just set it and forget it. It's important to periodically evaluate the mix of investments in your portfolio to make sure you are getting the desired return.

The experts at Diversified Investment Advisors caution that the value of an investment will fluctuate with market conditions. As such, you should consider your ability to continue investing during periods of low price levels. It's important to note, however, that regular investing does not guarantee a profit or protect against a loss in a declining market.

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Fitness level: Back pain is more common among people who are not physically fit.

Diet: A diet high in calories and fat can lead to obesity, which can put stress on the back.

Heredity: Some causes of back pain, including disc disease, may have a genetic component.

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Why And How To Talk To Your Loved Ones About Aging Issues

The U.S. senior population is growing and expected to double over the next 25 years. Currently, over 12 percent of Americans are senior citizens and, by the year 2011, the first wave of the baby boomer generation will begin turning 65. As America ages, increasing numbers of seniors and their adult children will face critical decisions about life, health and aging.

A new nationwide survey, commissioned by WellPoint and conducted by the Roper Public Affairs and Media Group, found a notable disconnect between seniors and their adult children on critical health and aging issues such as losing independence, long-term care options and being alone. The survey found that:

Adult children believe their senior parents worry more about aging issues than they actually do:

Seniors are comfortable talking about important aging issues but don't do so often;

Each generation is waiting for the other to start the conversation: and

Medicare is a big area of confusion for adult children of senior parents.

To meet the needs of the growing and diverse senior population, WellPoint, the nation's largest health benefits company, has launched a new long-term educational initiative-Connecting the Generations-to help seniors and their families facilitate conversations about important health and aging issues and proactively plan for the future. Connecting the Generations is designed to provide valuable education and support to help fill the "gaps" in information between seniors and other generations-to ultimately create a community at large that is more informed, engaged and equipped to address important aging issues.

Starting The Conversation

According to the Roper Survey, 60 percent of adult children say they talk regularly to their senior parents about health matters-yet only 32 percent of seniors report discussing health topics regularly with their kids.

"Talking regularly about important issues related to aging, health, living independently and financial security can be a positive experience," said Dr. Edward Schneider, Dean Emeritus of the Leonard Davis School of Gerontology at the University of Southern California. "For seniors, engaging in these conversations helps assure them that they have a proactive plan for the future. For adult children, discussing important life issues can offer peace of mind, knowing they have the necessary information to help their parents as needed."

The Time Is Now

The 2006 Medicare enrollment period provides an excellent opportunity to broaden the conversation about aging. WellPoint's Connecting the Generations program recommends the following tips to help you start the conversation:

Get the ball rolling by sending a quick note or e-mail, making a phone call or just mentioning that there are issues that you've been thinking about.

Next, arrange to meet in person, if you can. Choose a time and place where everyone can focus on the conversation.

Before meeting, make a checklist of the topics you'd like to discuss and, if appropriate, share it with the other person as the conversation starter-or use the Connecting the Generations checklist as a starting point.

Prior to the meeting, siblings should reach a consensus on goals. Don't feel the need to cover all the topics in one discussion; it may take a few conversations.

Ideally, families want to have a health plan in place before health problems arise. For seniors, this means talking to your loved ones about your current health situation and providing them with the important information they will need to help you in the future.

How active and engaged you are in life can make a tremendous difference in how you age and your overall quality of life. For seniors, it's important to make sure you're keeping both physically and mentally fit. For adult children, you can do a lot to help and encourage your parents to live well.

Helpful Information

Connecting the Generations includes tools and resources for seniors and their families, including the "Connecting the Generations Conversation Guide"-a 24-page booklet with tips and information for initiating conversations on critical health and aging issues, with practical checklists for future planning. To learn more or to receive a free copy of the booklet, call (866) 406-0984 or visit the Web site at www.Connectingthe Generations.org.

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Beginning in 2007, a free, one-time, ultrasound AAA screening will be available for at-risk Medicare beneficiaries during their Welcome to Medicare physical. At risk are men who have smoked sometime during their lives and men and women with a family history of AAA. If AAA is detected, patients should consult with a vascular surgeon. Treatment options include medical management with close follow-up for small AAAs and minimally invasive endovascular procedures, or open surgery, for larger aneurysms.

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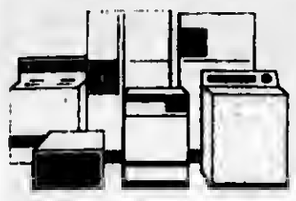

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION MORGAN STANLEY MORTGAGE CAPITAL, INC. Plainhit, -v.- FELICIA BOYD AKA FELICIA R. BOYD, et al Defendant 06 CH 18825 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on December 5, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on April 18, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 8500 S. KOMENSKY AVENUE, Chicago, IL 60652 Property Index No. 19-34-422-038 The real estate is improved with a single family residence.
The judgment amount was $272,835.74.
Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department. Please refer to file number 14-06-A983. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I28073

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION NEW CENTURY CREDIT CORPORATION, Plaintiff V. JESSIE ODYTIA; OLGA I. GOYTIA, ARONSON FURNITURE COMPANY; COUNTY OF COOK; NEW CENTURY MORTGAGE CORPORATION, Defendants 05 CH 9210 NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE Fisher and Shapiro file # 84212 (It is advised that interested parties consult with their own attorneys before bidding at mortgage foreclosure sales.)
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered on January 25, 2007, Kallen Realty Services, Inc., successor to Kallen Financial & Capital Services, Inc., as Selling Official will at 12:30 p.m. on April 26, 2007, at 205 W. Randolph Street, Suite 1200, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real property: C/K/A 8632 SOUTH NEW ENGLAND AVENUE, BURBANK, IL 60458 TAX ID# 19-31-321-008 The mortgaged real estate is improved with a dwelling. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
The judgment amount was $205,656.05.
Sale terms: 10% of successful bid immediately at conclusion of auction, balance by noon the next business day, both by cashier's checks; and no refunds. The sale shall be subject to general real estate taxes, special taxes, special assessments, special taxes levied, and superior liens, if any. The property is offered "as is" with no express or implied warranties and without any representation as to the quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to review the court file to verify all information.
For information: Sale Clerk, Fisher and Shapiro, 4201 Lake Cook Rd., 1st floor, Northbrook, Illinois 60062, (847) 498-9990, between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. weekdays only. I25471

REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS, INC.; Plaintiff, vs. DAN HINDS; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR AMERICA'S WHOLESALE LENDER; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF DAN HINDS, IF ANY; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants, 06 CH 17838 NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on 1/16/2007, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Wednesday, April 18, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property: P.I.N. 28-10-416-057. Commonly known as 15015 Tripp Ave., Midlothian, IL 60446. The improvement on the property consists of a 2 story single family residence with garage.
Sale terms: 25% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.
For information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com. Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602. Tel.No. (312) 476-5500. Refer to File Number 0609383. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I28811

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION WELLS FARGO BANK N.A. AS TRUSTEE FOR ABFC 2003-OPT1 TRUSTEE ABFC ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2003-OPT1 Plaintiff, vs. LAURA COLBY; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF LAURA COLBY, IF ANY; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS; GREAT SENECA FINANCIAL CORPORATION; Defendants,
06 CH 12356
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on 8/15/2006, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, April 23, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property: P.I.N. 24-23-303-082. Commonly known as 3649 West 115th Street, Alsip, IL 60803.
The improvement on the property consists of a 1 1/2 story, brick and frame, single family residence with a detached 2 car garage. Sale terms: 25% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department. Please refer to file number 14-06-A845 THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I28681

REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION JP MORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR NOMURA ASSET ACCEPTANCE CORPORATION MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 2004-AR4; Plaintiff, vs. SUSANN M. FOLSOME; ET AL; Defendants, 06 CH 14766 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on January 18, 2007, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, April 17, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 15035 South Springfield Ave., Midlothian, IL 60446. P.I.N. 28-11-319-051. The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. THE SALE SHALL BE SUBJECT TO GENERAL TAXES, SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS AND TO A PRIOR RECORDED FIRST MORTGAGE. Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
For information call Ms. Diane Thomas at Plaintiff's Attorney, Freedman Anselmo Lindberg & Rappe, LLC, 1807 West Diehl Road, Naperville, Illinois 60563-1890. (877) 728-6734. W0607070 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I28769

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION WELLS FARGO BANK, NA SUCCESSOR BY MERGER WITH WELLS FARGO HOME MORTGAGE, INC. AS SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO NORWEST MORTGAGE, INC.; Plaintiff, vs. CHARLES E. WOODS; ET. AL.; Defendants, 06 CH 4461 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on October 10, 2006, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, April 23, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 2735 W. Sainp St., Chicago, IL 60652. P.I.N. 19-36-415-007.
The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
For information call Ms. Diane Thomas at Plaintiff's Attorney, Freedman Anselmo Lindberg & Rappe, LLC, 1807 West Diehl Road, Naperville, Illinois 60563-1890. (877) 729-6734. W0602048 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I29558

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION CITIMORTGAGE, INC. ASSIGNEE OF MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC.; Plaintiff, vs. KAREN A. KING; NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSING SERVICES OF CHICAGO, INC., UNDER MORTGAGE RECORDED AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 0010647388, CITY OF CHICAGO, UNDER LIEN RECORDED AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 0610102395; Defendants, 06 CH 19622 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on November 8, 2006, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Friday, April 27, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 7948 S. Sawyer Ave., Chicago, IL 60652. P.I.N. 19-35-206-029 & 053.
The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
For information call Sales Clerk at Plaintiff's Attorney, Law Offices of Ira T. Nevel, 175 North Franklin Street, Chicago, Illinois 60606. (312) 357-1125. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer (312) 444-1122 I29648

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION WACHOVIA BANK, N.A., ASSIGNEE OF ROCK FINANCIAL CORPORATION Plaintiff, -v.- JOHN LUCAS, JUNELLEN LUCAS, FIRST MIDWEST BANK, AS TRUSTEE, UNDER TRUST AGREEMENT DATED APRIL 11, 2002 AND KNOWN AS TRUST NUMBER 7116 Defendant 06 CH 19216 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 31, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on April 24, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 15545 SOUTH NATALIE DRIVE, Oak Forest, IL 60452 Property Index No. 28-18-309-006
The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was $51,489.36. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: LAW OFFICES OF IRA T. NEVEL, 175 N. Franklin Street, Suite 201, CHICAGO, IL 60606, (312) 357-1125 Please refer calls to the sales department THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I29744

REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION LASALLE BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, TRUSTEE Plaintiff, -v.- JOHN HENEGHAN, LAURA M. HENEGHAN Defendants 05 CH 7722 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on July 20, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on April 26, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 9313 SOUTH SACRAMENTO, Evergreen Park, IL 60805
Property Index No. 24-01-320-025 The real estate is improved with a single family residence.
The judgment amount was $172,998.83.
Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court
If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The sales clerk, FISHER AND SHAPIRO, LLC, 4201 Lake Cook Road, NORTHBROOK, IL 60062, (847) 498-9990 between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. only. Please refer to file number 05-8552D. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE FISHER AND SHAPIRO, LLC 4201 Lake Cook Road NORTHBROOK, IL 60062 (847) 498-9990 Attorney File No.: 05-8552D Attorney Code 42168 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.I28895

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION WELLS FARGO BANK, NA, Plaintiff V. DEANNDRA JOHNSON, Defendant 05 CH 20463 NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE Fisher and Shapiro file #05-22060 (It is advised that interested parties consult with their own attorneys before bidding at mortgage foreclosure sales.)
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered on February 14, 2006, Kallen Realty Services, Inc. as Selling Official will at 12:30 p.m. on April 26, 2007, at 205 W Randolph Street, Suite 1200, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real property: COMMONLY KNOWN AS 8212 SOUTH SACRAMENTO AVENUE, CHICAGO, IL 60652, TAX ID# 18-36-127-060 The mortgaged real estate is improved with a dwelling. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
The judgment amount was $145,073.68.
Sale terms: 10% of successful bid immediately at conclusion of auction, balance by noon the next business day, both by cashier's checks; and no refunds. The sale shall be subject to general real estate taxes, special taxes, special assessments, special taxes levied, and superior liens, if any. The property is offered "as is," with no express or implied warranties and without any representation as to the quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to review the court file to verify all information.
For information: Sale Clerk, Fisher and Shapiro, 4201 Lake Cook Rd., 1st floor, Northbrook, Illinois 60062, (847) 498-9990, between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. weekdays only. I29883

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A. Plaintiff, -v.- JAMES GAIDES, et al Defendant 06 CH 18420 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 18, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on April 17, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 5724 W GAINSBOROUGH PLACE, Oak Forest, IL 60452 Property Index No. 28-17-210-012-0000 The real estate is improved with a single family residence.
The judgment amount was $48,989.72.
Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale
The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information
For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: KROPIK, PAPUGA & SHAW, 120 South LaSalle Street, Suite 1327, CHICAGO, IL 60603, (312) 236-8405 Please refer to file number 36955. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I28716

REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE STRUCTURED ASSET INVESTMENT LOAN TRUST, 2005-HE3 Plaintiff, -v.- ANNIE SYKES A/K/A ANNIE L. SYKES, et al Defendant 06 CH 11586 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on November 21, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on April 17, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 8626 S. MOZART STREET, Chicago, IL 60652 Property Index No. 19-36-328-012
The real estate is improved with a single family residence.
The judgment amount was $238,350.92.
Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department. Please refer to file number 14-06-6557. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I28680

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION CITIFINANCIAL MORTGAGE COMPANY, INC Plaintiff, -v- MELISSA A. SPIEWAK A/K/A MELISSA A. SMITH, et al Defendant 06 CH 12141 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 23, 2006 an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on April 20, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 14608 PALMER AVENUE, Posen, IL 60469 Property Index No. 28-12-440-012
The real estate is improved with a single family residence
The judgment amount was $126,441.38.
Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4)
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: HAUSELMAN, RAPPIN & OLSWANG, LTD., 39 South LaSalle Street - Suite 1105, CHICAGO, IL 60603, (312) 372-2020 Please refer to file number 06-3333-0804 THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I29026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION CITIMORTGAGE, INC., ASSIGNEE OF GSF MORTGAGE CORPORATION; Plaintiff, vs. GARY COCHRAN, GAIL D. COCHRAN; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, UNDER HUD MORTGAGE RECORDED AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 0610906151; Defendants, 06 CH 18490 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on November 29, 2006, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Wednesday, April 18, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 3543 W 85th St, Chicago, IL 60652 P.I.N. 19-35-420-004
The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection
For information call Sales Clerk at Plaintiff's Attorney, Law Offices of Ira T. Nevel, 175 North Franklin Street, Chicago, Illinois 60606. (312) 357-1125. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer. (312) 444-1122 I28813

REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, - CHANCERY DIVISION LASALLE BANK, N A AS TRUSTEE FOR THE MLMI TRUST SERIES 2006 RM2 Plaintiff, vs SANTOS B PANTOJA, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF SANTOS B PANTOJA, IF ANY, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants, 06 CH 19339
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on 11/8/2006, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Thursday April 26, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash the following described property: P I N 24-08-203-021 Commonly known as 9516 Massasoit Avenue Oak Lawn, Illinois 60453
The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence with detached two car garage Sale terms 25% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours by certified funds No refunds The property will NOT be open for inspection Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale
For information Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com. Between 3 p.m and 5 p.m only Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602. Tel No. (312) 476-5500 Refer to File Number PA0610827 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I29636

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION MTGLO INVESTORS, L.P. Plaintiff V. CHERYL TAYLOR A/K/A CHERYL A. BANDUSKY; JOHN M. TAYLOR; LONG BEACH MORTGAGE COMPANY, BRIARGATE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants 06 CH 16307 NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE - CONDOMINIUM Fisher and Shapiro file #06-7398D (It is advised that interested parties consult with their own attorneys before bidding at mortgage foreclosure sales.)
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered on February 27, 2007, Kallen Realty Services, Inc., as Selling Official will at 12:30 p.m. on April 20, 2007, at 205 W. Randolph Street, Suite 1200, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real property: Commonly Known as: 6440 PAMELA LANE, UNIT 5, CHICAGO RIDGE, IL 60415 TAX ID# 24-18-218-093-1053 The mortgaged real estate is improved with a dwelling. The property will NOT be open for inspection. The purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
The judgment amount was $95,813.09. Sale terms: 10% of successful bid immediately at conclusion of auction, balance by noon the next business day, both by cashier's checks, and no refunds. The sale shall be subject to general real estate taxes special taxes, special assessments, special taxes levied, and superior liens, if any. The property is offered "as is," with no express or implied warranties and without any representation as to the quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to review the court file to verify all information
For information Sale Clerk, Fisher and Shapiro 4201 Lake Cook Rd., 1st floor, Northbrook, Illinois 60062, (847) 498-9990, between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. weekdays only I2859

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT CHANCERY DIVISION WMC MORTGAGE CORPORATION AS OWNER AND HOLDER OF THE MORTGAGE LOANS Plaintiff -v.- YUSUF AHMAD et al Defendants 06 CH 21182 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on December 13, 2006 an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on May 1, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation One South Wacker Drive 24th Floor CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder as set forth below the following described real estate Commonly known as 3544 W 70TH STREET Chicago, IL 60652 Property Index No 19-26-401-043 The real estate is improved with a single family residence
The judgment amount was $228,850.03. Sale terms 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction, the balance in certified funds is due within twenty-four (24) hours The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4)
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department. Please refer to file number 14-06-C523 THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE, IL 60527 (630) 794-9876 Attorney File No.: 14-06-C523 ARDC# 00468002 Attorney Code. 21762 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I30183

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION ARGENT MORTGAGE COMPANY, LLC, Plaintiff, vs. MAJEDA SULEIMAN, MOJTEHED SULEIMAN, CITY OF BURBANK; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF MAJEDA SULEIMAN, IF ANY, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants, 06 CH 25490 NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on 2/22/2007, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, April 16, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property P.I.N. 19-32-208-010. Commonly known as 8047 Austin Ave Burbank, IL 60459 The improvement on the property consists of a 1-1/2 story single family residence with 2 car garage
Sale terms: 25% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours by certified funds. No refunds The property will NOT be open for inspection Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale
For information Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com. Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602. Tel No. (312) 476-5500. Refer to File Number 0614147. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I26760

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK F/K/A WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, FA, Plaintiff AYAD M. ATIO; NOORA W. ATIO A/K/A NOORA WAHID ATIO; LODE PARK CONDOMINIUM HOMEOWNER'S ASSOCIATION, Defendants 06 CH 20265 NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE - CONDOMINIUM Fisher and Shapiro file # 06-8752D (It is advised that interested parties consult with their own attorneys before bidding at mortgage foreclosure sales.)
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered on November 22, 2006, Kallen Realty Services, Inc., successor to Kallen Financial & Capital Services, Inc., as Selling Official will at 12:30 p.m. on May 2, 2007, at 205 W. Randolph Street, Suite 1200, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real property: COMMONLY KNOWN AS 6864 WEST LODE DRIVE, UNIT 1B, WORTH, ILLINOIS 60482. 24-18-317-014-1002 The mortgaged real estate is improved with a dwelling. The property will NOT be open for inspection. The purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
The judgment amount was $85,477.58. Sale terms: 10% of successful bid immediately at conclusion of auction, balance by noon the next business day, both by cashier's checks; and no refunds. The sale shall be subject to general real estate taxes, special taxes, special assessments, special taxes levied, and superior liens, if any. The property is offered "as is," with no express or implied warranties and without any representation as to the quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to review the court file to verify all information.
For information: Sale Clerk, Fisher and Shapiro, 4201 Lake Cook Rd., 1st floor, Northbrook, Illinois 60062, (847) 498-9990, between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. weekdays only I19822

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION WELLS FARGO BANK, NA AS TRUSTEE FOR FIRST FRANKLIN MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2002-FF4 BY: SAXON MORTGAGE SERVICES, INC., AS ITS ATTORNEY-IN-FACT; Plaintiff, vs CLEVELAND GIBSON; FIRST FRANKLIN FINANCIAL CORPORATION, UNDER MORTGAGE RECORDED AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 0030002738; Defendants, 04 CH 12792 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on January 31, 2007, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Wednesday, May 2, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 3604 W. 82nd St., Chicago, IL 60652 P.I.N. 19-35-120-047.
The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
For information call Sales Clerk at Plaintiff's Attorney, Law Offices of Ira T. Nevel, 175 North Franklin Street, Chicago, Illinois 60606 (312) 357-1125. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I30663

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATE HOLDERS OF CWABS SERIES 2004-SD2, Plaintiff V. JAMES J HOLUB A/K/A JAMES JOSEPH HOLUB, Defendant 06 CH 20547 NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE Fisher and Shapiro file #06-3903D (It is advised that interested parties consult with their own attorneys before bidding at mortgage foreclosure sales.)
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered on November 14, 2006, Kallen Realty Services, Inc., successor to Kallen Financial & Capital Services, Inc., as Selling Official will at 12:30 p.m. on May 8, 2007, at 205 W. Randolph Street, Suite 1200, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real property: COMMONLY KNOWN AS 4101 WAINWRIGHT PLACE, OAK LAWN, ILLINOIS 60453. Permanent Index No.: 24-15-409-012 The mortgaged real estate is improved with a dwelling. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
The judgment amount was $139,992.09. Sale terms: 10% of successful bid immediately at conclusion of auction, balance by noon the next business day, both by cashier's checks; and no refunds. The sale shall be subject to general real estate taxes, special taxes, special assessments, special taxes levied, and superior liens, if any. The property is offered "as is," with no express or implied warranties and without any representation as to the quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to review the court file to verify all information.
For information: Sale Clerk, Fisher and Shapiro, 4201 Lake Cook Rd., 1st floor, Northbrook, Illinois 60062, (847) 498-9990, between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. weekdays only. I16946

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION WELLS FARGO BANK, N/A Plaintiff, -v.- DON J. ROSE, et al Defendant 06 CH 18791 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on December 19, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on April 26, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 2743 WEST 85TH STREET, Chicago, IL 60652 Property Index No 19-36-412-005-0000 The real estate is improved with a 1 story single family home white brick w/attached garage.
The judgment amount was $243,572.24. Sale terms 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information: Visit our website at http:\\service.atty-pierce.com. between the hours of 3 and 5 pm. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602. Tel No. (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number PA0609783. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE I29996

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION US BANK NA Plaintiff, -v.- CHRISTOPHER SARLI, et al Defendant 06 CH 19716 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on December 5, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on May 1, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 4610 WEST 97TH PLACE, Oak Lawn, IL 60453 Property Index No. 24-10-125-010-0000 The real estate is improved with a brick 2 story house with a 1 car detached garage.
The judgment amount was $83,811.37. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale
The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information: Visit our website at http:\\service.atty-pierce.com. between the hours of 3 and 5 pm. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602. Tel No. (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number PA0611145. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE I30517

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., SOLEY AS NOMINEE FOR RESMAE MORTGAGE CORPORATION, Plaintiff, vs. TIFFANY M. ROBINSON, NORMA JONES, SULTANA AMANULLAH, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants, 06 CH 16836 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on November 21, 2006, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, April 30, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 14521 Sawyer Avenue, Midlothian, Illinois 60445. P.I.N. 28-11-222-005. The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
For information call Mr. James A. Larson at Plaintiff's Attorney, Larson & Associates, P.C., 230 West Monroe Street, Chicago, Illinois 60606, (312) 422-0057.

INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I30623

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION BANK OF NEW YORK AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATE HOLDERS OF CWABS 2004-05, Plaintiff V. JOANNE L. WILLIAMS, Defendant 06 CH 20051 NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE Fisher and Shapiro file # 06-8697D (It is advised that interested parties consult with their own attorneys before bidding at mortgage foreclosure sales.)
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered on January 16, 2007, Kallen Realty Services, Inc., successor to Kallen Financial & Capital Services, Inc., as Selling Official will at 12:30 p.m. on May 4, 2007, at 205 W. Randolph Street, Suite 1200, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real property: COMMONLY KNOWN AS 2618 WEST 84TH PLACE, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60652. 19-36-316-036 The mortgaged real estate is improved with a dwelling. The property will NOT be open for inspection. The judgment amount was $161,262.54. Sale terms: 10% of successful bid immediately at conclusion of auction, balance by noon the next business day, both by cashier's checks; and no refunds. The sale shall be subject to general real estate taxes, special taxes, special assessments, special taxes levied, and superior liens, if any. The property is offered "as is," with no express or implied warranties and without any representation as to the quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to review the court file to verify all information.
For information: Sale Clerk, Fisher and Shapiro, 4201 Lake Cook Rd., 1st floor, Northbrook, Illinois 60062, (847) 498-9990, between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. weekdays only. I24445

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. Plaintiff, vs.RICHARD W. MUHNE A/K/A RICHARD MUHNE; KATHLEEN T. MUHNE A/K/A KATHLEEN MUHNE; BANK ONE, N.A. AS SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF CHICAGO; STATE OF ILLINOIS Defendants, 04 CH 7562 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on July 29, 2004 Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, April 30, 2007 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate: P.I.N. 24-16-217-019. Commonly known as 10328 South 51st Court, Oak Lawn, IL 60453.
The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence and will NOT be open for inspection. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. The sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and any prior first mortgages. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information: Sale Clerk, FISHER and SHAPIRO, LLC, 4201 Lake Cook Road, First Floor, Northbrook, Illinois 60062, (847) 498-9990, between the hours of 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. only. 04-4384D INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I30592

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION LASALLE BANK,N.A. AS TRUSTEE FOR THE MLMI TRUST SERIES 2006-RM2 Plaintiff, vs. THELMA DELGADO; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF THELMA DELGADO, IF ANY; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants, 06 CH 19932 NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on 11/8/2006, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, May 1, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property: P.I.N. 24-01-327-022. Commonly known as 9412 South Francisco Avenue, Evergreen Park, Illinois 60805.
The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence without garage. Sale terms: 25% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.
For information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com. Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602, Tel.No. (312) 476-5500. Refer to File Number PA0611304. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I30655

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR RESIDENTIAL LOAN CENTERS OF AMERICA AND/OR ITS SUCCESSORS Plaintiff, -v.- WILLIAM J. GRAAL, et al Defendant 06 CH 1662 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 11, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on April 23, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 9436 S. AVERS AVENUE, Evergreen Park, IL 60805 Property Index No. 24-02-323-039 The real estate is improved with a single family residence.
The judgment amount was $153,708.30. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department. Please refer to file number 14-06-974 THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I30788

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION THE BANK OF NEW YORK, ACTING SOLELY IN ITS CAPACITY AS TRUSTEE FOR EQCC TRUST 2001-2, Plaintiff V. FRANK A. DANKERT; MONA DANKERT; FIRST FRANKLIN FINANCIAL CORP., Defendants 04 CH 10333 NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE Fisher and Shapiro file #60740 (It is advised that interested parties consult with their own attorneys before bidding at mortgage foreclosure sales.)
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered on February 7, 2007, Kallen Realty Services, Inc., successor to Kallen Financial & Capital Services, Inc., as Selling Official will at 12:30 p.m. on May 9, 2007, at 205 W. Randolph Street, Suite 1200, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real property: C/K/A 7801 SOUTH MAJOR AVE., BURBANK, IL 60459 TAX ID# 19-29-415-041 The mortgaged real estate is improved with a dwelling. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
The judgment amount was $151,900.78. Sale terms: 10% of successful bid immediately at conclusion of auction, balance by noon the next business day, both by cashier's checks; and no refunds. The sale shall be subject to general real estate taxes, special taxes, special assessments, special taxes levied, and superior liens, if any. The property is offered "as is," with no express or implied warranties and without any representation as to the quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to review the court file to verify all information.
For information: Sale Clerk, Fisher and Shapiro, 4201 Lake Cook Rd., 1st floor, Northbrook, Illinois 60062, (847) 498-9990, between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. weekdays only. I27255

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR ST. FRANCIS MORTGAGE CORPORATION, OR IT'S SUCCESSORS OR ASSIGNS Plaintiff, vs. WILLIAM O. WALKER JR. A/K/A WILLIAM S. YATES; SUNSARAY THOMAS A/K/A SUNSARAY L. THOMAS; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF WILLIAM O. WALKER JR., IF ANY; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF SUNSARAY THOMAS, IF ANY; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants, 05 CH 5786 NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on 1/29/2007, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, May 1, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property: P.I.N. 24-12-311-032. Commonly known as 2930 West 102nd Street, Evergreen Park, IL 60805. The improvement on the property consists of a 2 story, single family residence with a 2 car garage. Sale terms: 25% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.
For information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com. Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602, Tel.No. (312) 476-5500. Refer to File Number 0502714. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I30624

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE CERTIFICATE HOLDERS OF ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 2004-WCW1, Plaintiff V. MICHAEL W. TIPTON A/K/A MICHAEL TIPTON; ARGENT MORTGAGE COMPANY, LLC; CHRISTIAN A. YNOA; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants 05 CH 19132 NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE Fisher and Shapiro file # 05-1680D (It is advised that interested parties consult with their own attorneys before bidding at mortgage foreclosure sales.)
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered on May 23, 2006, Kallen Realty Services, Inc. as Selling Official will at 12:30 p.m. on April 27, 2007, at 205 W. Randolph Street, Suite 1200, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real property: COMMONLY KNOWN AS 13544 LONG AVENUE, CRESTWOOD, ILLINOIS 60445. TAX ID# 28-04-107-005 The mortgaged real estate is improved with a dwelling. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
The judgment amount was $176,687.86. Sale terms: 10% of successful bid immediately at conclusion of auction, balance by noon the next business day, both by cashier's checks; and no refunds. The sale shall be subject to general real estate taxes, special taxes, special assessments, special taxes levied, and superior liens, if any. The property is offered "as is," with no express or implied warranties and without any representation as to the quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to review the court file to verify all information.
For information: Sale Clerk, Fisher and Shapiro, 4201 Lake Cook Rd., 1st floor, Northbrook, Illinois 60062, (847) 498-9990, between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. weekdays only. I30247

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, F.A. F/K/A WASHINGTON MUTUAL HOME LOANS, INC. SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO HOMESIDE LENDING, INC. Plaintiff, -v.- ALLEN G. CRAIGHEAD, STACY CRAIGHEAD A/K/A STACY CRAIGHEAD , DIRECT MERCHANTS CREDIT CARD BANK Defendant 04 CH 20641 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 7, 2005, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on April 27, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 8136 SOUTH TALMAN STREET, Chicago, IL 60652 Property Index No. 19-36-218-025 The real estate is improved with a single family residence.
The judgment amount was $116,403.62. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The sales clerk, FISHER AND SHAPIRO, LLC , 4201 Lake Cook Road, NORTHBROOK, IL 60062, (847) 498-9990 between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. only. Please refer to file number 01-0434D. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I30543

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE C-BASS MORTGAGE LOAN ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-CB4 Plaintiff, vs. HEATHER E. QUINLAN; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF HEATHER E QUINLAN, IF ANY; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants, 06 CH 19659
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on 12/12/2006, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, May 1, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property: P.I.N. 24-04-102-045. Commonly known as 5522 West 90th Street, Oak Lawn, Illinois 60453.
The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence with detached two car garage. THE SALE SHALL BE SUBJECT TO GENERAL TAXES, SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS AND TO PRIOR RECORDED FIRST AND SECOND MORTGAGES. Sale terms: 25% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.
For information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com. Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. Pierce & Associates, Plaintiffs Attorneys, 1 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602. Tel.No. (312) 476-5500. Refer to File Number PA0610422. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I30651

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION AURORA LOAN SERVICES, LLC Plaintiff, vs. BRENDAN FOX; GERALDINE FOX; STATE BANK OF COUNTRYSIDE; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants, 05 CH 19116 NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on 11/14/2006, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, May 1, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property: P.I.N. 24-06-201-064. Commonly known as 9001 Crescent Court, Oak Lawn, Illinois 60453.
The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence with attached two car garage. Sale terms: 25% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.
For information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com. Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602. Tel.No. (312) 476-5500. Refer to File Number PA0609911. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I30643

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Understanding Credit Scoring

There's a lot of confusion around credit reports and credit scores - what they're used for, how they're calculated and why they're so important if you want to buy a car or house. Lenders, insurers and even employers review your credit history to decide if you're a worthwhile risk, so here's some background information that may help demystify the whole credit scoring process:

Credit bureaus. There are three major credit bureaus: Equifax www.equifax.com, Experian www.experian.com and TransUnion www.transunion.com. Each tracks how many and what types of credit cards and loans you have, how long your accounts have been open and whether you've paid your bills on time.

Credit report. Upon request from you or a potential lender, a credit bureau will compile a credit report - basically a snapshot of your credit history at that moment. You can order one free credit report a year from each of the three bureaus. (Order through www.annualcreditreport.com; otherwise you'll pay a small fee.) They are required by law to investigate any disputed item and correct inaccuracies.

It's wise to order a free report from one of the bureaus every four months; that way, you'll keep regular, year-round tabs on what's being reported about you. Another tip: If you're planning to borrow to make a major purchase, order your credit reports beforehand so you'll know what lenders will see about your credit history.

It's vital to know what's in your credit reports so you can spot fraudulent activity or errors before they damage your credit standing. For more information on what to do if you suspect identity fraud, go to Practical Money Skills for Life, a free personal financial management site sponsored by Visa USA www.practicalmoneyskills.com/security.

Credit scores. Credit bureaus use information in your credit report to create a three-digit credit score. The higher your score, the better your credit rating is. The most commonly used credit scores are called FICO scores, named for Fair Isaac Corporation (FICO), which developed the proprietary software.

Five factors are used to determine your FICO score: payment history, amount owed, length of credit history, newly opened credit accounts, and types of credit used. Scores take into consideration information in all five categories, both positive and negative, but may weigh them differently depending on your individual circumstances.

When you apply for credit or a loan, lenders evaluate one or more of these bureaus' scores along with their own criteria (which may include income, length of employment or other factors), to determine if you are a worthy credit risk. Your overall credit score may affect not only whether or not you get the loan, but also the amount, term length and interest rate.

The differences between excellent, good, fair and poor credit scores can really add up. For example, someone with a top-notch FICO credit score - say above 720 - might qualify for a mortgage rate one or more percentage points lower than someone with poor credit. For a typical 30-year, $200,000 mortgage, this could add up to an extra $50,000 in interest payments over the life of the loan.

If you would like to have more information on how credit reports and credit scores work - and to purchase a copy of your score - go to www.myfico.com. Remember, it's always a good idea to know what's in your reports ahead of time so you can correct errors before they harm your credit rating.

No-Interest Loans Available

Governor Rod R. Blagojevich announced $1.9 million in no-interest loans to help fire departments and fire protection districts purchase much-needed fire trucks. This is the second phase of a loan program that has already helped 63 fire departments obtain new fire trucks.

The Fire Truck Revolving Loan Program, administered by the Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM), provides no-interest, 20-year loans to local fire departments and fire protection districts for the purchase of fire trucks. The maximum loan award is $250,000. The loan program was created by legislation signed by Gov. Blagojevich in 2003.

Applications for the loans are available on the OSFM website at www.state.il.us/osfm. The agency also will mail applications to each fire department in Illinois. Applications will be accepted from Feb. 1 through April 15. A nine-member review committee comprising representatives of the banking industry and the fire services will review the applications. Loans will be awarded on the basis of need.

In August 2004, 63 fire departments were selected to receive the initial revolving loans. Payments on those loans go into the revolving loan fund, and will be used for this second round of loans.

Air Quality Report

Air quality in Illinois was either good or moderate 90 percent of the time throughout Illinois in 2005, according to the 35th Annual Air Quality Report, released by the Illinois EPA.

While this is a decrease from the air quality numbers in 2004, it is consistent with the air quality trends the state has experienced in the past. Air quality trends still show air pollution levels well below the standards on a statewide basis.

In 2005, Illinois as well as other Midwestern and Northeastern states experienced one of the most unusual air quality episodes in recent history. For the first time in Illinois, Air Pollution Action Days were called outside of the ozone season, May through September, with three action days being called in February due to elevated levels of fine particulate matter. Scientists determined that a combination of a stagnating regional air mass and combustion of winter fuels region-wide was the main cause of this incident.

This unusual episode provided the Illinois EPA with the opportunity to thoroughly discuss fine particulate matter, which led to additional public education about the causes and health concerns of this pollutant.

"While annual trends show the statewide levels of pollutants well below the federal standards, there are still some areas in Illinois where improvement is still needed," said Illinois EPA Director Doug Scott. "The Illinois EPA continues its commitment to improve air quality throughout the state and the region."

Cold Weather Killer

Each year, nearly 5,000 people in the United States are treated in hospital emergency rooms for carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning. This number is, however, believed to be an underestimate of those poisoned because many people exhibiting the symptoms of CO poisoning mistake these symptoms for the flu or are misdiagnosed.

CO poisoning can kill without warning, as your family sleeps. CO gas has no warning properties – you can't smell it, see it, or taste it – even at harmful or life threatening levels. And, since so many deaths occur as the result of defective or poorly operated home heating devices, CO has been termed the "silent cold weather killer."

CO is a colorless, odorless, toxic gas. It is produced by the incomplete combustion of solid, liquid, and gaseous fuels. Appliances fueled with gas, oil, kerosene, or wood may produce CO. If such appliances are not installed, maintained, and used properly, CO may accumulate to dangerous and even fatal levels in cars, homes, or poorly ventilated areas like basements.

CO is produced when fuels are burned, therefore, any fuel-burning appliance in your home is a potential CO source. Electrical heaters and electric water heaters, toasters, etc., do not produce CO under any circumstances. Under normal circumstances, CO should not be detectable in the typical home or workplace.

When fuel-fired appliances are kept in good working condition, they produce very little CO. But improperly operated or improperly vented appliances can produce elevated – or even fatal – CO concentrations in your home. Likewise, using kerosene heaters or charcoal grills indoors, or running a car in a closed garage, can cause levels of CO high enough to result in CO poisoning or even death.

Common sources of CO include the following wood- or gas-fueled appliances: room heaters; furnaces; charcoal grills; cooking ranges; water heaters; automobiles run in closed garages; fireplaces; portable generators; and wood-burning stoves.

Any person or animal in spaces shared with a device capable of generating CO should be considered at risk of CO poisoning. CO exposures especially affect unborn babies, infants, and people with anemia or a history of heart disease. Breathing low levels of the chemical can cause fatigue and increase chest pain in people with chronic heart disease.

Although not always experienced, the initial symptoms of CO poisoning are similar to the flu, but without the fever. They include: dizziness, fatigue, headache, nausea, and irregular breathing

It is critical to note that death from CO poisoning can occur with some or all of these symptoms never being experienced, in which case the overexposed victim simply falls asleep and never regains consciousness.

Dangerous levels of CO can be prevented by proper appliance maintenance, installation, and use. Timely inspections of potentially CO-producing equipment, and the use of CO toxic level concentration alarms, are also key to avoiding a CO fatality.

Search And Rescue Team

U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin (D-IL) recently met with Dept. of Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff to ask him to consider Chicago's eligibility for a federally funded search and rescue team. Durbin also discussed the impact of the fiscal year 2008 budget on Illinois' ability to respond to natural disasters and terrorist threats.

"Chicago is the third largest city in the country, yet year after year, we are not included in the 28 cities that receive federal funds for urban search and rescue teams. The State of Illinois has done a tremendous job in funding its own urban search and rescue team, but I expressed my frustration to Secretary Chertoff over the lack of federal support," said Durbin. "Our state deserves to have federal help in fielding these trained and equipped urban search and rescue teams when local resources are overwhelmed."

Currently, there are 28 FEMA-certified urban search and rescue teams that operate as a disaster response task force. The teams operate around the clock, and include engineers, medics and other technical experts, specially trained search dogs and an average of $4.5 million of equipment. The State currently spends approximately $1 million for training each year and has spent $3 million in equipment over the last couple of years in funding its own urban search and rescue team.

In the meeting, Durbin also expressed serious concerns about the impact of the President's FY 2008 budget on Illinois' ability to respond to natural disasters and terrorist threats. The budget the President presented to Congress recently cuts funding for state and local law enforcement assistance by $1.3 billion, dramatically decreases funding for FIRE grants and eliminates the SAFER firefighter- hiring program.

Durbin also raised concerns that the President's budget reduces funding for the FIRE program which provides equipment and training to fire departments in Illinois and across the country to help them prepare and respond to terrorist incidents. Last year, in Illinois, over $13.6 million was awarded to IL fire departments.

The President's budget completely eliminates the SAFER firefighter-hiring program, which provides funding to fire departments to hire additional firefighters and first responders. Last year, $4.4 million was awarded to Illinois fire departments for hiring/recruiting additional firefighters.

Southwest Area Obituaries

Viola H. Allison

Mass was said at St. Christopher Church, Midlothian, on Tuesday, with interment at St. benedict for Viola H. Allison of Midlothian.

She is survived by her children Sharon (James) Hearns & Sandra (Wayne) Schimick, nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

William J. Bevan Sr.

Services were held at the Andrew J. McGann and Son Funeral Home, Chicago, on Saturday, with interment a Mt. Hope Cemetery, for William J. Bevan Sr., 56, a veteran of the US Marine Corps.

He is survived by his wife Victoria M.; his children Dr. Jennifer Bevan M.D. (Christopher Dunworth), William Jr. (Julie) and Mark (Brigett Pawlak); four grandchildren; his sisters Ruth (Roy) Pratt, Lillian Long, Frances (Robert) Granko and his brother (Sharon).

William Buglio

Mass was said at Our Lady of the Ridge Church, Chicago Ridge; on Monday, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for William Buglio, 48. He was a safety manager with Conway Freight Co. for 22 years. He was also a Commissioner of the Worth Park District for over six years.

He is survived by his wife Christine, his daughter Samantha; his sister Dee (Roger) Glisk; his brothers Patrick and Rick; and his mother Josephine Buglio.

Gus J. Chathas

Mass was said at St. Patricia Church, Hickory Hills, on Tuesday, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Gus J. Chathas, 81, a veteran of the U.S. Navy in WWII. He was also a retired member of IBEW Local #134 and Oracle Social Club of Chicago.

He is survived by his wife Valerie; his children Charles J. (Judy), Mary Catherine (Ron), Ray, Jean Marie (John) Rickey, Cecelia Chathas, Thomas J. (Diane) and Margaret "Peggy" (Michael) Morrissey; thirteen grandchildren; and his sister Helen Chathas.

Barbara J. Cheske

Mass was said at Our Lady of the Ridge Catholic Church, Chicago Ridge, on Wednesday, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Barbara J. Cheske, 53. She was a registered Nurse who graduated from St. Bernard School of Nursing in 1974.

She is survived by her husband Robert; her children Sarah (Peter) Dollander, David and Anne Cheske; one grandchild; and her sisters Eileen (Edward) Fineran and Mary; and her brother Stephen (Georgia)

Violet Chytil

Services were held at the Lack and Sons Funeral Home, Hickory Hills, on Wednesday, with a private interment, for Violet Chytil.

She is survived by her children Jerry (Donna), Rich and Danny; four grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and her sisters Vivian, Milly & Dolly.

Michael J. Clarizio

Mass was said at St. Liborius Church, Steger, on Monday, with interment at Assumption Cemetery, for Michae4l J. Clarizio, 93, of Crestwood, formerly a longtime resident of Chicago Heights. He was the retired director and founder of the Chicago Height Park District Seniors, a member of the former San Rocco CWV Post #1060, the American Legion #131, and the Chicago Heights Moose Lodge. He was an inspector of twelve year for the City of Chicago.

He is survived by his children Mary Grace (Kenneth) Nowak, Patricia (Mark) Bartlett, Lois (Michael) Roth, Louis (Judy) Clarizio and Anita (Mark) Lisle; fourteen grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; his brothers Joseph, John & Louis Clarizio and his sister Ann Squeo.

Donald G. Devitt

Mass was said at St. Elizabeth Seton Church, Orland Park, on Wednesday, with entombment at All Saints Cemetery Mausoleum, for Donald G. Devitt, 78. He was the Founder and Manager of St. Michael's Chi-Angels Drum and Bugle Corp. and the Donettes Color Guard.

He is survived by his wife Dorothy; his children Thomas Devitt, Colleen (Jurgis) Karuza, Maureen (Clarence) Brock, Erin (John) Rivera, Donna (Mark) Tabisz and Sean (Michelle) Devitt; his stepchildren William (Petra) Joseph and the Rev. James (Barbara) Joseph; eighteen grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Robert Duball

Mass will be said at St. Christopher Church, Midlothian, on Friday, March 30, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Robert DuBall of Midlothian, formerly of Wayland, MI. He was a sheet metal worker and a member of Sheet Metal Workers Union Local #73.

He is survived by his wife Gloria DuBall; his children Barbara (Anthony) Torres and Robert W. (Denice) DuBall; three grandchildren and his brother Ralph (Ruth) DuBall.

Daniel J. Galasso

Services were held at the Lawn Funeral Home, Burbank, on Saturday, with interment at resurrection Cemetery, for Daniel J. Galasso, a Korean Army Veteran.

He is survived by his children Louis, Deborah Hamilton and Steve (Carol); four grandchildren; his brother Frank (Audrey) and his sister Rose (Richard) Anderson.

William F. Grant

Mass was said at Christ the King Church, Chicago, on Wednesday, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for William F. Grant, a decorated member of the Chicago Fire Department serving on Truck 51. He was killed in an accident involving the fire truck, which was on the way to a call. An empty school bus clipped the rear of Truck 51 as it drove through the intersection of 59th St. and Wells Ave. on it's way to a call. Grant was pinned in the wreckage.

He is survived by his wife Sharon; his children Kristin, Caroline and Daniel; his parents John F. (Ret. CFD) and Elizabeth; his sisters Rosemary Grant Higgins, Gayle (John) Martschinke, John (Jan), Kevin CFD (Carole), Tim (Mary), Lisa (Kevin CPD) Bahr & Thomas Grant.

Martin J. Hoak

Mass was said at St. Terrence Church, Alsip, on Wednesday, with entombment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Martin J. Hoak, 53. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus Our Lady of Fatima.

He is survived by his wife Rosemary; his mother Bernice; and his brothers Bernard (Fran), David (Karen), Ronald and Edward Hoak.

John C. Kenny

Mass was said at St. Catherine of Alexandria Church, Oak Lawn, on Monday, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for John C. Kenny. He was a member of Kerryman's Association, Gold member and a former Trustee of Local 399.

He is survived by his children John, Captain CPD (Joan CPD), Thomas (Margaret), Timothy (Brenda), Patrick and Maura (Joe) Thompson and twelve grandchildren.

John C. Kiely

Mass was said at St. Catherine of Alexandria Church, Oak Lawn, on Monday, with interment at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, for John C. Kiely, commander U.S. Navy Ret.

He is survived by his wife Joan F. his children Kevin (Verna), John (Kathie), Marikay (Jim) Menard, Karen (Dave) Wuertz and Terry (Beth) Kiely; and twelve grandchildren.

George Kleckauskas

Mass was said at Queen of Martyrs Church, Evergreen Park, on Thursday, with a private interment, for George Kleckauskas, 86, of Evergreen.

He is survived by his wife Birute V.; his children Robert (Mary), Joseph (Kim) & John (Aleda); eight grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Shirley K. McMillin

Mass was said at St. Germaine Church, Oak Lawn, on Monday, with interment at St. Mary Cemetery, for Shirley K. McMillin, 86.

She is survived by her children Michael (Carol), Patricia (Glenn) Jeffers, Nancy (Robert) Gibbons, Kevin, Stephen CFD (Gayle), Maura (William) Sanders, Brian (Diane), Mark CFD (Nancy); seventeen grandchildren; and fourteen great-grandchildren.

Charles A. Murphy

Services were held at the Chapel Hill Gardens South Funeral Home, Oak Lawn, on Monday, with interment at Chapel Hill Gardens Cemetery, for Charles A. Murphy.

He is survived by his children Robert (Charlene) Murphy, Nancy (Larry) Vanderhei, Linda (Keith) Sauter; and many grand and great-grandchildren.

Helen M. Mussallem

Mass was said at St. Germaine Church, Oak Lawn, on Tuesday, with interment at Elmwood Cemetery, for Helen M. Mussallem. She was a member of the St. Germaine Women's Club and a longtime employee of Time, Inc. She was also a member of the Phoenicians Club.

She is survived by her brother Jim (Elaine) Mussallem.

Nicholas J. Mustari

Mass was said at Most Holy Redeemer Church, Chicago, on Saturday, with entombment at Queen of Heaven Christ the King G Garden Mausoleum. He was a retired Capt. Serving in the USAF.

He is survived by his wife Rose Marie; his children Robert J. (Catherine) and William M. Mustari; two grandchildren; and his brother Frank Garmen.

Irene Owsianik

Mass was said at St. Fabian Church, Bridgeview, on Tuesday, with entombment at Resurrection Cemetery, for Irene Owsianik.

She is survived by her husband Longin Owsianik, her children Barbara Reynolds and Sharon (Ronald) Bal and four grandchildren.

Betty Mae Whelan

Services were held at the Robert J. Sheehy and Sons Funeral Home, Orland Park, on Saturday, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Betty Mae Whelan

She is survived by her children Kathleen (Jack) Daly, Patricia (Gene) Polito, Jeanne (Dirk) Sandbom and Joseph and four grandchildren.

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Tips To Remain Safe During Spring's Seasonal Activities

ComEd wishes to offer its customers safety tips to assist them with seasonal activities, and remind those customers seeking financial assistance with their utility bills that Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) and Power Up funds remain available.

ComEd encourages all customers to keep safety in mind as they begin spring-cleaning and landscaping chores. According to the National Safety Council, homeowners are seven times more likely to be injured at home than at work. To prevent injuries, ComEd offers these electric safety tips for working inside and outside the home:

Inspect Your Home:

Make sure outlets and extension cords are not overloaded.

Examine electrical cords to make sure they are not frayed, damaged or placed under rugs.

Use proper watt light bulbs in all light fixtures and lamps, and replace bulbs with energy-efficient compact fluorescent bulbs (CFLs).

When possible, install ground-fault circuit interrupters in areas that get wet, such as kitchens, bathrooms or outdoors.

To avoid the risk of fire or electric shock in an older home that may not be equipped for today's electrical demands, hire a licensed professional to replace worn and outdated circuitry and add additional outlets to accommodate appliances and electronics.

Test smoke detector batteries. Replace if necessary.

Use Electrical Tools Wisely:

Inspect electrical tools and look for frayed power cords, broken plugs or cracked housings.

Never use damaged tools.

Never use electrical tools in the rain or in wet areas.

Use three-pronged outlets and plugs.

Always wear appropriate protective equipment like face shields, glasses, gloves and boots.

Call Before You Dig:

Whether planting a tree, building a fence or laying a building foundation, contact with an underground power line can be fatal. Before digging or driving equipment into the ground, contact the appropriate one-call system at least 48 hours before working. The one-call center will contact the appropriate utilities, which will then come out and mark their underground facilities.

Within the Chicago city limits call: DIGGER (the Chicago Utility Alert Network) at 312-744-7000. Outside the Chicago city limits call: JULIE (the Joint Utility Locating for Excavators) at 800-892-0123 or visit their website (http://www.illinois1call.com)

Work Safely Outdoors:

Use extension cords marked for outdoor use.

Call a licensed professional if home repairs require work near power lines.

Look up, stay away, stay alive – even momentary contact with electric lines can injure or kill.

Always keep people, equipment and moveable items at least 10 feet away from power lines.

Contractors and other professionals needing to work within 10 feet of a power line should call 800-Edison-1 (800-334-7661) in advance to make arrangements to have ComEd protect the work area.

Be aware of power lines that run through tree limbs and branches.

A qualified contractor should always trim trees located near aerial power lines.

Additionally, ComEd reminds customers who require additional financial assistance to manage their utility bills that limited LIHEAP and Power Up program funds remain available this spring.

LIHEAP Assistance:

LIHEAP-eligible customers can request an application through April 30, or until funds run out. Households with incomes up to 150 percent of the federal poverty level are eligible for LIHEAP support, which comes in the form of a one-time grant applied to energy bills. To request LIHEAP assistance, contact one of the local administering agencies across ComEd's service territory. In Chicago and suburban Cook County, the number to call is 312-456-4100.

Power Up Program:

For customers not eligible for LIHEAP, ComEd's Power Up program provides an energy assistance grant of up to $400 to households with income between 150 percent and 200 percent of the federally determined poverty level. Customers can apply for a Power Up grant at a LIHEAP designated intake site, which will determine the applicant's eligibility. For information, call the Energy Hotline (800) 571-2332.

LIKE CROSSWORD PUZZLES?
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CAGW: Senate Sweetens Supplemental

Citizens Against Government Waste (CAGW) has blasted the Senate for adding special interest spending to the emergency war supplemental bill. Scheduled for markup last week, the Senate Appropriations Committee bill totals $121.5 billion - $18.5 billion more than the president requested for operations in Iraq and Afghanistan and disaster relief. Like the House version, the Senate bill is packed with spending items unrelated to overseas military operations.

"Funding for sugar beets and sugar cane has no place in an emergency bill, especially with the Farm Bill coming up later in the year," CAGW President Tom Schatz said. "The Senate has matched the House's insatiable appetite for pork while satisfying their sweet tooth."

Below is a list of the most egregious special-interest goodies in the supplemental. An expanded list can be found at www.cagw.org.

$425 million for education grants for rural areas;

$388.9 million for a backlog of Dept. of Transportation projects;

$165.9 million (including $60.4 million for salmon fisheries in the Klamath Basin region) for fisheries disaster relief;

$48 million in disaster construction money for NASA;

$25 million for asbestos abatement at the Capitol Power Plant;

$24 million to sugar beet producers;

$20 million for reimbursements to Nevada for "insect damage;"

$3.5 million for guided tours of the Capitol;

$3 million for sugar cane; and

Allows the transfer of funds from holiday ornament sales in the Senate gift shop.

Emergency spending is basically a giant loophole. The costs of supplemental bills are not counted in official annual budget figures, but still get added to the national debt. The projects and programs slipped into supplementals often would not pass muster in the regular budget process. Presidents are historically reluctant to veto funding meant for the troops, which makes such bills a magnet for pork; President Bush has threatened to veto this year's bill.

"Emergency spending bills are often called Christmas trees for the plentiful gifts that are tucked in for lawmakers and special interests, but this is the first with holiday ornaments already included. Taxpayers must play the Grinch and stop Congress from celebrating Christmas in March," Schatz concluded.

Citizens Against Government Waste is a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization dedicated to eliminating waste, fraud, abuse and mismanagement in government.

Transfer Responsibility For Agriculture Inspections

U.S. Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-Calif.) and Dick Durbin (D-Ill.) recently introduced a bill that would transfer responsibility for conducting agricultural inspections at all points of entry in the United States from the Dept. of Homeland Security (DHS) back to the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS).

APHIS controlled agriculture inspections prior to March 2003. But the responsibility was transferred to DHS as part of the Homeland Security Act, which combined the inspection activities of the Dept. of the Treasury's Customs Service, the Dept. of Justice's Immigration and Naturalization Service, and USDA's APHIS into the newly created Dept. of Homeland Security's Customs and Border Protection (CBP).

A Government Accountability Office (GAO) report released in 2006 revealed that since the USDA transferred responsibility for port inspections, fewer agricultural inspections have been conducted at key points of entry and the morale of agriculture specialists has been low.

The USDA estimates that agricultural pests cost the American agricultural industry $41 billion annually. In California alone, pest infestations cost farmers about $3 billion a year.

California farmers continue to battle against serious agricultural pests, such as the glassy-winged sharpshooter, the Asian long-horned beetle, the Mediterranean fruit fly, among others.

During the time that DHS has been in charge of agriculture inspections, Fresno County, California experienced its first fruit fly outbreak, quarantine and eradication. According to the Fresno County Dept. of Agriculture, the pest was the Peach Fruit Fly, which is indigenous to Asia. This pest is no known to occur in Mexico and had to enter the country through one of the federal ports of entry in smuggled fruit carried in by a passenger. The eradication effort cost approximately $1 million.

In Illinois, a destructive insect known as the Emerald Ash Borer has been discovered in several areas. The Ash Borer is a bright green beetle that kills trees by burrowing into their bark and destroying the tree's ability to bring water from the roots to upper branches. Infected trees usually begin to die within two to three years.

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Tickets For Dinner Dance Gala

The Children's Museum In Oak Lawn announces that tickets are still available for the Third Annual Destination Imagination Gala dinner dance on March 30th at the Oak Lawn Hilton. Tickets are $100 for a fabulous dinner and open bar. Music & dancing, auctions, raffles and a chance to enjoy an evening out with friends and neighbors. "Black Tie Optional"

The 2007 Soaring Spirit Honorees are Cathy Cepican, Museum Board President and Director of Christian Education at Trinity Lutheran Preschool, Joan Geary, General Manager of the Oak Lawn Hilton, and Robert V. Smith "Smitty", retired Oak Lawn Police Chief.

You are encouraged to call the Children's Museum in Oak Lawn at (708) 423-6709 for further information and reservations. Donations are still being accepted for the silent auction or for the live auction.

Pictured are the committee members: (seated) Cindy Maynard, Cathy Cepican, Jean Werner and Debbie Plonis, Committee Chairperson; (standing) John Gonczy Edward Plonis, Sr, Debbie Janicke, Adam Woodworth, Executive Director of the Museum, and William Prusinski. Not pictured: Steve Loulousis and Sunny Brinely.

Troop 682 Pancake Breakfast

The Hometown Boy Scout Troop 682 will have a Pancake Breakfast (with eggs and sausage) on Palm Sunday, April 1st at the Our Lady of Loretto Parish Hall, 8925 S. Kostner, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Bring your appetite!

The donation is $4 per person. Games, raffles and prizes add to the fun. Call Scoutmaster Sal Roti at (708) 636-6216 for more information.

Tour Chicago's Elegant North Shore

The Friends of the Oak Lawn Library will host a narrated bus tour along Chicago's Lake Michigan shoreline from the Lakeview neighborhood to the suburb of Lake Forest on Wednesday, May 16th. Registration begins in person from 9 to 11 a.m. on Saturday, April 7th at the library, 5300 W. 95th St.

On this all-day jaunt up Chicago's elegant north shore, participants will see the Charles Gates Dawes House, Grosse Point Lighthouse and stately Northwestern University in Evanston, visit the spectacular 135 ft. high dome and beautifully landscaped grounds at the Baha'i Temple in Wilmette, and enjoy a box lunch and tram ride through the Chicago Botanic Gardens in Glencoe. The cost is $62 for Friends members and $67 for others. The bus will depart from the library at 9 a.m. and return at 4 p.m. Please be advised that this trip is not wheelchair accessible.

After the in-person registration closes, you may call the library to find out how to purchase tickets, (708) 422-4990.

Voter Registration Grace-Period Begins

Suburban Cook County residents had until Tuesday to register to vote in the April 17th Consolidated Election. Currently, 1.37 million people are registered to vote in the suburbs, Cook County Clerk David Orr said.

Anyone who missed the Tuesday deadline still has the opportunity to register under the new grace-period registration law. Grace-period registration runs now through Tuesday, April 3rd.

There is only one way and place to register during the grace period. Unregistered voters must sign up at the Clerk's downtown office, 69 W. Washington St., Room 500. Two pieces of identification must be shown at the time of registration.

Grace-period registrants must vote absentee. This can be done in-person at the Clerk's downtown office immediately after signing up to vote, or by requesting an absentee ballot by mail, which can be completed at home and returned to the Clerk's office prior to Election Day.

For additional information about voter registration or the April 17th election, visit www.voterinfonet.com.

Pilgrim Church Service

The Community Good Friday service at Pilgrim Faith United Church of Christ at noon on April 6th will feature communion and reflections on "Were You There?" Justin Lopez and Kurt Kalas will speak on that theme and Lilian Atkinson has written an original poem for the service, reflecting on Jesus' death from the perspective of his mother. John Kouns will sing "Were You There?"

The church is at 9411 S. 51st Ave. and is handicapped accessible. All are welcome.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

But Look At Their Human Rights Abuses

I misread the Chicago Sun-Times editorial caption – "Despite new name, U.N. rights panel still a disgrace," (3/19/07) – mistakenly substituting U.S. for U.N. and subliminally reading facts into editorial opinion.

On rereading the caption, of course, I immediately noticed that "U.S." was really "U.N." and quickly gathered that the thrust of the piece was more Israel sensitive than human rights sensitive. The editorial argued that until the council can "tackle fundamental issues such as genocide in Sudan" and stop neglecting "human rights outrages around the globe," the U.N. Human Rights Council" is a disgrace."

Huh?

How can editorial journalism criticize the U.N. council for wearing one-sided human rights blinders when the U.S. has a vice-president who refuses to denounce water-boarding, when the U.S. has an attorney general who approved a torture memo, when U.S.-led coalition forces permit Abu Ghraib and Camp X-ray sites of abuse to remain standing despite world outrage, and when people are snared and snatched by the CIA off the streets of anywhere, Planet Earth, and rendered to known torture centers around the world without a peep by sleek whisper jets?

The U.S. under present leadership is just as deserving of a seat on the U.N. Human Rights Council as any thug nation or insurgent force anywhere. CNN just aired a piece, "Death Squads," documenting torture atrocities perpetrated by Shiites on Sunnis in secret Saddam prisons, tit-for-tat, just as Saddam's henchmen tortured Shiites.

Shame on all torture and shame on all the torturers!

Shame on every American, every Israeli, every Shiite, every Sunni, every Palestinian and every other scumbag who tortures or abuses another human being. Double shame on those human rights abusers who use their positions of authority and trust to impose suffering upon another.

I cannot find words strong enough, words encompassing enough or words loud enough, to adequately condemn the mistreatment of anyone by another, whether the mistreatment is by this faction or that, or this country or that, or for this reason or that.

Shame on human rights abuses and shame on human rights abusers – now and forever. Amen.

Oh, and shame on anyone who spends even a single word, editorially or otherwise, in an effort to deflect the sting of well-deserved criticism for human rights abuses by pointing a finger at the abuses inflicted by others – lest the floor become our human rights ceiling.

S/S James E. Gierach
Oak Lawn

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Civil War Costumes Displayed

The Oak Lawn Library hosted a reception recently to celebrate a display of artistic replicas of costumes and artifacts of the Civil War that were created by St. Linus School's eighth grade students. Pictured in front of part of the display are the St. Linus School's chime choir who performed music from the Civil War period under the direction of Mrs. Carol Zielinski. Also pictured in the back row are Mrs. June Gallagher, St. Linus School Art Teacher, Ms. Jean Day Oak Lawn Youth librarian, and Dr. Michael Stritch, St. Linus School Principal.

Oak Lawn Library Holds Free Concert

"Blues to Go" will perform a free concert at 2 p.m. on Sunday, April 15th at the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St., in the lower level meeting room.

Join this musical duo of Lance Brown and Brad Rodger with their sensational singer, Bobbi Wilsyn, as they trace the blues from its roots to the popular music of our day. Their group plays a combination of traditional, modern and original compositions.

This concert is sponsored by the Friends of the Oak Lawn Library.

If you would like to have additional information, please feel free to call (708) 422-4990.

Students Of The Month

Every month each classroom teacher at Hazelgreen School chooses a student to have the honor of being "Student of the Month" based on outstanding attitude, excellent efforts, superb citizenship or good grades. Congratulations to the following students who will have their pictures displayed on the bulletin board and be invited to have lunch with Mrs. Novak. Their picture then goes into the Hall of Fame Display Case to be displayed all year. Students chosen for the month of March (pictured left to right) are: (row 1) Andreina Romera, Sydney Klcina, Maryann Sandoka, Timothy Tischer; (row 2) Jenna Leeson, Natalie Bruce, David Gymrek; (row 3) Stephanie Valenzuela, Gabby Hartl, Marilene Gallegos, Dulce Santoyo, Gina DeMauro; (back row) Michael Miletich, Anna Girondi and Quinton Starzyk.

Recall Infant Sling Carriers

Attorney General Lisa Madigan is alerting consumers to a March 22nd recall of infant sling carriers announced by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission in cooperation with Infantino, LLC. The recall is necessary because infants may fall from these infant sling carriers due to a plastic slide on the fabric strap that can break and cause the strap to fail.

The recall involves the Infantino Slingrider™ carriers with item numbers: 141-210; 151-210; 151-528; and 151-534. The Slingrider™ consists of a fabric carrier with a strap attached that is worn by the user to carry an infant up to 20 pounds. The carriers were sold in black or khaki fabrics. "Infantino" is printed on the plastic slider located on the strap and the item number is printed on a label inside the Slingrider™.

Products labeled "Made in Thailand" or "New 2007 Design" are not included in the recall.

The Slingrider™ was sold at Target Stores, Babies R Us, BJ's Wholesale Club, Modecraft and other retailers nationwide from July 2006 to February 2007 for approximately $30.

Based on this recall, Madigan urged parents to stop using these carriers immediately and contact Infantino for instructions on returning the Slingrider™ and receiving a free product replacement. There have been 10 reports of plastic sliders breaking, including eight reports of infant falls. Four of these falls involved impact injuries where the child was taken to the emergency room. One of the children fractured her skull as a result.

Madigan's office sent out investigators pursuant to the Illinois Children's Product Safety Act to spot check to see that retailers have posted the recall notice in a prominent location in stores and have removed the products from shelves.

Consumers can sign up to receive e-mail notification of recalls as they are issued at www.cpsc.gov. Consumers can select to receive notification from several topics, including: infant or child product recalls, sports or recreation product recalls, outdoor product recalls and household product recalls. Last year 466 products were recalled by the Consumer Product Safety Com-mission and e-mail notification provides an alternative for consumers to make sure they learn of any recalled products that they may have in their home.

The Illinois Department of Public Health's Web site also provides a direct link to www.recalls.gov where citizens can find up-to-date recall information about past and current recalls.

Notice of election and referendum/ questions and polling places for Worth Township in this issue.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

APRIL 6 – Friday – Worth Township Senior Citizens Org. Meeting, Worth Township Center, 11601 Pulaski Rd., 12:30 p.m.

APRIL 7 – Saturday – District II "Trustee Is In," Municipal Center, 9446 Raymond, 9 a.m. to noon.

APRIL 9 – Monday – AARP Meeting, VFW Hall. 9514 52nd Ave., 1 p.m.

APRIL 9 – Monday – OL Park District Board Meeting, 4625 W. 110th St., 7:30 p.m.

APRIL 9 – Monday – Business Development Commission Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 7:30 p.m.

APRIL 10 – Tuesday – Worth Township Board Committee Meeting, 11601 S. Pulaski, 7:30 p.m.

APRIL 10 – Tuesday – OL Village Board Meeting, Municipal Building, 9446 Raymond, 8 p.m.

APRIL 10 – Tuesday – Village Hall open to 8 p.m.

APRIL 10 – Tuesday – VFW 5220 Meeting, 9514 S. 52nd Ave., 8 p.m.

APRIL 11 – Wednesday – Free Blood Pressure Test, Oak Lawn Library, Lower Level, 5300 W. 95th St., 10 to 11:30 a.m.

APRIL 12 – Thursday – Fire & Police Commission Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, Conference Room B, 6:30 p.m.

APRIL 12 – Thursday – Quality Control Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 7:30 p.m.

APRIL 12 – Thursday – Athletic Club Auxiliary Meeting, VFW Hall, 9514 S. 52nd Ave., 8 p.m.

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Deadly Diesel Emissions

CTA and Pace buses are among the dirtiest – and deadliest – in the country. That's one finding in a new report on diesel pollution issued by the American Lung Assn. of Metropolitan Chicago and the Illinois Campaign to Clean Up Diesel Pollution, a coalition of over 45 groups.

"Chicago has one of the highest risks for cancer due to diesel pollution of any city in the country," says Anna Frostic, ALAMC's Environmental Health Advocate. "And we lag far behind New York, Los Angeles, Boston and Dallas in cleaning up our diesel bus fleets."

The Coalition is calling for equipping CTA and PACE buses with clean technology to reduce diesel pollution by more than 90%.

"Diesel emissions are almost impossible to avoid," says Frostic. "That's why we need to retrofit diesel vehicles with particulate filters to reduce their harmful emissions."

These findings build on the conclusions of another new report, issued by the Clean Air Task Force, which suggests that pollution levels inside CTA and PACE buses are four times deadlier than the air outside.

The Coalition is urging support for Illinois Senate Bill 268, which would create a public funding mechanism for retrofits of diesel vehicles in Illinois. It also calls on the Illinois General Assembly to require the clean-up of the CTA and PACE diesel bus fleets by 2010 as part of any effort to increase and stabilize funding for public transit in Northeastern Illinois.

Other report findings include:

The cancer risk of diesel exhaust is 8 times greater than the cancer risk from all other 133 air toxics tracked by EPA combined.

Diesel exhaust causes 878 deaths, 1,193 heart attacks, and 19,162 asthma attacks in Illinois every year.

Half a person's exposure to deadly particulate pollution occurs during morning and evening commutes, even though commuting only accounts for about 6 percent of the day.

Mass Evacuation Initiative

An initiative offered by U.S. Senator Dick Durbin (D-IL) to improve mass evacuation planning is an important part of legislation currently being debated on the Senate floor to implement the recommendations of the 9-11 Commission.

"Recent studies of Illinois terrorism preparedness – both those done by the federal government and the self-evaluation done by the state – point to serious shortcomings in planning for mass evacuations. While most cities and states have evacuation plans, the lack of training drills makes it difficult to address problems that can take place during actual disasters," said Durbin. "With this legislation we can help states like Illinois plan evacuation drills and work out solutions to problems before lives are at risk in a real emergency."

Most eligible state homeland security funding is spent on personnel and equipment and not on planning and evacuation exercises. Senator Durbin's initiative outlines that states can use grant money to establish mass evacuation plans, prepare the execution of such plans, and conduct evacuation exercises.

In a report release June 16th by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Illinois ranked 11th in the national in terrorism preparedness. In that evaluation, which graded 10 categories of emergency preparedness, Illinois received its lowest marks for its evacuation preparedness abilities.

The June 16th DHS analysis of preparedness was based on a complex scorecard for each city and state in the nation, rating their plans for evacuations, medical care, sheltering of victims and several other categories. Illinois' sufficiency in each category was reviewed separately by federal and state disaster officials, and two scorecards were produced. In both scorecards, the state scored worst in mass evacuation capabilities.

The DHS study noted that successful evacuation, particularly a mass evacuation, encompasses more than physically moving a population from the area at risk to a safe haven. The effectiveness of evacuation planning hinges on the adequacy of the other factors such as communications between emergency personnel, effective emergency warning systems, dependable and accessible emergency public information programs and the availability of health and medical services.

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EPA Can Regulate The Global Warming Gas Carbon Dioxide

Statement from Governor Rod R. Blagojevich: "I applaud the U.S. Supreme Court for ruling that carbon dioxide is a pollutant and that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has the authority under the federal Clean Air Act to regulate greenhouse gases, in contrast to the Bush Administration's claim that it lacks such authority.

For too long, President Bush and USEPA have failed to act to reduce greenhouse gases. With this ruling, I am hopeful that we will soon see long overdue federal leadership to address global warming. In Illinois, we have challenged this failure of federal leadership with an aggressive plan to reduce greenhouse gases.

Yesterday's (4/2) long-awaited environmental decision came on the eve of the second meeting of the Illinois Climate Change Advisory Group, which I created to address the urgent issue of global climate change. The group's mission is to help me to identify measures to cost-effectively reduce greenhouse gases in Illinois.

As part of our state's fight against global warming, I announced a statewide goal to slash the production of greenhouse gases to 1990 levels by 2020 and 60 percent below 1990 levels by 2050. These goals are part of our long-term strategy to combat global climatic change and builds on steps the State has already taken to protect the environment and public health against the effects of global warming.

The impact of global warming in Illinois and around the world could be devastating, and we have chosen to act now because scientists worldwide have warned that we must address climatic change within the next decade to avoid serious and irreversible consequences."

Vendors Wanted

The Custer's Last Stand Festival of the Arts is accepting exhibitor applications from artists, crafts people, antique dealers, food vendors and selected retail businesses. This show, which won the 1993 and 2001 Northshore Magazine prestigious Annual Reader's Poll for "Best Art Fair" will take place on June 16th and 17th in Evanston. The festival starts at 10 a.m. and runs till 9 p.m. each day.

This Northshore tradition takes place in Old Town Evanston and in addition to exhibits by national artists and craftspeople this festival features three show stages, 28 restaurants, and a Children's Activity Park. This year marks the opening of the organization's restored train station, The Evanston Arts Depot. The highly acclaimed Piccolo Theatre, www.piccolotheatre.com, is among the featured talent at this year's fair. About 60,000 people attend every year.

For an application call (847) 328-2004, e-mail: applications@custerfair.com or write to: Custer's Last Stand, P.O. Box 6013, Evanston, IL 60204-6013 or visit www.custerfair.com.

Ensure Safety Of Elevators

In an effort to make elevators, escalators and other conveyance devices in Illinois safer, the Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM) is working to ensure that people who inspect, install and perform maintenance on such devices are properly trained and have the necessary skills. About 30 people are killed and approximately 17,000 others are injured each year in the United States in incidents involving elevators and escalators.

Conveyance devices covered under the state's Elevator Safety and Regulation Act include elevators, escalators, moving sidewalks, dumbwaiters, platform lifts, stairway lifts and automated people movers.

Under the law, anyone who installs or works on conveyances in Illinois must obtain a license from OSFM by April 1st. To be licensed, workers must demonstrate the knowledge and skill needed to work with conveyances through a certificate of successful completion of study issued by the National Elevator Industry Educational Program and/or a certificate of completion of an elevator mechanic apprenticeship program that is registered with the U.S. Dept. of Labor's Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training. Once licensed, elevator contractors and maintenance workers must complete at least eight hours of continuing education requirements each year.

Conveyance inspectors must show proof of insurance and a Qualified Elevator Inspector Certificate to be licensed by OSFM.

The law also requires all conveyances to be registered with OSFM. Building owners have until July 1st to register existing conveyances, while all new conveyances must be registered by the contractor installing the device. Licensed elevator mechanics may service an unregistered conveyance only once after that deadline and must inform the owner that the device must be registered before it can be serviced again.

Building owners are also required to report any accident involving a conveyance that causes personal injury or property damage in excess of $1,000. The accident report must be submitted to OSFM by close of business the next business day following the accident.

Conveyances in residential structures are exempted from requirements of the law. In addition, municipalities with more than 500,000 residents that administer their own elevator safety programs are also exempted from the state law.

West Nile Virus Grants

Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich recently announced $2.5 million in grants to local health departments for surveillance and control efforts of mosquitoes that carry West Nile virus or other mosquito-borne diseases. In 2006, the Illinois Dept. of Public Health (IDPH) received reports of 215 human cases of West Nile virus in Illinois and ten deaths due to West Nile virus-related illness.

Funding for the grants comes from a special 50-cent fee on new tires. The fee was put into place in 2003 to create a public health emergency fund to help pay for human, mosquito and bird surveillance for mosquito-borne disease.

Eighty-seven local health departments in areas of the state that documented West Nile virus activity last year will receive West Nile virus prevention grants this year for surveillance, testing of birds and mosquitoes, training, mosquito larviciding and public information.

The primary responsibility for local health departments concerning West Nile virus is surveillance because it must be conducted statewide. Mosquito control is a secondary objective for local health departments and some assist municipal mosquito control programs. Historically, municipalities conduct mosquito control operations. In preparation for the upcoming season, local municipalities and mosquito abatement districts need to plan and budget for adequate mosquito control measures.

West Nile virus activity has occurred in Illinois throughout the summers of 2001 through 2006. During 2002, Illinois led the nation with more than 800 human cases and more than 60 deaths. After the cool summers of 2003 and 2004, West Nile virus activity in Illinois resurged during the hot summers of 2005 and 2006. How active West Nile virus is during 2007 may be dependent on summer temperatures. Additional information about West Nile virus can be found on the Dept. of Public Health's Web site at www.idph.state.il.us/envhealth/wnv.htm.

Grants were awarded to the following local health departments for April 1, 2007 through March 31, 2008: Cook County, $566,318.81, and Will County, $116,256.18.

Top Ten Mistakes Taxpayers Make

Ever make a mistake on your tax return? If so, you're not alone. Mistakes can cost you money - taxpayers often miss deductions or tax credits. They can also draw unwanted attention to your return from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and could result in penalty fees. The National Society of Accountants (NSA) identified these "Top Ten Mistakes" that taxpayers make:

1. **Using the wrong column in the tax table.** For each level of income, tax rates listed in the tax table are usually different for taxpayers who are single, married filing jointly, married filing separately, and heads of households. It can be easy to pull a number from the wrong column.
2. **Not claiming the right number of exemptions.** Children count as exemptions up to age 23 - make sure they are claimed on the return as exemptions with the current exemption amount, which often increases year-to-year.
3. **Not adding state income tax refunds as taxable income.** It's easy to forget the state tax return refund you got last year. Remember that this counts as taxable income on your federal return if you itemized last year.
4. **Not being aware of tax credits.** The federal government offers many tax credits, including earned income, energy, education, fuel, elderly, child care, child tax, and foreign tax credits. Many states offer renters' credits. Take advantage of these if they apply to you.
5. **Not calculating and comparing the Alternative Minimum Tax.** Every taxpayer must calculate this alternative tax to see if it applies to their situation. Failure to do so could result in additional taxes and penalties.
6. **Not claiming a refund of excess FICA (Social Security) tax.** If you changed employers in 2006 and earned more than $94,200 (the 2006 income limit that applies to FICA tax) the employers together may have withheld more FICA than you owe. Make sure you calculate this and claim a refund if appropriate.
7. **Not attaching W-2 forms and other forms.** This common mistake is easy to make, so double check to make sure they are included.
8. **Not entering Social Security numbers on all tax documents.** In addition to the main return, documents such as Schedule A and other tax schedules should all have complete information, including Social Security numbers.
9. **Not signing the return.** After all the calculations, don't forget this important step!
10. **Not enclosing the check for any payment owed.** Yes, you must write a check if you owe money. Don't forget to include it!

"With the complex tax code we have today, it's easy to see how mistakes can happen," says NSA President Robert H. Fukuhara, Jr. CPA, ABA, ATA, of Fujieki, Fukuhara & Company, Honolulu, Hawaii. "Plus, taxpayers only have to fill out returns once a year – that's just enough time to forget key steps they did a year ago. Most NSA member accountants fill out hundreds of tax returns each year, so we know how to catch mistakes before they happen."

NSA represents accountants who specialize in serving individuals and small-to-mid-size businesses. For more information about NSA and to find an accountant who can assist with financial and tax issues, visit www.nsacct.org or call (800) 966-6679.

Christian Women's Club Luncheon

Beverly South Christian Women's Club will host a "Bonnets, Bags & Baubles" luncheon on Thursday, April 19th at noon. It will be held at the Lexington House banquet facility, 7717 W. 95th St. in Hickory Hills. Everyone is encouraged to wear their Easter ensembles as part of the Special Feature portion of the program. Music will be provided by Deloris Henry. Dorothy Smith will impart words of wisdom as she presents "A Dreamer's Reality."

The cost of the luncheon is $11, payable at the door. Free babysitting is provided on site for toddler to kindergarten-age children. Please indicate a child when you make your reservation. There will be open seating but it is still necessary to make a reservation. Call Helen at (708) 598-8191 or Judith at (773) 233-7949 no later than Monday, April 16th. Cancellations must be made by April 17th.

Common Sense Legislation

Congressman Dan Lipinski recently introduced H.R. 1705, The Bulb Replacement in Government with High-efficiency Technology (BRIGHT) Energy Savings Act. Introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives, the legislation would direct the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) to replace commonly used low efficiency light bulbs with high efficiency bulbs whenever a new bulb is installed in a GSA-owned office building. Lipinski introduced the bipartisan legislation with Rep. Bob Inglis (R-SC) and was joined by over 35 other members of the House as original cosponsors of the legislation.

Lipinski is a member of the House Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure, which has jurisdiction of the GSA.

"Americans are rightly concerned about the impact of foreign energy dependence on our national security and the effect of global climate change on the future of our planet," said Lipinski. "The BRIGHT Energy Savings will help us address both of these issues by cutting down significantly on energy use by the federal government, and at the same time it will save millions of taxpayer dollars. It's a win for the environment, a win for national security, and a win for American taxpayers."

The GSA is the federal agency which owns and administers office space for civilian federal agencies. The federal government owns approximately 1,800 facilities with about 174 million square feet of space. At least 3 million lights throughout the Federal government could be upgraded to high efficiency bulbs. One type of high efficiency bulb that could be used is the Energy Star-certified Compact Fluorescent Light bulb, also known as a CFL. CFLs use approximately 75 percent less energy than incandescent bulbs to provide the same amount of light and they last approximately 8-10 times longer. Replacing an ordinary bulb with a comparable CFL saves up to $74 in energy costs over the bulb's lifetime.

Even higher efficiency light bulbs are close to commercial application including improved halogen technologies as well as new light-emitting diode (LED) technologies.

"With CFLs already in the marketplace and other high efficiency bulb technologies right around the corner, the future really is now," explained Lipinski. "Much of this new technology represents American ingenuity and innovation. The BRIGHT Energy Savings Act will mean reduced energy consumption, lower greenhouse gas emissions, and saved taxpayer dollars. It's a common sense, practical measure that is simply the right thing to do."

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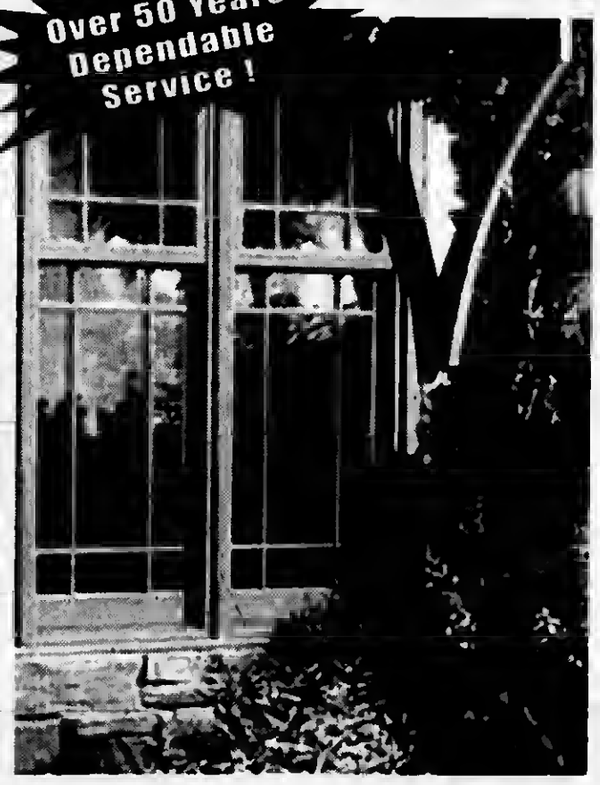

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EDITORIAL/OPINION PAGE

Medical Marijuana Bill Clears Senate Committee

Members of the Illinois Senate Public Health Committee passed a medical marijuana bill 6-4 after receiving written and oral testimony from medical professionals, patients and policy experts recently.

S.B. 650, introduced by Sen. John Cullerton (D-Chicago), is one of about a dozen medical marijuana bills currently under consideration by state legislatures across the country. Medical marijuana policy experts said they expect the bill, which would protect from arrest seriously ill patients who use medical marijuana with a doctor's recommendation, to go to the Senate floor for a full vote within a month.

Committee members heard testimony from multiple sclerosis patients and Illinois Drug Education and Legislative (IDEAL) Reform board member Julie Falco of Chicago. They also considered written testimony from several other patients and experts, including registered nurse and multiple sclerosis patient Gretchen Steele of Coulterville, and psychiatrist Dr. Zulima Hurtado of Round Lake Park, who argued that her experience treating patients indicated medical choices are best left between doctors and patients.

"Medical treatment as a whole should be a choice between a doctor and the patient," she wrote. "The operative word being choice."

A registered nurse, Steele testified that medical marijuana was able to effectively and safely treat her symptoms when other more dangerous drugs failed.

"I can tell you from firsthand experience that marijuana works better to control the spasticity, neuropathic pain, and tremors than do any of the myriad prescription medications that I currently take," she wrote to the committee. "The fact that it is perfectly legal for my doctors to prescribe morphine, OxyCodone, diazepam, hydrocodone, and other drugs that are not only highly addictive but have many unpleasant side effects, yet it remains illegal to recommend marijuana, is beyond reasoning."

Although federal law makes patients who use doctor-recommended medical marijuana criminals, 11 states have effective laws protecting patients for whom serious research proves the medicine is safe and effective, including those suffering from symptoms associated with life-threatening diseases such as cancer, HIV/AIDS, multiple sclerosis, and hepatitis C.

Recently, Committee members made a sensitive, compassionate decision to square the state's laws with the facts about medical marijuana," said Karen O'Keefe, MPP assistant director of state policies. "Thanks to them, seriously ill patients here may soon be able to focus on fighting their debilitating symptoms, and not on the fear of arrest and jail for simply following their doctor's treatment regimen."

With more than 20,000 members and 100,000 e-mail subscribers nationwide, the Marijuana Policy Project is the largest marijuana policy reform organization in the United States. MPP believes that the best way to minimize the harm associated with marijuana is to regulate marijuana in a manner similar to alcohol. For more information, visit www.MarijuanaPolicy.org.

Legislation To Help Failing School Districts

As part of his ongoing work to clean up Calumet Public School District 132, state Rep. Bob Rita (D-Blue Island) recently announced that he has introduced legislation that would allow the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) to assume control of school districts failing for academic or administrative reasons.

"This bill will help protect our children from officials that refuse to operate in the best interests of the students," Rita said. "I know firsthand from the problems I saw last year in Calumet School District 132 that we can't let bad situations in our schools escalate to the point that students and their families pay the price. This bill offers a system of checks and balances that will make sure every child is getting the best education possible."

House Bill 1466 allows the ISBE to investigate a school or district and certify if there is academic difficulty. Schools on academic early warning status, meaning they have not met adequate yearly progress criteria for two consecutive years, may see the Board take control if they do not meet the criteria for a third straight year. Currently, the ISBE can only take control for financial reasons.

Rita's legislation also allows the Board to become involved if a school has not provided the required percentage of qualified teachers for two consecutive years, or if there are documented and substantiated acts of mismanagement in hiring practices. Calumet District 132, in the last few years, was reported to have hired unqualified special education personnel and asbestos contractors.

"While I believe that local control in school districts is important, I can't sit back and let some schools get away with malfeasance," Rita said. "We need to meet and maintain high academic standards throughout the state, and that means school districts have to be held accountable for what they teach and who teaches it. Students and their families should expect nothing less."

For more information on House Bill 1466, contact Rep. Rita's district office at (708) 396-2822.

All Points Southwest

By THOMAS E. GAVIN

Last week the U.S. Senate approved an emergency spending bill that included a provision from Senator Dick Durbin (D-IL) that places a two year moratorium on a Medicaid rule that would take up to $623 million in federal funding from Illinois' Medicaid program. The proposed rule could affect hospitals in as many as 42 states.

"With passage of this emergency spending bill, Cook County's Stroger Hospital, as well as other hospitals throughout the country are one step closer to protecting their critical Medicaid funds. This is money that helps hospitals provide basic services to the uninsured and those with limited insurance," said Durbin.

Background preceding this action included the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) proposing a rule in January that would impact more than 57 million Americans and two million Illinoisans who rely on the Medicaid program, as well as health care providers who deliver essential services to them. The proposed rule (CMS-2258-P) imposes cost limits for public health care providers and alters the definition of "public" status. Specifically, the proposed rule would limit payments to government safety-net providers by capping reimbursement payments, redefining eligible public providers, and imposing new restrictions on non-federal funding sources.

In February, Durbin sent a letter to the Senate Finance Chairman and Ranking Member, urging them to prevent CMS from implementing their proposed plan to dramatically cut Medicaid funding. Forty-two additional senators from both parties joined in signing Durbin's letter.

The Durbin provision in the bill would be paid for by changing an existing Medicaid program that requires brand name drug makers to provide a 15% rebate on any drug it sells through the Medicaid program. Durbin's provision raised that to 20%, and the additional money provides funding for the Medicaid hospital payment program.

Durbin's amendment passed the Appropriations Committee mark-up as well as the full Senate by a 51-47 vote. The bill now goes to the House-Senate Conference Committee for consideration.

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State Rep. Bob Rita (D-Blue Island) tells All Points that legislation he introduced to create the Southwest Suburban Railroad Redevelopment Authority, passed in the House. The purpose of this body would be to improve existing, and relocating outdated railroad crossings throughout the Southwest Suburbs.

Rita's House Bill 566 creates a new local government agency which will work on improving railroad tracks running through the Bloom, Thornton, Calumet, Bremen, Orland, Worth, Rich and Palos townships. House Bill 566 also gives the Authority the power to buy, sell, and exchange properties for the purpose of relocating railroad tracks. I will also have the power to submerge tracks and separate the grades at railway crossings.

The Authority will consist of five members appointed by the governor. Two members must reside in the Authority's territory. Two members must be former public officials who have lived in the Authority's territory. Finally, one member must be a current or former employee of a railroad company with ties to the area the Authority serves.

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The Augustinian Friars of the St. Rita High School Monastery invite all friends and benefactors to a Mass of Dedication and Blessing of nine new Shrines on Sunday, April 15th at 9 a.m. at the St. Rita Shrine Chapel, 7740 S. Western Ave., Chicago. The "Nine New Shrines" are part of a class beautification project. Represented are Our Mother of Good Counsel, Our Lady of Czestochowa, St. Monica, St. Patrick, St. Martin de Porres, St. Francis Xavier Cabrini, St. Theresa Benedicta of the Cross, St. Therese of Lisieux, Pope John Paul II, and Mother Teresa. A continental breakfast will follow. For reservations contact Sr. Ardis Cloutier, O.S.F., at (773) 925-6600, ext. 6623 or acloutier@stritahs.com.

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The Greater Illinois Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society has developed an excellent fund raising vehicle by participating in the Illinois Income Tax Check-Off Program, benefiting the Multiple Sclerosis Direct Assistance Fund, along with sixteen other charitable organizations.

Illinois residents have the opportunity to help people living with multiple sclerosis, a chronic, often disabling disease, by donating to the MS Direct Assistance when preparing their state income tax return.

Medical bills have an extreme impact on patients living with MS. It costs an average of $50,000 per year to pay for medications, therapy, medical equipment and other expenses associated with treating the disease. The Income Tax Check-Off Program generates the finances needed for the MS Direct Assistance Fund to provide health care services to individuals who could not afford it otherwise. Donations can be made through Section 10, Line F of the income tax return form. The deduction will be deducted form your refund, or if you owe money to the state, the amount will be added to what you owe for the year. All check off programs are tax deductible on the following year's tax refund and can be in any amount of $1 or more.

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The Illinois Department of Transportation started a beautification and landscaping project April 2nd, along LaGrange Road (US 12/20/45) from the Cal Sag Channel to IL Rte. 171.

The landscaping and forest management project was developed mutually with the Forest Preserve District of Cook County. The work consists of tree and shrub planting, selective clearing of invasive vegetation, weed spraying, and reforestation.

The beautification project will include planting 980 trees from 171st to 175th St in Orland Township. Landscape and environmental improvements will be evident along LaGrange Road from the Cal Sag Channel to Archer Ave. in Lyons and Palos townships.

The project's first stage will run through May 31st, consisting of the layout and planting of all trees and plants. The second stage will begin June 1st through Dec. 31st and will consist of watering, weeding and periodic inspections of the new plantings to insure they are healthy and that they are getting established. The third stage will be from April 1 to May 31, 2008 and will consist of clean up, care, and replacement, of any plantings if necessary.

No lane closures are scheduled, but IDOT urges motorists to be on the lookout for workers and vehicles in the area of the project.

Criticize President Bush's Emergency War Spending Bill

Citizens Against Government Waste (CAGW) recently criticized the House of Representatives for out-of-control spending and related policy provisions in the emergency war supplemental bill. President Bush requested $103 billion in emergency spending for operations in Iraq and Afghanistan and disaster relief. The House Appropriations Committee included an additional $21 billion in the U.S. Readiness, Veterans' Health and Iraq Accountability Act, 2007, that is being marked up today.

"By passing earmark reforms, Congress signaled that it was serious about restoring fiscal responsibility to the budget process," CAGW President Tom Schatz said. "It seems the commitment to reform was short-lived, as Congress fattens up the emergency spending bill with special-interest goodies."

A list of spending and policy provisions in the supplemental that are unrelated to military operations include $500 million for emergency wildfires suppression (the Forest Services currently has $831 million for this purpose; $400 million for rural schools; $283 million for the Milk Income Loss Contract program; $120 million to compensate for the effects of Hurricane Katrina on the shrimp and menhaden fishing industries; $100 million for citrus assistance; $74 million for peanut storage costs; $25 million for spinach growers; $25 million for livestock; $4 million for the Office of Women's Health at the Food and Drug Administration; and a minimum wage increase, which is the subject of separate legislation. An expanded list can be found at www.cagw.org.

Supplemental appropriations bills are exempt from spending caps and other budget controls, which makes them magnets for projects and programs that might not stand up to the scrutiny of the budget process. Members of Congress know that the President is unlikely to veto a bill that is meant to meet the needs of troops in the field. The Senate version of the fiscal 2006 emergency appropriations bill included $700 million for the "Railroad to Nowhere" in Mississippi, but public criticism led conferees to remove that provision and others in order to pass a final version in line with the President's request.

"Members of Congress will pay a price if they go back to the usual pork-barrel politics. Taxpayers must demand that Congress remove the waste and bloat from the final bill and stop the routine abuse of emergency spending," Schatz concluded.

Pryme Timers

The Pryme Tymers, a very active fellowship that meets at Trinity Church, 9230 S. Pulaski Rd. in Oak Lawn, invites the entire community to their meeting on Thursday, April 12th at 11 a.m. The entertainment, "Duo Harmonika," is a breathtaking presentation by 2 men that make their instruments sound like an entire orchestra. With songs from the 30s, 40s and 50s, you'll be able to sit back, relax and reminisce. A beef stew luncheon, prepared by Chef Pitluck, will be served at noon. The cost is $6 and reservations are required. Call the church office at (708) 422-5111 or Tom Panush at (708) 636-7548 by Friday, April 6th. Transportation is provided upon request. Canned goods is also collected for the Salvation Army Food Pantry.

Illinois State Black Chamber Of Commerce Endorses Tax Fairness Plan

Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich accepted the endorsement recently from the Illinois State Black Chamber of Commerce for his Tax Fairness Plan, which is an ambitious proposal to help small businesses by providing greater access to affordable healthcare, improving education and relieving their tax burden by asking big businesses to pay their fair share. This innovative plan closes corporate loopholes and gives working families the relief they deserve, while helping small business owners have better access to quality healthcare for their employees and themselves.

While the Blagojevich Administration has expanded access to healthcare to more than 560,000 working families with Illinois' *FamilyCare* and All Kids programs, access to quality healthcare continues to be a concern for the 1.4 million adults statewide that remain uninsured today, especially for many small business owners who have been unable to provide healthcare for their employees. The cost of healthcare for business has been growing five times faster than the rate of inflation, and the number of firms offering health benefits to their employees has fallen by at least 8 percent since 2000.

To address this crisis, Gov. Blagojevich has proposed *Illinois Covered* – a plan that will ensure all 1.4 million uninsured have access to quality, affordable healthcare, and that will help many middle-income families and small businesses that are currently enrolled in health insurance plans save thousands a year on healthcare costs. One of the components of the governor's plan include *Illinois Covered Choice*, which creates an affordable and comprehensive insurance plan that anyone without employer-sponsored health insurance in Illinois can purchase. This statewide pool of coverage will offer Illinoisans lower and stable rates. Business groups will be able to connect many of their members with this new affordable insurance, and small business owners can also purchase this product on behalf of their employees.

Illinois Covered Rebate will lower premiums for moderate to middle-income Illinoisans ($20,000-$80,000 for a family of four) to help them afford their health insurance. The rebate will vary based on income, and those with lower incomes would get a larger rebate.

The governor's *Tax Fairness Plan* implements a Gross Receipts Tax (GRT) that has been embraced by many economists because of its broad base and low rates. States including Washington, Delaware and Hawaii have had a GRT for years and recently, Ohio and Texas have adopted a form of the tax. The GRT will only apply to businesses that make more than $1 million each year, which means 75 percent of all businesses in Illinois will be exempt. The GRT will tax service industries at a low 1.8 percent rate, while manufacturers, construction, retail and wholesale companies will be taxed at an even lower .5 percent. Exports will not be taxed. The plan also mitigates costs being passed on to consumers by excluding certain goods, such as retail food and pharmaceuticals.

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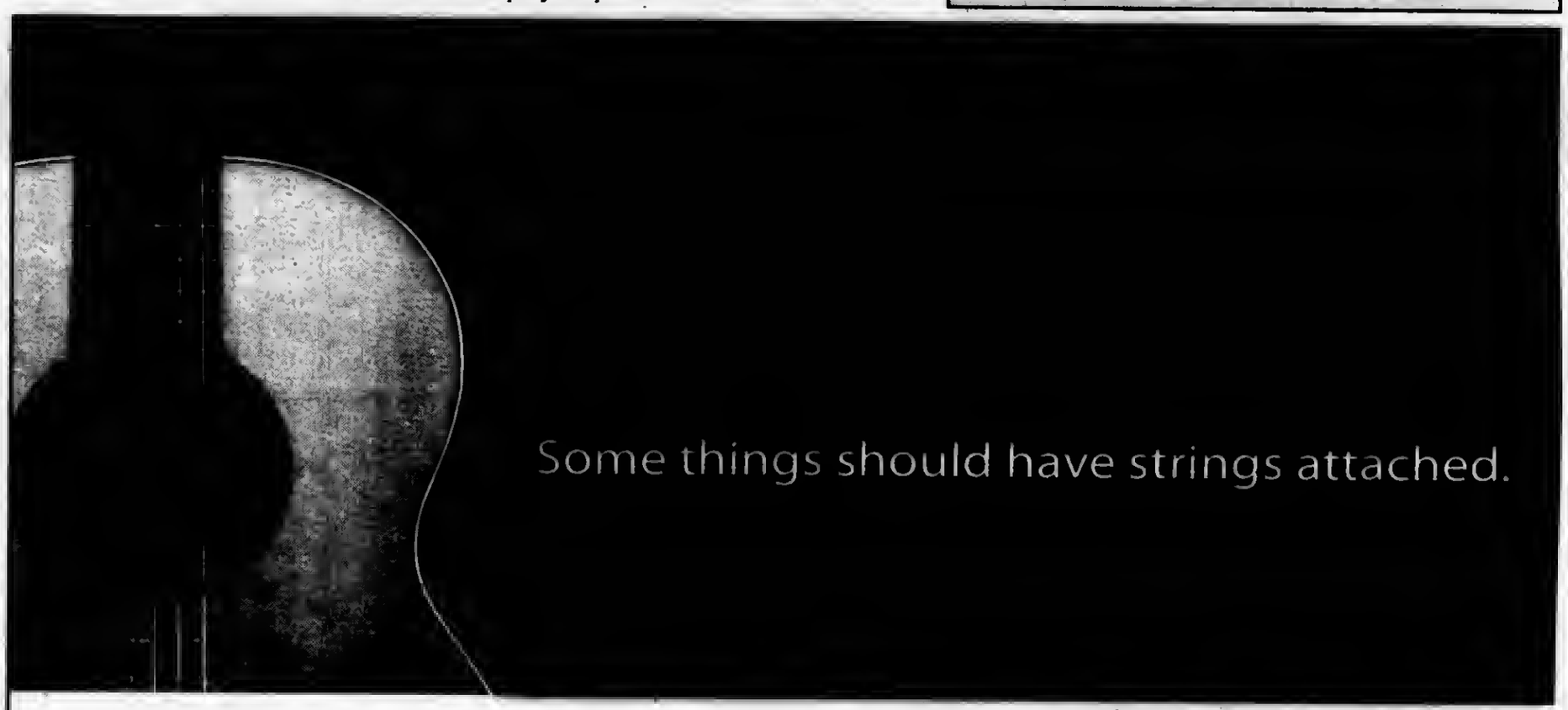

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ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

Mary Todd Lincoln: First Lady Of Controversy

On Saturday, April 28th, the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum (ALPLM) will unveil *Mary Todd Lincoln: First Lady of Controversy*, a one-of-a-kind exhibit that will reveal the many controversial aspects of Mary Todd Lincoln. This exclusive temporary exhibit can only be seen at the ALPLM and will include dozens of artifacts – many on display to the public for the first time.

The exhibit will provide the first major retrospective of the controversial First Lady. Visitors can explore the life of Mary Todd Lincoln beginning with her childhood through her courtship with Abraham Lincoln to her role as wife and mother and eventually as the First Lady of the United States. The exhibit will also examine the darker times of Mrs. Lincoln's life including the tragedy surrounding the Civil War, the death of her son Willie, the assassination of President Lincoln, and the estrangement from her son, Robert Todd Lincoln.

Guests can explore dozens of artifacts that provide an intimate look at Mrs. Lincoln such as her clothing, accessories, jewelry, photos and letters. The exhibit also showcases newly uncovered documents related to two special elements of controversy – the First Lady's precarious finances, and her insanity trial, confinement to the Bellevue Sanitarium and release. These artifacts, on public display for the first time, include:

Illinois Sen. Orville Hickman Diary Passages – These passages from the diary of the Lincolns' close associate Sen. Hickman include revelations of misdeeds and unflattering information about Mrs. Lincoln.

Telegrams from Mrs. Lincoln – These newly discovered telegrams provide insight into the financial turmoil created by the First Lady's shopping indulgences. Within the telegrams, Mrs. Lincoln uses the pseudonym of the White House housekeeper Mary Ann Cuthbert to communicate with merchants to whom she owed money.

Mrs. Lincoln's Correspondence with Francis Spinner, United States Treasurer – These letters follow Mary Lincoln's fight to obtain the remainder of Lincoln's salary for 1865, following his assassination. Congress paid Mrs. Lincoln $22,000 of the $25,000 owed, some of which was placed in an account for a select listing of merchants from which to draw.

Copies of Mrs. Lincoln's Arrest Record and Related Documentation – This collection of records documents her arrest record and Mrs. Lincoln's outstanding debts that were used as evidence against her during her insanity trial.

Mrs. Lincoln's Correspondence with Dr. Willis Danforth – This letter to her doctor depicts Mrs. Lincoln explaining her addiction to chloral hydrate as an underlying cause for her "insanity."

Letters from Mrs. Lincoln's Confinement at Bellevue Sanitarium and Subsequent Release – Uncovered letters regarding Mary Lincoln's confinement and release from the sanitarium in Batavia, Ill. show her sense of betrayal to her only living son Robert. Two days after the county court declared Mary Lincoln "restored to reason" she writes that "my heart fails me, when I think of the contrast between himself [Robert] and my noble, glorious husband."

Mrs. Lincoln's Correspondence with Her Son Robert – In this angry letter, Mrs. Lincoln demands that Robert return all the items she believed he had stolen from her while confined in Batavia. "Send me all that I have written for, you have tried your game of robbery long enough... You have injured yourself, not me, by your wicked conduct."

In conjunction with the opening of the *Mary Todd Lincoln: First Lady of Controversy*, the play *The Last of Mrs. Lincoln* will be performed for six performances, May 4th to 6th and May 11th to 13th, in the museum's Union Theatre. James Prideaux's powerful, Tony-Award-winning drama spans the final 17 years of Mary Todd Lincoln's life following the assassination of her husband. For tickets, call (217) 558-8934.

Mary Todd Lincoln: First Lady of Controversy will run from April 28th through Oct. 28th. Exhibit access is included with a general admission ticket to the museum. Temporary Gallery tickets are available for $4.50.

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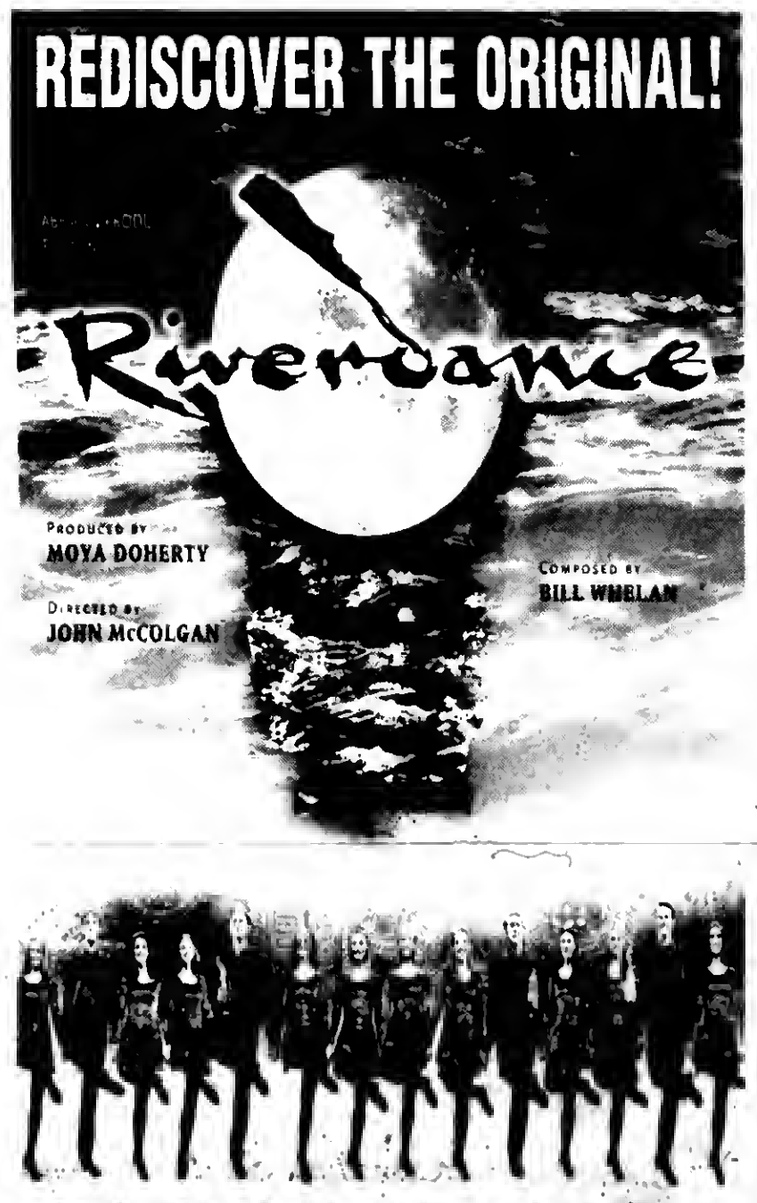

Nikki Greenlee Stars As The Killer Queen

Actually, it's a fantasy come true, especially for theater lovers and 70s rockers...as We Will Rock You premieres at the Jedlicka Performing Arts Center. The hit musical, based on the music of the rock group Queen, has only been performed in the U.S. once before. And Beverly/Morgan Park's A. Nikki Greenlee will star at the "Killer Queen."

Nikki first got into acting after her 6th grade teacher, who was also the school choir director, suggested that she audition for the Lyric Opera Children's Chorus. She did and her first professional role was as a street urchin in Bizet's Carmen in 1990. After that, she appeared in Boito's Mephistopheles. She was also active in her high school drama club.

Nikki grew up in an extended family that includes her mother, grandparents, aunt and little sister. She credits her mom and sister as the funniest comedy duo she ever saw. Up until just two months ago, Nikki was in school studying fine art and preparing for a career as a serious oil painter. She has just decided to dedicate herself to pursuing an acting career. Her real hope is to combine her two passions somehow.

Nikki feels her role as the Killer Queen will be the most fun she's had on stage. "I am not too villainous in real life," she remarks. "But I think it's great that I get to be a super-villain and use my sense of humor in the role."

Friday and Saturday night performances begin April 20th at 7:30 p.m. and run through May 5th, so you'll want to see it before Another One Bites the Dust. There is a Sunday matinee on April 29th at 3 p.m. Tickets are $14. Located just 10 minutes away from downtown Chicago, JPAC is one block north of the I-55 Stevenson expressway, at 3801 S. Central Ave. in Cicero. For tickets or information, call (708) 656-3948 or visit www.jpactheatre.com.

Class Reunions

Bremen High School – Class of 1987 reunion on Sept. 15th at DiNolfo's Banquets, Mokena/Orland Park, 6 to 11:30 p.m. Call Terri (Lenart) Rickerson at (815) 485-3864 or email bremen87@gmail.com.

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St. Joseph and St. Anne Elementary School class of 1967 is seeking graduates for its 40th anniversary in 2007. Contact Charlene Koestner Smolik at dcsmolik@hotmail.com or call (361) 455-1625.

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St. George School (Tinley Park) seeks alumni to form alumni association. Call the school office at (708) 532-2626 or visit www.stgeorgeschool.org.

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Leo High School class of 1957 – 50th anniversary and reunion on April 27th, 2007 at the Lexington House in Hickory Hills. Call Jack Carroll at (708) 429-9307.

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Morrill Elementary School – Students from the classes of 1943, 1944 and 1945 are sought for an upcoming reunion. Call Howard Siebalt at (708) 720-1848.

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Incarnation Alumni are looking for graduates for an Alumni Directory. Call the school at (708) 385-6250 or e-mail to alum@incarnationcatholic.com.

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Bloom High School class of 1939 seeks alumni. Call (708) 756-2315.

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Morgan Park High School class of 1962 is still looking for classmates for a reunion on Oct. 27th. Call Barb at (773) 779-9296.

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On Friday, April 20th at 7 p.m. the Reavis Music Dept. is honored to present "An Octave Above" in concert with the Reavis Jazz Band.

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ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

This Summer, Crack The Case

Imagine entering a crime scene and being the one responsible for noticing and collecting every trace of evidence. The pressure's on: your analysis of the evidence must be scientifically sound to crack the case.

You've seen the hit television crime drama, CSI: Crime Scene Investigation on CBS. Now, beginning May 25, the Museum of Science and Industry in Chicago will host the world premiere of *CSI: The Experience*, an immersive, interactive forensic science exhibit related to the TV show. The bilingual exhibit (English and Spanish) will run through Sept. 3rd.

In *CSI: The Experience*, guests will play the role of crime scene investigator, learning scientific principles and real investigative techniques as they try to solve one of three crime scene mysteries. Two state-of-the-art crime labs will help guests piece together the evidence. With input from investigators from the television show, along with their real-life forensic science counterparts, guests will formulate a hypothesis, validate their findings based on scientific evidence and try to crack the case.

From DNA and fingerprint analysis to forensic anthropology and toxicology, visitors will be captivated by hands-on science in a multi-media environment with dazzling special effects—direct from the CSI television series. A video introduction by cast members from the TV show will welcome guests into the exhibit, lead them through the experience, and then evaluate their crime-solving savvy as they exit.

"This exhibit blends science, technology and innovation into one phenomenal experience that guests will enjoy and learn from," said David Mosena, president and CEO of the Museum of Science and Industry. "It's also our hope that in experiencing this exhibit, children will discover the many different and vital careers that exist within the field of science, and become excited about them."

"With the launch of this exciting new exhibit, we're extending the CSI brand beyond entertainment and licensed merchandise into an engaging learning experience," commented Elizabeth Kalodner, executive vice president and general manager of CBS Consumer Products.

The National Science Foundation (NSF) provided $2.4 million to the Fort Worth Museum of Science and History to develop the exhibit for a national tour of science museums, as well as an online learning adventure. According to Sandra Welch, NSF's program officer for informal science education, this unique project will advance science learning in museums across the country in an exciting new way. "The show CSI has inspired its millions of fans to become interested in forensic science. Recognizing the role the show plays in society, we think this connection with the exhibit will help draw many people into a high quality science learning experience."

The exhibit's "investigators" will enter one of three different crime scenes where they will identify evidence and record findings on a special investigation card. The crime scenes vary in intensity, with the mildest being the presentation of skeletal remains discovered in a remote desert.

In "A House Collided" a car has run through the living room window of a house in a quiet suburb. In the driver's seat is a man with his seatbelt on; he is slumped over. The windshield is shattered and the car door is shut. In the living room, there are muddy shoeprints, drops of blood and a stain near a sofa. A pizza box is open with pepperoni pizza spilled on the floor. A beer bottle is by the car door, and a hand print of blood (or is it pizza sauce?) is found on the car hood.

In "Who Got Served?" a young woman has been found dead in an alley behind an old Las Vegas motel. She is sprawled beneath a dumpster overflowing with trash and is wearing a waitress outfit with a nametag that reads "Penny." There is a tire tread across her abdomen, and tossed nearby is a photo of her, which has been ripped in half. No other injuries are visible. Amongst the trash are a handbag and a cell phone.

In "No Bones About It!" a hiker has stumbled across what looks like a human skull sticking out of the ground. It is partially buried by silt and debris. Other bones are scattered underneath the dirt. The skull has a visible hole in it; and among the remains, there are still tattered remnants of a coat and what appears to be a backpack.

After exiting the crime scenes, guests will refer to a large wall of crime scene photos and clues they may have missed. They will then analyze evidence in two highly interactive lab areas, each featuring multiple stations that allow for various evidence testing.

Guests who are investigating "A House Collided" will compare fingerprints of the victim to the evidence, examine blood spatter patterns, observe the shoes of the victim and tracks found in the room, compare fibers on the victim's clothes with fibers in the room, analyze the victim's blood-alcohol level, compare DNA of the victim with evidence and eventually discover the cause of death.

For "Who Got Served?" the investigation will include reviewing evidence within a cell phone, examining the contents of the handbag, inspecting the purse and headshot for fingerprints, establishing the time of death, reviewing DNA samples, testing powder from the handbag at the scene, and discovering the cause of death.

Sleuths working on "No Bones About It!" will analyze the bullet from the found skull, analyze hairs found with the body, examine a seed found in a pocket of the jacket, study a DNA sample from a tooth, test the DNA of an animal's hair, examine a femur bone to establish the height of the victim, compare dental records to the victim and discover the cause of death.

At the end of the exhibit, guests will present their findings in a re-creation of the office of Gil Grissom— the enigmatic CSI head investigator. They will answer a series of multiple choice questions, based on their scientific findings, on touch screens located in this area. After completing these questions, a case summary is generated and guests can match their results to those of expert crime scene investigators!

CSI: The Experience was developed by the Fort Worth Museum of Science and History with support from CBS Consumer Products, the cast and crew of the television show, and the National Science Foundation. This exhibit, geared toward guests ages 12 and up, requires a ticket with a specified entry time. Tickets, which include Museum general admission, are $19 for adults, $17.50 for seniors and $14 for children 3-11. There is a discount for City of Chicago residents. Advance tickets are on sale now at www.msichicago.org or by calling (773) 684-1414. Groups of 20 or more are eligible for a discount when they book in advance.

Chicago Neighborhood Tours

Chicagoans and visitors can dive into spring with Chicago Neighborhood Tours, a division of the Chicago Office of Tourism. Nine half-day excursions invite visitors to explore the rich historic, artistic and cultural heritage of the city's neighborhoods and communities. Neighborhood Tours include Hyde Park & Kenwood, Ukrainian Village, Little Italy, Pullman Historic District and Wicker Park & Bucktown. Special Interest Tours feature the new Chicago's Magnificent Churches tour and the delicious Taste of the Neighborhoods. Tours are scheduled each Saturday through April and May. (Please note: "The White City Tours" scheduled for April 21st and May 12th are sold out.)

During the Wicker Park & Bucktown Neighborhood Tour on April 14th take a closer look at these side-by-side historic neighborhoods. After touring St. Hedwig's Church in Bucktown, enjoy a guided walking tour to view many of the Victorian mansions in Wicker Park. Time is allotted to roam the shops throughout the neighborhood.

On April 28th learn about the architectural styles of two neighboring lakefront communities on the Hyde Park & Kenwood Neighborhood Tour. Highlights of the tour include a visit to the Oriental Institute Museum, a short walk through the University of Chicago's Quadrangle, a visit to St. Thomas the Apostle Church, and a drive past some of the historic mansions and homes in Kenwood.

The Little Italy Neighborhood Tour on May 5th includes an in-depth walking tour of the Taylor Street area, home to generations of Italian families and businesses. Visit the Shrine of Our Lady of Pompeii and continue on a guided tour of the national historic landmark, the Jane Addams Hull-House Museum, the nation's first social settlement house where early Italian immigrants received English language instruction and day care for working mothers.

Enjoy the Ukrainian Village Neighborhood Tour on May 12th and journey to this quiet, Old World neighborhood filled with magnificent churches, ethnic museums and Eastern European restaurants. Stop first at the Ukrainian National Museum and Saints Volodymyr and Olha Church. Continue on to the magnificent Holy Trinity Russian Orthodox Church, designed by Louis Sullivan in 1899.

On May 19th, learn the story of this urban historic district built by railroad magnate George M. Pullman to house workers from his legendary rail car factory on the Pullman Historic District Neighborhood Tour. Highlights of the day will be a guided walking tour of the Pullman Historic Landmark District, including a visit to the Hotel Florence and the Pullman United Methodist Church.

Delve into the great flavors of the city on April 21st and May 19th during the mouthwatering Taste of the Neighborhood Tour. Visitors join ethnic food guide Evelyn Thompson as she leads them on a culinary safari to numerous ethnic restaurants, delis and bakeries throughout the city to sample delectable dishes.

The first of the Summertime Sampler Tours begins on May 31st with Uptown, Andersonville and Lincoln Square Tour. Learn about the culture and history of these three distinct neighborhoods on one three-hour tour.

To make reservations for Chicago Neighborhood Tours, call (312) 742-1190 or visit the Web site at www.ChicagoNeighborhoodTours.com. Tours depart by motor coach from the Chicago Cultural Center, 77 E. Randolph St. at Michigan Ave., at 10 a.m. (check-in at 9:30) and return either at 2 p.m. or 2:30. The cost for each Neighborhood Tour is $25 ($20 for seniors/students) and includes refreshments. The cost for each Special Interest Tour is $50 ($45 for seniors/students) and includes lunch.

Summertime Sampler Tours depart by motor coach from the Chicago Cultural Center at 10 a.m. (check-in at 9:30) returning at 1 p.m. every Thursday from May 31st to Aug. 30th. The cost for each Summertime Sampler Tour is $20 (no additional discounts) and includes a light snack.

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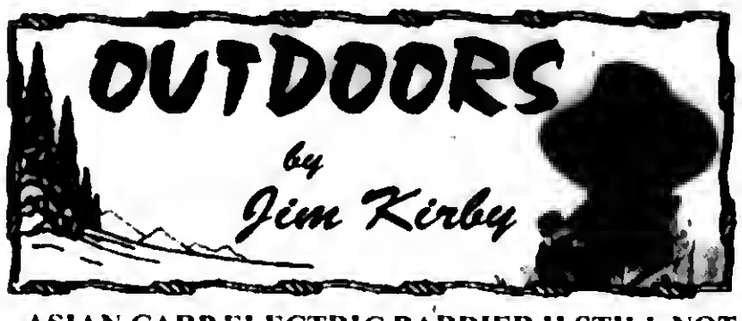

ASIAN CARP ELECTRIC BARRIER II STILL NOT OPERATIONAL: I keep harping on the potential for Asian carp to have dramatic impact on the commercial and recreational fishing and boating in the Great Lakes. This is a very serious problem, and the powers that be are dragging their feet on completing the electric barrier in Romeoville, that will supposedly keep the Asian carp from entering Lake Michigan via the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal.

Barrier I is obsolete and deteriorating; it was supposed to be supplemented with Barrier II several years ago. **Ed Landmichl, Sr.** has been leading the charge to get the barrier operational, although he and I both feel the Asian carp will find other ways to enter the Great Lakes. To prove that Barrier II is not in operation as claimed, he and a friend visited the sight on March 16th of this year and took a photo clearly showing the electrical cables were not hooked up (see accompanying photo).

What's wrong with this picture? – Ed Landmichl with unattached cables for Asian carp barrier.

Landmichl is pursuing the possible sighting of leaping Asian carp in the Chicago River near Archer Ave. and Halsted St., the area known as "Bubbly Creek" during the Stock Yards era.

■ILLINOIS DEER HUNTERS HARVEST NEARLY 200,000 IN 2006-07 SEASON: The harvest total for the Illinois Firearm Deer Season was **115,379,** while hunters took **5,939** deer during the Muzzleloader-only Deer Season. Archery hunters harvested a statewide total of **65,170**. The late-Winter Antlerless-only Deer Season took **9,075** deer in the 67 counties open for the season.

■FISHING INFORMATION BOOKLET: The 2007 Illinois Fishing Information Guide is now available at many IDNR offices, license and permit locations and online at http://dnr.state.il.us/fish/digest. Regulations in the 2007 guide are effective April 1, 2007 through March 31, 2008. Illinois Free Fishing Days for 2007 are June 8-11. No license is required at that time, a great way to see if you like fishing.

■WING SHOOTING CLINICS: The IDNR and partnering organizations will host a series of wingshooting clinics for beginning shooters and more experienced hunters this spring and summer.

At the free youth-women's clinics, Saturday sessions generally provide instruction for youngsters ages 10-15, while Sunday sessions are used to provide instruction for girls and women ages 10 and older. Youth participants must be at least 4 feet 6 inches tall and weigh at least 75 pounds. Instructors are certified by the National Sporting Clays Association.

Hunter clinics are designed to enhance the wingshooting skills of women and men ages 16 and older. Hunters with wingshooting skill levels from beginner to advanced are encouraged to attend.

A small fee is assessed each hunter clinic participant to cover the cost of clay targets and refreshments. For information, go to http://dnr.state.il.us.

BILL SAFEGUARDS HUNTING ON FEDERAL LAND: Legislation to protect quality hunting on federal lands has been introduced in Congress. U.S. Senator Saxby Chambliss (R-Georgia) introduced SB 408, the Hunting Heritage Protection Act. A key element of the bill is a stipulation for "no net loss" of hunting on federal land. Under the provision, the government is directed to maintain, within the confines of the law, current levels of federal hunting lands. It requires the opening of compensatory huntable land if an area is closed to the sport. Senate Bill 408 awaits debate in the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

Several states, including Arkansas, Georgia, **Illinois**, Maryland, Mississippi and West Virginia, have recently passed "no net loss" laws that protect state hunting land. Sportsmen's grassroots support paid off in each of these states, and is needed to ensure passage of SB 408.

Take Action! Sportsmen should contact their U.S. Senators. Let them know SB 408 is important for the future of hunting and will help ensure America's outdoor heritage for years to come. To find your Senator, call (202) 224-3121.

Free Boating Safety Course

With spring underway, Illinois Dept. of Natural Resources (IDNR) Acting Director Sam Flood urges individuals planning to spend time out on the water to participate in one of the department's free boating safety education courses. The free courses provide an important and potentially lifesaving review of boating laws and regulations and instruction on safe and attentive boating.

Safety education courses are a key to the state's boating safety effort. Nationwide, nearly 90 percent of all reported fatalities on boats involved boat operators who had not received boating safety instruction.

People between 12-18 years of age who operate a motorized watercraft by themselves are required by law to possess a boating safety certificate. State law also requires that anyone under the age of 13 must wear a life jacket while aboard any watercraft under 26 feet in length at all times the boat is underway, unless they are below deck in an enclosed cabin or operating on private property. And all persons, regardless of age, are required to wear a life jacket while operating a personal watercraft or jet ski.

Statistics compiled by the IDNR Office of Law Enforcement show that 17 people died and 66 other people were injured in boating-related accidents on Illinois waters in 2006. There were a total of 78 boating accidents involving 118 watercraft last year.

In 2005, there were 16 fatalities and 100 others who were injured in 115 boating accidents involving 152 vessels.

Accident reports indicate that of the 17 people who died in Illinois boating accidents in 2006, 11 may have survived had they been wearing a life jacket. In those fatal accidents, all 17 people who died were on boats in which the boat operator either had not taken or it was not known whether they had taken a formal boat safety education course.

Among the primary causes of boating accidents are careless or reckless operation, operator inattention, equipment failure, hazardous water conditions and alcohol use.

Safety course schedules are available by phoning (800) 832-2599 or by checking the IDNR web site at http://www.dnr.state.il.us Illinois also offers an online boat safety education course through the IDNR web site at http://dnr.state.il.us. There is a $15 fee charged for the online course.

National Safe Boating Week is observed each year just before the Memorial Day holiday. This year's National Safe Boating Week observance is May 19th to 25th.

Bulldogs Finish Strong At National Tournament

The South Suburban College (SSC) Men's Basketball Team placed 7th in the nation after a hard fought 64-58 win over Des Moines Area Community College (DACC) at the NJCAA National Tournament in Danville, IL. Des Moines came into the game defensively ranked #1 in the nation, and it was evident in the first half as they held the Bulldogs scoreless for the first 5:30 of the game. DACC led by as many as 13 points and held a 32-23 halftime lead. SSC shot just 7 of 28 in the first half. The Bulldogs started to find their offense in the second half, however, as they returned to score 41 points to seal the victory.

SSC was led in scoring by Kris Harris with 29 points. Harris was 12 for 13 from the foul line and hit a 3-pointer with 53 seconds remaining in the game to give the Bulldogs the lead for good at 57-55. Larry Swann chipped in 9 points, and overall nine Bulldogs got into the scoring column. SSC came into the game defensively ranked 9th in the country, and it was a steal by Elijah Muhammad Cunningham with 20 seconds left and the Bulldogs holding a 60-58 lead that sealed the victory.

"It was a great win for the college and our basketball program," said SSC Head Coach John Pigatti. "DMAC is a great program rich in basketball tradition, and to finish 7th in the nation is quite a feat. I am extremely proud of our players and staff for their efforts all year."

SSC opened the tournament with a loss last Wednesday against defending national champs Cecil Community College by the score of 73-69. The Bulldogs bounced back on Thursday with a 100-89 victory over Hamilton Community College, NE, to set the stage for Saturday's match-up.

Pigatti added, "To come back and win two games in the national tournament after the tough loss to Cecil is a credit to the character of these players. Going 2-1 here and ending the season with a victory makes the entire experience a positive one."

The 2007 campaign was John Pigatti's first year as Head Coach of the Bulldogs. The future looks bright for a Men's Basketball program that earned their first national tournament berth since 1987. For more national tournament news, visit http://www.njcaa.org/.

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On Sunday, April 29th, thousands of volunteers and families throughout the Chicago area will walk to save premature babies in the 37th annual March of Dimes WalkAmerica. The first and best-loved charity walk event in the nation, WalkAmerica remains March of Dimes largest national fundraising event! Last year, over 20,000 walkers in Illinois raised more than $3.2 million to help fund lifesaving research to prevent birth defects, premature birth and infant mortality.

There are six WalkAmerica walksites in the Chicagoland area, including the largest at Grant Park in Chicago. The other start/finish locations include: Naperville River Walk in Naperville, Pottawatomie Park in St. Charles, Sunset Woods in Highland Park, Busse Woods in Schaumburg, and Yankee Woods in Tinley Park. At each location the Walk begins at 9 a.m. Along with fresh air, walkers will find entertainment, refreshments and learn more about the March of Dimes mission along the route.

Funds raised through WalkAmerica will support research and education for March of Dimes national Prematurity Campaign. Prematurity is a bigger problem than most people realize. This year, more than 500,000 babies will be born premature. Of those babies that survive a premature birth, many will face lifelong health problems, such as blindness, deafness and mental retardation. In Illinois more than 23,300 babies are born premature every year.

Prematurity is the leading cause of death in the first month of life. Since 1981, there has been a 27% increase in the rate of preterm birth in the United States. There is no known cause for nearly 50% of these premature births. In response to this growing problem, the March of Dimes launched a nationwide multimillion dollar campaign to raise public awareness and reduce rates of preterm birth.

March of Dimes WalkAmerica has raised more than $1 billion for healthy babies since it began in 1970. Ninety-two cents of every dollar raised in Illinois goes into community service, advocacy, research and education programs to help all babies have a healthy start in life.

Locally, the March of Dimes Illinois Chapter provides over $280,000 in community grant funding to local hospitals and community organizations for direct service programs, throughout the state. Additionally, WalkAmerica proceeds will be directed toward advocating for expanded health care benefits for parents and children in the state of Illinois through KidCare and expanding newborn screening.

Building on our pioneering history in genetics research, the March of Dimes continues to invest in medical research. Over $2,500,000 in research grants comes to Illinois researchers, all working to improve healthy outcomes for babies.

The Greater Chicago Executive WalkAmerica Committee is chaired by Ed Gallagher, TCF Senior Vice President/Director of Human Resources at TCF Bank. Furthermore, the 2007 March of Dimes WalkAmerica Ambassador Family for the lakefront walk site is the Hanson Family. They have 2 ? year old twin girls, Alexandra and Ryan, who were born two months premature.

The 2007 national WalkAmerica sponsors are CIGNA, Continental Airlines, Famous Footwear, Farmers, FedEx and Kmart. Kmart is March of Dimes number one corporate partner having raised more than $55.5 million to save babies. Additional national sponsorship is provided by Discovery Health, Grain Foods Foundation, Mead Johnson Nutritionals and Outdoor Services. Local sponsors are Advocate Good Samaritan Hospital, CIGNA, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois, Ernst & Young, FedEx, LaSalle Bank Corporation, Northwestern Memorial Hospital and TCF Bank. In-kind and media sponsors include Absopure, American Airlines, Jewel, and NBC5/Telemundo.

For Walk locations and to find out how to participate in WalkAmerica, call the March of Dimes at 1-800-244-WALK or online at www.walkamerica.org.

The March of Dimes is a national voluntary health agency whose mission is to improve the health of babies by preventing birth defects, premature birth and infant mortality. Founded in 1938, the March of Dimes funds programs of research, community services, education, and advocacy to save babies and in 2003 launched a campaign to address the increasing rate of premature birth. For more information, visit the March of Dimes Web site at marchofdimes.com or its Spanish language Web site at nacersano.org.

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Watercolor Classes

Afternoon and evening sessions of Watercolor Classes will begin at The Log Cabin Center for the Arts, 12700 Southwest Highway in Palos Park, on Wednesday and Thursday, April 11th and 12th.

The watercolor classes feature expert critique and guidance in composition, values, textures, negative painting, brush stroke usage, and more. A 6:30 p.m. Wednesday class, taught by Lenox Wallace, begins April 11th and features structured lessons for beginning watercolorists. A 6:30 p.m. Thursday class, also taught by Wallace, begins April 12th and is an ongoing class of advanced painters, each working individually with an end of class critique by the instructor. A 1 p.m. Thursday class, taught by Lois Hrejsa, begins April 19th and provides structure for beginning painters and ongoing guidance and critique for experienced watercolorists.

Watercolor classes cost $95 for a six-week session. Advance registration is required. For further information, call (708) 361-3650.

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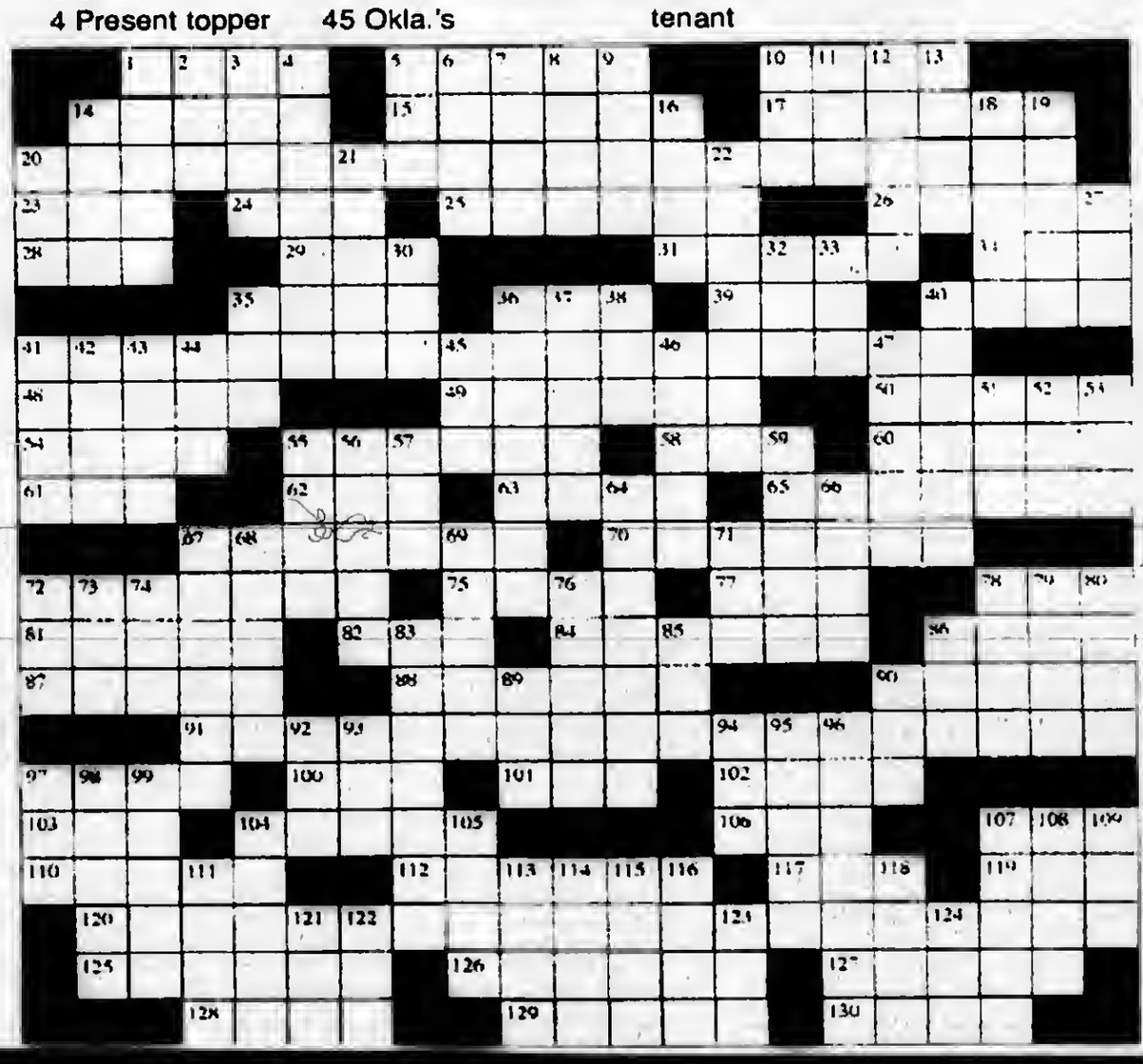

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Peace to All this Easter in Church

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5555 West State Road
Burbank, IL 60459
(708) 423-0321

EASTER & HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

CONFESSIONS
Saturday March 31st 5:00 – 4:50 p.m.

PALM SUNDAY MASSES
Palms will be distributed at all masses
Saturday March 31st 5:00 p.m.
Sunday April 1st
7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. -12:00 p.m.
1:15 p.m. (Polish) - 5:00 p.m. (Polish)

CONFESSIONS
Tuesday April 3rd 6:00 p.m.
Until all confessions are heard

WEEKDAY MASSES OF HOLY WEEK
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday: 6:30 a.m. and 8:30 a.m.

HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 5
7:00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Last Supper –
Adoration until 11:00 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 6
3:00 p.m.Liturgy Service
7:00 p.m.The Living Passion Play

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 7
1:15 p.m.Blessing of Easter Baskets (church)
8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil Mass

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 8
5:30 a.m.Sunrise Mass (Polish)
7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon
1:15 p.m. – (Polish)

PEACE MEMORIAL CHURCH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

10300 W. 131st Street
Palos Park, Illinois
(708) 448-7833

Holy Week Services

Palm Sunday – April 1
9:30 a.m. Worship and Sunday School

Maundy Thursday, April 5
Darkness in Gethsemane
11:00 a.m. PMC Residences - Communion
2:00 p.m. PMC Village Circle Inn - Communion
7:00 p.m. Peace Memorial Church - Communion

Good Friday, April 6
Tenebrae Service
7:00 p.m. Peace Memorial Church

Easter Sunday, April 8
Christ the Lord has Risen Today!
7:30 a.m. Easter Festival Service
8:30 a.m. Easter Breakfast in Zion Hall
9:30 a.m. Easter Festival Service

ST. CHRISTOPHER CHURCH

14641 S. Keeler Avenue
Midlothian, Illinois, 60445
www.stchristopherparish.com
(708) 388-8190
FR. MARK WALTER, PASTOR
FR. MIKE KALCK, ASSOC. PASTOR

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SCHEDULE
Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturday, March 31st - 4-5:00 PM

PALM SUNDAY MASSES
Saturday, March 31st - 5:30 PM
Sunday, April 1st
7:30, 9:30, & 11 AM

HOLY WEEK WEEKDAY SERVICES
Monday, April 2nd, 7:00 a.m. Mass
Tuesday, April 3rd – 7 & 8:30 AM Mass
Wednesday, April 4th - 7:00 & 9:05 AM Mass

HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 5th
Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7:30 PM
Eucharistic Adoration until Midnight

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 6th
Living Stations of the Cross - 3:00 PM
Good Friday Liturgy - 7:30 PM

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 7th
Blessing of Baskets - 12:00 Noon

EASTER VIGIL - 7:30 PM

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 8th
Masses: 7:30, 9:30, 11:00 AM, and 12:30 PM

SS. CONSTANTINE AND HELEN GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

11025 South Roberts Road
Palos Hills, Illinois
(708) 974-3400

Holy Week and Pascha Program – 2007

Lazarus Saturday, March 31st
Orthros and Divine Liturgy – 8:15 a.m.
Great Vespers/Holy Confession – 5:00 p.m.

Palm Sunday, April 1st
Orthros – 7:00 a.m.
Two Divine Liturgies
1st Divine Liturgy (Youth Choir Sings) – 8:30 a.m.
2nd Divine Liturgy – 10:30 a.m.
There will be no Sunday School Classes.
Parents please bring your children to 1st Liturgy
Nymphios (Bridegroom) Service – 7:30 p.m.

Holy Monday, April 2nd
Nymphios (Bridegroom) Service – 7:30 p.m.

Holy Tuesday, April 3rd
Nymphios (Bridegroom) Service – 7:00 p.m.
His Eminence Metropolitan Iakovos will officiate

Holy Wednesday, April 4th
Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts – 8:00 a.m.
Sacrament of Holy Unction
Koraes School Children and Adults – 10:30 a.m.
All of our Other Children and Adults – 3:30 p.m.
Service of Niptira (Washing) and Anointing
with Holy Unction for the Community at large 7:30 p.m.

Holy Thursday, April 5th
Two Divine Liturgies (Liturgy of St. Basil)
1st Vesperal Divine Liturgy – 6:00 a.m.
2nd Vesperal Divine Liturgy – 8:30 a.m.
All School Children to Receive Communion
followed by a Lenten Breakfast
Holy Passion Service – Reading of
the Twelve Passion Gospel Lessons – 7:00 p.m.

Great Friday, April 6th
The Royal Hours – 8:15 a.m.
Apocathetosis (Removal from the Cross) – 3:30 p.m.
Lamentations (Epitaphios) – 7:30 p.m.

Holy Saturday, April 7th
Two Divine Liturgies (Liturgy of St. Basil)
1st Vesperal Divine Liturgy – 6:00 a.m.
2nd Vesperal Divine Liturgy – 8:30 a.m.
The Canon with the Proclamation of the Resurrection
followed by the Pascal Orthros and Divine Liturgy beginning –
11:00 p.m. (into Sunday morning/Pascha)

Pascha – (Easter) Sunday, April 8th
The Agape (Love) Vespers Service
(With Easter Egg Hunt for children 10 & under following) – 1:00 p.m.

Bright Friday, April 13th
Feastday of the Life Giving Fountain of the Theotokos/Zoodohos
Peges Orthros and Divine Liturgy – 8:15 a.m.

ASHBURN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH (ELCA)

3345 W. 83rd St.
Chicago, Illinois
(773) 737-2620
Rev. Pamela J.S. Challis, Pastor

MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 5
7:30 p.m. Service

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 6
7:30 p.m. Tenebrae

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 7
7:30 p.m. Great Vigil of Easter

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 8
8:00 a.m. Worship
10:30 a.m. Worship

MOUNT ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

10400 S. Kostner Avenue
Oak Lawn, Illinois 60453-2109

Rev. Nancy Goede, Pastor

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE
Maundy Thursday, April 5 – 7:30 p.m.
Finally, we hear the words of forgiveness that we've been missing in Lent. We remember the events of Jesus' last hours by washing feet and eating the Holy Supper.
Good Friday, April 6, 7:30 p.m.
On this night we read the story of the crucifixion, or the Passion. We pray for our world, and meditate on the mystery of the cross and salvation.
Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 7, 8:00 p.m.
On this night, we strike new fire, a sign of the first work of the Creator, and the one who is the Light of the World. We tell some of our "family stories" from the Old Testament, and renew our baptism
Easter Sunday, April 8, at 10:30 a.m.
Breakfast at 9:00 a.m.
Easter Egg Hunt after worship
Worship on Sundays at 10:30 a.m.
Nursery Provided

SAINT CHRISTINA CHURCH

11005 S. Homan Avenue
Chicago, Illinois 60655
Phone: (773) 779-7181
Fax: (773) 238-2942

Holy Week & Easter Schedule

The Sacrament of Reconciliation
Penance Service on Tuesday, April 3 at 7:30 p.m.
Confessions will also be heard on
Wednesday, April 4 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. and
Friday, April 6 (Good Friday) after
The Stations of the Cross

Holy Thursday
Morning Prayer at 8:30
Liturgy of the Last Supper at 7:30 p.m.
Our Church will be open until 12:00 a.m. for
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Good Friday
Morning Prayer at 8:30 a.m.
Stations of the Cross at 3:00 p.m.
Liturgy of the Lord's Passion at 7:30 p.m.

Holy Saturday
Morning Prayer at 8:30 a.m.
Blessing of Food Baskets at 1:30 p.m.
Liturgy of the Easter Vigil at 7:30 p.m.

Easter Sunday
Masses will be at 7:15, 8:30, 10:00 & 11:30 a.m.
There will be no 5:00 p.m. Mass on Easter

ST. DAMIAN CHURCH

5300 W. 155th Street
Oak Forest, Illinois
(708) 687-1370

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE 2007

Reconciliation – Saturdays 3:30 - 4:30

HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 5
9:00 a.m.Morning Prayer
7:30 p.m.Celebration of the Lord's Supper

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 6
9:00 a.m.Morning Prayer
3:00 p.m.Living Stations of the Cross
7:30 p.m.Celebration of the Lord's Passion

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 7
9:00 a.m.Morning Prayer
1:00 p.m.Blessing of Easter Baskets
7:30 p.m.Easter Vigil Mass

EASTER SUNDAY MASSES, APRIL 8
6:45 a.m.Church
6:35 *Preludes of Classical Music*

8:00 a.m.Church
7:45 Preludes by the Heavenly Metal Bell Choir

8:15 a.m.Fr. Shaw/Msgr. O'Day Halls

9:30 a.m.Church
9:20 *Preludes sung by the Traditional Choir*

9:45 a.m.Fr. Shaw Hall/Msgr. O'Day Halls

11:00 a.m.Church
10:50 *Preludes sung by Celebration Singers*

11:15 a.m.Fr. Shaw Hall/Msgr. O'Day Halls

12:30 p.m.Church
12:30 *Preludes sung by the Youth Choir*

12:45 p.m.Fr. Shaw Hall/Msgr. O'Day Halls

GRACE COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

10415 Kedvale Avenue
Oak Lawn, IL
708-636-4585

Palm Sunday – April 1
9:00 am Blended Service
10:45 am Contemporary Service
Good Friday – April 6
7:30 pm Communion Service
Easter Sunday – April 8
7:30 am Sunrise Service – led by Rev. John Wilczewski
8:30 am Breakfast served by the REACH Youth Group
(a free-will donation will be taken)
10:00 am Worship Service "The Victory of Grace"
led by Rev. Jim Van Zetten

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THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF WORTH

7100 W. 112th St.
Worth, Illinois
(708) 448-6682

Karen Hundrieser, Pastor

PALM/PASSION SUNDAY, APRIL 1
9:30 a.m. Worship

HOLY WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4
5:30 p.m. – Lenten Supper
6:30 p.m. – Lenten Service: 'Christ on Trial'

MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 5
6:30 p.m. Jesus' Last Meal

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 6
7:00 p.m. Tenebrae Service

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 8
7:00 a.m. Youth led Sunrise Service
8:00 a.m. Breakfast for everyone served by United Methodist Men
9:30 a.m. – Worship: Celebration of New Life

ST. STEPHEN LUTHERAN CHURCH

14700 S. Kildare Ave.
Midlothian, Illinois
(708) 388-4283
Rev. Paul Nimnemann, Pastor

PALM/PASSION EVE SATURDAY, MARCH 31
6:30 p.m. Eve of Palm/Passion Sunday
Palm Processional and Holy Communion

PALM/PASSION SUNDAY, APRIL 1
9:30 a.m. Palm Processional and Holy Communion

MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 5
7:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 6
7:30 p.m. Tenebrae

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 8
6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service with Holy Communion
9:30 a.m. Festive Celebration of the Resurrection

SALEM UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

9717 S. Kostner Avenue
Oak Lawn, Illinois
(708) 423-9717
Rev. Steve Hoerger Pastor

All welcome to our celebrations of the Risen Lord

MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 5th
7:00 p.m. Seder Service

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 6th
7:00 p.m. Tenebrae Service

SATURDAY, APRIL 7th
9:00 p.m. Vigil Service

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 8th
9:30 a.m. Traditional Service
11:15 a.m. Celebration Service

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

8607 S. Narragansett
Burbank, Illinois 60459
(708) 599-4780
Dr. Earl L. Peters, Interim Pastor
Rev. Stefan Munker, Associate Pastor

HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 5th
7:15 p.m.-First Communion, Re-enactment of the Last Supper, and Holy Communion
GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 6th
3:00 p.m.-Children/Family Service followed by children coloring Easter eggs for Nursing Homes
7:15 p.m.-Service of Darkness "The Last Words of Jesus" No communion
EASTER EVE, SATURDAY, APRIL 7th
6:00 p.m.-Traditional Easter Worship Portrayal of Risen Christ All Services
EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 8th
8:30 a.m.-Traditional Easter Service
9:45 a.m.-Musical Praise Service (Signed for the Deaf and Hearing Impaired)
11:15 a.m.-Celebration Service
CHURCH IS HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

14700 S. 94th Avenue Orland Park 708-349-0431
(South on 94th Ave. at John Humphrey Drive)

Holy Week & Easter Worship Schedule

MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 5
11:00 a.m. – Holy Communion
7:00 p.m. – Holy Communion
Laying Bare of the Altar

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 6
11:00 a.m. – Seven-Words Tenebrae
7:00 p.m. Passion Tenebrae Service
"Rose of Calvary"

Alleluia!

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 8
6:30 a.m. Communion Service with Sunrise Procession
8:00 a.m. Breakfast (Sponsored by Youth Group)
9:00 a.m. Family Service with Holy Communion
11:00 a.m. Festival Holy Communion

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MORAINE VALLEY CHURCH

6300 W. 127th Street
Palos Heights, IL 60463
(708) 389-1268
www.moralnevallevchurch.org

THE CASE OF THE MISSING BODY

EASTER SATURDAY
APRIL 7TH 5:30 PM

EASTER SUNDAY
APRIL 8TH 9:30 AM

Ladies and gentlemen of the jury, this case involves the disappearance of the body of Jesus Christ from the tomb of Joseph of Arimathea. You, the observers will serve as jury members in this case. You will be asked to absorb all the facts as presented as the truth is unveiled.

Childcare provided birth – 5 yrs. old

for more information
www.moralnevallevchurch.org

TRINITY EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH

9230 S. Pulaski Road
Oak Lawn, IL 60453
Phone: (708) 422-5111
Fax: (708) 422-1598
E-mail: office@trinitycovoaklawn.org
www.trinitycovoaklawn.org
Pastor: Rev. Dr. James R. Sandberg

PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 1
9:15 a.m. Adult Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Kingdom Kids Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Worship Service

MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 5
7:30 p.m. Service and Communion

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 8
10:30 a.m. Kingdom Kids Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Worship Service
Rev. Dr. James R. Sandberg preaching

ST. TERRENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH

119th and Kostner
Alsip, Illinois 60803
(708) 597-0970

Palm Sunday Masses
Saturday, March 31 at 5:00 PM
Sunday, April 1: 7:30, 9:00 & 11:00 AM

Holy Thursday, April 5
7:30 PM – Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday, April 6
3:00 PM – Liturgy of the Lord's Passion
7:30 PM – Living Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday, April 7
7:30 – Easter Vigil Service

Easter Sunday, April 8
Masses at 7:30, 9:00, & 11:00 AM

SAINT PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL

4660 West 94th St.
Oak Lawn, IL 60453
(708) 423-1040

REFLECT AND CELEBRATE!
COME TO OUR EASTER WORSHIP SERVICES

SUNDAY, APRIL 1 – PALM SUNDAY
8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. – Holy Communion

THURSDAY, APRIL 5 – MAUNDY THURSDAY
11:00 a.m. – Holy Communion
6:00-8:00 p.m. – Holy Communion

FRIDAY, APRIL 6 – GOOD FRIDAY
12:00 Noon – Holy Communion
7:00 p.m. – Tenebrae – Holy Communion

SUNDAY, APRIL 8 – EASTER FESTIVAL
6:30 a.m., 8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m. – Holy Communion
7:00 – 10:00 a.m. Easter Breakfast

Call (708) 423-1058 about our school – Grades K-8; Shepherd's Garden Pre-school and Day-Care Center.

TRINITY EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH

9701 S. Brandt Avenue
(2 blks west of Cicero)
Oak Lawn, IL
708-422-0193
Pastor Norman Femrite

SATURDAY - MARCH 31
Service – 5:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, APRIL 1 - PALM SUNDAY
8:30 a.m.., 9:45 a.m. – Traditional Worship
11:00 a.m. – Confirmation Service

THURSDAY, APRIL 5 - MAUNDY THURSDAY
7:00 p.m. – Communion Service
Removal of altar paraments

FRIDAY, APRIL 6 -GOOD FRIDAY
11:00 a.m. – Tenebrae Service
7:00 p.m. – Tenebrae Service

SATURDAY, APRIL 7
Service – 5:30 p.m.
Prayer vigil from 7 p.m. – 12 a.m.

SUNDAY, APRIL 8 - EASTER SUNDAY

6:00 a.m. – Sunrise Service (by high school youth)
7:00 a.m. – Easter Breakfast
8:30 a.m., 9:45 a.m. – Festival traditional worship
11:00 a.m. – Festival Praise worship

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Nursery services available on Sundays
Church handicapped accessible
Special music at all services

PATHWAY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

5400 W. 159th St. at Lorel Ave.
Oak Forest, IL
708-687-2748

Palm Sunday Service & Cantata, April 1, 10 a.m.

Sunday School at 8:45 a.m.

Easter Services, April 8, 7 & 10 a.m.

Youth Sunday, April 29, 10 a.m.

Open hearts, Open minds, Open doors.
The people of The United Methodist Church.

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

8659 S. Sayre
Burbank, Illinois 60459
(708) 598-8070
Rev. Dr. John M. Richy, Pastor

PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 1
9:00 a.m. Traditional

MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 5
Noon Holy Communion
7:00 p.m. Holy Communion

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 6
Noon Service of Prayer

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 8
7:00 a.m. Holy Communion
10:00 a.m. Holy Communion

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IMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

9815 S. Campbell
Evergreen Park, Illinois
708-422-5005 email: Immanueluce@comcast.net
Dr. Joseph Alfred, Pastor
Peter Siavin, Director of Music Ministries

Holy Week and Easter Schedule

Palm Sunday, April 1, Worship at 10:00 AM
Palm Processional
Confirmation
Communion
Maundy Thursday, April 5, Services at 7:30 PM
Remembering Christ's Last Supper
Communion
Good Friday, April 6, Services at 7:30 PM
Choir Program: Service of Tenebrae, featuring works from Handel's Messiah. There will be a visiting Mezzo-Soprano. The choir will sing an arrangement of "What Wondrous Love is This" by Director of Music Ministries Peter Siavin
Easter Sunday, April 8
Early Worship, 7:00 AM – worship prepared for all ages including children
Easter Breakfast, 8:00-9:30. Serving French Toast
Morning Worship, 10:00 AM
Celebration of the Resurrection with Music and Communion.
Nursery provided for this service.

Wherever you are on your journey of faith, you're welcome here!
God is still speaking!

PILGRIM FAITH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

9411 South 51st Avenue
Oak Lawn
(708) 422-4200
www.pilgrimfaith.org
Rev. Peggy McClanahan

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 6
12:00 noon – Reflections on "Were You There?" Altar communion.

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 8
Easter Message: "Unexpected Joys"
9:00 a.m. – Worship with "Living Cross," brass and choir.

10:00-11:00 a.m. – Easter Breakfast

11:15 a.m. – Worship with brass, choir, and a children's message.

(Nursery provided at 9:00 a.m. Easter service.)

Other Sundays: 9:30 a.m. Worship

CHRISTIAN HILLS CHURCH

the Church on the Hill

April 6, 2007
GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE – 7:30 pm
Special Presentation by Worship Ministry
Christian Hills Church
9001 W. 159th Street
Orland Hills, IL 60487
(708) 349-0777
www.christianhills.org

April 8, 2007
RESURRECTION SUNDAY SERVICE
10:00 am
Christian Hills Church
9001 W. 159th Street
Orland Hills, IL 60487
(708) 349-0777
www.christianhills.org

Former Evergreen Park Trustee Dies

The Village of Evergreen Park is mourning the death of former Village Trustee Ruth Gilke who was a member of the Board of Trustees for eight years. Gilke was the first female trustee in Evergreen Park.

She was dissatisfied with the state of village politics when her husband, Paul talked her into running for office. Gilke formed the Concerned Citizens of Evergreen Park with a full slate of five candidates. Ms. Gilke was elected along with Village Clerk Cathy Aparo. Both were on the board from 1973 to 1981.

Gilke and her husband lived in Evergreen Park for 45 years before moving to Schaumburg where she died of complications from Alzheimer's Disease at the Sunrise of Schaumburg senior living community on March 20th. She was 73.

Gilke was a member of the League of Women Voters since the mid-1960's. After she became a member, she attended Wilson Junior College (now Kennedy-King College) and was a member of the Citizen's committee. She became a public speaker to local organization where she encouraged support for the establishment of Moraine Valley Community College in Palos Hills. She was also a reporter for the Southtown Economist.

On the Village Board, Gilke backed a parental responsibility act that passed and proposed that the village hire an employee to plan meeting and activities for senior citizens.

After loosing the election in 1981, Gilke went to work at the First National Bank of Evergreen Park.

Besides her husband, Paul, Gilke, she is survived by her children Paula Babcock, Lisa Ochoa, and Matthew and nine grandchildren. Services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday at the Trinity United Methodist Church, 605 W. Golf Rd. in Mt. Prospect.

Durbin Chairs Confirmation Hearing For Judge Kapala

U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin (D-IL) introduced Judge Frederick Kapala to the Senate Judiciary Committee as he began his confirmation process. Kapala has been nominated to fill the sole federal judgeship in Rockford, IL. Kapala's name was sent to the President for his consideration by former Speaker Dennis Hastert in consultation with Durbin and Sen. Barack Obama (D-IL).

Kapala has served with distinction as a state court judge in Illinois for the past quarter century. From 1982 to 2001, he was a circuit court judge in Rockford, serving over the years as the presiding judge of the criminal division and the juvenile court. In 2001, he was elevated to the Illinois Appellate Court, and he has served on that court – the second highest state court in Illinois – for the past six years.

Kapala served in the United States Army, both in active and reserve duty, from 1970 to 1980, after attaining the rank of Captain. He graduated from the University of Illinois law school and Marquette University. Before he put on a judicial robe in 1982, Judge Kapala worked in private practice and served as a Special Assistant Attorney General in the Illinois Attorney General's office prosecuting consumer fraud complaints. He has been an active member of over two dozen community groups and legal associations, and he has been a community leader in organizations that have helped at-risk children and families, the mentally ill, and people dealing with alcoholism. Kapala and his wife currently reside in Rockford with their two daughters.

"Judge Kapala is an outstanding public servant in the Rockford community," said Durbin. "He is a highly respected judge with a reputation for fairness that makes him an excellent choice for the U.S. district court. I was happy to join my colleagues in submitting his name to the President to fill this important vacancy and look forward to voting for him on the Senate floor."

The President traditionally respects the wishes of a home-state senator of his own party in making federal district court nominations. In cases where both U.S. senators are of the opposite party from the President, he usually consults with the highest ranking elected official of his own party. The State of Illinois has a long tradition of seeking bipartisan cooperation in the recommendation of federal district court nominees for Presidential consideration.

Quilt Lovers Luncheon

Quilt lovers are invited to a program and luncheon at The Center, 12700 Southwest Highway in Palos Park, on Tuesday, April 10th.

Quilter/artist Denise Dulzo will display her handmade quilts and discuss the classic folkart of quilt-making. Dulzo creates both traditional quilts and artistic freeform three-dimensional quilts.

The luncheon begins at 12 noon at a cost of $14 per person, and requires advance reservations. The 1 until 2 p.m. program will follow the luncheon. For reservations and further information, interested persons should call The Center at (708) 361-3650.

Friends Of The Calumet-Sag Trail

Join the Friends of the Calumet-Sag Trail on Tuesday, April 10, at 7 p.m. at the Blue Island Public Library, 2433 York Street, to discover how the proposed 26-mile shared-use trail can transform the Chicago Southland. This month, the Friends of the Calumet-Sag Trail will discuss the proposed trail alignment and upcoming trail- and community-related activities. The Blue Island Public Library is at York Street, just west of Western Ave., and the Friends of the Calumet-Sag Trail meeting is open to the public.

For additional information, call (312) 427-3325, ext. 226 or go to http://calsagtrail.org.

Harris Sponsors Free Homebuyers Seminars

Harris will be sponsoring free "Homebuyer Workshop" seminars in communities across Chicagoland. The bank's experts will be offering insights and advice for first time homeowners. Topics discussed include, but are not limited to: How to choose a mortgage loan program; Low down payment mortgage options; Advantages of mortgage pre-approval; and Tax advantages of homeownership.

The following free seminars will take place on April 14th and 17th.

On April 14th from 10 a.m. to noon Harris Kenwood, 901 E. 47th St., will hold a workshop sponsored by Residential Mortgage Sales and Harris Kenwood.

Also on April 14th there will be a workshop at the Chicago Public Library, Brighton Park Branch, 4314 S. Archer Ave. from 10 a.m. to noon sponsored by Residential Mortgage Sales and the Chicago Public Library

Harris Joliet-Lockport, 78 N. Chicago St., will host the seminar on April 17th from 7 to 9 p.m. This event is sponsored by Residential Mortgage Sales and Harris Joliet-Lockport.

Aglow Speaker

The Oak Lawn Chapter of Aglow International will meet on Thursday, April 12th at Mama Luigi's Restaurant, 7500 S. Harlem Ave., Bridgeview.

The speaker for April is Father Dimitri Sala (pictured), a Franciscan Friar-Priest. His full time Evangelical and Apostolic ministry is part of a life of prayer.

Based in Chicago, he has had many retreats, apostolic leadership workshops, healing services and missions including a summer street ministry. With his team, he has ministered to many ages, denominations, religious and laity groups.

Father Dimitri has been a featured speaker in regional and national conferences and has appeared on Christian television. His articles have also been published in pamphlets as part of his ministry. He is on fire for God who is always faithful.

Dinner tickets at $13 will be available at 6:30 p.m. at the door. Dinner is served promptly at 7 p.m. Reservations are required by April 9th. For additional information and reservations call June at (708) 424-1656.

Chapter And Verse: Connecting To Poetry

In celebration of National Poetry Month, the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library presents *Chapter and Verse: Connecting to Poetry in the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library* on display now through September. This temporary exhibit highlights poetry found in the collection of the library as well as popular Illinois poets.

Featured in the exhibit are Illinois poet Vachel Lindsay's poetry and art. On display are "The Tree of Laughing Bells," "The Lotus and the Rose" and the series of six "Village Improvement Parade" images in its collection as well as the version of "Lucifer" in the library's collection, "Machinery," and several smaller sketches. Also in display is the handwritten version of "Abraham Lincoln Walks at Midnight" dated Nov. 19, 1930 and signed by Lindsay.

The exhibit also features the four Poet Laureates of Illinois. Four panels celebrate the work of Howard B. Austin, honored by Gov. Henry Horner in 1936, Carl Sandburg and Gwendolyn Brooks, both appointed by Gov. Otto Kerner, in 1962 and 1968, and Kevin Stein, the current Poet Laureate, appointed by Gov. Rod Blagojevich in 2003. Austin's family kindly assisted the library in its efforts to gather the works of this largely unpublished Central Illinois poet whose good-natured address in song to Gov. Horner at a Democratic Ladies Meeting was rewarded with the Poet Laureate designation.

Also on display is the oldest item in the exhibit, a 1792 broadside celebrating the courage of officers and soldiers killed in a conflict titled "The Columbian Tragedy," as well as a tribute to the state song, "Illinois, Illinois."

A selection of manuscript poems is also displayed, including a Valentine's Day composition by a young Susan Lawrence Dana. Poetry books bound in gilt-lettered leather, marbled paper and wood, and the delightful miniature books published by publisher Ward Schori of Evanston, Illinois are among the other items in the collection.

Campaign songs, political satire and tributes written to celebrate the passing of Ulysses S. Grant and other Illinois citizens are there, as well as poetry and images from the American Civil War. A collection of "carrier's addresses" is on display from 19th century newspapers. These addresses accompanied the New Year's Day newspaper and gave a digest of the year just passed and the thoughts on the year just begun. Cases on the second floor have also been used to present poems from around the state.

The library will be scheduling additional programming to coincide with the exhibit through its closing in the fall. The items in the exhibit include selections from the Published Collection, the Audio-Visual Collection, and the Manuscripts Collection of the Illinois historical materials.

The Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. For more information, visit www.alplm.org.

Mental Illness Support Group

The NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) support group for relatives and friends of individuals with serious mental illness (brain disorders) will be held at 7 p.m., Thursday, April 12th, at the Church of Christ, 206th and Crawford, Matteson.

Sponsored by the local affiliate of the National Alliance on Mental Illness, the meeting provides participants with an opportunity to meet others in similar circumstances and discuss concerns, share insights and information, as well as messages of comfort and hope.

Led by experienced volunteers, the group meeting is held on the second Thursday of the month throughout the year at the same time and location. There is no charge to attend. For additional information about this meeting or about NAMI and local activities, call John Rowley at (708) 798-3862.

OFFICIAL NOTICE OF POLLING PLACE LOCATIONS

David Orr, Cook County Clerk

OFFICIAL NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN of the Polling Place Locations for the CONSOLIDATED ELECTION to be held in SUBURBAN COOK COUNTY on:

TUESDAY, APRIL 17, 2007

The POLLING PLACES will be open from 6:00 AM to 7:00 PM.

The CONSOLIDATED ELECTION for that part of Cook County under the jurisdiction of the Cook County Clerk will be held in each election precinct in Cook County and the voting will be conducted at the following polling places for each of the aforesaid election precincts selected by the Cook County Clerk.

LOCATIONS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AS NECESSITY REQUIRES

TOWNSHIP OF WORTH

WARD	PCT	Name	Address	Access
	1	MENARD ACTIVITY CENTER	5800 90TH ST OAK LAWN	Y
	2	ALBERT H BRANDT SCHOOL	8901 S 52ND AVE OAK LAWN	Y
	3	TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH	9701 BRANDT AVE OAK LAWN	Y
	4	RIDGE LAWN SCHOOL	5757 W 105TH ST CHICAGO RIDGE	Y
	5	KOLMAR SCHOOL	10425 S KOLMAR AVE OAK LAWN	Y
	6	VILLAGE OF WORTH	7112 W 111TH ST WORTH	Y
	7	CHICAGO CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL	12001 S OAK PARK AVE PALOS HEIGHTS	Y
	8	ALSIP PUBLIC SAFETY BLDG	4500 W 123RD ST ALSIP	Y
	9	MERRIONETTE PK FIRE HOUSE	3165 W 115TH ST MERRIONETTE PARK	Y
	10	CENTRAL JR HIGH SCHOOL	9400 S SAWYER AVE EVERGREEN PARK	Y
	11	SOUTHEAST SCHOOL	98TH ST & FRANCISCO AVE EVERGREEN PARK	Y
	12	CENTRAL JR HIGH SCHOOL	9400 S SAWYER AVE EVERGREEN PARK	Y
	13	EVERGREEN PK ACTIVITIES CNTR	3220 W 98TH ST EVERGREEN PARK	Y
	14	FIRST MIDWEST BANK	12015 S WESTERN AVE BLUE ISLAND	Y
	15	VETERANS MEMORIAL	12320 S GREENWOOD AVE BLUE ISLAND	Y
	16	HAZELGREEN SCHOOL	11751 S LAWLER AVE ALSIP	Y
	17	VETERANS MEMORIAL	12320 S GREENWOOD AVE BLUE ISLAND	Y
	18	VETERANS MEMORIAL	12320 S GREENWOOD AVE BLUE ISLAND	Y
	19	MEMORIAL PARK FIELD HOUSE	12804 HIGHLAND AVE BLUE ISLAND	Y
	20	DWIGHT D EISENHOWER H S	12700 S SACRAMENTO AVE BLUE ISLAND	Y
	21	ERNEST F KOLB	9620 S NORMANDY AVE OAK LAWN	Y
	22	NEW HOPE CHURCH	5100 W 115TH ST ALSIP	Y
	23	CITY HALL EAST ANNEX	2434 VERMONT ST BLUE ISLAND	Y
	24	BETHEL CHURCH	2726 W BROADWAY ST BLUE ISLAND	N
	25	VILLAGE OF OAK LAWN	9446 S RAYMOND OAK LAWN	Y
	26	SIMMONS SCHOOL	6450 W 95TH ST OAK LAWN	Y
	27	JOHNSON PHELPS VFW POST 5220	9514 S 52ND AVE OAK LAWN	Y
	28	APOLLO PARK	12521 S KOSTNER ALSIP	Y
	29	EVERGREEN PARK PRESBY CHURCH	8859 S FRANCISCO AVE EVERGREEN PARK	Y
	30	SOUTHEAST SCHOOL	98TH ST & FRANCISCO AVE EVERGREEN PARK	Y
	31	CENTRAL JR HIGH SCHOOL	9400 S SAWYER AVE EVERGREEN PARK	Y
	32	VILLAGE OF EVERGREEN PARK	3450 W 97TH ST EVERGREEN PARK	Y
	33	COLUMBUS MANOR SCHOOL	9700 S MAYFIELD AVE OAK LAWN	Y
	34	NAVAJO HEIGHTS SCHOOL	12401 S OAK PARK AVE PALOS HEIGHTS	Y
	35	SWARD SCHOOL	9830 S BRANDT AVE OAK LAWN	Y
	36	SALEM UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST	9717 S KOSTNER AVE OAK LAWN	Y
	37	NORTHEAST SCHOOL	91ST ST & CALIFORNIA AVE EVERGREEN PARK	Y
	38	ST BERNADETTE QUONSET HALL	9343 S FRANCISCO ST EVERGREEN PARK	Y
	39	QUEEN OF MARTYRS SCHOOL	3550 W 103RD ST EVERGREEN PARK	Y
	40	GADDIS SCHOOL	4201 W 93RD ST OAK LAWN	Y
	41	HARNEW SCHOOL	9101 S MEADE AVE OAK LAWN	Y
	42	INCARNATION CHURCH	5757 W 127TH ST PALOS HEIGHTS	Y
	43	TURNER SCHOOL	3847 W 135TH ROBBINS	Y
	44	MANOR CARE HEALTH SERVICES	6300 W 95TH ST OAK LAWN	Y
	45	SOUTHWEST SCHOOL	9900 CENTRAL PARK AVE EVERGREEN PARK	Y
	46	JOHNSON PHELPS VFW POST 5220	9514 S 52ND AVE OAK LAWN	Y
	47	HOMETOWN SCHOOL	8870 DUFFY AVE HOMETOWN	Y
	48	HOMETOWN SCHOOL	8870 DUFFY AVE HOMETOWN	Y
	49	TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH	9701 BRANDT AVE OAK LAWN	Y
	50	NATHAN HALE PRIMARY SCH.	5324 135TH ST CRESTWOOD	N
	51	WORTH ELEM SCHOOL	11158 S OAK PARK AVE WORTH	Y
	52	NORTHWEST SCHOOL	92ND & MILLARD AVE EVERGREEN PARK	Y
	53	OUR LADY OF LORETTO	8925 S KOSTNER AVE HOMETOWN	Y
	54	EVERGREEN PARK LEGION POST 854	9701 S KEDZIE AVE EVERGREEN PARK	Y
	55	VILLAGE OF EVERGREEN PARK	3450 W 97TH ST EVERGREEN PARK	Y
	56	MC GUGAN SCHOOL	5220 W 105TH ST OAK LAWN	Y
	57	EVERGREEN HEALTH CARE	10124 S KEDZIE AVE EVERGREEN PARK	Y
	58	COVINGTON SCHOOL	9130 S 52ND AVE OAK LAWN	Y
	59	ALSIP HERITAGE II APTS	3715 W 123RD PL ALSIP	Y
	60	OUR LADY OF LORETTO	8925 S KOSTNER AVE HOMETOWN	Y
	61	FIRE HOUSE NO 1	10658 E LOMBARD AVE CHICAGO RIDGE	Y
	62	OAK LANE COURT	11750 S HOMAN MERRIONETTE PARK	Y
	63	GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH	10415 S KEDVALE AVE OAK LAWN	Y
	64	CHIPPEWA SCHOOL	12425 S AUSTIN AVE PALOS HEIGHTS	Y
	65	PALOS HGTS REC CENTER	6601 W 127TH ST PALOS HEIGHTS	Y
	66	SIMMONS SCHOOL	6450 W 95TH ST OAK LAWN	Y
	67	WORTH ELEM SCHOOL	11158 S OAK PARK AVE WORTH	Y
	68	GREENBRIAR SCHOOL	12015 MAPLE AVE BLUE ISLAND	Y
	69	IMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST	9815 CAMPBELL AVE EVERGREEN PARK	Y
	70	CENTRAL ELEM SCHOOL	10800 LYMAN AVE CHICAGO RIDGE	Y
	71	NORTHEAST SCHOOL	91ST ST & CALIFORNIA AVE EVERGREEN PARK	Y
	72	TCF NATIONAL BANK	3960 W 95TH ST EVERGREEN PARK	Y
	73	WORTH TWP	11601 S PULASKI RD ALSIP	Y
	74	ST LINUS SCHOOL	10400 S LAWLER AVE OAK LAWN	Y
	75	FIRST CHURCH OF GOD	4600 W 111TH ST OAK LAWN	Y
	76	EVERGREEN PARK COMM H S	9901 S KEDZIE AVE EVERGREEN PARK	Y
	77	ALBERT H BRANDT SCHOOL	8901 S 52ND AVE OAK LAWN	Y
	78	HAZELGREEN SCHOOL	11751 S LAWLER AVE ALSIP	Y
	79	MEADOW LANE SCHOOL	11800 MEADOW LANE DR MERRIONETTE PARK	Y
	80	EVERGREEN PARK PUBLIC WORKS	3125 W 89TH ST EVERGREEN PARK	Y
	81	WORTHRIDGE SCHOOL	11218 S RIDGELAND AVE WORTH	Y
	82	HOMETOWN CO-OP APTS	4704 W 87TH PL HOMETOWN	Y
	83	CENTRAL ELEM SCHOOL	10800 LYMAN AVE CHICAGO RIDGE	Y
	84	LAWN MANOR SCHOOL	4300 W 108TH PL OAK LAWN	Y
	85	OAK LAWN - HOMETOWN MIDDLE SCHOOL	5345 W 99TH ST OAK LAWN	Y
	86	LIEB ELEM SCHOOL	9101 PEMBROKE LN BRIDGEVIEW	Y
	87	PRAIRIE JR HIGH	11910 S KOSTNER AVE ALSIP	Y
	88	LIEB ELEM SCHOOL	9101 PEMBROKE LN BRIDGEVIEW	Y
	89	ALAN B SHEPARD H S	13049 S RIDGELAND AVE PALOS HEIGHTS	Y
	90	OAK LAWN - HOMETOWN MIDDLE SCHOOL	5345 W 99TH ST OAK LAWN	Y
	91	PARK LAWN SCHOOL	10833 S LA PORTE AVE OAK LAWN	Y
	92	ELIM EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH	10000 S KOSTNER AVE OAK LAWN	Y
	93	SALEM UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST	9717 S KOSTNER AVE OAK LAWN	Y
	94	HARNEW SCHOOL	9101 S MEADE AVE OAK LAWN	Y
	95	PALOS HGTS REC CENTER	6601 W 127TH ST PALOS HEIGHTS	Y
	96	TCF NATIONAL BANK	3960 W 95TH ST EVERGREEN PARK	Y
	97	CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH	3730 119TH ST W DOOR ALSIP	Y
	98	NATHAN HALE PRIMARY SCH.	5324 135TH ST CRESTWOOD	N
	99	ALBERT H BRANDT SCHOOL	8901 S 52ND AVE OAK LAWN	Y
	100	OAK VIEW CENTER	4625 W 110TH ST OAK LAWN	Y
	101	VILLAGE OF WORTH	7112 W 111TH ST WORTH	Y
	102	EVERGREEN PARK COMM H S	9901 S KEDZIE AVE EVERGREEN PARK	Y
	103	OAK LAWN - HOMETOWN MIDDLE SCHOOL	5345 W 99TH ST OAK LAWN	Y
	104	CHIPPEWA SCHOOL	12425 S AUSTIN AVE PALOS HEIGHTS	Y
	105	FRONTIER PARK	9807 S SAYRE AVE CHICAGO RIDGE	Y
	106	GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH	10415 S KEDVALE AVE OAK LAWN	Y
	107	EVERGREEN PARK COMM H S	9901 S KEDZIE AVE EVERGREEN PARK	Y
	108	WORTH ELEM SCHOOL	11158 S OAK PARK AVE WORTH	Y
	109	VILLAGE OF OAK LAWN	9446 S RAYMOND OAK LAWN	Y
	110	COLUMBUS MANOR SCHOOL	9700 S MAYFIELD AVE OAK LAWN	Y
	111	LAWN MANOR SCHOOL	4300 W 108TH PL OAK LAWN	Y
	112	GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH	10415 S KEDVALE AVE OAK LAWN	Y
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	114	COVINGTON SCHOOL	9130 S 52ND AVE OAK LAWN	Y
	115	STONY CREEK GOLF COURSE	5850 W 103RD ST OAK LAWN	Y
	116	ST LINUS SCHOOL	10400 S LAWLER AVE OAK LAWN	Y
	117	SALEM UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST	9717 S KOSTNER AVE OAK LAWN	Y
	118	OAK LAWN FIRE STATION #1	4401 W 103RD ST OAK LAWN	Y
	119	PRAIRIE JR HIGH	11910 S KOSTNER AVE ALSIP	Y
	120	HANNUM SCHOOL	9800 S TRIPP AVE OAK LAWN	Y
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	122	SALEM UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST	9717 S KOSTNER AVE OAK LAWN	Y
	123	FIRST CHURCH OF GOD	4600 W 111TH ST OAK LAWN	Y
	124	HAROLD L RICHARDS H S	10601 S CENTRAL AVE OAK LAWN	Y
	125	GADDIS SCHOOL	4201 W 93RD ST OAK LAWN	Y
	126	PRAIRIE JR HIGH	11910 S KOSTNER AVE ALSIP	Y
	127	PRAIRIE JR HIGH	11910 S KOSTNER AVE ALSIP	Y
	128	HAMLIN HEIGHTS SCHOOL	12150 S HAMLIN AVE ALSIP	Y
	129	OAK VIEW CENTER	4625 W 110TH ST OAK LAWN	Y
	130	VILLAGE OF CHICAGO RIDGE	10455 S RIDGELAND AVE CHICAGO RIDGE	Y
	131	LIEB ELEM SCHOOL	9101 PEMBROKE LN BRIDGEVIEW	Y
	132	VILLAGE OF WORTH	7112 W 111TH ST WORTH	Y
	133	ALSIP FIRE STATION # 2	11946 S LARAMIE ALSIP	Y
	134	MENARD ACTIVITY CENTER	5800 90TH ST OAK LAWN	Y
	135	LAWN MANOR SCHOOL	4300 W 108TH PL OAK LAWN	Y
	136	NATHAN HALE PRIMARY SCH.	5324 135TH ST CRESTWOOD	N
	137	WORTH PARK DISTRICT	10707 S OAK PARK AVE WORTH	Y
	138	NAVAJO HEIGHTS SCHOOL	12401 S OAK PARK AVE PALOS HEIGHTS	Y
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	148	DAVID JOHNSTON CENTER	9400 OAK PARK AVE OAK LAWN	Y
	149	CENTRAL ELEM SCHOOL	10800 LYMAN AVE CHICAGO RIDGE	Y
	150	INCARNATION CHURCH	5757 W 127TH ST PALOS HEIGHTS	Y
	151	OAK LAWN RACQUET CLUB	10444 S CENTRAL AVE OAK LAWN	Y
	152	FIRE HOUSE NO 2	10258 SOUTHWEST HWY CHICAGO RIDGE	Y
	153	GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH	10415 S KEDVALE AVE OAK LAWN	Y
	154	OAK LAWN RACQUET CLUB	10444 S CENTRAL AVE OAK LAWN	Y
	155	ALSIP FIRE STATION # 1	12600 S PULASKI RD ALSIP	Y
	156	ALSIP HERITAGE II APTS	3715 W 123RD PL ALSIP	Y
	157	KOLMAR SCHOOL	10425 S KOLMAR AVE OAK LAWN	Y
	158	GEORGE WASHINGTON SCHOOL	12545 S HOMAN AVE ALSIP	Y
	159	TURNER SCHOOL	3847 W 135TH ROBBINS	Y
	160	OAK LAWN COMM CHURCH	9000 S RIDGELAND AVE OAK LAWN	Y
	161	HANNUM SCHOOL	9800 S TRIPP AVE OAK LAWN	Y
	162	HAROLD L RICHARDS H S	10601 S CENTRAL AVE OAK LAWN	Y
	163	FIRE HOUSE NO 2	10258 SOUTHWEST HWY CHICAGO RIDGE	Y
	164	HARNEW SCHOOL	9101 S MEADE AVE OAK LAWN	Y

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Dated at Chicago this 5th day of April, 2007

DAVID ORR
COOK COUNTY CLERK

40th Anniversary Of The 1967 Tornado

Ask nearly any longtime Oak Lawn resident where they were on April 21, 2967 and you will hear a story of fear, hope, devastation, service or relief. To honor the 40th anniversary of the tornado that ripped through the Village of Oak Lawn and other regions of the southwest Chicago area, the Oak Lawn Public Library has partnered with Oak Lawn Community High School to offer a series of free public programs.

- Tornadoes of Northeast Illinois – 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 19th at the library, 5300 W. 95th St. – Local historian Betsy Green discusses memorable tornadoes from the last 125 years in Chicago and the suburbs, including the 1967 Oak Lawn tornado.
- Local History Room Grand Opening – 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, April 21st and 1 to 3 p.m. on Sunday, April 22nd at the library – Be among the first to see the library's new Local History Room. View an exhibit of photographs, newspaper articles and memorabilia from the 1967 tornado. Browse the resources available to patrons researching Oak Lawn history. Light refreshments.
- 1967 Tornado History Presentation – 12 noon on Saturday, April 21st at the library – The library's new Local History Coordinator, Dr. Maureen Gilligan, will narrate a slide show presentation examining features in their tornado anniversary exhibit and moderate a short discussion. Learn about that fateful day through eyewitness accounts, storm survivor stories, newspaper coverage, film clips, photographs and other records maintained in the library's local history archives.
- Tornado Sculpture Dedication – 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 21st at Oak Lawn Community High School, 95th St. and Southwest Highway – As one of the many buildings struck by the 1967 tornado, the high school will unveil a student-created sculpture commemorating the destruction and rebuilding of their pool and gymnasium. Distinguished ceremony speakers will include Michael Riordan, OLCHS Principal; Paul Merzlock, Lead Forecaster, National Weather Service Chicago; Skip Sullivan OLCHS staff member and alumnus; Jim Purpura, National Weather Service Meteorologist-in-Charge and OLCHS alumnus; and Dave Heilmann, Oak Lawn Mayor. Survivors will have an opportunity to record their stories on video and audio for the school's web site archives. Light refreshments. Commemorative polo shirts will be available for purchase. On April 21st, OLCHS has generously agreed to provide limited free shuttle service between the library and the high school from 1 to 4 p.m. For details, call (708) 741-5857.
- Tornado Memories Open Mic – 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, April 22nd at the library – Do you have a firsthand experience to share? Was your life affected by the 1967 Oak Lawn tornado? Did you help out with rescue and cleanup efforts? Members of the community are invited to share their memories at this open mic forum. Sign in at the door to speak. Five-minute time limit. This event will be videotaped.

For more information, call the library at (708) 422-4990 or visit the web site, www.oaklawnlibrary.org.

Free Public Mental Health Seminar

NAMI Southwest is sponsoring a free public seminar on Tuesday, April 17th at 7:30 p.m. at Pilgrim Faith United Church of Christ, 9411 S. 51st Ave. The speaker will be Rosie Bradley, Director of Nursing at Central Plaza Residential Home. She will discuss the progress in treatments of mental illness over the years and the scope of rehabilitative care offered at long-term care facilities today.

NAMI Southwest is a group of families, friends, consumers and professionals providing support, education and advocacy. Its purpose is to eradicate mental illness and improve the quality of life for those suffering from these diseases. We hold monthly support group meetings for families of persons with mental illness on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:45 p.m. at Pilgrim Faith United Church of Christ and Sunshine Club socialization meetings on the third Friday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at Oakview Center.

If you would like to have more information on the upcoming speakers meeting and support services for families of persons with mental illness, please feel free to contact NAMI Southwest at (708) 425-0925.

Knitting Class

The Worth Township Senior Knitting Class will be starting again on May 3rd. Classes are held in the Worth Township Center, 11601 S. Pulaski, Alsip. This will be a 12 week course. Call (708) 371-2900, Ext. 28 to register or if you have any questions.

Changes In Medicare Seminar

A Seminar/Luncheon sponsored by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans will be held at St. Paul Lutheran Church (gym), 4660 W. 94th St. on Wednesday, April 11th starting at 10:30 a.m. The seminar, "Changes in Medicare for 2007" will address the changes in co-pays, premiums and how it affects seniors.

Call Alan Moravec at (773) 550-1378 to make a reservation. Speakers include Attorney James Scheibel, Laura Garcia from Medicare and Craig Hitchcock, Regional Director of John Hancock on where Medicare stops.

For the **April 17th** Election
Active Citizens to Improve Our Neighborhood (ACTION)
Endorses:

Ballot #

Erik J. Wiatr.....1
Oak Lawn Village Library Trustee

Robert DeNardo.....26
Oak Lawn Park District Commissioner

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ACTION is a community organization that is dedicated to electing *independent, fiscally responsible and accessible candidates.*

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Scholastic Bowl Teams Win Title

Both the varsity and junior varsity Scholastic Bowl teams from Shepard High School recently captured conference championships of the South Suburban Conference. For the varsity, it was the team's second straight conference title.

"Coaching these kids is a real pleasure," said varsity coach and science teacher Joey Sparenberg. "When I see them answering some of the questions presented to them during the meets, I am completely amazed as to how smart our kids are at Shepard. I attribute our winning record to the talent and effort of the kids."

Overall, the varsity team posted a record of 17-4 at all competitions. They won the SSC title and just missed advancing to the state finals by placing second out of six teams at the IHSA sectional. The junior varsity, coached by English teacher Christine Adduci, posted a perfect record of 17-0.

Individual highlights include players Nick Moeller and Connor Reynolds earning All-South Suburban Conference honors.

Scholastic Bowl is an academic competition in which teams of students representing different schools answer questions relating to science, math, social sciences and other subjects in a format resembling the game show "Jeopardy." Points are awarded for correct answers. The team accumulating the most points wins a meet.

Pictured are Shepard High School varsity Scholastic Bowl coach Joey Sparenberg and his players. They are, left to right, Sparenberg, Dan Garvey, Dan Ferguson, Connor Reynolds, Peter Moeller, and Jim Dreger. Not pictured are players Nick Moeller, Lindsey Drabek, Jill Bernickes, and Frannie Raddatz.

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FUNERAL HOMES
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9900 W. 143rd St., Orland Pk..460-7500

SHOP AND SAVE IN OAK LAWN

Elks Celebrate 45 Years Of Service

In addition to swearing in new officers and St. Patrick's events the Oak Lawn Elks #2254 celebrated 45 years of service to the community.

Chartered in 1962, the Elks started out at 5301 W. 95th St. In September 1970, the lodge moved to its present location at 10720 S. Central, Chicago Ridge. Originally chartered with 710 members and through the years a few thousand have come and gone. Presently the lodge is 800 plus members strong and always looking for new members.

Over the years the lodge has supported everything from veterans, needy children, Boy Scouts and the state's large project "Crippled Children." They started helping when the tornado came through Oak Lawn with a $10,000 cash donation to help the victims and families.

Local Irish Dancers added to the lodge's birthday and installation celebration.

Pictured left to right: New Exalted Ruler Tim Allen and outgoing Exalted Ruler Chester T. Wiczek.

The lodge supports a variety of other charities and causes. During the holidays the Elks have been supplying food and toys to 105 local families. The Crippled Children Program and service to the veterans at Manteno are year around projects. The Elks are all about helping people. "We care and we share," according to Exalted Ruler, Tim Allen.

The new officers sworn in during installation were Tim Allen, Exalted Ruler-Elect; Dick Moran, Esteemed Leading Knight; Bill Holm, Esteemed Loyal Knight; Kellie Hummel, Esteemed Lecturing Knight; John Finn, Secretary; Norman Gates, Treasurer; Bob Cook, Trustee and Rich Mearns, Tiler. Also Don Carstens, Inner Guard; Patricia Carstens, Chaplain; and John Moesle, Esquire, who were chosen by the Exalted Ruler-Elect.

Various plaques were also awarded to Ron Green, Elk of the Year; John Joyce, Citizen of the Year and Special Awards to Mary Livingstone, Kellie Hummel, and Bob Cook.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF ELECTION & REFERENDA/QUESTIONS OF PUBLIC POLICY

OFFICIAL NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, by

DAVID ORR,
Cook County Clerk,
that the **CONSOLIDATED ELECTION**
will be held in **SUBURBAN COOK COUNTY** on:

TUESDAY, APRIL 17, 2007

The **CONSOLIDATED ELECTION** will be held in election precincts under the jurisdiction of the Election Department of the Cook County Clerk's Office.

The Polls for said **CONSOLIDATED ELECTION** will be open from 6:00 AM to 7:00 PM.

At the **CONSOLIDATED ELECTION** the voters will vote on the following offices and referenda questions. **REFERENDA/QUESTIONS OF PUBLIC POLICY** will be voted upon in those precincts of Cook County under the jurisdiction of the Cook County Clerk in which a Unit of Local Government has requested the County Clerk's Office to place said referenda/questions of public policy on the ballot.

TOWNSHIP OF WORTH

Village of Alsip	Village Trustee	Full 4-Year Term	Vote for three
Village of Bridgeview	Village Clerk	Full 4-Year Term	Vote for one
Village of Bridgeview	Library Trustee	Full 6-Year Term	Vote for three
Village of Bridgeview	Village President	Full 4-Year Term	Vote for one
Village of Bridgeview	Village Trustee	Full 4-Year Term	Vote for three
Village of Bridgeview	Village Trustee	Unexpired 2-Year Term	Vote for one
Village of Chicago Ridge	Library Trustee	Unexpired 2-Year Term	Vote for one
Village of Chicago Ridge	Library Trustee	Unexpired 4-Year Term	Vote for one
Village of Chicago Ridge	Library Trustee	Full 6-Year Term	Vote for two
Village of Chicago Ridge	Village Trustee	Full 4-Year Term	Vote for three
Village of Crestwood	Village Trustee	Full 4-Year Term	Vote for three
Village of Evergreen Park	Library Trustee	Full 6-Year Term	Vote for three
Village of Evergreen Park	Village Trustee	Full 4-Year Term	Vote for three
Village of Merrionette Park	Village Trustee	Full 4-Year Term	Vote for three
Village of Oak Lawn	Library Trustee	Full 6-Year Term	Vote for two
Oak Lawn, District 1	Village Trustee	Full 4-Year Term	Vote for one
Oak Lawn, District 3	Village Trustee	Full 4-Year Term	Vote for one
Oak Lawn, District 5	Village Trustee	Full 4-Year Term	Vote for one
Village of Robbins	Village Trustee	Full 4-Year Term	Vote for three
Village of Worth	Village Trustee	Full 4-Year Term	Vote for three
City of Blue Island, Ward 1	Alderman	Full 4-Year Term	Vote for one
City of Blue Island, Ward 4	Alderman	Full 4-Year Term	Vote for one
City of Blue Island, Ward 5	Alderman	Full 4-Year Term	Vote for one
City of Blue Island, Ward 6	Alderman	Full 4-Year Term	Vote for one
City of Hometown, Ward 1	Alderman	Full 4-Year Term	Vote for one
City of Hometown, Ward 2	Alderman	Full 4-Year Term	Vote for one
City of Hometown, Ward 3	Alderman	Full 4-Year Term	Vote for one
City of Hometown, Ward 4	Alderman	Full 4-Year Term	Vote for one
City of Hometown, Ward 5	Alderman	Full 4-Year Term	Vote for one
Palos Heights, Ward 1	Alderman	Full 4-Year Term	Vote for one
Palos Heights, Ward 2	Alderman	Full 4-Year Term	Vote for one
Alsip Park District	Commissioner	Full 4-Year Term	Vote for three
Blue Island Park District	Commissioner	Full 6-Year Term	Vote for two
Bridgeview Park District	Commissioner	Unexpired 4-Year Term	Vote for two
Chicago Ridge Park District	Commissioner	Unexpired 2-Year Term	Vote for one
Chicago Ridge Park District	Commissioner	Full 4-Year Term	Vote for two
Robbins Park District	Commissioner	Full 6-Year Term	Vote for two
Worth Park District	Commissioner	Unexpired 2-Year Term	Vote for one
Worth Park District	Commissioner	Full 6-Year Term	Vote for two
Alsip-Merrionette Park Public Library District	Trustee	Full 6-Year Term	Vote for two
Crestwood Public Library District	Trustee	Unexpired 2-Year Term	Vote for one
Crestwood Public Library District	Trustee	Full 6-Year Term	Vote for two
William Leonard Public Library District	Trustee	Unexpired 4-Year Term	Vote for one
William Leonard Public Library District	Trustee	Full 6-Year Term	Vote for three
Worth Public Library District	Trustee	Unexpired 4-Year Term	Vote for two
Worth Public Library District	Trustee	Full 6-Year Term	Vote for two
Ridgeland School District 122	Member of the Board of Education	Full 4-Year Term	Vote for three
Oak Lawn-Hometown School District 123	Member of the Board of Education	Unexpired 2-Year Term	Vote for one
Oak Lawn-Hometown School District 123	Member of the Board of Education	Full 4-Year Term	Vote for three
Evergreen Park School District 124	Member of the Board of Education	Full 4-Year Term	Vote for three
Atwood Heights School District 125	Member of the Board of Education	Unexpired 2-Year Term	Vote for one
Atwood Heights School District 125	Member of the Board of Education	Full 4-Year Term	Vote for three
Alsip, Hazelgreen & Oaklawn School District 126	Member of the Board of Education	Full 4-Year Term	Vote for three
Worth School District 127	Member of the Board of Education	Full 4-Year Term	Vote for three
Chicago Ridge School District 127 1/2	Member of the Board of Education	Unexpired 2-Year Term	Vote for one
Chicago Ridge School District 127 1/2	Member of the Board of Education	Full 4-Year Term	Vote for four
Palos Heights School District 128	Member of the Board of Education	Full 4-Year Term	Vote for three
Cook County School District No. 130	Member of the Board of Education	Unexpired 2-Year Term	Vote for one
Cook County School District No. 130	Member of the Board of Education	Full 4-Year Term	Vote for three
High School District 218 District 1	Member of the Board of Education	Full 4-Year Term	Vote for one
High School District 218 District 5	Member of the Board of Education	Full 4-Year Term	Vote for one
High School District 218 District 6	Member of the Board of Education	Full 4-Year Term	Vote for one
Oaklawn Community High School District Number 229	Member of the Board of Education	Full 4-Year Term	Vote for three
Evergreen Park Community High School District 231	Member of the Board of Education	Full 4-Year Term	Vote for three
Moraine Valley Community College District 524	Member of the Board of Trustees	Full 6-Year Term	Vote for three
Worth Township 37N, Range 13E	Township School Trustee	Full 6-Year Term	Vote for one
Palos Heights Fire Protection District	Trustee	Full 6-Year Term	Vote for one

To the Voters of High School District Number 229
A los votantes del Distrito de Escuelas Secundarias Número 229

"Shall the limiting rate under the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law for Oak Lawn Community High School District Number 229, Cook County, Illinois, be increased by an additional amount equal to .22% above the limiting rate for levy year 2005 and be equal to 1.791% of the equalized assessed value of the taxable property therein for levy years 2006, 2007, 2008 and 2009?"

(1) The approximate amount of taxes extendable at the most recently extended limiting rate is $14,232,984, and the approximate amount of taxes extendable if the proposition is approved is $16,226,145.

(2) For the 2006 levy year the approximate amount of the additional tax extendable against property containing a single family residence and having a fair market value at the time of the referendum of $100,000 is estimated to be $35.20.

(3) Based upon an average annual percentage increase in the market value of such property of 5.36%, the approximate amount of the additional tax extendable against such property for the 2007 levy year is estimated to be $50.57, for the 2008 levy year is estimated to be $66.78 and for the 2009 levy year is estimated to be $83.61.

(4) If the proposition is approved, the aggregate extension for 2006, 2007, 2008 and 2009 will be determined by the limiting rate set forth in the proposition, rather than the otherwise applicable limiting rate calculated under the provisions of the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law (commonly known as the Property Tax Cap Law).

"¿Debe la tasa limitativa bajo la Ley de Limitación de Extensión al Impuesto sobre la Propiedad para el Distrito Comunitario de Escuelas Secundarias de Oak Lawn Número 229, Condado de Cook, Illinois, aumentarse por un monto adicional igual al 0.22% sobre la tasa limitativa para el año fiscal 2005 y ser igual al 1.791% del valor avaluado equiparado de la propiedad gravable allí para los años fiscales 2006, 2007, 2008 y 2009?"

(1) El monto aproximado de impuestos extensibles bajo la tasa limitativa extendida más recientemente es $14,232,984, y el monto aproximado de impuestos extensibles si la proposición es aprobada es de $16,226,145.

(2) Para el año fiscal 2006, se calcula que el monto aproximado del impuesto adicional extensible contra una propiedad que contenga una residencia unifamiliar y que tenga un valor justo de mercado al momento del referendo de $100,000, es de $35.20.

(3) Basado en un aumento del porcentaje anual promedio del valor de mercado de dicha propiedad del 5.36%, se calcula que el monto aproximado del impuesto adicional extensible contra dicha propiedad para el año fiscal 2007, sería de $50.57, para el año fiscal 2008, se calcula que sería de $66.78 y para el año fiscal 2009 se calcula que sería de $83.61.

(4) Si se aprueba la proposición, la extensión agregada para los años fiscales 2006, 2007, 2008 y 2009 se determinará por la tasa limitativa establecida en la proposición, en lugar de la tasa limitativa que sería aplicable calculada bajo las disposiciones de la Ley de Limitación de Extensión al Impuesto sobre la Propiedad (comunmente denominada Ley de Capitalización del Impuesto sobre la Propiedad).

Yes / Si

No

To the Voters of School District Number 122
A los votantes del Distrito Escolar Número 122

"Shall the limiting rate under the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law for Ridgeland School District Number 122, Cook County, Illinois, be increased by an additional amount equal to seven tenths of one percent above the limiting rate for levy year 2005 and be equal to 3.008 of the equalized assessed value of the taxable property therein for levy year 2007?"

(1) The approximate amount of taxes extendable at the most recently extended limiting rate is $12,949,608 and the approximate amount of taxes extendable if the proposition is approved is $16,877,132.

(2) For the 2007 levy year the approximate amount of the additional tax extendable against property containing a single family residence and having a fair market value at the time of the referendum of $100,000 is estimated to be $112.

(3) If the proposition is approved, the aggregate extension for 2007 will be determined by the limiting rate set forth in the proposition, rather than the otherwise applicable limiting rate calculated under the provisions of the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law (commonly known as the Property Tax Cap Law).

"¿Debe aumentarse la tasa limitativa bajo la Ley de Limitación de Extensión al Impuesto sobre la Propiedad para el Distrito Escolar Número 122 de Ridgeland, Condado de Cook, Illinois, por un monto adicional equivalente a siete décimos del uno por ciento sobre la tasa limitativa para el año fiscal 2005 y ser igual a 3.008 del valor evaluado equiparado de la propiedad gravable allí para el año fiscal 2007?

(1) El monto aproximado de impuestos extensibles bajo la tasa limitativa extendida más recientemente es $12,949,608 y el monto aproximado de impuestos extensibles si la proposición es aprobada es de $16,877,132.

(2) Para el año fiscal 2007, se calcula que el monto aproximado del impuesto adicional extensible contra una propiedad que contenga una residencia unifamiliar y que tenga un valor justo de mercado al momento del referendo de $100,000, es de $112.

(3) Si se aprueba la proposición, la extensión agregada para el año fiscal 2007 se determinará por la tasa limitativa establecida en la proposición, en lugar de la tasa limitativa que sería aplicable calculada bajo las disposiciones de la Ley de Limitación de Extensión al Impuesto sobre la Propiedad (comunmente denominada Ley de Capitalización del Impuesto sobre la Propiedad).

Yes / Si

No

To the Voters of the Village of Worth
A los votantes del Pueblo de Worth

"Shall the Village of Worth impose a Non-Home Rule Municipal Retailers' Occupation Tax and Non-Home Rule Municipal Service Occupation Tax (sales tax) of 1% as authorized by Sections 8-11-1.3 and 8-11-1.4 of the Illinois Municipal Code?"

¿Debe el Pueblo de Worth imponer un Impuesto Ocupacional para Minoristas Municipal sin Gobierno Local Autónomo y un Impuesto Ocupacional por la Prestación de Servicios Municipal sin Gobierno Local Autónomo (impuesto a las ventas) del 1% como lo autorizan las Secciones 8-11-1.3 y 8-11-1.4 del Código Municipal de Illinois?"

Yes / Si

No

To the Voters of School District Number 125
A los votantes del Distrito Escolar Número 125

"Shall the limiting rate under the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law for Atwood Heights School District Number 125, Cook County, Illinois, be increased by an additional amount equal to .50% above the limiting rate for levy year 2005 and be equal to 2.727% of the equalized assessed value of the taxable property therein for levy years 2006, 2007, 2008 and 2009?"

(1) The approximate amount of taxes extendable at the most recently extended limiting rate is $2,895,280.30 and the approximate amount of taxes extendable if the proposition is approved is $3,545,320.70.

(2) For the 2006 levy year the approximate amount of the additional tax extendable against property containing a single family residence and having a fair market value at the time of the referendum of $100,000 is estimated to be $80.00.

(3) Based upon an average annual percentage increase in the market value of such property of 6.02%, the approximate amount of the additional tax extendable against such property for the 2007 levy year is estimated to be $106.26, for the 2008 levy year is estimated to be $134.10 and for the 2009 levy year is estimated to be $163.64.

(4) If the proposition is approved, the aggregate extension for 2006, 2007, 2008 and 2009 will be determined by the limiting rate set forth in the proposition, rather than the otherwise applicable limiting rate calculated under the provisions of the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law (commonly known as the Property Tax Cap Law).

"¿Debe la tasa limitativa bajo la Ley de Limitación de Extensión al Impuesto sobre la Propiedad para el Distrito Escolar de Atwood Heights Número 125, Condado de Cook, Illinois, aumentarse por un monto adicional igual al 0.50% sobre la tasa limitativa para el año fiscal 2005 y ser igual al 2.727% del valor evaluado equiparado de la propiedad gravable allí para los años fiscales 2006, 2007, 2008 y 2009?"

(1) El monto aproximado de impuestos extensibles bajo la tasa limitativa extendida más recientemente es $2,895,280.30 y el monto aproximado de impuestos extensibles si la proposición es aprobada es de $3,545,320.70.

(2) Para el año fiscal 2006, se calcula que el monto aproximado del impuesto adicional extensible contra una propiedad que contenga una residencia unifamiliar y que tenga un valor justo de mercado al momento del referendo de $100,000, es de $80.00.

(3) Basado en un aumento del porcentaje anual promedio del valor de mercado de dicha propiedad del 6.02%, se calcula que el monto aproximado del impuesto adicional extensible contra dicha propiedad para el año fiscal 2007, sería de $106.26, para el año fiscal 2008, se calcula que sería de $134.10 y para el año fiscal 2009 se calcula que sería de $163.64.

(4) Si se aprueba la proposición, la extensión agregada para los años fiscales 2006, 2007, 2008 y 2009 se determinará por la tasa limitativa establecida en la proposición, en lugar de la tasa limitativa que sería aplicable calculada bajo las disposiciones de la Ley de Limitación de Extensión al Impuesto sobre la Propiedad (comunmente denominada Ley de Capitalización del Impuesto sobre la Propiedad).

Yes / Si

No

Dated at Chicago this 5th day of April, 2007

DAVID ORR
COOK COUNTY CLERK

Thoughts On Health & Nutrition

by
Lucinda K. Lysen, RD, RN, BSN

THE LATEST ON FOOD AND YOUR JOINTS

If you're reading newspapers and magazines regularly these days, you will notice a lot more on what to do for aching joints when it comes to eating the right foods. What scientists have discovered is that in some cases, quite a bit can be done with food and supplements to curb the inflammation that arthritis can cause.

RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS

I pay particular interest to RA because I have it. I can tell you also that what is listed here seems to truly work for me, in the right "doses." We all, however, have different "doses," depending on our size (weight), exercise level, metabolism, etc. There are no miracle answers to the formula.

Eat fish. Omega-3 fish oil is a powerful anti-inflammatory, as I have indicated in other columns. Recent Danish research shows that people who ate an extra ounce of fatty fish like salmon a day, cut their risk of developing RA by almost 50 percent.

Cut meat. In other research, meat promoted inflammation and RA, while vegetables helped to deter it, and a vegetarian diet cut symptoms.

Take fish oil and olive oil. High doses of fish oil or fish oil and olive oil cut joint pain, morning stiffness, and fatigue, and added handgrip strength a recent study documented. Daily doses: 3000 mg of fish oil and 2 teaspoons of olive oil. See a doctor before taking mega doses of fish oil.

FOR OSTEOARTHRITIS

Lose weight. In obese arthritics, a 10 percent weight loss boosted knee joint function by almost 30 percent.

Get antioxidants. The Arthritis Foundation says that antioxidants and vitamins may fight OA, although evidence is mixed. In one study, a high intake of vitamin C-rich foods cut the risk of cartilage loss and progressive knee pain by over two-thirds.

Try fish oil. Doses are unclear.

Take supplements. The best bet for relieving moderate to severe knee pain, according to a recent National Institutes for Health study: glucosamine-chondroitin. It helped 80 percent of patients; a placebo helped 54 percent. Daily dose: 1500 mg glucosamine hydrochloride and 1200 mg chondroitin sulfate. Contrary to some reports, it did not raise blood glucose, cholesterol, or blood pressure.

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Alzheimer's Disease In U. S. Rises

The Alzheimer's Association reports that in 2007 there are now more than 5 million people in the United States living with Alzheimer's disease. This number includes 4.9 million people over the age of 65 and between 200,000 and 500,000 people under age 65 with early-onset Alzheimer's disease and other dementias. This is a 10 percent increase from the previous prevalence nationwide estimate of 4.5 million.

Increasing age is the greatest risk factor for Alzheimer's, and with 78 million baby boomers beginning to turn 60 last year, it is estimated that someone in America develops Alzheimer's every 72 seconds; by 2050 it will be every 33 seconds.

These new estimates, as well as other data concerning the disease and its effects in the report, "2007 Alzheimer's Disease Facts and Figures," are issued today as hundreds of advocates gather in Washington, D.C., for the Alzheimer's Association's annual Public Policy Forum and a hearing chaired by Sen. Barbara Mikulski.

The report details the escalation of Alzheimer's disease that now is the seventh leading cause of death in the U. S. and the fifth leading cause of death for those over age 65. It also includes data that convey the burden that Alzheimer's imposes on individuals, families, state and federal governments, businesses, and the nation's health care system. For example: Without a cure or effective treatments to delay the onset or progression of Alzheimer's, the prevalence could soar to 7.7 million people with the disease by 2030, which is more than the population of 140 of the 236 United Nations countries.

By 2050, as many as 16 million Americans could have Alzheimer's, more than the current total population of Chicago, Houston, Los Angeles and New York City combined.

In 2005, it is estimated that unpaid caregivers of people with Alzheimer's and other dementias provided 8.5 billion hours of care, valued at almost $83 billion. In Illinois, caregivers provided 309,000,000 hours of unpaid care at a value of $3 billion.

As the prevalence impact of Alzheimer's grows, so does the cost to the nation. The direct and indirect costs of Alzheimer's and other dementias amount to more than $148 billion annually, which is more than the annual sales of any retailer in the world excluding Wal-Mart.

"Alzheimer's Disease Facts and Figures clearly shows the tremendous impact this disease is having on the nation; and with the projected growth of the disease, the collective impact on individuals, families, Medicare, Medicaid, and businesses will be even greater," says Kent Barnheiser, president and CEO of the Alzheimer's Association – Greater Illinois Chapter.

"However there is hope," he said. "Currently, there are nine drugs in Phase III clinical trials for Alzheimer's, several of which show great promise to slow or stop the progression of the disease. This, combined with advancements in diagnostic tools, has the potential to change the landscape of Alzheimer's."

"We must make the fight against Alzheimer's a national priority before it's too late," Barnheiser said. "The absence of effective disease modifying drugs, coupled with an aging population, makes Alzheimer's the health care crisis of the 21st century."

According to the latest statistics from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, from 2000-2004 death rates have declined for most major diseases -- heart disease (-8 percent), breast cancer (-2.6 percent), prostate cancer (-6.3 percent) and stroke (-10.4 percent), while Alzheimer's disease deaths continue to trend upward, increasing 33 percent during that period.

Medicare currently spends nearly three times as much for people with Alzheimer's and other dementias than for the average Medicare beneficiary. Medicare costs are projected to double from $91 billion in 2005 to more than $189 billion by 2015, more than the current gross national product of 86 percent of the world's countries. In 2005, state and federal Medicaid spending for nursing home and home care for people with Alzheimer's and other dementias was estimated at $21 billion; that number is projected to increase to $27 billion by 2015.

Alzheimer's is a progressive disease that destroys brain cells, memory and a person's ability to learn, reason, make judgments, communicate and carry out daily activities. The Alzheimer's Association -

Greater Illinois Chapter serves 68 counties in Illinois with offices in Bloomington, Carterville, Chicago, Joliet, Rockford, Skokie and Springfield. For more information, visit www.alz.org/illinois or call (800) 272-3900.

Seek Chronic Sinusitis Sufferers

The University of Chicago Medical Center is looking for people with chronic sinusitis and/or nasal polyps to participate in a six-month research study.

The National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases says one in seven people in the U.S. suffer from chronic sinusitis, which is a frequent or ongoing inflammation of the air-filled spaces behind the forehead, cheeks and eyes. Those with chronic sinusitis often test positive for allergies and may have nasal polyps, a deviated septum, or other aggravating factors.

Some people manage the symptoms fairly effectively with oral decongestants, steroidal nasal sprays or oral steroids. Others continue to suffer in spite of everything they've tried.

Dr. Robert Naclerio, Chief of Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery, at University of Chicago Medical Center, says there's a segment of the population with chronic sinusitis that has difficulty breathing, is losing its sense of smell, or continues to experience sinus pain in spite of treatment, which is why these people are looking at alternative methods of treatment.

The University of Chicago Medical Center research study is evaluating the use of a study drug that has proven successful in treating severe asthma and which may be successful in treating chronic sinusitis.

Study subjects receive an injection at the University of Chicago Medical Center every two to four weeks for six months. Frequency depends upon their weight and the level of antibody in the blood (antibodies are proteins manufactured by the body to neutralize foreign proteins in the body). Half of the subjects will receive a placebo. Half will receive the study drug. Participants are not required to give up whatever other treatments they are undergoing for chronic sinusitis during the study.

"We realize the prospect of taking a placebo is disheartening, but this study will really be of interest to those whose symptoms are incredibly bothersome in spite of treatment," says Dr. Naclerio. "There are many people out there seeking other options, because what's available isn't working for them."

People interested in learning more about the research study should call (773) 702-5889 for details or email Marcy deTineo at madetineo@surgery.bsd.uchicago.edu.

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Uses 'Team' Approach To Help Patients Manage Heart Failure

(Right to left) Julie Ramski, RN, consults with patient Michael Torelli of Chicago in the Heart Failure Clinic at St. Francis Hospital & Health Center in Blue Island.

According to the American Heart Association, nearly five million Americans are living with congestive heart failure, also known as heart failure. It is a chronic, long-term condition in which your heart can no longer pump enough blood to the rest of the body. It does not mean, however, that your heart has stopped or is about to stop working.

While there is no cure for heart failure, there is hope for people who have this life-threatening condition. Heart failure patients can live a full and enjoyable life with the right treatment and attention to their lifestyle, says Stacie Ward, RN, MS, CCNS, supervisor of the St. Francis Heart Failure Clinic.

"We are trying to improve the patient's quality of life and decrease hospital admissions by offering a more comprehensive approach toward managing their heart failure," Ward said. "Intravenous therapy for heart failure is only one part of the disease management. There are many other components."

At St. Francis, health care experts take a "team" approach to educate and help patients manage their heart failure. This involves creating an ongoing dialogue between the patient, their family members, the primary care physician, cardiologist and hospital staff.

"We (at St. Francis) are the hub of the team," she said. "We ensure everyone is notified of the patient's status."

Self-management is crucial in managing heart failure, Ward said. At the St. Francis Heart Failure Clinic, a customized management program is designed for each patient.

"We do an entire assessment of the patient, including their lab work, medical and surgical history, salt and fluid intake, and much more," Ward explained. "We need to make sure they are in a wellness state. As they feel better, they are more eager to learn and more inclined to manage their heart failure."

Patients are taught how to manage their diet, fluid intake, body weight and make any necessary changes in their lifestyle and exercise program. They learn the importance of complying with their prescribed medication, management program, testing and follow-up visits.

"Heart failure is an under-managed disease, and education is the most important thing," Ward said. "Education equals control for the patient."

To find out more about the Heart Failure Clinic, or cardiac services at St. Francis, call (708) 824-4547 or visit stfrancisblueisland.com.

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Veterans And Soldiers News

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Scott Baxter, Jr. of Midlothian graduated from the U.S. Coast Guard boot camp on March 16th at Cape May, New Jersey, as a fireman. He is going to the Intergrated Support Command in New Orleans, Louisiana. Baxter is the son of Scott Sr. and stepson of Barb Baxter of Midlothian. He is a 2006 graduate of Bremen High School in Midlothian.

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L. Tammy Duckworth, director of the Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs, and Lt. Governor Pat Quinn on March 30th joined the Illinois Lottery to unveil a new Veterans Cash Lottery Ticket. Two for the Dough. The first four Veterans Cash grant recipients, Braveheart Therapeutic Riding Center, Catholic Charities' St. Leo Campus, the Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans and the American Legion, were also announced at the event. Combined, these four organizations will be receiving over $380,000 to help provide a wide range of services to Illinois veterans including health care. Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder treatment, disability benefits, and housing assistance.

The Veterans Cash lottery introduced in Feb. 2006 is the first lottery ticket where 100 percent of proceeds go to support Illinois veterans. Proceeds from the sale of this ticket are deposited into an interest bearing account in the State Treasury called the Illinois Veterans Assistance Fund. The Illinois General Assembly appropriates this money solely to IDVA who will award the money in grants, fund additional services or conduct research relating to veterans' Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, homelessness, health insurance costs and disability benefits.

IDVA has $2 million in Veterans Cash grants to give out by June 2007. The first four grant recipients announced on March 30th at the James R. Thompson Center received grants ranging from $55,073 to $125,000 for various services.

The American Legion, Illinois State Chapter, will receive $100,000 to support its Veteran Service Officers to enhance outreach.

Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans in Wheaton will receive $125,000 to continue to expand its transitional living facility for homeless veterans by providing the veterans with educational programs, job counseling and PTSD treatment.

Braveheart Therapeutic Riding Center in Pawnee will receive $100,000 to create a new program for veterans with spinal cord injuries and Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder.

Catholic Charities' St. Leo Campus for Veterans in Chicago will receive $55,073 to purchase a new handicapped accessible van for its campus which houses homeless veterans.

To date, Veterans Cash has raised more than $3.2 million for the Illinois Veterans' Assistance Trust Fund. The new ticket, Two for the Dough, is expected to generate more than $3 million for Veteran services throughout the state.

Two for the Dough is currently available at all Illinois Lottery retail locations. Each ticket costs $2 and has a top prize of $20,000.

For more information on Two for the Dough, visit the Illinois Lottery web site at www.illinoislottery.com or for more information on Illinois veteran programs and initiatives or to apply for a Veterans Cash grant, visit the IDVA web site at www.state.il.us/agency/dva. For more information on ways to help our veterans and troops, visit www.OperationHomefront.org.

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L. Tammy Duckworth and Lt. Governor Pat Quinn at a press conference at the James R. Thompson Center on April 1st announced the steps that are being taken to pay families who have lost loved ones in the war.

The plan unveiled April 1st by the Blagojevich administration addresses the needs of the 22 families with approved claims but who are still waiting for the money. The plan calls for the Court of Claims to pay off four of the outstanding claims in full amount. One million will be borrowed from the Veterans Care health insurance program and will be distributed equally to the remaining families awaiting their money, each receiving $50,000. The Governor's office and IDVA is again vigorously working with state legislators this year for a supplemental appropriation bill. Once this supplemental appropriation is passed by both chambers of the 95th General Assembly, the rest of these families' claims will be awarded by the Court of Claims, with the most outstanding ones first. The $1 million borrowed from the Veterans Care health insurance program will be returned once the supplemental is approved with an additional requested $1 million from the supplemental for the program.

In the Governor's 2008 budget, he increased his request for the Line of Duty Compensation benefits to $15 million.

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Good-bye until next week. Happy Easter, God bless you and your family and God bless America.

Leader For Early Childhood Education

Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich announced recently that Illinois is being recognized as a national leader for its commitment to making quality preschool available to all three and four-year-olds, according to a report published by the National Institute for Early Education Research of Rutgers University. Unlike other states, Illinois has increased its funding for early childhood education through Gov. Blagojevich's Preschool for All, which the report says will continue to increase access in the future.

"Preschool for All is a top priority of ours because we know how much quality teaching and learning at an early age helps kids succeed in the future," said Gov. Blagojevich. "We're doing the right thing for the future of our children and the future of Illinois by making quality preschool available to all of our children."

Illinois' high-quality state-funded pre-kindergarten program earned a 2nd place nationally for the percentage of three-year-olds enrolled and 13th place for percentage of four-year-olds, according to *The State of Preschool 2006: State Preschool Yearbook*. Illinois' pre-kindergarten initiatives also meet nine of ten quality benchmarks cited by the report. The annual *Yearbook* ranks all 50 states on access to, resources for, and quality of state preschool initiatives for the 2005-2006 school year.

"Unlike the national picture, Illinois' funding per child increased," said NIEER Director W. Steven Barnett. "Low and moderate income working parents need to know from year to year whether they can count on their state to provide quality preschool for their children."

"We know that we improve lifelong learning when we can get kids into preschool; they're more likely to complete high school and less likely to be placed in special education," said Jesse H. Ruiz, Chairman, Illinois State Board of Education. "Gov. Blagojevich's Preschool for All gets more of our students started off on the right foot, something that will pay dividends for the rest of their lives."

Building upon the success, the Illinois State Board of Education is moving forward with Gov. Blagojevich's Preschool for All expansion by accepting proposals from potential providers for the 2007-2008 school year. Public and private entities with experience in providing educational, health, social and/or child development services to young children are encouraged to submit proposals.

Under the state budget recently introduced by Gov. Blagojevich, an additional $60 million would be available for Preschool for All, on top of the $45 million included in the current budget. The additional funding during Fiscal Year 2008 will allow for another 12,000 children to have access to high-quality preschool. The goal is to continue to increase funding until all children whose families want them in preschool have access to it by fiscal year 2011.

"We know that students who go to preschool make better progress in math, language and social skills as they continue their education," said Christopher Koch, Interim State Superintendent of Schools. "Preschool for All is opening up the doors for those students whose families want to give their children this opportunity, but may not be able to afford it."

Preschool for All will allow every community to offer high-quality preschool in a variety of settings, including public and private schools, childcare centers, licensed family childcare homes, private preschools, park districts, faith-based organizations and other community-based agencies. It requires that preschools be staffed by experienced teachers who hold bachelor's degrees and specialized training in early education and provide at least two and one-half hours per day of high-quality programming designed to foster all of the skills – social, emotional, physical and cognitive – that all young children need to have.

The Illinois State Board of Education has posted the Request for Proposals on their Web site at http://www.isbe.net/earlychi/preschool/default.htm. The information is available in both English and Spanish. Proposals must be delivered to the Illinois State Board of Education no later than May 3rd.

Gov. Blagojevich has made early childhood education a top priority for his administration, fulfilling his promise to increase investments in the Early Childhood Block Grant program by $135 million over the past four years. His commitment to expanding early childhood education has gained national attention, including being cited by Pre-K Now as a "Pre-K budget hero" for continuing his push for preschool expansion despite difficult budget conditions.

Retail Merchants Annual Retail Day

The Illinois Retail Merchants Association has set Wednesday, May 2nd as the date for Retail Day 2007 in Springfield.

This annual legislative event brings retailers face-to-face with leaders of Illinois government to discuss relevant topics of concern. The event begins with registration at 11:30 a.m. and a luncheon at 12:30 p.m. The keynote speaker will be Neil Newhouse, a partner and co-founder of Public Opinion Strategies, a national political and public affairs survey research firm.

At 2 p.m., break-out sessions will address several legislative issues concerning the retail community. Attendees will then have a chance to meet legislators one-on-one to discuss the issues. A Gala Reception including live music, food, and drinks will be held from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Tienda de la Victoria, located on the corner of Second and Adams streets in Springfield.

To make reservations to attend this event, contact IRMA at 800/572-5044 or email dbasowski@irma.org by Wednesday, April 25. Individual registrations are $75 per person. The event will include lunch, break-out sessions to learn about current legislative issues, and a visit to the Statehouse including opportunities to meet individual legislators.

Overnight accommodations are at the President Abraham Lincoln Hotel and Conference Center, 701 E. Adams Street, Springfield. Call (217) 544-8800 or 866/788-1860.

Free Earth Day Event

Come learn what all the commotion is about during "Earth Day 2007," held at the Forest Preserve District of Cook County's Sand Ridge Nature Center, 15891 Paxton Ave. in South Holland. This free event held on Saturday, April 21st from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. features fun, educational activities for the whole family to enjoy. There will be guided wildflower hikes, puppet shows, environmental displays and much more.

The theme for Earth Day this year is "Global Warming: Being Hot is Not Cool!" Many fun activities are planned to help visitors learn about global warming and climate change. Parents and children will learn simple things they can do to help. There will be giveaways so guests can actively combat global warming. Other activities include a children's craft and an "Earth Day Jeopardy!" game. The master gardener will demonstrate how to start seeds in your own home.

Admission is free. Activities are ongoing or repeated at scheduled times. Individuals, families and scout groups are encouraged to attend. For additional Earth Day information, contact Sand Ridge Nature Center at (708) 868-0606.

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Water And Resources Development Bill

Last week, U.S. Senator Dick Durbin (D-IL) applauded the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works approval of the Water and Resources Development Act (WRDA). The WRDA bill includes Congressional authorization for locks and dam modernization on the Upper Mississippi and Illinois Rivers and authorizes specific projects for navigation, ecosystem restoration, and flood and storm damage reduction. The bill will now move to the Senate floor for debate.

"Passing WRDA will mean over 50,000 new jobs for the region, shorter shipping times, and improved business for Midwest producers along the river," said Durbin. "The Mississippi River transports $12 billion worth of products every year, affecting agriculture, commercial and labor interests across the state. We must update and modernize the waterways to remain competitive in the years to come."

The most significant provision in the bill would increase lock and dam capacity and improve the ecosystem of the Upper Mississippi and Illinois rivers. The legislation would authorize $2.1 billion for replacing and upgrading locks and dams and another $1.65 billion for ecosystem restoration. "Updating these locks is critical for industry and agriculture in Illinois – more than half of Illinois' annual corn crop is shipped to export markets on the Upper Mississippi and Illinois rivers. Shipping via barge on the river keeps exports competitive and reduces transportation costs for Illinois farmers and businesses," said Durbin.

"This bill also includes critical projects that protect not only the ecosystems of the Mississippi and Illinois rivers but the Great Lakes ecosystem as well. Today, the Asian Carp threatens a $4.1 billion sport and commercial fishing industry in the Great Lakes. The bill passed today recognizes the threat of the Asian Carp by authorizing the permanent operation of the barrier system to prevent the Asian Carp from entering the waters of the Great Lakes," Durbin said.

The Committee bill also included a provision that was included last year as an amendment that would establish independent review panels for U.S. Army Corps of Engineers projects. This issue has received significant attention in the wake of the Gulf Coast hurricanes, which showed that major levee failures in New Orleans occurred because of faulty design, construction or maintenance. The Corps of Engineers is responsible for carrying out the majority of the projects contained in the WRDA legislation.

The provision would establish an independent panel of experts to review projects costing more than $40 million, projects requested by a state governor, projects for which the director of a federal agency has said could have a significant adverse impact, or projects that the Army's secretary has found to be controversial. The provision also calls for an independent safety review for critical flood damage reduction projects. The independent review process will not lengthen the time line for projects to be completed.

"We have been waiting seven long years for a bill to reauthorize navigation projects all over the country. Now the real work begins as we work on the floor of the Senate to pass this bill and to modernize the Mississippi waterway so our region can remain competitive in the years to come," said Durbin.

The House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure approved a similar version of the Water Resources and Development Act (H.R. 1495) on March 15. It is expected to be debated in the House after the Congressional recess.

Encourage Customers To File For Assistance

Peoples Gas and North Shore Gas, subsidiaries of Integrys Energy Group, Inc. (NYSE: TEG), are continuing to help customers manage natural gas bills and get the financial assistance they need to assure their natural gas service continues uninterrupted. Each year the company enters into a self-imposed moratorium on disconnections of residential heating accounts between Dec. 1 and March 31 to ensure customers have heat during the coldest months of the year even when they are unable to pay for service. The moratorium on shutoffs for non-payment ends April 1.

"We want customers to know that there are many ways to manage their natural gas bills and avoid disconnection of service," said Rod Sierra, Vice President of Public Affairs. "There is still funding available through LIHEAP and Share the Warmth to help those who may need financial assistance to pay their gas bill."

The company regularly shares the following information with customers:

•Payment Arrangements: Customers can pay a portion of their past due balance while making payments towards current bills. Peoples Gas customers can enroll by following the prompts when dialing 1-866-556-6601 and North Shore Gas customer can do the same by dialing 1-866-556-6004.

•Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP): LIHEAP provides energy grants to individuals who earn at or below 150% of the poverty level. Eligibility is based on income and family size. For more information, Peoples Gas customers should call CEDA at 1-800-571-CEDA (2332) and North Shore Gas customers should call the Community Action Partnership of Lake County at 1-847-249-4330.

•The Share the Warmth Program: Share the Warmth offers eligible customers a matching grant of up to $200. These grants are funded through donations from the City of Chicago, customers, employees and Peoples Gas and North Shore Gas. For more information, customers can contact the Salvation Army at 1-773-725-1100.

•Financial Assistance: Customers may be eligible for tax relief and other financial assistance programs administered by the city, state and federal governments. Customers can contact the Chicago Tax Assistance Center at 1-312-744-1000 or 311.

•Budget Payment Plan: This plan helps keep bills consistent throughout the year. Customers can visit KeepingUWarm.com to enroll.

Customers who have not paid their gas bills for more than two months are eligible for disconnection of service. Disconnection only occurs after written contact by the company. In many instances, the company also attempts to contact customers by telephone to encourage them to make payment arrangements. Once disconnected for non-payment, customers are required to pay the full balance of the account, plus a security deposit and a reconnection charge.

Annual Skydiving For MS 10

Join us for the 10th Annual *Skydiving for MS – MSX*. It's guaranteed to be a fun day for all – complete with volleyball, horseshoes, airplane rides, live music, a raffle with great prizes and other activities throughout the day – and of course – SKYDIVING! Ever wonder what it feels like two miles up, flying your body at 120+ mph? Here's your chance to check it out. You will be attached to a professional who is trained to give you an experience you'll never forget. Don't forget to capture your skydive on DVD!

If you'd rather keep your feet on the ground, don't let that stop you from coming out and enjoying the excitement of the day. For a $25 registration fee, you'll get dinner, live music and an event T-shirt. After a full day of activities, stick around for an evening of food, great music and a huge bonfire party. Feel free to bring a tent and stay the night. There are showers available and accessible bathrooms on-site.

If you are wondering if you can take part in a jump even though you're not physically able to climb into the plane, call 1(800) 404-JUMP to learn more about *Skydiving for MS 10 – MSX*.

Skydiving for MS collects pledges to support the MS Society and their programs for people with MS. Space is limited! Time slots are filling up. Reserve your tandem jump time now for June 9th. Tandem jump times are available throughout the day. Your tandem jump will be done with a certified instructor. The tandem jump fee is $209.99 and includes a short lesson, equipment and the jump. Raise $500 for the NMSS and receive a free tandem skydive. Raise $750 for the NMSS and receive a free tandem skydive and DVD! A percentage of the jump fees will be donated to the Greater Illinois Chapter of the National MS Society.

For more information or to book your jump, call 1(800) 404-JUMP (5867) or visit www.perfectlygoodairplane.com. Make pledge checks payable to NNSS with "Skydiving for MS" in the memo. For any additional information, contact event chairman Dave Perez at jcyou88@sbcglobal.net.

Attendance For State Parks Is On The Rise

Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich announced recently that attendance figures at Illinois' more than 120 state parks and natural areas in 2006 were the largest they have been since 2002. Attendance figures for 2006 show 44,482,810 people visited a state park last year, eclipsing 2005 attendance figures by 316,429.

"Millions of people and families from Illinois and across the nation enjoy every year the beauty of our state parks and the many activities they offer. This great boost in tourism also helps strengthen the economy of the state's regions," said Gov. Blagojevich.

As one of only eight remaining states that do not charge visitors to enter state parks, Illinois' park attendance has grown steadily over the last four years and currently ranks among the top five states in the nation for park attendance, according to the National Assn. of State Park Directors annual information exchange.

The Illinois Dept. of Natural Resources (IDNR) manages state parks and recreational sites located on nearly 482,000 acres of land (ranking sixth in the nation in total acreage in state parks and recreation areas).

Those looking for an overnight visit to Illinois state parks will find everything from RV and primitive campsites to cabins and lodges. (Illinois ranks in the top four in the nation in the number of lodges.)

Illinois state parks and recreation areas offer a diversity of activities for day visitors, and places third in the nation in the number of day visitors to parks. Regardless of the purpose of your trip – whether a family picnic, fishing, a float down the river, hunting, wildlife observation, canoeing, photography or touring miles of trails on foot, bicycle, horseback, or depending on the season, snowmobile or cross-country skiing – the IDNR offers thousands of acres of opportunities to explore the Prairie State.

Last year the governor's budget called for an additional $1.5 million to enhance parks and natural areas throughout the state through projects like pavilion roof replacement to the replacement of water and sewer systems on state park property.

In June 2006 Gov. Blagojevich officially opened the World Shooting and Recreational Complex in Sparta, expanding recreational opportunities throughout the southern Illinois region.

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10th Anniversary Of NEA's Read Across America Day

First Lady Patricia Blagojevich recently celebrated the National Read Across America Day by announcing the March selections for her Children's Reading Club – Eric Carle's The Grouchy Ladybug and Shel Silverstein's A Light in the Attic. The Children's Reading Club, a recommended reading list made up of books the First Lady and her daughters enjoy at home, encourages parents to read with their children and engage in early development of reading skills.

The Children's Reading Club March selection The Grouchy Ladybug has delighted readers of all ages with the story of a bad-tempered bug who won't say "please" or "thank you," won't share, and thinks she is bigger and better than anyone else. As children follow the Grouchy Ladybug on her journey, they will learn the important concepts of time, size and shape, as well as the benefits of friendship and good manners.

A Light in the Attic is a classic and an award-winning collection of poetry and drawings from Shel Silverstein for children at a middle school reading level. Shel Silverstein is the author-artist of many books of prose and poetry. He was a cartoonist, playwright, poet, performer, recording artist, and Grammy-winning, Oscar-nominated songwriter.

The First Lady launched the Children's Reading Club literacy initiative in March of 2005, and has selected books such as Charlotte's Web, Harriet the Spy, The Growing-up Feet, Henry Huggins and Number the Stars for the recommended list. Each month's book selection is featured on the First Lady's web site, http://www.illinois.gov/firstlady. The First Lady hopes the recommended list will enable parents to find books the whole family can enjoy. The Children's Reading Club applies to all children, but specifically targets children between the ages of seven and twelve.

National Read Across America Day is a yearly celebration culminating on March 2nd, the birthday of beloved children's author Dr. Seuss. The event serves to emphasize the importance of reading and learning in America. Sponsored by the National Education Assn. (NEA) and Dr. Seuss Enterprises, National Read Across America Day encourages children to get excited about reading.

As First Lady, Patricia Blagojevich has worked tirelessly to promote initiatives that help Illinois families bring up happy, healthy and successful children. In addition to her work with children's literacy, the First Lady spearheaded the Illinois Pediatric Vision Awareness Initiative, the first state sponsored campaign in the U.S. to specifically target Amblyopia, or 'lazy eye,' in children. Mrs. Blagojevich has also brought attention to Healthy Families Illinois, a program that helps prevent child abuse by supporting high-risk parents. In addition, she has promoted the Prevention Development Resource Project, a partnership between the Illinois Dept. of Children and Family Services (DCFS) and Prevent Child Abuse Illinois, and the governor's landmark All Kids health care plan that provides access to affordable, comprehensive health insurance for every uninsured child in the state.

Adopt A School Library Month

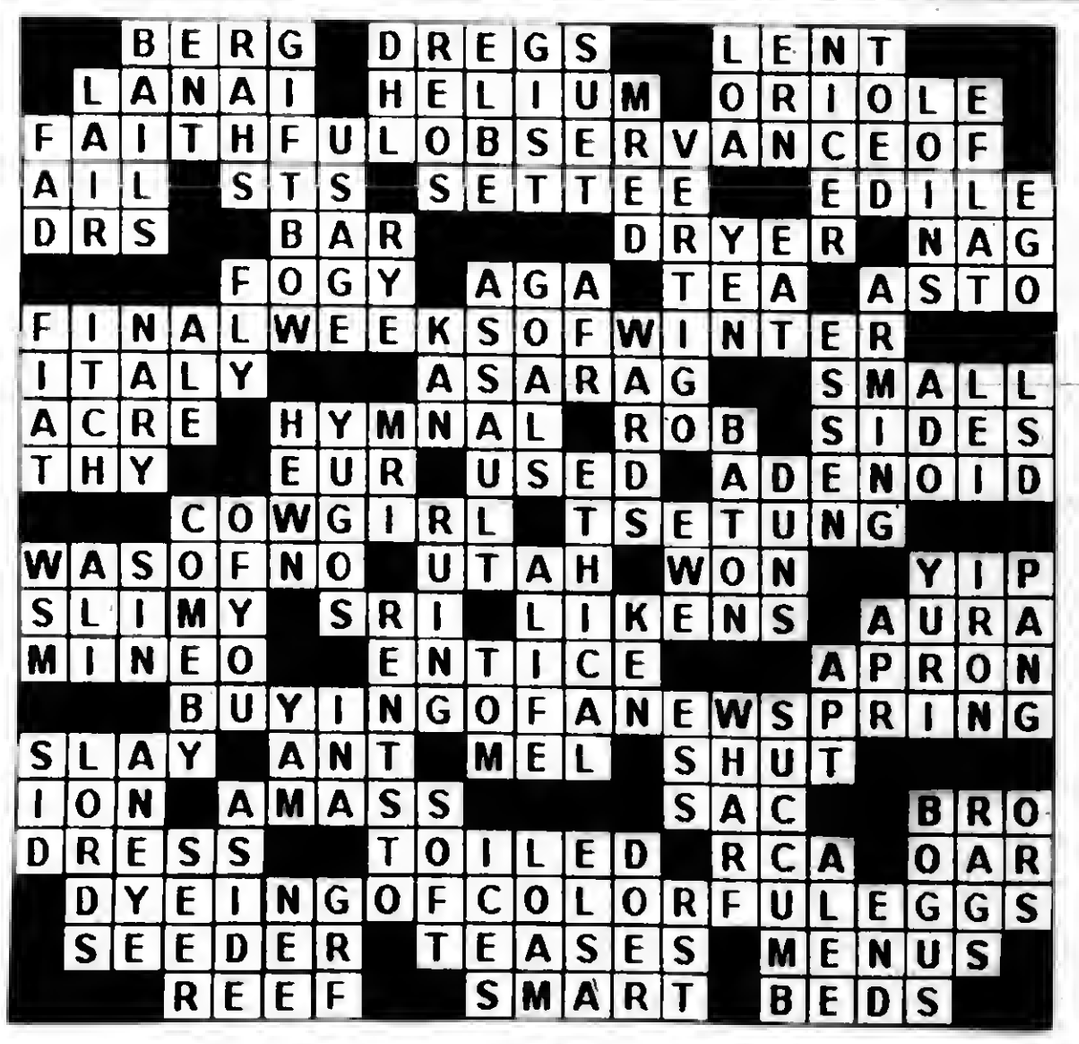
U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin recently introduced legislation that would designate September 2007 as Adopt a School Library Month. This legislation reaffirms what studies have consistently shown: children are more likely to succeed when they have access to a high quality library at school. Sen. Norm Coleman (R-MN) is a co-sponsor of this legislation.

"Some of my favorite childhood moments were spent losing myself in a book about faraway places, exciting adventures and historic figures," said Durbin. "Sadly, today, many children do not have access to new books that could establish them as lifelong readers. In fact, some libraries in Illinois are unable to purchase new books and must rely on donations from the community. We can not expect our students to compete in today's global economy unless we provide them with the tools they need to succeed."

Increasingly, school libraries are facing extraordinary obstacles in the effort to provide students with high quality resources. These circumstances are not due to lack of concern by librarians, school officials or members of the community. Rather, school leaders are working with limited budgets and unforgiving performance standards.

Durbin's legislation will designate the month of September to raise public awareness about the important role that school libraries play in the academic success of every child in America. During the month, the federal government, states, local governments, schools, nonprofit organizations and businesses will have an opportunity to highlight some of the great work that can be done on school libraries with ceremonies, programs and other activities. Durbin said this has the potential to jumpstart community efforts to replenishing bookshelves, revitalizing technology and redecorating our libraries.

Solution To This Weeks Puzzles



Jesse White Receives National Award

Secretary of State Jesse White was honored last week with a Public Service Award from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) for the leadership role his office has played to strengthen Illinois' graduated driver licensing (GDL) program and reduce teen driving crashes and fatalities.

White received the award at the 25th annual National Lifesavers Conference held this year in Chicago. The goal of the conference, which draws a variety of traffic safety organizations and advocates from throughout the nation, is to combat traffic crash fatalities and injuries. Approximately 2,500 people attended this year's conference.

Last summer Secretary White established the Teen Driver Safety Task Force to examine and propose legislation to strengthen Illinois' GDL program in a manner that enhances the safety of young, novice drivers and reduces teen fatal crashes. Several recent studies have shown that comprehensive GDL programs significantly reduce traffic crashes and fatalities involving teen drivers.

Using the Task Force's final recommendations as a blueprint, White's office drafted Senate Bill 172. Highlights of the legislation include giving teens more time to obtain valuable driving experience while under the watchful eye of a parent or guardian, limiting in-car distractions, and requiring the teens to earn their way from one stage to the next by avoiding traffic convictions. This proposal has received widespread acclaim from leading state and national traffic safety organizations that believe the legislation will make Illinois' GDL program one of the best in the nation.

Senate Bill 172, sponsored by Sen. John Cullerton, unanimously passed the Senate Transportation Committee on March 1st and awaits consideration of the full Senate.

Community Support

A local teen has been selected to attend a special summer school for future leaders and has very little time to raise $4,150 so he can get there.

Paul Depre Jr., a 16 year old sophomore at Oak Lawn Community High School, found out that he has been selected to attend the 2007 session of the Junior Statesmen Summer School at Princeton University in New Jersey. But Paul has very little time to raise the money to pay his room, board, travel, and other expenses. While his family is paying half, Paul must raise the balance.

Anyone wishing to make an individual sponsorship to help Paul Depre Jr. can send a check to: Admissions Director, The Junior Statesmen Summer School, 1725 K Street NW, Suite 1214 Washington, DC 20006. Checks are to be made payable to the Junior Statesmen Foundation and include a note that Paul Depre Jr. is the intended beneficiary.

The 68th annual session of the Junior Statesmen Summer School will be held from June 24 to July 19. While there, students take college-level courses in American Government and Speech.

They also participate in nightly student debates of controversial public policy issues in a Congressional Workshop. Highlighting the month-long session will be frequent meetings with high-level group of leaders from government, business and the media. This nonpartisan speakers program gives future leaders a chance to share ideas with today's political powerbrokers.

Paul was accepted into this prestigious program because of his outstanding academic record and potential for leadership. This program only accepts 250 students nationwide annually. Paul is not only a good student, he is also active in extra-curricular and community activities. Tennis team, Relay for Life, SADD, School Improvement Team, Matheletes, Skills USA, Chess Club, are just some of the activities that this energetic sophomore participates in.

22nd Annual Hunger Walk

More than 4,000 people will join the march against hunger on Saturday, June 16, at Montrose Harbor. The 22nd Annual Hunger Walk directly benefits 600 food pantries, soup kitchens and shelters that are member agencies of the Greater Chicago Food Depository. Funds raised help participating agencies provide nutritious food to nearly 500,000 people in need in Cook County every year. This year's goal is to raise more than $300,000.

In addition to an approximately 2.5-mile walk, the Hunger Walk features an array of fun activities for the whole family. Festivities include entertainment by the Jesse White Tumblers, choral groups and more as well as face painting, caricature artists, jugglers and stilt walkers. Hunger Walk participants receive an event T-shirt, goodie bag, beverages and snacks.

Every week, nearly 90,000 people turn to the Greater Chicago Food Depository and its network of member agencies for food assistance. Most agencies are run entirely by volunteers and raise their own operating funds in addition to assistance they receive through the Greater Chicago Food Depository in the form of equipment, grants and training opportunities. The Hunger Walk is a unique fundraiser which helps agencies raise money through an event planned and coordinated by Greater Chicago Food Depository staff and volunteers. Presenting sponsors for this year's event are Jewel-Osco and Pepsi, and the media sponsor is ABC 7. Other sponsors include: ConAgra Foods, Quaker, Home Run Inn and Lifeway.

Corporate teams are encouraged to sign up in advance. Registration on the day of the event begins at 8 a.m., and step-off is at 9:30 a.m. Free parking is available on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information, call the Greater Chicago Food Depository at (773) 247-3663 or log onto www.chicagosfoodbank.org.

AIDS Endorses Illinois Covered

The AIDS Foundation of Chicago (AFC) recently rallied at the State Capitol to support Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich's "Illinois Covered" healthcare plan. Over 150 AIDS advocates gathered at the State Capitol wearing "Super Hero" T-shirts in an effort to encourage legislators to be "super heroes" by passing the governor's plan to expand access to quality, affordable healthcare to all Illinoisans during the group's seventh annual *Illinois HIV/AIDS Lobby Day*.

The governor announced *Illinois Covered*, his plan to ensure that all Illinoisans have access to quality, affordable healthcare, during his fiscal year 2008 budget address. The plan is a major step toward slowing the spread of HIV/AIDS throughout Illinois.

Of the approximately 40,000-42,000 Illinoisans living with HIV/AIDS, about 20,000 are either uninsured or do not have adequate coverage to meet their healthcare needs. Under *Illinois Covered*, they would be among the tens of thousands of moderate and low-income residents who would have access to affordable health coverage once the plan is implemented. *Illinois Covered* will give Illinoisans living with HIV/AIDS access to health coverage that will pay for prescription drugs and treatments that will extend their lives.

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The judgment amount was $172,998.63. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION WACHOVIA BANK, N.A., ASSIGNEE OF ROCK FINANCIAL CORPORATION Plaintiff, -v.- JOHN LUCAS, JUNELLEN LUCAS. FIRST MIDWEST BANK, AS TRUSTEE, UNDER TRUST AGREEMENT DATED APRIL 11, 2002 AND KNOWN AS TRUST NUMBER 7116 Defendant 06 CH 19216 NOTICE OF SALE
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION LASALLE BANK, N.A. AS TRUSTEE FOR THE MLMI TRUST SERIES 2006-RM2 Plaintiff, vs. SANTOS B. PANTOJA; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF SANTOS B. PANTOJA, IF ANY; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants, 06 CH 19339
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For information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com. Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602. Tel.No. (312) 476-5500. Refer to File Number PA0610827. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I29636

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK F/K/A WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, FA, Plaintiff AYAD M. ATIO; NOORA W. ATIO A/K/A NOORA WAHID ATIO; LODE PARK CONDOMINIUM HOMEOWNER'S ASSOCIATION, Defendants 06 CH 20265 NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE - CONDOMINIUM Fisher and Shapiro file # 06-8752D (It is advised that interested parties consult with their own attorneys before bidding at mortgage foreclosure sales.)
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered on November 22, 2006, Kallen Realty Services, Inc., successor to Kallen Financial & Capital Services, Inc., as Selling Official will at 12:30 p.m. on May 2, 2007, at 205 W. Randolph Street, Suite 1200, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real property: COMMONLY KNOWN AS 6864 WEST LODE DRIVE, UNIT 1B, WORTH, ILLINOIS 60482. 24-18-317-014-1002 The mortgaged real estate is improved with a dwelling. The property will NOT be open for inspection. The purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by 765 ILCS 605/8(g)(1) and (g)(4).
The judgment amount was $85,477.58. Sale terms: 10% of successful bid immediately at conclusion of auction, balance by noon the next business day, both by cashier's checks; and no refunds. The sale shall be subject to general real estate taxes, special taxes, special assessments, special taxes levied, and superior liens, if any. The property is offered "as is," with no express or implied warranties and without any representation as to the quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to review the court file to verify all information.
For information: Sale Clerk, Fisher and Shapiro, 4201 Lake Cook Rd., 1st floor, Northbrook, Illinois 60062, (847) 498-9990, between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. weekdays only. I19822

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION WELLS FARGO BANK, NA AS TRUSTEE FOR FIRST FRANKLIN MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2002-FF4 BY: SAXON MORTGAGE SERVICES, INC., AS ITS ATTORNEY-IN-FACT; Plaintiff, vs. CLEVELAND GIBSON; FIRST FRANKLIN FINANCIAL CORPORATION, UNDER MORTGAGE RECORDED AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 0030002738, Defendants, 04 CH 12792 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on January 31, 2007, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Wednesday, May 2, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 3604 W. 82nd St., Chicago, IL 60652. P.I.N. 19-35-120-047.
The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
For information call Sales Clerk at Plaintiff's Attorney, Law Offices of Ira T. Nevel, 175 North Franklin Street, Chicago, Illinois 60606. (312) 357-1125. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I30663

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATE HOLDERS OF CWABS SERIES 2004-SD2, Plaintiff V. JAMES J. HOLUB A/K/A JAMES JOSEPH HOLUB, Defendant 06 CH 20547 NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE Fisher and Shapiro file #06-3903D (It is advised that interested parties consult with their own attorneys before bidding at mortgage foreclosure sales.)
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered on November 14, 2006, Kallen Realty Services, Inc., successor to Kallen Financial & Capital Services, Inc., as Selling Official will at 12:30 p.m. on May 8, 2007, at 205 W. Randolph Street, Suite 1200, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real property: COMMONLY KNOWN AS 4101 WAINWRIGHT PLACE, OAK LAWN, ILLINOIS 60453. Permanent Index No.: 24-15-409-012 The mortgaged real estate is improved with a dwelling. The property will NOT be open for inspection
The judgment amount was $139,992.09. Sale terms, 10% of successful bid immediately at conclusion of auction, balance by noon the next business day, both by cashier's checks, and no refunds. The sale shall be subject to general real estate taxes, special taxes, special assessments, special taxes levied, and superior liens, if any. The property is offered "as is," with no express or implied warranties and without any representation as to the quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to review the court file to verify all information
For information: Sale Clerk, Fisher and Shapiro, 4201 Lake Cook Rd. 1st floor, Northbrook, Illinois 60062. (847) 498-9990 between 1:00 p.m and 3:00 p.m ,weekdays only I16948

REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. Plaintiff, -v.- DON J. ROSE, et al Defendant 06 CH 18781 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on December 18, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on April 26, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 2743 WEST 85TH STREET, Chicago, IL 60652 Property Index No. 19-36-412-005-0000 The real estate is improved with a 1 story single family home white brick w/attached garage.
The judgment amount was $243,572.24. Sale terms: 26% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information: Visit our website at http:\\service.atty-pierce.com. between the hours of 3 and 5 pm. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602. Tel No. (312) 476-5500 Please refer to file number PA0609783 THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE I29996

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION US BANK NA Plaintiff, -v.- CHRISTOPHER SARLI, et al Defendant 06 CH 18716 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on December 5, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on May 1, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 4810 WEST 97TH PLACE, Oak Lawn, IL 60453 Property Index No. 24-10-125-010-0000 The real estate is improved with a brick 2 story house with a 1 car detached garage.
The judgment amount was $83,811.37. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale
The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information: Visit our website at http:\\service.atty-pierce.com. between the hours of 3 and 5 pm. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602. Tel No. (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number PA0610451. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE I30493

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR CITIGROUP MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST, SERIES 2004-OPT1, ASSET BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES Plaintiff, -v.- WILFRED REYES, et al Defendant 06 CH 19830 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on November 14, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on May 1, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 8753 SOUTH 82ND AVENUE, Hickory Hills, IL 60457 Property Index No. 23-02-204-015-0000 The real estate is improved with a brown brick single family 2 stories w/attached 2 car garage.
The judgment amount was $181,037.93. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information
For information: Visit our website at http:\\service.atty-pierce.com between the hours of 3 and 5 pm PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602 Tel No. (312) 476-5500 Please refer to file number PA0611145. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE I30517

REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE CERTIFICATE HOLDERS OF ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 2004-WCW1, Plaintiff V. MICHAEL W. TIPTON A/K/A MICHAEL TIPTON; ARGENT MORTGAGE COMPANY, LLC; CHRISTIAN A. YNOA; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants 05 CH 19132 NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE Fisher and Shapiro file # 05-1690D (It is advised that interested parties consult with their own attorneys before bidding at mortgage foreclosure sales.)
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered on May 23, 2006, Kallen Realty Services, Inc. as Selling Official will at 12:30 p.m. on April 27, 2007, at 205 W. Randolph Street, Suite 1200, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real property: COMMONLY KNOWN AS 13544 LONO AVENUE, CRESTWOOD, ILLINOIS 60445. TAX ID# 28-04-107-005 The mortgaged real estate is improved with a dwelling. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
The judgment amount was $176,687.68. Sale terms: 10% of successful bid immediately at conclusion of auction, balance by noon the next business day, both by cashier's checks; and no refunds. The sale shall be subject to general real estate taxes, special taxes, special assessments, special taxes levied, and superior liens, if any. The property is offered "as is," with no express or implied warranties and without any representation as to the quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to review the court file to verify all information.
For information: Sale Clerk, Fisher and Shapiro, 4201 Lake Cook Rd., 1st floor, Northbrook, Illinois 60062, (847) 498-9990, between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. weekdays only. I30247

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION WELLS FARGO BANK, NA SUCCESSOR BY MERGER WITH WELLS FARGO HOME MORTGAGE, INC AS SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO NORWEST MORTGAGE, INC.; Plaintiff, vs. CHARLES E. WOODS; ET AL.; Defendants, 06 CH 4461 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on October 10, 2006, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, April 23, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 2735 W. Seipp St., Chicago, IL 60652. P.I.N. 19-36-415-007.
The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds. The property will NOT be open for inspection
For information call Ms. Diane Thomas at Plaintiff's Attorney, Freedman Anselmo Lindberg & Rappe, LLC, 1007 West Diehl Road, Naperville, Illinois 60563-1890. (877) 729-8734. W0602049 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I29558

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION CITIMORTGAGE, INC. ASSIGNEE OF MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC.; Plaintiff, vs. KAREN A. KING; NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSING SERVICES OF CHICAGO, INC. UNDER MORTGAGE RECORDED AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 0010647388, CITY OF CHICAGO, UNDER LIEN RECORDED AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 0610102395; Defendants, 06 CH 19622 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on November 8, 2006, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Friday, April 27, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 7948 S. Sawyer Ave., Chicago, IL 60652. P.I.N. 19-35-206-028 & 053.
The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
For information call Sales Clerk at Plaintiff's Attorney, Law Offices of Ira T. Nevel, 175 North Franklin Street, Chicago, Illinois 60606. (312) 357-1125. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I29646

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., Plaintiff V TINA WRIGHT, CRESTLINE ARMS CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC, INC., ACTING SOLELY AS A NOMINEE FOR FREMONT INVESTMENT & LOAN; NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; TINA WRIGHT; CRESTLINE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; UNKNOWN OWNERS, Defendants 04 CH 18780 NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE-CONDOMINIUM Fisher and Shapiro file #62181 (It is advised that interested parties consult with their own attorneys before bidding at mortgage foreclosure sales.)
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered on August 7, 2006, Kallen Realty Services, Inc., successor to Kallen Financial & Capital Services, Inc. as Selling Official will at 12:30 p.m. on April 30, 2007, at 205 W Randolph Street, Suite 1200, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real property: C/K/A 4124 WEST 98TH STREET #208, OAK LAWN, IL 60453 24-10-225-036-1130 & 24-10-225-036-1258
The mortgaged real estate is improved with a dwelling. The property will NOT be open for inspection. The purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by 705 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). The judgment amount was $101,462.11. Sale terms: 10% of successful bid immediately at conclusion of auction, balance by noon the next business day, both by cashier's checks, and no refunds. The sale shall be subject to general real estate taxes, special taxes, special assessments, special taxes levied, and superior liens, if any. The property is offered "as is," with no express or implied warranties and without any representation as to the quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to review the court file to verify all information. For information: Sale Clerk, Fisher and Shapiro, 4201 Lake Cook Rd., 1st floor, Northbrook, Illinois 60062, (847) 498-9990, between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. weekdays only I31808

REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR RESIDENTIAL LOAN CENTERS OF AMERICA AND/OR ITS SUCCESSORS Plaintiff, -v.- WILLIAM J. GRAAL, et al Defendant 06 CH 1662 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 11, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on April 23, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 9436 S. AVERS AVENUE, Evergreen Park, IL 60805 Property Index No. 24-02-323-038 The real estate is improved with a single family residence.
The judgment amount was $153,708.30 Sale terms: 26% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department. Please refer to file number 14-06-974 THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I30788

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT. CHANCERY DIVISION THE BANK OF NEW YORK, ACTINO SOLELY IN ITS CAPACITY AS TRUSTEE FOR EOCC TRUST 2001-2, Plaintiff V. FRANK A. DANKERT; MONA DANKERT; FIRST FRANKLIN FINANCIAL CORP., Defendants 04 CH 10333 NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE Fisher and Shapiro file #60740 (It is advised that interested parties consult with their own attorneys before bidding at mortgage foreclosure sales.)
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered on February 7, 2007, Kallen Realty Services, Inc., successor to Kallen Financial & Capital Services, Inc, as Selling Official will at 12:30 p.m. on May 9, 2007, at 205 W. Randolph Street, Suite 1200, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real property: C/K/A 7801 SOUTH MAJOR AVE, BURBANK, IL 60459 TAX ID# 19-29-415-041 The mortgaged real estate is improved with a dwelling. The property will NOT be open for inspection
The judgment amount was $151,900.78. Sale terms: 10% of successful bid immediately at conclusion of auction, balance by noon the next business day, both by cashier's checks; and no refunds. The sale shall be subject to general real estate taxes, special taxes, special assessments, special taxes levied, and superior liens, if any. The property is offered "as is," with no express or implied warranties and without any representation as to the quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to review the court file to verify all information.
For information: Sale Clerk, Fisher and Shapiro, 4201 Lake Cook Rd., 1st floor, Northbrook, Illinois 60062. (847) 498-9990, between 1:00 p.m and 3:00 p.m weekdays only I27255

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR ST FRANCIS MORTGAGE CORPORATION, OR IT'S SUCCESSORS OR ASSIGNS Plaintiff, vs. WILLIAM O WALKER JR A/K/A WILLIAM S YATES, SUNSARAY THOMAS A/K/A SUNSARAY L THOMAS; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF WILLIAM O. WALKER JR., IF ANY, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF SUNSARAY THOMAS, IF ANY, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants, 05 CH 5786 NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on 1/29/2007., Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, May 1, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property: P.I.N. 24-12-311-032. Commonly known as 2930 West 102nd Street, Evergreen Park, IL 60805. The improvement on the property consists of a 2 story, single family residence with a 2 car garage. Sale terms. 25% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Upon payment in full of the amount bid the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale
For information Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com. Between 3 p.m and 5 p.m only Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 North Dearborn Street, Chicago Illinois 60602 Tel No (312) 476-5500 Refer to File Number 0502714 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer (312) 444-1122 I30624

REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., SOLEY AS NOMINEE FOR RESMAE MORTGAGE CORPORATION, Plaintiff, vs. TIFFANY M. ROBINSON, NORMA JONES, SULTANA AMANULLAH, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants., 06 CH 16836 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on November 21, 2006, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, April 30, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 14521 Sawyer Avenue, Midlothian, Illinois 60445. P.I.N. 28-11-222-005. The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. Sale terms. Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
For information call Mr. James A. Larson at Plaintiff's Attorney, Larson & Associates, P.C., 230 West Monroe Street, Chicago, Illinois 60606. (312) 422-0057.

INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I30623

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION BANK OF NEW YORK AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATE HOLDERS OF CWABS 2004-05, Plaintiff V. JOANNE L. WILLIAMS, Defendant 06 CH 20051 NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE Fisher and Shapiro file # 06-8897D (It is advised that interested parties consult with their own attorneys before bidding at mortgage foreclosure sales.)
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered on January 16, 2007, Kallen Realty Services, Inc., successor to Kallen Financial & Capital Services, Inc., as Selling Official will at 12:30 p.m. on May 4, 2007, at 205 W Randolph Street, Suite 1200, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real property. COMMONLY KNOWN AS 2816 WEST 84TH PLACE, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60652. 19-36-316-036 The mortgaged real estate is improved with a dwelling. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
The judgment amount was $161,262.54 Sale terms 10% of successful bid immediately at conclusion of auction, balance by noon the next business day, both by cashier's checks, and no refunds. The sale shall be subject to general real estate taxes, special taxes, special assessments, special taxes levied, and superior liens, if any. The property is offered "as is," with no express or implied warranties and without any representation as to the quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to review the court file to verify all information
For information: Sale Clerk, Fisher and Shapiro, 4201 Lake Cook Rd., 1st floor, Northbrook, Illinois 60062. (847) 498-9990. between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m weekdays only I24445

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. Plaintiff, vs. RICHARD W. MUHNE A/K/A RICHARD MUHNE, KATHLEEN T MUHNE A/K/A KATHLEEN MUHNE; BANK ONE, N A AS SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF CHICAGO; STATE OF ILLINOIS Defendants. 04 CH 7562 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on July 29, 2004 Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, April 30, 2007 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate: P.I.N 24-16-217-019 Commonly known as 10328 South 51st Court, Oak Lawn, IL 60453
The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence and will NOT be open for inspection. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. The sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and any prior first mortgages. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information
For information Sale Clerk, FISHER and SHAPIRO, LLC, 4201 Lake Cook Road, First Floor Northbrook, Illinois 60062 (847) 498-9990, between the hours of 1 p.m and 3 p.m only 04-4384D INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I30592

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION LASALLE BANK N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR THE MLMI TRUST SERIES 2006-RM2 Plaintiff, vs. THELMA DELGADO; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF THELMA DELGADO, IF ANY; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants, 06 CH 19932 NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on 11/8/2006. Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, May 1, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property P.I.N. 24-01-327-022. Commonly known as 9412 South Francisco Avenue, Evergreen Park, Illinois 60805
The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence without garage. Sale terms. 25% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale
For information Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com Between 3 p.m and 5 p.m only Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 North Dearborn Street Chicago Illinois 60602 Tel No (312) 476-5500 Refer to File Number PA0611301 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer (312) 444-1122 I30695

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION WMC MORTGAGE CORPORATION, AS OWNER AND HOLDER OF THE MORTGAGE LOANS Plaintiff, -v- YUSUF AHMAD, et al Defendants 06 CH 21182 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on December 13, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on May 1, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate. Commonly known as 3544 W. 76TH STREET, Chicago, IL 60652
Property Index No. 19-26-401-043 The real estate is improved with a single family residence
The judgment amount was $228,850.03
Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction, the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4)
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department. Please refer to file number 14-06-C523 THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Attorney File No. 14-06-C523 ARDC# 00468002 Attorney Code. 21762 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I30183

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION NATIONAL CITY MORTGAGE COMPANY Plaintiff, [illegible] et al Defendants 06 CH [illegible] NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on November 13, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on May 1, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate. Commonly known as [illegible] SOUTH 77TH AVENUE, Bridgeview, IL 60455 Property Index No. 18-24-307-[illegible]
The real estate is improved with a brick ranch house with a 2 car attached garage
The judgment amount was $142,223.01
Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction, the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
If this property is a condominium unit the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com between the hours of 3 and 5 pm. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602 Tel No. (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number PA0608630 THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE I31187

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION WACHOVIA BANK NA AS TRUSTEE POOLING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT DATED AS OF NOVEMBER 1, 2004, ASSET BACKED PASS THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 2004-WWF1; Plaintiff, vs. JAVIER ROJAS; ET AL.; Defendants, 06 CH 20279 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on January 31, 2007, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Wednesday, May 9, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 14900 S. Central Park Ave., Midlothian, IL 60445. P.I.N. 28-11-318-027
The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
For information call Ms. Diane Thomas at Plaintiff's Attorney, Freedman Anselmo Lindberg & Rappe, LLC, 1807 West Diehl Road, Naperville, Illinois 60563-1890. (877) 729-6734. W0609066 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I31481

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR THE STRUCTURED ASSET INVESTMENT LOAN TRUST, 2005-8 Plaintiff, vs. JOHN DALE BAILEY; ET AL., Defendants, 06 CH 11186 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on December 7, 2006, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Friday, May 11, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate. Commonly known as 7828 South Christiana Avenue, Chicago, IL 60652. P.I.N. 19-28-418-025.
The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashiers or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
For information call Ms. Diane Thomas at Plaintiff's Attorney, Freedman Anselmo Lindberg & Rappe, LLC, 1807 West Diehl Road, Naperville, Illinois 60563-1890. (877) 729-6734. W0605065 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I31616

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR MORGAN STANLEY HOME EQUITY LOAN TRUST 2006-1 Plaintiff, -v- JOHN H. COFFIN, et al Defendants 06 CH 21174 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on December 19, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on May 2, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 3943 W. 83RD STREET, Chicago, IL 60652
Property Index No. 19-35-300-022 The real estate is improved with a single family residence.
The judgment amount was $156,335.02.
Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4)
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com. Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602. Tel.No. (312) 476-5500. Refer to File Number PA0611708. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I31489

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR SECURITIZED ASSET BACKED RECEIVABLES LLC 2005-FR5 MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-FR5 Plaintiff, -v.- JORGE CHAIREZ, et al Defendant 06 CH 21593 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 4, 2007, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on May 8, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 7740 S. KEELER AVENUE, Chicago, IL 60652 Property Index No. 19-27-403-061
The real estate is improved with a single family residence.
The judgment amount was $208,367.50.
Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department.. Please refer to file number 14-06-C638 THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I32080

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK F/K/A WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, FA F/K/A WASHINGTON MUTUAL HOME LOANS, INC., SUCCESSOR BY MERGER IN INTEREST TO FLEET MORTGAGE CORP. Plaintiff V. JOHN W RUSSELL; EVERGREEN SQUARE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION A/K/A EVERGREEN SQUARE CONDOMINIUMS, LTD.; Defendants 06 CH 20785 NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE - CONDOMINIUM Fisher and Shapiro file # 06-6785D (It is advised that interested parties consult with their own attorneys before bidding at mortgage foreclosure sales.)
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered on , November 20, 2006, Kallen Realty Services, Inc., successor to Kallen Financial & Capital Services, Inc., as Selling Official will at 12:30 p.m. on May 15, 2007, at 206 W. Randolph Street, Suite 1200, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real property: COMMONLY KNOWN AS 3158 WEST 88TH STREET, APT. 102, EVERGREEN PARK, IL 60642. TAX ID# 24-01-100-065-1002
The mortgaged real estate is improved with a dwelling. The property will NOT be open for inspection. The purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). The judgment amount was $35,089.26. Sale terms: 10% of successful bid immediately at conclusion of auction, balance by noon the next business day, both by cashier's checks; and no refunds. The sale shall be subject to general real estate taxes, special taxes, special assessments, special taxes levied, and superior liens, if any. The property is offered "as is," with no express or implied warranties and without any representation as to the quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to review the court file to verify all information.
For information: Sale Clerk, Fisher and Shapiro, 4201 Lake Cook Rd., 1st floor, Northbrook, Illinois 60062, (847) 498-9990, between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. weekdays only. I20286

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION JP MORGAN CHASE BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR THE MLMI SURF TRUST SERIES 2005- BC3 Plaintiff, vs. PHYLLIS MCELROY A/K/A PHYLLIS MCELLROY; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGTEES OF PHYLLIS MCELROY, IF ANY; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants, 06 CH 20641 NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on 11/21/2006, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Wednesday, May 9, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property: Commonly known as 9337 South Pulaski Road, Evergreen Park, Illinois 60805.
The improvement on the property consists of a brick two unit building with detached two car garage. Sale terms: 25% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.
For information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com. Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602. Tel.No. (312) 476-5500. Refer to File Number PA0611663. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I31507

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. SUCCESSOR BY MERGER WITH WELLS FARGO HOME MORTGAGE INC. AS SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO NORWEST MORTGAGE, INC. Plaintiff, vs. MATTHEW J. LEWIS; ET AL., Defendants, 06 CH 20919 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on January 2, 2007, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Friday, May 11, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 10133 South Buell Court, Oak Lawn, IL 60453. P.I.N. 24-09-319-009. The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
For information call Ms. Diane Thomas at Plaintiff's Attorney, Freedman Anselmo Lindberg & Rappe, LLC, 1807 West Diehl Road, Naperville, Illinois 60563-1890. (877) 729-6734. W0609094 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I31524

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY AS TRUSTEE FOR MORGAN STANLEY LOAN TRUST 2006- HE4; Plaintiff, vs. MARY ELLEN M. GRIFFIN; ET. AL., Defendants, 06 CH 20700 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on November 30, 2006, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, May 8, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 5824 Orange Lane, Oak Forest, IL 60452. P.I.N. 28-17-228-007 The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
For information call Ms. Diane Thomas at Plaintiff's Attorney, Freedman Anselmo Lindberg & Rappe, LLC, 1807 West Diehl Road, Naperville, Illinois 60563-1890. (877) 729-6734. W0608133 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I31462

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION Plaintiff, -v.- IRIS MELENDEZ A/K/A IRIS IVETTE MELENDEZ, et al Defendant 06 CH 18986 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 10, 2007, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on May 8, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 10857 S. COOK AVENUE, Oak Lawn, IL 60453 Property Index No. 24-16-310-032 The real estate is improved with a single family residence.
The judgment amount was $439,760.74.
Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department.. Please refer to file number 14-06-B103. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I32094

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS, INC., Plaintiff, vs. WILLIAM A. LOCKWOOD; SHASTA LOCKWOOD; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC AS NOMINEE FOR AEGIS FUNDING DBA AEGIS HOME EQUITY; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants, 06 CH 12752
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on 9/7/2006, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, May 8, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property: P.I.N. 24-26-301-006. Commonly known as 3637 W. 123rd St., Alsip, IL 60803. The improvement on the property consists of a brick two story single family residence with a detached garage.
Sale terms: 25% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.
For information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com. Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602. Tel.No. (312) 476-5500. Refer to File Number PA0608354. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I31425

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF SOUNDVIEW HOME LOAN TRUST 2006-OPT3, ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-OPT3 Plaintiff, vs. TARA TOLEFREE; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF TARA TOLEFREE, IF ANY; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants, 06 CH 20632
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on 12/12/2006, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Thursday, May 10, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property: P.I.N. 24-02-422-039/040. Commonly known as 0358 South Sawyer Avenue, Evergreen Park, Illinois 60805.
The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence with attached two car garage. Sale terms: 25% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.
For information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com. Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602. Tel.No. (312) 476-5500. Refer to File Number PA0607753. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I31397

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., SUCCESSOR BY MERGER WITH WELLS FARGO HOME MORTGAGE, INC., SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO NORWEST MORTGAGE, INC.; Plaintiff, vs. RONALD K. SKELLEY; ET AL; Defendants, 06 CH 20660 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on December 14, 2006, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, May 8, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 14724 South Keeler Ave., Midlothian, IL 60445. P.I.N. 28-10-401-023.
The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashiers or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
For information call Ms. Diane Thomas at Plaintiff's Attorney, Freedman Anselmo Lindberg & Rappe, LLC, 1807 West Diehl Road, Naperville, Illinois 60563-1890. (877) 729-6734. W0609070 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I31461

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, F.A. F/K/A WASHINGTON MUTUAL HOME LOANS, INC. SUCCESSOR IN INTEREBT TO HOMESIDE LENDING, INC. Plaintiff, -v.- ALLEN G. CRAIGHEAD, STACY CRAIGHEAD A/K/A STACY CRAIGHEAD, DIRECT MERCHANTS CREDIT CARD BANK Defendant 04 CH 20641 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 7, 2005, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on April 27, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 8136 SOUTH TALMAN STREET, Chicago, IL 60652 Property Index No. 19-36-218-025 The real estate is improved with a single family residence.
The judgment amount was $118,403.62.
Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sales clerk, FISHER AND SHAPIRO, LLC. 4201 Lake Cook Road, NORTHBROOK, IL 60062, (847) 498-9990 between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. only. Please refer to file number 01-0434D. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I30543

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE C-BASS MORTGAGE LOAN ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-CB4 Plaintiff, vs. HEATHER E. QUINLAN; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF HEATHER E QUINLAN, IF ANY; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants, 06 CH 19650
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION AURORA LOAN SERVICES, LLC Plaintiff, vs. BRENDAN FOX; GERALDINE FOX; STATE BANK OF COUNTRYSIDE; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants, 06 CH 19118 NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW
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Understanding Credit Scoring

There's a lot of confusion around credit reports and credit scores - what they're used for, how they're calculated and why they're so important if you want to buy a car or house. Lenders, insurers and even employers review your credit history to decide if you're a worthwhile risk, so here's some background information that may help demystify the whole credit scoring process:

Credit bureaus. There are three major credit bureaus: Equifax www.equifax.com, Experian www.experian.com and TransUnion www.transunion.com. Each tracks how many and what types of credit cards and loans you have, how long your accounts have been open and whether you've paid your bills on time.

Credit report. Upon request from you or a potential lender, a credit bureau will compile a credit report - basically a snapshot of your credit history at that moment. You can order one free credit report a year from each of the three bureaus. (Order through www.annualcreditreport.com; otherwise you'll pay a small fee.) They are required by law to investigate any disputed item and correct inaccuracies.

It's wise to order a free report from one of the bureaus every four months; that way, you'll keep regular, year-round tabs on what's being reported about you. Another tip: If you're planning to borrow to make a major purchase, order your credit reports beforehand so you'll know what lenders will see about your credit history.

It's vital to know what's in your credit reports so you can spot fraudulent activity or errors before they damage your credit standing. For more information on what to do if you suspect identity fraud, go to Practical Money Skills for Life, a free personal financial management site sponsored by Visa USA www.practicalmoneyskills.com/security.

Credit scores. Credit bureaus use information in your credit report to create a three-digit credit score. The higher your score, the better your credit rating is. The most commonly used credit scores are called FICO scores, named for Fair Isaac Corporation (FICO), which developed the proprietary software.

Five factors are used to determine your FICO score: payment history, amount owed, length of credit history, newly opened credit accounts, and types of credit used. Scores take into consideration information in all five categories, both positive and negative, but may weigh them differently depending on your individual circumstances.

When you apply for credit or a loan, lenders evaluate one or more of these bureaus' scores along with their own criteria (which may include income, length of employment or other factors), to determine if you are a worthy credit risk. Your overall credit score may affect not only whether or not you get the loan, but also the amount, term length and interest rate.

The differences between excellent, good, fair and poor credit scores can really add up. For example, someone with a top-notch FICO credit score - say above 720 - might qualify for a mortgage rate one or more percentage points lower than someone with poor credit. For a typical 30-year, $200,000 mortgage, this could add up to an extra $50,000 in interest payments over the life of the loan.

For more information on how credit reports and credit scores work - and to purchase a copy of your score - go to www.myfico.com. Remember, it's always a good idea to know what's in your reports ahead of time so you can correct errors before they harm your credit rating.

No-Interest Loans Available

Governor Rod R. Blagojevich announced $1.9 million in no-interest loans to help fire departments and fire protection districts purchase much-needed fire trucks. This is the second phase of a loan program that has already helped 63 fire departments obtain new fire trucks.

The Fire Truck Revolving Loan Program, administered by the Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM), provides no-interest, 20-year loans to local fire departments and fire protection districts for the purchase of fire trucks. The maximum loan award is $250,000. The loan program was created by legislation signed by Gov. Blagojevich in 2003.

Applications for the loans are available on the OSFM website at www.state.il.us/osfm. The agency also will mail applications to each fire department in Illinois. Applications will be accepted from Feb. 1 through April 15. A nine-member review committee comprising representatives of the banking industry and the fire services will review the applications. Loans will be awarded on the basis of need.

In August 2004, 63 fire departments were selected to receive the initial revolving loans. Payments on those loans go into the revolving loan fund, and will be used for this second round of loans.

Air Quality Report

Air quality in Illinois was either good or moderate 90 percent of the time throughout Illinois in 2005, according to the 35th Annual Air Quality Report, released by the Illinois EPA.

While this is a decrease from the air quality numbers in 2004, it is consistent with the air quality trends the state has experienced in the past. Air quality trends still show air pollution levels well below the standards on a statewide basis.

In 2005, Illinois as well as other Midwestern and Northeastern states experienced one of the most unusual air quality episodes in recent history. For the first time in Illinois, Air Pollution Action Days were called outside of the ozone season, May through September, with three action days being called in February due to elevated levels of fine particulate matter. Scientists determined that a combination of a stagnating regional air mass and combustion of winter fuels region-wide was the main cause of this incident.

This unusual episode provided the Illinois EPA with the opportunity to thoroughly discuss fine particulate matter, which led to additional public education about the causes and health concerns of this pollutant.

"While annual trends show the statewide levels of pollutants well below the federal standards, there are still some areas in Illinois where improvement is still needed," said Illinois EPA Director Doug Scott. "The Illinois EPA continues its commitment to improve air quality throughout the state and the region."

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Tips On Hiring A Lawn Care Service

April is National Lawn Care Month when more than 40 million homeowners will begin thinking about caring for their lawns. Not sure how to hire a lawn or landscape service? The Professional Landcare Network (PLANET) can help.

Lawn care companies offer services ranging from fertilizing and pest control to aerating, mowing, and plant health care. Residential property values, the environment, and the community all benefit from healthy, thick lawns.

Experts at PLANET suggest homeowners think quality as well as price when calling in a pro. According to the Harris survey, good references and reputation ranked number one in the selection of a lawn and landscape service. When selecting a company, consumers should ask for the following items: a detailed listing of services and costs, a written estimate and length of service, a list of references, and evidence that the company meets all state licensing requirements.

It is also important to make sure the company is a member of a professional association and to check the company's service record by calling the local Better Business Bureau. Members of PLANET can be found by using the pro locator service at www.landcarenetwork.org/" LandcareNetwork.org. PLANET also offers a rigorous certification program, which includes three designations for lawn care professionals: Certified Turfgrass Professional (CTP), Certified Turfgrass Professional of Cool Season Lawns (CTPCSL), and Certified Ornamental Landscape Professional (COLP).

"When you hire a professional, you're entering into a partnership," states Jim Martin, CLP, PLANET's president. "The role homeowners play in maintenance of their lawn is key to enhancing the lawn's health and performance and to getting the most out of the service provider."

PLANET advises homeowners to follow these basic maintenance practices: Watering, water deeply but not too often and Mowing, mow often, never removing more than one-third of the leaf surface. Make sure the mower blade is sharp, and grasscycle the clippings by leaving them on the lawn.

PLANET is the association of members who create and maintain the QUALITY OF LIFE in communities across America. With more than 4,200 member companies and affiliates, these firms and their employees represent more than 100,000 green industry professionals. For more information on PLANET visit LandcareNetwork.org or call the PLANET office at (800) 395-2522.

Fund Chicago Search And Rescue Team

U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin (D-IL) recently met with Dept. of Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff to ask him to consider Chicago's eligibility for a federally funded search and rescue team. Durbin also discussed the impact of the fiscal year 2008 budget on Illinois' ability to respond to natural disasters and terrorist threats.

"Chicago is the third largest city in the country, yet year after year, we are not included in the 28 cities that receive federal funds for urban search and rescue teams. The State of Illinois has done a tremendous job in funding its own urban search and rescue team, but I expressed my frustration to Secretary Chertoff over the lack of federal support," said Durbin. "Our state deserves to have federal help in fielding these trained and equipped urban search and rescue teams when local resources are overwhelmed."

Currently, there are 28 FEMA-certified urban search and rescue teams that operate as a disaster response task force. The teams operate around the clock, and include engineers, medics and other technical experts, specially trained search dogs and an average of $4.5 million of equipment. The State currently spends approximately $1 million for training each year and has spent $3 million in equipment over the last couple of years in funding its own urban search and rescue team.

In the meeting, Durbin also expressed serious concerns about the impact of the President's FY 2008 budget on Illinois' ability to respond to natural disasters and terrorist threats. The budget the President presented to Congress recently cuts funding for state and local law enforcement assistance by $1.3 billion, dramatically decreases funding for FIRE grants and eliminates the SAFER firefighter- hiring program.

Durbin also raised concerns that the President's budget reduces funding for the FIRE program which provides equipment and training to fire departments in Illinois and across the country to help them prepare and respond to terrorist incidents. Last year, in Illinois, over $13.6 million was awarded to IL fire departments.

The President's budget completely eliminates the SAFER firefighter-hiring program, which provides funding to fire departments to hire additional firefighters and first responders. Last year, $4.4 million was awarded to Illinois fire departments for hiring/recruiting additional firefighters.

Text Message Lawsuit

Attorney General Lisa Madigan recently filed a lawsuit in Federal court in Springfield against C & C Global Enterprises, L.L.C., www.resortsellers.com, Neela Pundit and Charles Rossop, the operators of www.webuyresorts.com and www.resortsellers.com, alleging that they sent millions of unsolicited text messages to Illinois consumers and wireless phones across the country in violation of the federal Telephone Consumer Protection Act and the state Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Business Practices Act.

Beginning on about Nov. 3rd, 2006, Illinois residents began receiving unsolicited text messages alerting them that "We have someone interested in buying or renting your Time Share" and directing the recipient to log on to www.webuyresorts.com or www.resortsellers.com for more information. The web sites vanished from the Internet a few days after consumers began complaining about the unsolicited messages.

Madigan's Consumer Protection Division has received 66 written complaints and 190 complaints by phone from consumers complaining that they received these unsolicited text messages from the defendants.

Blanketing cell phone customers with unsolicited text messages costs consumers. Depending on a consumer's cell phone plan, the consumer either is charged a fee for each message received or her monthly bucket of text messages, for which she pays a monthly fee, is reduced. In addition, receiving and viewing text messages uses precious battery power, which could leave consumers unable to make necessary calls, including emergency calls.

Madigan's lawsuit also raises allegations concerning other aspects of the defendants' business. Specifically, the suit alleges that the defendants' unsolicited text message tells consumers they have a buyer or renter for their time share, but many of the recipients of the unsolicited text message do not own a time share. In addition, Madigan alleges that the defendants accept payment for time-share listing services and then fail to provide the listing. The defendants could not possibly provide the time share listing because they do not request sufficient information from customers to develop a time share sale listing, such as the address of the time share and the unit number, the complaint alleges.

Madigan's lawsuit seeks a nationwide injunction against the defendants, prohibiting them from violating consumer protection laws. In addition, the lawsuit seeks civil penalties of $50,000 and additional civil penalties of $50,000 for each violation of the Consumer Fraud Act found to be committed with the intent to defraud. Madigan also requests that the court order the defendants to pay restitution to affected consumers.

Southwest Area Obituaries

Winifred E. Bollman

Services were said at the Chapel Hill Gardens South Funeral Home, Oak Lawn, on Monday, with interment at Chapel Hill Gardens South Cemetery, for Winifred E. Bollman, 97 of Pharr, TX, formerly of Blue Island.

She is survived by her children Walter (Patricia) Bollman and Jack (Tina) Bollman; four grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; her sisters Bernice Harris and Helen Johnson and her brother Tom (Eve) Jensen.

William P. Chessare

Mass was said at St. Michael Church, Orland Park, on Wednesday, with interment at Resurrection Cemetery, for William P. Chessare, 57. He was a member of IUEC Local #2 and a longtime employee of Mid-America Elevator.

He is survived by his wife Judy A.; his daughter Lauren; four grandchildren; his brother Jim (Pat); and his sisters Carol Katzmarek and Cathy (Ray) Palmer.

Joseph A. Coglianese

Mass was said at St. Gerald Church, Oak Lawn, on Tuesday with interment at St. Mary Cemetery, for Joseph A. Coglianese.

He is survived by his wife Caroline; his children Carol (John) Young, Kenneth Coglianese, Paul Coglianese and Joy (Terry) Bopp; six grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Vernon F. Dichtel

A memorial mass was said at St. Christina Church, Mt. Greenwood, on Saturday, with a private interment, for Vernon F. Dichtel. He was a Federal Govt. employee for the Dept. of Labor for many years.

He is survived by his children Michael (Laurie) John, Mary (Rob) Smith, Rita and Paul; one grandchild; his sister Viola Sailer and his brother Francis (Mary).

Michael Downs

Services were held at the Lawn Funeral Home, Burbank, on Monday, with a private interment, for Michael Downs.

He is survived by his children Christopher, Laura, Catherine and Michael; his father William downs; his brothers Bruce, John, Robert, Frank, Diane and his sisters Rosemary, Irene and Diane.

Michael T. Dunn

Services were held at the Andrew J. McGann & Son Funeral Home, Chicago, on Tuesday, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Michael T. Dunn, 39.

He is survived by his parents Michael J. and Ruth Ann; his brothers Ralph (Cathy) and Mark and his sisters Beth Lepucki and Lisa (Oliver) Fischelwitz; and his grandparents Jack and Rita Dunn.

Elizabeth A. Eby

Mass was said at the St. James at Sag Bridge Church, Lemont, on Monday, with interment at St. James at Sag Bridge Cemetery, for Elizabeth "Betty" A. Eby.

She is survived by her husband Lester M. Eby; her children Terrence (Denise) Eby, Leslie (Michael) Schoenberger and Caroline (Steven) Fish; nine grandchildren; and her sisters Helen Mattias and Phyllis (James) Bruno.

Margaret M. Eckert

Mass was said at St. George Church, Tinley Park, on Monday, with entombment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Margaret M. Eckert. She was a member of the National Catholic Society of Foresters Court #272.

She is survived by her children Alyce (Dennis) Porebski and Valerie (Stephen) Story, three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Annamae K. Facko

Services were held at the Chapel Hill Gardens South Funeral Home, Oak Lawn, on Saturday, with interment at Chapel Hill Gardens South Cemetery, for Annamae K. Facko.

She is survived by her sisters Henrietta Vander Velde and Jean (John) Dekker.

Marie Freeman

Mass was said at Most Holy Redeemer Church, Evergreen Park, on Tuesday, with interment at St. Mary Cemetery, for Marie Freeman, a longtime member of MHR Woman's Guild an St. James Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary.

She is survived by her children Terrence (Mary Ellen), Thomas (Terry), Patricia (Chuck) Copeland and Michael (Laura); six grandchildren; and her sister Lavergne Bloch.

Ida J. Garlanger

Services were held at the Chapel Hill Gardens South Funeral Home, Oak Lawn, on Tuesday, for Ida J. Garlanger, 93.

She is survived by her son Raymond "Skip" (Grace S.) Garlanger and two grandchildren.

Jean A. Herbert

Mass was said at Our Lady of the Ridge Church, Chicago Ridge, on Monday, with interment at St. Adalbert Cemetery, for Jean A. Herbert, 88.

She is survived by her children Robert (Rosemarie) Herbert, Shirley (Richard) Putman, John (Barbara) Herbert, thirteen grandchildren and seventeen great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.

John F. Joslyn

Mass was said at St. Christina Church, Mt. Greenwood, on Wednesday, with a private interment, for John F. Joslyn, 73. He was a Korean War Veteran, a member of Bricklayers Local #21 and the Chicago School Board Engineer #143.

He is survived by his wife Susan; his children Kathleen Joslyn, David (Lynda) and Raymond (Lisa) Joslyn; seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild; his sister Joan (Edward) Lind and his brother Richard (Eva) Joslyn.

Millie A. Kriby

Services were held at the Hann Funeral Home, Bridgeview, on Monday, with interment at Evergreen Cemetery, fro Millie A. Kirby.

She is survived by her son Randall (Cathleen) Kirby; seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild; her sister Dorothy (Bud) Gawn and her brother Walter (Ellen) Laechel.

Catherine F. Koppers

Mass was said at St. Christopher Church, Midlothian, on Tuesday, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Catherine F. Koppers.

She is survived by her husband Martin, her daughter Marie Koppers and her brother John Riley.

Otto H. Lenz, Jr.

Services were held at the Hornburg-Klein Evergreen Funeral Home, Evergreen Park, on Wednesday, with interment at Bethania Cemetery, for Otto H. Lenz, Jr.

He is survived by his brothers Robert and Kenneth (Marylou).

Nick P. Manfreda Sr.

Services were held at the Beevar and Son Funeral Home, Crestwood, on Wednesday, with interment at St. Mary Cemetery, for Nick P. Manfreda Sr. He was 83 and a Navy Veteran of WWII.

He is survived by his wife Marian; his children Nick Jr. (Nadine, Stephen (Terry), Marie (Dave) Fleming, Michael and Larry (Patti) Chechowski and Dave (Geri) Bishop; his stepchildren Leonard, Richard & Donald Chechowski; twenty grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and his sister Della Prisco.

Kermit a. Meziere

Services were held at the Kosary Funeral Home, Evergreen Park, on Friday.

He is survived by his children Cindy (Bruce) Gracz, Daniel (Diana) and Anthony Meziere, seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Thomas J. Mirabella

Mass was said at St. Julie Billiart Church, Orland Park, on Wednesday, with interment at St. Mary Cemetery, for Thomas "The Barber" Mirabella, 60. He was a member of the American Lawmen M.C.

He is survived by his children Thomas Mirabella Jr and Jayson (Dawn) Mirabella; one grandchild; and his brother Jim (Susan) Mirabella.

Jean P. Morain

Mass was said at Our Lady of the Ridge Church, Chicago Ridge, on Tuesday with a private interment, for Jean P. Morain, 63.

She is survived by her children Raymond, Edward (Kathryn), Lisa (Edwin) Smith, Jeanne (Paul), Cynthia (Jason) and Michele Morain; twelve grandchildren; her brothers William, Edward (Mary) and her sisters Joanne Strickland, Barbara (Larry) Camp, Susan Grande, and Jacklyn Jacobson.

Thomas B. Nendick

Mass was said at Sacred Heart Church, Palos Hills, on Monday, with interment at Sacred Heart Cemetery, for Thomas B. Nendick, a U.S. Army Korean War Veteran. He was a retired employee of Union Special Corporation.

He is survived by his children Mark (Patricia Ries), Christopher (RoesMarie) and Paul; five grandchildren; his sister Annie Kralicek, Theresa Klien; & his brothers Edmund (Bunny), Arthur (Alberta) and Daniel (Carmen).

Charles M. Russell

Mass was said at St. Louis De Montfort Church, Oak Lawn, n Wednesday, with interment at Resurrection Cemetery, for Charles M. Russell, 61, of Palos Park.

He is survived by his children Charles A. (Rene) and Derek Russell; four grandchildren; his brothers Steven (Jeannine) Russell, Robert (Susan) Russell, Dawn (Don) Hayner, and Judith Stowe.

James O. Scott

Services were held at the Hickey Memorial Chapel, Midlothian on Wednesday, with interment at Beverly Cemetery, for James O. Scott. He was a member of Midlothian VFW Post 2580 and a WWII Air Force Veteran serving with the 74th Squadron.

He is survived by his sister Mae Scott; his children Carol (Jerry) Suchocki, James (Judy) Scott Jr., Sandy (Denny) Camp; five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Althea L. Servin

Mass was said at Incarnation Church, Palos Heights, on Saturday, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Althea L. Servin.

She is survived by her children Louis K. (Mary), Lawrence K. (Donna), Leonard K. (Maria) Servin; two grandchildren; and her sister Wavel (Raymond) Needy.

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Credit Score Confusion

If you're one of the millions of Americans who don't know their credit scores, you could be missing out on an opportunity to save money on your mortgage, cars, jewelry, electronics, vacations and anything else you may charge.

Your credit score is an estimate of your credit risk, which is based on your credit report. Lenders use this number to determine how likely you will be to repay a loan or line of credit in a timely manner. The higher the score, the more likely you'll receive a lower interest rate, and ultimately save money.

Only 27 percent of consumers understand that credit scores measure credit risk – not credit knowledge, amount of credit or attitude toward credit, according to the Consumer Federation of America.

"There are many misconceptions circulating about the function and purpose of credit scores," said Mike Sullivan, director of education for Take Charge America, a national non-profit credit counseling agency. "Yet, this three-digit number can impact you financially nearly every day of your life."

American consumers have an average of 13 credit obligations on record at a credit bureau, according to Fair Isaac Corporation, which pioneered the most common credit score, called the FICO score. These obligations include commonly-used credit cards, store cards, gas cards and installment loans, each of which has an impact on your credit score.

To help sort out the confusion, Sullivan answers six common questions about credit scores:

Do I have only one credit score? No, lenders are not required to report to each of the three major credit bureaus: Equifax, Experian and Trans Union. Each agency may have different information on your report, and therefore, a different score.

If I continually check my credit report, will that lower my credit score? You can check your report directly from the three credit bureaus as many times are you want, and it will not affect your credit score. To obtain a free credit report, visit www.annualcreditreport.com.

If I cancel a credit card, can that lower my credit score? Yes, canceling credit cards can actually decrease your score. For instance, if you have $50,000 in available credit and owe $10,000, then you owe 20 percent of your available credit. If you close an account with a $30,000 credit limit, you will then owe the same $10,000 but it will be 50 percent of your available credit. That lowers your credit score. It also affects the history part of your score, lowering it even further.

Does my salary affect my credit score? Your credit score is based on the amount of credit and debt you have, not how much money you make. If you receive a raise, and your credit and debt remain the same, your credit score will not improve. If you receive a raise and use that extra money to pay down your debt, then your credit score will improve.

Does shopping for a loan lower my credit score? While multiple inquiries do show up on your credit report, they do not necessarily damage your score. If the same types of inquiries are made within 14 days of each other, they only count as one inquiry on your credit report. Keep in mind that this applies to loans, not credit cards.

If I only use cash to make purchases, will I improve my credit score? Your credit score is determined by the amount of credit you use, not the amount of cash you use. A steady, responsible use of credit is the best way to build your credit score. You need to find a middle ground, as an absence of credit as well as an overuse of credit can work against you.

Expand Family-Based Substance Abuse Treatment For Meth Addiction

U.S. Sens. Dick Durbin (D-IL), a member of the Senate Anti-Meth Caucus, and Norm Coleman (R-MN) recently introduced legislation, known as the Family-Based Meth Treatment Act of 2007, to improve comprehensive, family-based substance abuse treatment for methamphetamine addiction.

Durbin and Coleman noted that studies consistently show that family-based treatment increases long-term sobriety, educational enrollment, and gainful employment, along with decreased criminal activity and child development delays. Family-based treatment centers combine substance abuse recovery with mental health counseling, medical treatment, parenting, education and legal services. These programs provide essential needs of the entire family, rather than just the parent, and have proven to be extremely effective.

Statistically, Illinois and Minnesota mirror the rest of the country with at least 70% of the child welfare cases involving a substance-abusing parent. The meth epidemic now poses greater costs to states and the federal government as a result of increased child welfare and criminal justice caseloads.

"I am proud to say that Illinois has two very successful family-based treatment centers statewide," said Durbin. "The Women's Treatment Center and the Haymarket Center in Chicago have helped hundreds of participants reach their long-term sobriety goals, improve family relationships, enroll in school, and find jobs. This legislation will give these family-based centers the tools and resources they need to continue helping those that come through the door and give them a chance to open new doors for communities that still need help."

"I know firsthand from talking to victims and communities across Minnesota that methamphetamine abuse brings devastating consequences not only to individual abusers, but also to families, friends and the community," said Coleman. "Sadly, meth has a tendency to tear families apart. Our legislation will not only help parents and pregnant women break their addictions, but also provide services to help them recover their relationships with their children."

The Family-Based Meth Treatment Act of 2007:

Allows additional funding for the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT) to award grants to programs that provide comprehensive, family-based substance abuse treatment for parents and pregnant women;

Requires the Director to give priority to programs serving areas affected by high rates of meth addiction with special attention to rural areas;

Provides funding to organizations that specialize in comprehensive, family-based substance abuse treatment services for non-violent offenders as an alternative to incarceration.

Sen. Durbin recently received the Guardian Award from the Partnership for a Drug-Free America to recognize his work in combating substance abuse. He has successfully secured funds for local meth awareness campaigns in Illinois. In 2005, Durbin and Coleman co-sponsored the Combat Meth Act, which was included as part of the Patriot Act and signed into law. The bill includes funds set-aside for prosecutors and law enforcement agents for rural communities.

Declining Home Values Jeopardize Reverse Mortgage

A deeper and more widespread decline in home values is jeopardizing many retirees' ability to tap a reverse mortgage for relief from their financial hardships.

According to a recent report from the National Association of Realtors (NAR), the fourth quarter of 2006 had the biggest year-over-year decline in home prices on record. Prices dropped 2.7 percent in the fourth quarter which followed a 1.0 percent decline in the third quarter.

Not only do declining home prices impact sellers and buyers, they also impact how much senior homeowners may receive when they apply for a reverse mortgage.

A reverse mortgage enables homeowners 62 and older to convert their home equity into cash. What makes this type of mortgage so popular is that there are no payments for as long as the borrowers live in their home. The reverse mortgage is typically repaid from the proceeds from the sale of the home, when the senior homeowner no longer lives there.

The amount a borrower may receive from a reverse mortgage is determined by their age, the interest rate, and the home value. A slump in a home's value can reduce the amount a retiree may receive from the reverse mortgage.

Median home prices are down 3.4 percent, as reported by NAR. During the past six months, there have been declines in three-quarters of the markets. A number of markets reported double-digit declines.

The market with the biggest drop in home values was Palm Bay-Melbourne-Titusville, FL. The median prices plunged 19.5 percent.

A senior homeowner 74 years old with a $200,000 home may receive a lump sum of $123,421 from the federally-insured reverse mortgage. If the home value was to decline by 3.4 percent, the amount would be reduced by $4,484.

However, if the home value was to drop 19.5 percent, the lump sum from the reverse mortgage would be $99,773, or $25,717 less: a significant amount by anyone's standards.

Senior homeowners with an existing mortgage on their home must pay it off to qualify for the reverse mortgage. This is usually done from the proceeds of the reverse mortgage. Paying off an existing mortgage and eliminating the monthly mortgage payment can make a huge difference in the lives of retirees struggling to live on a fixed or limited income.

"A drop in the amount a senior customer may receive from the reverse mortgage could risk their ability to qualify if there are not sufficient funds to pay off an existing mortgage in full," Mary Pat Legler, Reverse Mortgage Specialist, South Central Bank, said. "A decline in a home's value or rise in interest rates can reduce the amount that a customer may receive from the reverse mortgage."

The good news is that NAR believes the worst is over for the slump in home prices.

To learn more about reverse mortgages, South Central Bank is providing a free reverse mortgage informational package and confidential estimate by calling them toll-free at (877) 370-7533.

Prepare For Spring And Summer Severe Weather

With the one-year anniversary of a major tornado in Central Illinois just days away, Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich recently encouraged people to prepare now for severe spring weather. The governor proclaimed March 4th to 10th as Severe Weather Preparedness Week in Illinois, and urged Illinois residents to learn more about the weather hazards that can threaten during the spring and summer months.

The governor said the Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA) and the National Weather Service (NWS) are joining together to raise awareness of tornadoes and severe storms during this year's Severe Weather Preparedness Week. As part of the week, schools and businesses were encouraged to practice their severe storm emergency plans during a statewide tornado drill that was held on Tuesday, March 6th at 10 a.m.

Illinois experienced a record number of tornadoes in 2006, with 124 tornadoes reported touching down throughout the state. The new record surpassed the previous record of 120 tornadoes set in 2003. Tornadoes last year resulted in one death and 49 injuries. On average, Illinois sees around 41 tornadoes each year.

Weather watches and warnings from the NWS are a critical tool in alerting people to approaching severe weather in their areas. The NWS is working to refine its warnings so they provide people with more specific detail about storms in their counties.

Nearly 30 percent of all tornadoes in Illinois occur after dark. For that reason, it's especially important that homes and businesses closely monitor threatening conditions at night, particular when people are asleep.

Besides tornadoes, spring and early summer in Illinois also bring severe thunderstorms and flooding. Severe thunderstorms can produce tornadoes, damaging winds, lightning, hail and heavy rain, all of which can cause death, injuries and property damage. Since 1990, lightning has killed 26 people. In 2001, Illinois ranked second in the nation for lightning fatalities.

While many people don't consider floods as dangerous as tornadoes, flooding is the number one severe weather killer nationwide. The most dangerous type of flooding is a flash flood, which can sweep away everyone and everything in its path. Fourteen people in Illinois have died from flash floods since 1995, most of which occurred in vehicles.

IEMA and NWS have also developed a Severe Weather Preparedness Guide, which contains information and tips on how to keep you and your family safe when a storm approaches and what actions to take following a severe storm, tornado or flood. The guide is available on the IEMA Web site at www.state.il.us/iema or by calling (217) 785-9888.

Senate Approves Legislation To Improve Teen Driver Laws

Legislation proposed by Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White to improve teen driving laws with the aim of reducing traffic crashes and fatalities involving young drivers was overwhelmingly approved by the full Illinois Senate.

Senate Bill 172, sponsored by State Sen. John Cullerton (D-Chicago), will improve the Illinois Graduated Driver Licensing (GDL) Program that governs drivers up to the age of 21. Several recent studies have shown that comprehensive GDL programs greatly reduce traffic crashes and fatalities involving teen drivers. The legislation was drafted based on recommendations made by White's Teen Driver Safety Task Force, composed of legislators, traffic safety experts, law enforcement officials, educators, judges and victim advocates.

The legislation, which now heads to the Illinois House of Representatives for its consideration, includes the following nine provisions.

- Extend the permit phase from three months to nine months. This proposal will give the novice driver more time to learn under the watchful eye of parents through a variety of weather conditions common throughout Illinois.
- Shift the nighttime driving restriction from 11 p.m. to 10 p.m. on weekdays and from Midnight to 11 p.m. on weekends for all drivers under the age of 18 and those who fail to graduate from the initial licensing phase. The nighttime driving restriction includes exemptions for teens that are traveling to and from school activities and work.
- Double the period – from six months to 12 months – that restricts a new driver to a maximum of one unrelated teen passenger.
- Ticket the passengers age 15 to 20, in addition to the drivers, who violate the passenger restriction law.
- Require student drivers to complete a minimum six hours of actual, on-the-street driving with a certified driver education instructor.
- Implement a true Graduated Driver Licensing system that requires new drivers to earn their way from one stage to the next. Under this proposal, once issued a learner's permit, a teen would be required to drive conviction-free for nine months before he or she would be eligible for a driver's license. The teen would then also have to drive conviction free for six months in addition to reaching age 18 before moving from the initial licensing phase to the full licensing phase.
- A stricter law in which the drivers' licenses of those under age 21 would be suspended for each additional conviction following a driver's initial suspension for two moving violations in a 24-month period.
- Require drivers under age 18 who are ticketed for traffic violations to appear before a judge with a parent or guardian to receive court supervision. This legislation also requires the attendance of traffic school as a requisite for court supervision for drivers under the age of 21. This ensures that the parent or guardian is fully aware of the minor's traffic violation and understands the requirements and ramifications of court supervision.
- Establish tough, new penalties – including license revocation and vehicle impoundment – for drivers who are involved in street racing.

Money For Oak Lawn Library Foundation

John J. Gonczy, a candidate for the Oak Lawn Library Board, hosted a fundraiser to benefit the Oak Lawn Library Foundation on Thursday, March 22nd. The event, sponsored by Friends of John J. Gonczy and held at the Stony Creek Golf Course in Oak Lawn, raised $2,500. All proceeds were given to the Oak Lawn Library Foundation.

"We saw an opportunity to do something positive for the library as we celebrated the tremendous support people have shown for my campaign," Gonczy said.

Gonczy, a life-long resident of Oak Lawn, is one of four candidates running for two seats on the Oak Lawn Library Board of Trustees. He is a veteran English, journalism and reading teacher at Mount Carmel High School in Chicago, and serves on the boards of the Children's Museum in Oak Lawn and the Oak Lawn Parks Foundation.

Founded in 1993, the Oak Lawn Library Foundation is a non-profit, tax-exempt organization governed by a volunteer board of community members. Donations to the foundation are invested in an endowment fund established for the long term security of the Oak Lawn Public Library.

Homeschool Group

Homeschooling families can meet and work together as part of a resource and sharing group sponsored by the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St., the second Thursday of each month from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. On April 12th, the group will focus on geography projects and activities, including maps, crafts from other cultures and recipes from around the world. No registration is required. All ages are welcome.

If you would like to have more information, stop by the Youth Services Desk or call (708) 422-4990.

"Guys Read" *In Grades 3 To 5*

The Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St., hosts "Guys Read," a free monthly after-school program for boys in third through fifth grade. On Tuesday, April 10th from 4 to 5 p.m., participants will discuss their favorite humor books. Advance registration is required at the Youth Services Desk. There is a limit of 30 participants. Light refreshments will be served.

For more information about this and other children's programs, call (708) 422-4990 or visit the library's web site at www.oaklawnlibrary.org.

Township Exercise Class

The Worth Township Senior Room will be offering an Exercise Class. It will start April 11th and be held on Wednesday and Friday from 9 to 9:45 a.m. There will be a nominal fee.

The class will be held in the Worth Township Center, 11601 S. Pulaski in Alsip.

Please feel free to call ASAP if you are interested in this class, (708) 371-2900, ext. 28.

Free Blood Pressure Screenings

The Oak Lawn Community Partnership will offer free blood pressure screenings from 10 to 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, April 11th at the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St. Screenings will be performed by personnel from the Oak Lawn Fire Department.

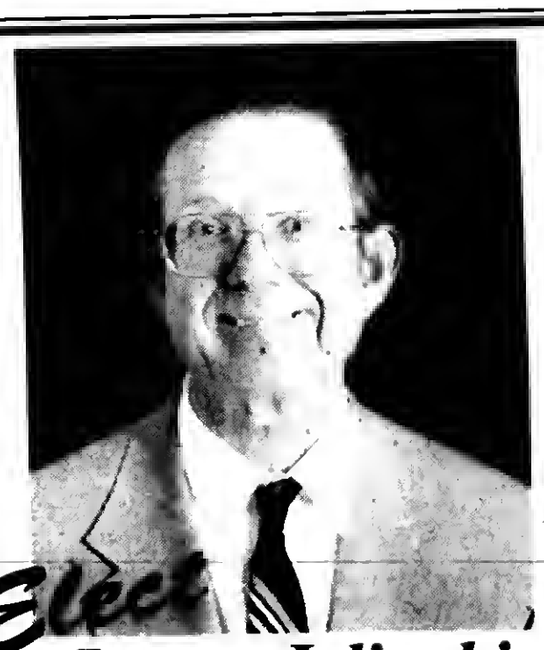
The Oak Lawn Community Partnership is a cooperative alliance between the Village of Oak Lawn and Advocate Christ Medical Center. Their mission is to maintain the highest quality of life for all residents by encouraging collaboration among local government, businesses, schools and the community. The partnership strives to stimulate citizens to take an active and responsible role in making their community vibrant and healthy.

For additional information, call (708) 422-4990, or visit the Partnership web site at www.oaklawncommunitypartnership.org.

Special Easter Event On Village Green

The Oak Lawn Special Events Commission is sponsoring an Easter Egg Hunt on the Village Green on Saturday, April 7th. Three Easter Egg Hunts are planned at 11:30 a.m., 12 noon and 12:30 p.m. Bring your camera to take pictures of the children with the Easter Bunny in the gazebo.

The Oak Lawn Village Green is located at 94th and Cook Ave., north of the Oak Lawn Library.



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The Oak Lawn Village Board Passes Temporary

Storage Unit Ordinance

The Oak Lawn Village Board passed an ordinance concerning temporary storage containers at its regular village board meeting. Complaints had been received by village officials about the storage units and the length of time that they stay on property. At times, it was stated that the units were left for up to six months. These temporary storage units are used by construction companies who store materials which are taken off property when the materials are not used and then returned when they are needed. Residents also use the units during moves or remodeling projects. Possessions are put into the units which are then stored with the company until they are called for by the resident.

It was stated that the containers have been seen on property for months after they are brought back. The village's Planning and Development Commission held a public hearing on the issue and recommended that anyone who wished to use a temporary storage unit needed to get a permit and that the permit would be good for sixty or ninety day. A fee of $30 for 30 days would be required and that would be extended to 60 days for $60. If the unit was returned before the 90 day period was up, the renter would receive a $30 refund.

After some discussion about the time limit, the board passed the ordinance. It was stated that the question of when the 30 or 60 days expired when the unit was taken off site for a day or a weekend could be further discussed and the ordinance changed if it was necessary.

In other business, a proclamation was read lauding the village's telecommunications department. This is the dispatch department who handles calls for the police and fire department emergencies. Mayor Heilmann said that this is National Telecommunicators Week. He stated that the department does and exemplary job keeping both departments safe and informed. He also lauded the department for their roles in the "apprehension of criminals, suppression of fires and treatment of patients. Each dispatcher has exhibited compassion, understanding and professionalism during the performance of their job in the past year."

It was reported that the village had 438 early voters during the weeks it could be done. Early voting will be closed as of April 12th. Polling places in the village, for the April 17th election, will be opened at 6 a.m. and closed at 7 p.m.

An Easter Bunny On Skates

Oak Lawn Park District's Skate with the Bunny on Sunday, April 1st, the skaters enjoy a spin around the rink accompanied by the Easter Bunny.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

APRIL 16 – Monday – Nifty Fifties Senior Meeting, Salem United Church of Christ, 9717 S. Kostner, 1 p.m.

APRIL 16 – Monday – Planning & Development Commission Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 8 p.m.

APRIL 17 – Tuesday – Election Day.

APRIL 17 – Tuesday – OL Library Board Meeting, 94th & Raymond, 7 p.m.

APRIL 17 – Tuesday – Environmental Concerns Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 7:30 p.m.

APRIL 17 – Tuesday – Special Events Committee Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 7:30 p.m.

APRIL 17 – Tuesday – Community Mental Health Board, 9401 S. 53rd Ct., 8 p.m.

APRIL 17 – Tuesday – Human Services Board, 9446 S. Raymond, 8 p.m.

APRIL 18 – Wednesday – Oak Lawn Community High School District 229 Board Meeting, 9400 Southwest Highway, Board Room, 119, 7:30 p.m.

APRIL 19 – Thursday – Public Works Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 7:30 p.m.

APRIL 19 – Thursday – Athletic Club Meeting, VFW Hall, 9514 S. 52nd Ave., 8 p.m.

Trustee Races Heating Up

The Village of Oak Lawn has two very competitive races for trustee coming up next week. The first pits incumbent Trustee Jerry Hurckes against candidate Kurt Madey in the 1st District. Trustee Hurckes rightfully brags about the numerous programs he has initiated since he became a trustee. These achievements include: a snow removal program for seniors; a Village-wide leaf raking program; his annual Christmas contest; a clean the creek program; and the operation red, white and blue program which placed American flags on residents' homes for the 4th of July. Trustee Jerry Hurckes, who presently works for Congressman Dan Lipinski and previously worked with former Congressman Bill Lipinski, has labored tirelessly to generate millions of dollars for the Village of Oak Lawn. Trustee Hurckes has done a great job keeping his promises to his 1st District constituents. His opponent, Kurt Madey, has no prior experience in Government. He is the choice of Mayor David Heilmann's United Party of Oak Lawn. Mr. Madey has offered the idea that the Village Board of Oak Lawn should take over the school system in Oak Lawn, without perhaps considering that four other Villages share the same school district boundaries. Additionally, State Law would have to be changed for this movement to be allowed.

The second key municipal race features incumbent Trustee Marjorie Joy being challenged by first timers Carol Quinlan and James Jelinski. Trustee Marge Joy has 16 years of experience serving Oak Lawn. She is a 30-plus year veteran educator in the Chicago Public School System, with the last 15 years of service as an elementary school Principal. Mrs. Joy's energy and conviction for the Village of Oak Lawn's school system is admirable. She has been at the forefront of school funding changes, as well as a leader in the new Oak Lawn Children's Museum. Her opponents offer little in the form of political experience. Mrs. Carol Quinlan has recently started a small business and Mr. James Jelinski presently works part-time as a pharmaceutical assistant for C.V.S. Pharmacy.

Trustees Jerry Hurckes and Marge Joy have shouldered several Mayors Unity Party attacks. Several of these attacks are suspect. Our investigations suggest a numbers game is being alleged, especially when Oak Lawn's 22 checking accounts and 9 investment accounts are being re-evaluated by the present Administration. The crux of this debate revolves around the fact that the present Administration factually contended that they are earning more money for Village residents than the former Administration did by changing banks. In both Administrations, three accounts were and are still interest free... payroll accounts, disbursement accounts, and compensating balances (i.e. service fees, etc.). The discrepancy in interest earned can be explained accordingly. The present Administration is indeed earning more money for the taxpayers since higher investment account rates are being paid rather than lower checking account rates, which were the rule of thumb formerly.

The entire Board of Trustees was in favor of changing banks to earn additional interest, which is just sensible. However, the way in which RFP's (requests for proposals) were let for bid, and subsequently revised, was somewhat unusual. Allegations of suspect donations for a tent at a Village function seemed to cloud the selection process. While it is entirely possible that coincidence played its part, we would suggest that when a political organization's funding finds its way into any mix, suspicion results.

Politics is a strange and sometimes complicated game and candidates (especially those who have very little experience or knowledge of negotiations) start to throw accusations and half-truths around with mailings and literature to present themselves in a more favorable light. Mud slinging is nothing new, but voters must look beyond the negative attacks and assess what each candidate has done, or can do, for the Village of Oak Lawn.

What is apparent is that the leadership in the Village of Oak Lawn must repair its division as a board so that it can tackle the ever-present responsibilities of acting in the best interests of all community residents. Voters in Oak Lawn are tired of the blame games upon former Administrations. They want to see continued progress...redevelopment, beautification, additional new businesses, both retail and service-oriented. Continued progress can be achieved by borrowing what was beneficial in the past Administrations and building upon or revamping, as well as introducing fresh new ideas that are transformed from dreams into reality.

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Queen Of Peace Inducts 39 New Members Into NHS

Queen of Peace High School and the co-moderators of the Queen of Peace Chapter of National Honor Society, Therese Lahart and Therese Haskins, announced the new NHS members, inducted on March 6.

The NHS was established in 1921 by the National Association of Secondary School Principals to "create enthusiasm for scholarship, to stimulate a desire to render service, to promote leadership, and to develop character in the students of secondary schools." Those four qualities – scholarship, service, leadership and character – serve as the criteria for student selection.

The following students were inducted: Alexandria Bandyk, Samantha Cartwright, Nicole Ficker, Christina Malinowski, all of Burbank; Lenka Durisnova and Victoria Hordosi of Bridgeview; Andrea Chavarin, Erin Coughlin, Elizabeth Crea, Stephanie Deforest, Samantha Degnan, Nicole Fosco, Brittany Gibson, Tanya Gonzalez, Rebecca Hacker, Erin Hecker, Jillian Knapczyk, Jacqueline Jancteas, Kelly Lein, Selenia Murillo, Jessica Nechvatal, Rose Petrucelli, Erin Pikowski, Bianca Rojas, and Alexandria Warner, all of Chicago; Amanda Adcock of Hickory Hills, Jessica Cazares, Colleen Gajewski, and Atziry Lee, all of Justice; Courtney Blouzdis, Emily Straple, Lauren Szot, Helen Tanchez,, Claudia Valencia, Julie Vargas, Breanna Vrkljan, Cynthia Wojtaszek, Elise Zahorowski, all of Oak Lawn; and Sarah Geinosky of Palos Heights.

Pictured: Junior Courtney Blouzdis (Oak Lawn) shakes hands with Peace Administrator Dr. Kathleen Hanlon as she is inducted into the Queen of Peace Chapter of National Honor Society.

Homeschool Panel Discussion

The Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St., will host a panel discussion program addressing how to homeschool your children from 6 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, April 18th.

Are you new to homeschooling? Thinking of homeschooling as an option? Or are you just curious to learn more about it? Panel members will discuss why they chose to homeschool, how to get started, socialization and friends outside of the classroom, as well as answer questions from the audience. No registration required.

The library sponsors a Homeschool Group that meets the second Thursday of each month from 10 a.m. to noon. All ages are welcome. No registration required.

If you would like to have additional information, please feel free to call (708) 422-4990.

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Senate Hearing On Pet Food Contamination

U.S. Senator Dick Durbin (D-IL) announced the U.S. Senate will hold an oversight hearing on the ongoing investigation and the regulatory mechanisms that govern the pet food industry as the widespread recall of contaminated pet food continues.

"Many cats, dogs and other pets, considered members of the family are now suffering as a result of a deeply flawed pet food inspection system," said Durbin. "The FDA's response to this situation has been tragically slow. Pet owners deserve answers. The uncertainty about what is safe to feed their pets has gone on far too long. I want to learn exactly when the FDA knew about the contamination, who is inspecting pet food manufacturing plants, and whether we need to force the FDA to update their regulations to protect our pets. Most importantly, I want to hear how the FDA is going to work to resolve the current crisis and ensure this doesn't happen again."

Durbin, a member of the Senate Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee, is working with Senator Herb Kohl (D-WI), the Chairman of the Subcommittee, to schedule the hearing shortly after the Senate returns from recess next week. Hearing witnesses will include FDA officials who will be questioned on the timeline of the investigation, the source of the contamination, and the agency's regulatory and inspection responsibilities. The hearing will also include outside experts who will discuss the current state of the pet food industry, as well as regulatory or resource shortfalls that led to the widespread recall of tainted pet food.

While the FDA is reporting 15 animal deaths due to poisoning, the agency has received more than 10,000 complaints over the last several weeks. Reports of the actual number of animal deaths due to tainted food vary widely from other sources.

Durbin is urging the FDA to take action in three specific areas. Delay in reporting. Menu Foods, Inc. first noticed a potential problem on Feb. 20, but did not contact FDA until March 15. In the meantime, other companies were selling tainted product and the supplier wasn't aware that it had provided wheat gluten contaminated with melamine. Durbin wants companies that delay reporting to the FDA and endanger human and animal health to face penalties.

Lack of inspections. The Emporia, Kansas Menu Foods facility where many of these products were made had never been inspected by the FDA. The agency has been relying on the states to conduct inspections, but the FDA has jurisdiction over all pet food manufacturing facilities and the ultimate responsibility to ensure facilities comply with FDA standards. Where there should be federal regulation, there is instead a patchwork of state inspection systems and voluntary guidance. Durbin wants to require the FDA to work with the states to establish a standardized set of regulations and inspection requirements.

Incomplete data and reporting from the FDA. Blogs and nonprofit websites have filled a gap and become the most efficient way to share information on contaminations. Durbin wants to direct the FDA to create a similar information sharing system that would allow state veterinarians, pet owners and others to alert the FDA of possible contaminations.

NARFE Meeting

The National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association (NARFE) Southwest Chicago Metro Chapter 1106 will hold its next meeting on Wednesday, April 18th, at 10:30 a.m. The meeting will take place in the Bridgeview Public Library, 7840 W. 79th St., Bridgeview.

NARFE accepts all current federal employees, federal retirees, their spouses and survivors into membership. The chapter covers the southwest side of Chicago and many of the suburbs north and south of I-55.

At the meeting, members are given the latest updates on legislation that affects the federal employee and retiree community. There usually is a guest speaker as well.

For more information on NARFE, come to the April 18th meeting or call President John Altar at (708) 458-4990 or secretary Cathy Siciliano at (708) 599-1601.

Statement On United Nations Global Warming Report

The week of April 2nd was a historic week for our states, our nation and the world in facing the challenge of global climate change.

On Friday, April 6th, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change of the United Nations, comprised of respected scientists and government officials from 113 countries, issued a new report predicting that global warming will have dire effects including drought, heat waves, rising sea levels, extinction of species, hunger and disease. Burning fossil fuels is the main source of the greenhouse gases that trap heat and warm the earth. Despite the worldwide consensus – reflected in the report – that climate change is imminent and its effects could be devastating, the federal government has not taken serious action to reduce greenhouse gases.

On Monday, April 2nd, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that carbon dioxide is, in fact, a pollutant and that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has the authority under the federal Clean Air Act to regulate greenhouse gases, in contrast to claims by the federal government that it lacks such authority. We applaud the Court's landmark decision and are hopeful that the United States will soon join other nations that have already committed to serious action to address global warming. As the world's leading emitter of global warming gases such as carbon dioxide, the United States has a special responsibility to confront this looming threat to global ecology, economies and public health.

States in the Northeast and West Coast have shown that states do not have to wait for federal action to take meaningful steps to reduce greenhouse gases. Midwestern states, like Illinois and Wisconsin, are now taking action to address the growing crisis of global warming.

Both Illinois and Wisconsin have established statewide task forces to suggest how our states can achieve meaningful reductions in greenhouse gases while benefiting our states' economies and environment through investment in new, clean technologies.

Both of our states aim to produce 25 percent of the electricity and transportation fuels we need from clean, renewable energy sources like biofuels and wind power by 2025. The windy plains and vast fields of corn, soybeans and other energy crops make the nation's heartland uniquely capable of achieving this ambitious but attainable goal to reduce global warming while becoming more energy self-reliant.

There is no challenge more pressing and more important to face than protecting our planet for the benefit of future generations. As Midwestern governors, we are proud to help lead our nation to a more secure, sustainable and prosperous future where we can meet our energy needs while protecting our planet.

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Slippery Oil And Gas Deals

Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White warned investors that although oil prices have fallen since reaching an all-time high last summer, fraudulent oil and gas deals remain a favorite ploy of con artists nationwide.

White, whose office regulates the securities industry in Illinois and investigates complaints of fraud or improper practices, issued the warning in conjunction with the North American Securities Administrators Association (NASAA), the membership organization of state and provincial securities regulators.

"Investors who consider participating in oil and gas ventures should ensure they understand the risk involved," said White. "We also want to warn people that we have seen fraudulent energy deals aggressively promoted to the public. Investors should always research the background of anyone who promotes an investment opportunity to them, get a clear explanation of the deal in writing and carefully read all the fine print."

According to the NASAA, skyrocketing prices of oil and natural gas in recent years have made a variety of traditional and alternative energy projects attractive to investors. Most of these investments are highly risky and not appropriate for smaller investors. And even where the underlying project is legitimate, any revenues realized can be absorbed by high sales commissions paid to the promoter and dubious 'expenses' skimmed off by the managing partner. Most scam deals, say regulators, are devastatingly simple.

White said NASAA has issued an alert to investors who may be considering oil and gas opportunities. Because these investments scams tend to be interstate in nature, NASAA also has coordinated a network of representatives from state securities agencies to share information on oil and gas investment schemes. Over the past two years, state securities regulators throughout the country have opened more than 260 cases involving oil and gas-related schemes and have issued 122 cease and desist orders against promoters. In Illinois a dozen cases have been opened thus far against potential violators of the law.

Scam artists tend to target individual victims and make an unsolicited contact, usually with a phone call, offering a great business opportunity. Most oil and gas fraud victims don't realize they have been swindled until after the money is gone.

Businesses raising money by soliciting investors must comply with the Illinois Securities law. Scam artists usually tell prospective victims that they are licensed and their investment is registered – and they can be quite convincing.

"You should never take unsolicited promoters offering investment opportunities at their word," White said. "You should always investigate before you invest and my office is available to help."

The Secretary of State Securities Department can tell you whether an individual and his or her company are licensed to sell securities in Illinois, and whether they have a history of disciplinary action. The Securities Department can be contacted by calling 1-800-628-7937 or through its website at www.avoidthescam.net.

Two Important Supreme Court Victories For Clean Air

The U.S. Supreme Court recently handed down two important Clean Air Act decisions. In **Massachusetts v. EPA,** the court ruled that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has the authority to regulate greenhouse gas emissions from automobiles that scientists say contribute to global warming and climate change.

The US EPA had argued that under the Clean Air Act, it did not have sufficient statutory authority to enforce such measures. Illinois joined Massachusetts and 10 environmental organizations as petitioners in the case.

"Today's Supreme Court victory is an important first step in ensuring that the US EPA takes all appropriate action to effectively deal with climate change," said Attorney General Lisa Madigan.

The Supreme Court also unanimously turned back a Clean Air Act New Source Review challenge by Duke Energy Corporation regarding a Virginia power plant. Illinois filed an amicus brief in **Environmental Defense Fund v. Duke Energy Corp.** in support of the US EPA's contention that companies who make changes to polluting facilities such as power plants and refineries must update their pollution control equipment whenever those changes increase the total amount of pollution emitted annually – for example, where the changes allow the plant to operate more hours per day or more days per year. Duke Energy had argued that the control equipment upgrades were only required for expansions of plant capacity that result in more pollution emitted per hour.

"The U.S. Supreme Court today preserved the clear provisions of the Clean Air Act, which safeguard the air we breathe from factories, refineries and power plants by requiring modern pollution controls on plants that increase their emissions," said Madigan. "The court recognized that these controls have to be installed not just on the rare occasions when companies expand plant capacity, but whenever they make changes that result in more pollution over time."

All Points Southwest

By THOMAS E. GAVIN

With five days remaining before the April 17th Election look for the remaining days to be filled with complaints and counter-charges by several hopeful candidates. It is our fervent wish that an active and informed citizenry will exercise their privilege to select candidates and referenda questions which have the potential to alter both their future and their families future as well.

As we have suggested in past elections, we remind our readers once again to look for substance and value in their selections, i.e. experience, professionalism and character. Is the candidate you are selecting a person you would be comfortable with representing yourself and family, speaking on your behalf, and making difficult decisions that will impact and govern your life? This is the responsibility you are placing upon someone when you cast your vote to their campaign.

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There are a variety of municipal, school board and library board races, as well as referendums this Tuesday, April 17th, 2007. We have done our best to evaluate the strengths, weaknesses, talents and future plans of numerous candidates. There are no losers in our community elections since each candidate has attempted to give of himself/herself and be seen in their most favorable light. We congratulate all of the various participants in advance for offering a part of themselves to the public. Your sacrifice is greatly appreciated and noted. Best of everything in the days, weeks and months ahead.

We have several municipalities in which incumbent leaders and trustees are being challenged for retention. In Bridgeview, Village President Steve Landek and his Active Party running mates get our endorsement for their continued revitalization of a community. Bridgeview continues to build their tax base, helping school districts, community residents and the Southwest Corridor.

The Village of Oak Lawn continues to be a lightening rod for controversy in recent years, primarily because of perception. This time around, a variety of interesting candidates vie for voter approval. In the 1st District, incumbent Jerry Hurckes has repeatedly proven that his strong work ethic and interest in his constituents deserves a retention vote over challenger Kurt Madey. Hurckes earns our endorsement. 3rd District incumbent Bob Streit continues to prove that he is a force to be appreciated. He is endorsed. In the 5th District, incumbent Trustee Marjorie Ann Joy has devoted some 16 years to improving her neighbors quality of life. She is endorsed over a pair of first time candidates, James Jelinski and Carol Quinlan. Quinlan has the potential to become a District Trustee. She merely needs a bit more experience.

In the Village of Worth, Mayor Ed Guzdziol's Progressive Party offers Sally Hartz, Kari Fickes and Mike Doeden to local voters for Trustees. While 2 of the above candidates are newcomers for Trustee they have extended their consideration and confidence, and will continue to pursue projects that will improve their neighbors lives. Former Progressive Party members Randy Keller and Mary Rhein now anchor the Voices of Worth Party and will attempt to secure successful Trustee retention along with Pete Kats. We have confidence in Mayor Guzdziol and his team of Trustees and offer them our endorsement.

In Evergreen High School District 231 we favor three candidates that we feel will continue to advance the excellent educational experience. Incumbents Gail S. Morales and Daniel F. McKeown have proven themselves more than capable in dealing with the district's day to day problems. They have earned our gratitude and endorsement.

We also feel that newcomer Thomas Sinon, a lifelong resident with two children presently attending Evergreen Park schools, would add valuable experience to the District 231 Board.

In the Palos Community Consolidated School District 118 we endorse Nadine Antonini, Sheila Pacholski and Rick Nogal. These three candidates, who are running as a team, offer a practical mix of education, commitment and a willingness to address everyday problems that students face on an ever escalating basis.

In Consolidated High School District 230 we see Mr. Lee Roupas as an excellent young candidate who brings a quality educational and leadership background to the table. He is endorsed.

For Moraine Valley Community College Trustee we endorse Board Chairman Sandra S. Wagner, Secretary Joseph P. Murphy and newcomer Terry D. Cornell, Jr. These three highly committed professionals will continue to insist that Moraine Valley will provide a quality education for modest fees.

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The Economic Development Council for the Southwest Suburbs will host their 2007 Spring Breakfast on Thursday, April 19th at Silver Lake Country Club in Orland Park. Breakfast at 7:45 a.m. Program begins at 8:15 a.m. Guest speaker will be Mr. Phil Immordino, President of the Champion Group. Following the presentation, a free one-hour golf clinic on putting and chipping. Bring your own putter and 9-iron. Tickets are $35 per person. For more information, contact Eda Schrimple at (708) 974-5714.

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Registration is underway for the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life event which will be held April 27-28 in the Dan and Ada Rice Center on the campus of Benedictine University.

Relay for Life is the American Cancer Society's nationwide signature event involving 1.75 million participants in 2,900 communities. A quarter-million cancer survivors participate in the opening laps representing hope that someday a cure will be found. Participants in this community-based event raise money to fight cancer and increase awareness of the disease.

Teams consist of 10-15 people who camp out together in an effort to raise money and awareness about cancer. Each team must have at least one member walking or running the track during the entire event. A variety of corporations, hospitals, civic groups, neighborhoods, schools, and churches are represented each year. (Last year, this event raised over $60,000 for cancer research!)

To learn more about this event or to register a team, contact Amy Garrison at (630) 932-1141 or e-mail her at Amy.Garrison@cancer.org. or visit the Web site at www.acseventsorg/relay/il/benedictine.

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The 22nd Annual Misericordia Candy Days will be held on Friday, April 27th and Saturday, April 28th. Thousands of volunteers will be on the street corners raising funds for Misericordia's challenging programs for adults and children with developmental disabilities. The Jelly Belly Candy Company has generously agreed to donate 1.2 million bags of their popular jelly beans. For more information, visit www.misericordia.org or call (773) 273-2768. Volunteers are always appreciated!

National Spokesperson For Light The Night Walk

Actress Cynthia Nixon is lending her face and fame to help The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society raise awareness for one of its key campaigns, Light The Night® Walk, an annual fundraiser held each fall in approximately 250 communities in the United States and Canada.

The walk celebrates and commemorates the lives of people touched by leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease and myeloma and raises money to support critical research and provide education and services to patients and their families. Participants at the walks carry illuminated balloons – white for survivors, red for supporters. This year, the Chicago Light The Night Walk will take place on Saturday, September 8, in Grant Park. Registration begins at 5:30 p.m. and the walk begins at 7 p.m.

As national spokesperson for the 2007 Light The Night Walk, Nixon has filmed a public service announcement and lent her image to brochures, posters, email blasts and other publicity materials.

"The Society's mission is very close to my heart and I am honored to be the national spokesperson for Light The Night," Nixon said. "While tremendous leaps have been made discovering new and improved treatments, until a cure is found there is still much work to be done."

Nixon became familiar with the urgent need to support blood cancer research because of friendships she made through her acting career. She performed in the Pulitzer Prize winning play "The Heidi Chronicles" written by Wendy Wasserstein, who succumbed to lymphoma just over a year ago. And while playing the role of Miranda Hobbes in "Sex and the City" she came to know the actor Evan Handler, who played Harry Goldenblatt, the lawyer husband of Charlotte York, Kristin Davis's character. Handler is also a leukemia survivor.

To find out more about forming a team or participating in a Light The Night walk, contact the Illinois Chapter of The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society at Chapter (312) 651-7350, or visit www.lightthenight.org/il.

The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society®, headquartered in White Plains, NY, with 66 chapters in the United States and Canada, is the world's largest voluntary health organization dedicated to funding blood cancer research and providing education and patient services. The Society's mission: Cure leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease and myeloma, and improve the quality of life of patients and their families. Since its founding in 1949, the Society has invested more than $486 million in research specifically targeting leukemia, lymphoma and myeloma. Last year alone, the Society made 4.2 million contacts with patients, caregivers and healthcare professionals.

For more information about blood cancer, visit www.LLS.org or call the Society's Information Resource Center (IRC), a call center staffed by master's level social workers, nurses and health educators who provide information, support and resources to patients and their families and caregivers. IRC information specialists are available at (800) 955-4572, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. ET.

Motorists Urged To Slow Down In Work Zones

Illinois Dept. of Transportation (IDOT) Acting Secretary Milt Sees and Illinois State Police (ISP) Director Larry Trent are warning drivers to be alert and slow down in work zones as the 2007 highway construction season kicks off. For the second year, State Troopers will be enforcing Illinois' tough work zone speeding law with photo enforcement vans that take photos of speeding cars.

"April is the month when highway construction gets underway and we want the public to know that it is critical that they slow down and be on the lookout for workers and equipment in these work zones," said Sees. "Our goal is to protect the lives of both the many dedicated workers who are improving our roadways, as well as drivers and passengers traveling through work zones. Thanks to strict enforcement by the State Police, we have been making steady progress in reducing work zone fatalities in Illinois."

Since Gov. Blagojevich signed legislation in 2004 that toughened work zone speeding fines to $375 for a first offense, the number of work zone fatalities went from a total or 44 fatalities, including five workers, in 2003, to a total of 28 fatalities last year, including one worker.

"We know that driving too fast for conditions is one of the biggest contributors to crashes in general and work zone crashes in particular," said Trent. "Photo enforcement has given us an additional tool for enforcing work zone speed limits and drivers across the state should expect aggressive enforcement – whether it is by photo enforcement, regular patrol cars or our Motorcycle unit."

Trent also noted that ISP will also be strictly enforcing Scott's law violations, which make it an offense if a driver fails to slow down and if possible change lanes when police squad cars or other emergency vehicles with flashing lights are on the shoulder.

In Illinois, there is an average of 6,700 crashes in highway work zones every year, resulting in approximately 2,800 injuries. Gov. Blagojevich convened a Work Zone Safety Task Force in the fall of 2003, which made a number of recommendations to improve highway work zone safety, including better defined and more consistent-looking work zones, stiffer penalties and photo enforcement of speed limits within work zones.

Photo enforcement vans operated by State Troopers were deployed for the first time last year. Three vans were active at various locations throughout the state and Troopers issued over 4,000 citations. A fourth van will be added to further expand the program later this year.

The marked white photo enforcement vans are equipped with the latest in photo radar technology designed to record the speed of vehicles and to capture clear images of the driver and the license plate. Tickets are sent by certified mail to drivers within 14 business days. Under the toughened work zone speeding fines that took effect last year, first time offenders face a $375 fine; second time offenders face a $1,000 fine and the loss of their driver's license for 90 days.

The vans are staffed by specially trained State Troopers. They are used in work zones where workers are present. Signs will be placed in project locations where photo enforcement will be occurring.

These vans are an additional state-of-the-art enforcement tool that helps reduce fatalities in work zones. Motorists, as well as workers, are at risk when driving in work zones due to configurations that include narrower lanes, lane jogs and dips, closed shoulders and lane closures. Driving at slower speeds allows motorists more time to react to changed conditions.

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ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

Southwest Symphony Orchestra presents 'An Evening Of Rodgers And Hart'

Join the Southwest Symphony Orchestra under the direction of David L. Crane in its season finale on Saturday, April 21st at 8 p.m. at Trinity Christian College's Ozinga Chapel, 6601 W. College Drive in Palos Heights. The theme of the concert is "An Evening of Rodgers and Hart," an evening of American song featuring four soloists and the combined choruses of Palos sings! Directed by Julie Rawls and the Oak Lawn Park District Voices of the Valley directed by Alice Maguire.

The featured soloists include Candice Crane, former member of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra Chorus and the Lyric Chorus of Chicago. She has appeared with Chicago Opera Theater, Chamber Opera of Chicago and Northwestern University's Ragland Opera Theater. Debra Austin, distinguished soloist, has portrayed Hansel in Humperdinek's Hansel und Gretel with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra; Suzuki in Puccini's Madame Butterfly with Chicago Opera Theater; the title role in Offenbach's La Periehole with Light Opera Works. She made her Chicago Symphony Orchestra debut in Bach's St. Matthew Passion under Sir Georg Solti. Marc Stingley is highly regarded for his impressive musical background. He has sung throughout Europe and has been tenor soloist with the Boston Symphony Orchestra, St. Louis Symphony Orchestra and the New York Chamber Orchestra. Robert Heitzinger has had solo appearances with the Grant Park Symphony Orchestra, Omaha Symphony, Chicago Sinfonietta, Chicago Opera Theater and appearances on Broadway, the Kennedy Center and throughout the United States and Europe. His recordings are available on Amadis and Centaur labels. He is currently on the faculty of Northwestern University.

Ticket prices start at $16 seniors, $20 adults, $5 students, children under 12 are free. Order tickets by calling (708) 802-0686. Groups of 10 or more may purchase tickets for $10 each. Don't forget the raffle drawing during intermission for tickets to New York City and a Broadway show.

Charlie's Angels Benefit And Auction

A Special Event and Auction will take place on Sunday, April 15th from 1 to 6 p.m. at 115 Bourbon Street in Merrionette Park. On Oct. 19th, 2006, Charlotte Rendine was admitted to the hospital after complaining of having pain in her arm. After very extensive tests, four-year-old Charlie was diagnosed with osteosarcoma, an aggressive form of bone cancer. This condition primarily affects pre-adolescents and is extremely rare in children under 5.

The tumor is contained to a primary site, which makes Charlie's odds of survival very good. Charlie's family and friends in the Chicago area have come together to organize this benefit for her. They are calling the event "Charlie's Angels" because Charlie often talks about the guardian angels she says are with her most of the time. Charlie's family is the Reilly/Winkler Family of Most Holy Redeemer Parish.

There is a $40 donation to the benefit, which includes food, beer, wine and entertainment. A raffle and silent auction are part of the benefit. Raffle tickets are $50 each with only 1200 being sold. First prize is $10,000; second prize is two winners of $5,000; third prize is ten winners of $1,000 each.

To make a monetary donation, make a check payable to The Charlotte Rendine Fund, c/o Evergreen Community Bank EIN: 20-5804-191, 3842 W. 95th Street, Evergreen Park, IL. 60805.

For more information, call Brigid Reilly at (773) 842-5248 or e-mail Charlotterendinefund@yahoo.com.

Grandma Sally's

Grandma Sally's Restaurant, 8500 S. Harlem Ave., is open 24 hours serving a variety of specialties.

For breakfast you can get dishes that are not served at a regular restaurant, such as, Banana Foster, Cinnamon Swirl French Toast or Green Ham and Eggs.

They carry a full line of turkey products, hamburgers, sausage, etc. Lunch features gourmet sandwiches on Focaccia or Ciabatta bread.

For dinner all pasta dishes are served with sauces that are all prepared to order and made from scratch. Steaks are all center cuts. Bread-baskets are filled with Italian bread and a variety of Focaccia bread.

They carry a full line of pastry and serve only beer and wine.

Gus Vassilopoulos, the general manager, said "We strive to give a homey, cozy family environment for all of our customers. We have a very friendly staff who aim to please everyone."

Gus started in the restaurant business 8 years ago with his father at Grandma Sally's. He worked there for 5 years and then opened the Omega Restaurant, 13222 Cicero Ave. in Crestwood 3 years ago. In August 2005 Gus went back to Grandma Sally's and 4 months ago he became the general manager. His father Peter, who is semi-retired, owns both restaurants. Peter works at both establishments but puts in most of his time at the Omega store.

The Vassilopoulos family generously supports many community events and organizations.

For more information, call Gus at (708) 599-4141.

Bob West Performs

Saturday April 14th Elvis Tribute Artist Bob West will perform his Award winning show at :Barb's Guesthouse, 9848 Southwest Highway in Oak Lawn. Reservations are suggested.

Showtime is 9 p.m. There is no cover charge.

For more information and reservations, call (708) 499-0510. Check out Bob's website at www.bobwest-elvis.com.

Class Reunions

Loretto High School class of 1956 is looking for classmates for a 50th reunion. Call (773) 586-8404.

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Parker High School – Classes of 1932 to 1956. Call (708) 424-4009.

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St. Carthage class of 1951 is looking for classmates. Call (708) 352-6477.

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Chicago Vocational High School class of 1981 is looking for classmates. Email cvs1981@aol.com.

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Farragut High School, classes of 1952-1954, looking for classmates. Call Carolee (Fotka) Michalek at (815) 407-1934.

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Harrison High School, classes of 1965-1969, looking for classmates. Call (773) 507-4669 or (773) 600-8669.

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Hyde Park High School class of 1996 is looking for classmates. Call (773) 718-1507 or (773) 493-1051.

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Lourdes High School class of 1978 is looking for classmates. Call (708) 258-9096.

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Morton East High School class of 1987 is planning a 20th reunion. Contact Kathy Tokarczyk at imqueenmom@sbcglobal.net or Barb Biman at joyride7207@aol.com.

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ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

Ski & Sports Club's Annual Spring Banquet

Lakeshore Ski and Sports Club will host its Spring Banquet at The Fountain Blue in DesPlaines on Friday, April 27th.

The evening's festivities will begin with a social hour at 6:30 followed by dinner at 7:30 p.m. Announcement of the 2007-2008 LSSC Officers and 2006-2007 Ski Season Awards will be made at 8:30 p.m. Dancing will begin at 9 p.m.

The cost is $63 per person which includes four hours open bar from 6:30 to 7:30 and 8:30 to 11:30 p.m.

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Chicago Zoological Society Whirl Benefit

Approximately 800 to 900 civic and business leaders from the Chicago area are expected to attend the 26th annual Whirl on Saturday, April 21st, at Brookfield Zoo. The black-tie fund-raising event is hosted by the Women's Board of the Chicago Zoological Society (CZS). This year's gala, themed "Travel the Whirl," will highlight the zoo's okapis, orangutans, trumpeter swans, and paradise tanagers. This year's Whirl chair is Susan Ahern.

The magical evening will begin at 6:30 p.m. with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres at The Carousel, where guests can take a spin on the popular hand-carved wooden attraction that opened in 2006. In addition, zookeepers will be on hand to talk about animal care, the husbandry and enrichment program, and conservation efforts.

Afterwards, guests will be welcomed into the main dinner tent, where the evening's theme comes to life. The four quadrants of the tent will be brilliantly decorated by Phillip's Flowers, each highlighting one of four continents – North America, South America, Asia, and Africa – from which the evening's four featured animal species inhabit the wild. The florist worked with the Society's nutritionists to select centerpiece arrangements that will be fed to some of the animals following the Whirl. The four-course dinner menu, catered by Calihan Catering, Inc., was chosen with ocean conservation in mind and in accordance with the Blue Ocean Institute's "Guide to Ocean Friendly Seafood." Throughout the evening, guests can enjoy dancing to the sounds of Gentlemen of Leisure.

Preceding dinner, Jann Carl of Entertainment Tonight will lead a live auction featuring four incredible items – a Jean Schlumberger bracelet donated by Tiffany & Co. and international trips to the luscious tropical forests of Rwanda and Tanzania, the Galapagos Islands, and Knight Inlet, Canada. In addition throughout the evening, guests can purchase raffle tickets for a chance to win magnificent prizes, including a $2,500 gift card to Walter E. Smithe Custom Furniture store; an in-home dinner for 12 catered by Calihan Catering, Inc.; two Home Plate Club seats to a Chicago White Sox game in May (excluding New York Yankees series) plus autographed memorabilia courtesy of Chicago White Sox; dinner for 12 at Brookfield Zoo's Seven Seas Underwater Viewing Gallery; and several framed and matted 16- by 20-inch photographs of animals that reside at Brookfield Zoo.

The general public can get a glimpse inside this year's Whirl as well as animals and exhibits at Brookfield Zoo during a special half-hour program, "CBS at Brookfield Zoo," which will air Saturday, April 28, at 6:30 p.m.

Proceeds from the $600 per-person 2007 Whirl will benefit the Society's conservation and education program. The Women's Board has already raised nearly $1.2 million for this year's fund raiser. For further information about the Whirl, call (312) 553-2000.

The mission of the Chicago Zoological Society, which manages Brookfield Zoo, is to inspire conservation leadership by connecting people with wildlife and nature. Open every day of the year, the zoo is located off First Ave. between the Stevenson (I-55) and Eisenhower (I-290) expressways and is also accessible via the Tri-State Tollway (I-294), Metra commuter line, CTA, and PACE bus service.

'Big - The Musical'

The Beverly Theatre Guild (BTG) presents "big - the musical" at the Beverly Arts Center, 2407 W. 111th St., Chicago, Friday, April 20 and Saturday, April 21 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, April 22 at 2 p.m. The large cast includes actors and artistic staff from Chicago and throughout the suburbs. For tickets call (773) 445-3838 or buy on-line at www.beverlyartcenter.org.

"big - the musical" (book by John Weidman, lyrics by Richard Maltby, Jr. and music by David Shire), was adapted from the motion picture starring Tom Hanks. It is the story of Josh Baskin, a frustrated adolescent who makes a wish to be "big" to Zoltar, a coin-operated carnival machine, and wakes up the next morning a 30-year-old man. Experiencing everything from work to play, he discovers there is more to being a grown-up than he had thought.

The show director is Josh Penzell (Chicago-Rogers Park); musical director is George Machay (Blue Island); choreographer is Taryn Herman (Chicago-Ukrainian Village); and assistant director is Elizabeth McInerney (Chicago-Beverly). The producers are Wayne Wendell (Chicago-Beverly), Anne McGowan (Evergreen Park), and Eileen Casey (Alsip).

The cast includes David Bell (Chicago - Ravenswood), Eric Galvin (Chicago - Morgan Park), Gerron Jordan (Chicago – Morgan Park), Mary Kelly (Chicago - Beverly), Nissa Harvey (Chicago - Beverly), Meg Massaro (Chicago - Beverly), Jennifer Stuart (Chicago - Old Town), Wayne Wendell (Chicago - Beverly), Maura Manahan (Chicago - Morgan Park), Liz Temple (Chicago - Morgan Park), Kelson Bain (Chicago - Pullman), Kelly Carevic (Orland Park), Marty Donovan (Orland Park), Shea Pender (Oak Lawn), Reagan Pender (Oak Lawn), Elise Harrigan (Oak Lawn), Nicole Pembroke (Oak Lawn), Becca Allpow (Evergreen Park), Colin Allpow (Evergreen Park), Matthew Allpow (Evergreen Park), and Kim Brines (Evergreen Park), Brian Leo (Mokena), Megan Leo (Mokena), Nora Jones (Crown Point, Ind.), Tobi Lowrance (Oak Forest), Laurie Videka Krizka (Homer Glen), Julie Zebleckis (Bolingbrook) Bianca Minniti (Burr Ridge), Treasur Wright (South Holland), Michael Hager (Woodridge) and Ian McCafferty (Burbank).

Tulip Days Activities Announced

The fourth annual Tulip Days on The Magnificent Mile, presented by LaSalle Bank and The Greater North Michigan Avenue Association April 16 through May 31, will usher in a sea of tulips and a roster of local promotions and events to honor the spring season. In addition to the explosion of color along The Magnificent Mile and in honor of its partnership with LaSalle Bank, a subsidiary of Netherlands-based ABN AMRO Bank N.V., the Consulate General of the Kingdom of the Netherlands and Bike Chicago month, whimsical bicycle sculptures created by teens from Chicago's After School Matters will adorn the tulip beds.

Forty local businesses will be sponsoring the bicycle sculptures that have been created by students ages 14 to 19 who participate in the "After School Matters" art program. Art Instructor Bob Klunk remarked, "Using salvaged bicycles the students were asked to create sculptures. Some chose to paint and embellish existing bicycles while others deconstructed the bicycles and created whimsical sculptures from the parts."

Area retailers, restaurants, hotels and cultural institutions in tandem with the Consulate General of the Kingdom of the Netherlands will also be presenting special offerings in celebration of Tulip Days. A complete list of activities is listed at www.themagnificentmile.com or call (312) 409-5560.

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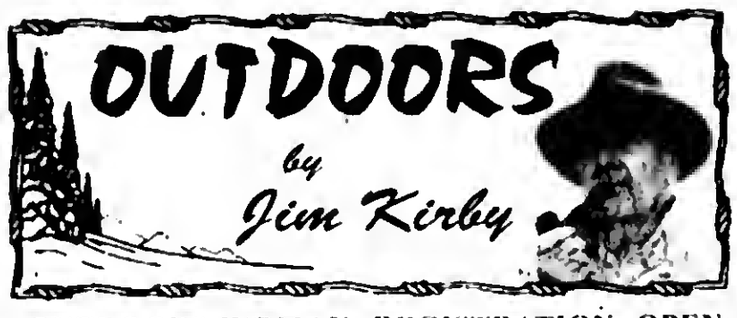

OUTDOORS-WOMAN REGISTRATION OPEN: The Illinois Department of Natural Resources will be offering a 'Becoming An Outdoors-Woman' program at Pere Marquette State Park from Sept. 28th to 30th. Registration opens June 6th for new participants and June 27th for BOW alumni. The $150 registration fee includes meals, housing, materials, giveaways, prizes and use of class equipment.

Only 90 spots are available so register early. For information and a registration form, visit www.dnr.state.il.us/lands/landmgt/BOW, or call (217) 782-7026.

■ENROLL IN A FREE BOATING SAFETY COURSE: With spring underway, IDNR Acting Director Sam Flood urged individuals planning to spend time out on the water to participate in one of the department's free boating safety education courses. The free courses provide important and potentially life-saving review of boating laws and regulations and instruction on safe and attentive boating. Safety education courses are a key to the state's boating safety effort. Nationwide, nearly 90 percent of all reported fatalities on boats involved boat operators who had not received boating safety instruction.

People between 12-18 years of age who operate a motorized watercraft by themselves are required by law to possess a boating safety certificate. State law requires that anyone under the age of 13 must wear a life jacket while aboard any watercraft under 26 feet in length at all times the boat is underway, unless they are below deck in an enclosed cabin or operating on private property. And all persons, regardless of age, are required to wear a life jacket while operating a personal watercraft or jet ski.

Statistics compiled by the IDNR show that 17 people died and 66 other people were injured in boating-related accidents in Illinois waters in 2006. There were a total of 78 boating accidents involving 118 watercraft last year. Among the primary causes of boating accidents are careless or reckless operation, operative inattention, equipment failure, hazardous water conditions and alcohol use.

Safety course schedules are available by phoning (800) 832-2599 or by checking the IDNR web site at http://www.dnr.state.il.us. Illinois also offers an online boat safety course through the IDNR web site at http://dnr.state.il.us. There is a $15 fee charged for the online course.

■CONTAMINATION IN ARCTIC LINKED TO BIRD DROPPINGS: A major source of chemical contamination in the Arctic turns out to be bird droppings. Wind currents and human activities long have been blamed for fouling the pristine Arctic. But a study by a group of Canadian researchers found that the pollution in areas frequented by seabirds can be many times higher than in nearby regions.

Researchers led by Jules Blais of the University of Ottawa studied several ponds below the cliffs at Cape Vera on Devon Island in the Canadian Arctic. Scientists report in the journal *Science* that the ponds which receive falling guano form a colony of northern fulmars that nest on the cliffs, have highly elevated amounts of chemicals. The area of the study is one of the most desolate on Earth, Blais said, and the local food chain is dependent on the guano from the seabirds. *(Great Lakes Basin Report)*

■CONNECTICUT STUDY RECOMMENDS DEER HUNTING INCREASE: A recent study in Connecticut shows that more hunting is needed to control deer in that state. Howard Kilpatrick, a Ph.D. student in natural resources management and engineering at the University of Connecticut, conducted research in Greenwich, Connecticut.

His research showed that bowhunting slowed the growth in the city's deer population. Kilpatrick recommends that towns develop area-specific management plans, encourage gun and bowhunting and provide more information to property owners about hunting. Kilpatrick explained that many of the state's highest deer densities are in areas where there is limited hunting. *(The Sentry)*

■SPRING BOATING CONCERNS: The dramatic rescue of a kayaker from a flood-swollen river in Wisconsin last month offers what state boating safety specialists say is a compelling example of how quickly cold water can affect a person and why boaters need to take special precautions when on waterways this spring.

On March 13th around 5:30 p.m. the Pierce County Sheriff's Department got a call that a woman kayaking in flood conditions on the Rush River had overturned and became separated from her boat. The victim was in the middle of the river on a log and was becoming hypothermic.

Rescuers wearing survival suits were able to reach the woman, but she said she was unable to grasp anything with her hands and she was unsure if she could even move from the log due to how cold she was.

Wisconsin DNR Warden Brad Peterson arrived at the scene in a flat bottom boat and was able to reach the victim, and rescuers were able to get her into the boat for transport to a hospital. *"LET'S BE CAREFUL OUT THERE."*

St. Xavier Beats Trinity Christian 5-3

Senior designated hitter Ryan Buchler went 2-for-3 with a triple and two runs scored to help lead St. Xavier University to a 5-3 victory over Trinity Christian College (Ill.) in CCAC baseball action on March 27th at Richard R. Ferrell Memorial Field in Chicago. With the victory, the Cougars stay perfect in the conference standings with a 3-0 record and move back over .500 on the season with a 9-8 overall mark. Trinity Christian falls to 5-13 on the year and 0-1 in the league standings.

Sophomore centerfielder Don Skelly paced the Cougars' offense with three hits on the day. He also finished with a run scored and two stolen bases. Senior catcher Brian Grupp posted his second home run of the season in Tuesday's win, a solo shot over the left field wall to open the bottom of the seventh inning. The Cougars took a 1-0 lead in the bottom of the second inning when Buchler led things off with a triple to right-centerfield. He later scored on a RBI single from senior third baseman Nick Tantillo who finished with two RBI on the afternoon.

Trinity Christian took the lead in the top of the third with two runs off a single to centerfield by senior third baseman Aaron Werkman. SXU answered in the bottom of the inning when a dropped fly ball in the right field with two outs scored a run and kept the inning alive for Buchler to record a RBI single on the next at-bat. Down 3-2 heading into the seventh inning, Trinity Christian led things off with a double by junior shortstop Ryan Tevepaugh, who later tied the game up, 3-3, on a sacrifice fly. However, Grupp's homer in the bottom of the seventh broke the tie and Buchler was able to cross home plate again in the eighth inning to secure the 5-3 win.

Senior righthander Shawn Bosler got the start for SXU and was solid throwing six innings and allowing five hits, two runs (earned) and three walks with four strikeouts. Sophomore rightie Bryant Myjak notched the win on the mound for the Cougars in relief pitching two innings and giving up one hit, one run (earned) and no walks with a strikeout. Sophomore righthander Dan Miller picked up the save putting the Trolls down 1-2-3 in the ninth inning.

Lakeshore Ski & Sports Club Meeting

Lakeshore Ski and Sports Club will meet on Wednesday, April 18th at Chief O'Neill's Pub, 3471 N. Elston at Albany in Chicago. The meeting begins at 7 p.m. The 2006-07 ski season is over; however, there are many exciting spring and summer activities ahead which include a Greek Dinner on Friday, June 1st, a Bicycle Trip to Spring Green, WI from June 22nd to 24th, and the Annual End of Summer Picnic on Saturday, Aug. 25th, to name a few of the events planned. It is the last opportunity to sign up for the Annual Spring Banquet on Friday, April 27th. LSSC also has a year-round Tennis Program.

LSSC meets the first and third Wednesday of every month from September through May and third Wednesday only during the months of June, July and August.

For further information, visit the web site at www.lssc.org, call (708) 786-3992 or email lakeshoreskiandsportsclub@yahoo.com.

Marist Baseball Program

Marist High School Baseball Program will be hosting a 13 year-old boy's baseball tournament on June 8, 9, and 10 at the Marist High School baseball fields. This will be a 60ft. - 90ft. tournament. All players will receive a Marist High School baseball T-shirt for their participation.

For information regarding the tournament contact Rob Pyznarski at (708) 424-8379.

"Fishing For Trash"

As part of its weeklong Earth Day activities, the Forest Preserve District of Will County is sponsoring "Fishing for Trash" at Monee Reservoir. Visitors to the fishing/boating lake can volunteer to collect trash while they are fishing or hiking the preserve trails during the week of Tuesday, April 17th through Sunday, April 22nd during the hours the preserve is open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Fishing line and other types of debris pose serious threats to wildlife and obscure the inherent beauty of the preserve. Help us fulfill our mission to preserve and protect the natural resources of Will County by pitching in to pick up any debris you find. To participate, stop by the concession window, pick up a small trash bag, and fill it with any trash you find. Return the filled trash bag to the concession building and receive a voucher for a free one-hour boat rental of your choice. (The voucher must be used in 2007.) Participation is free and open to all ages.

Monee Reservoir is located on Ridgeland Ave., west of Route 50 and south of Pauling Road, 2.0 miles south of Monee.

For information, call the reservoir at (708) 534-8499.

NSA World Series Qualifier

There are team openings for the Spring into NSA World Series Qualifier for Men's, Women's and Coed that will be held on April 21st at SportCore One in Rockford.

Top teams will earn $800 in traveling money (based on 16 teams) and berths to the NSA World Series. All teams that participate will receive a state berth.

All Decker softballs and two umpires per game will be provided. The complex features eight diamonds with lights and the Skybox bar/restaurant.

The entry fee is $200 if paid by April 14th which is the deadline.

Interested teams may call (708) 275-6143 or e-mail Vicky.zarembka@lexisnexis.com. More information is available on-line at www.illinoisnsa.com.

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Projects Honored With Pride In Partnership Awards

Contractors and government agencies on state-funded construction projects in Chicago and Grayslake with a high level of minority and female participation were recognized during the annual Pride in Partnership Awards ceremony held March 30 in Springfield.

The Construction of the Convocation Center at Chicago State University received the Minority/Female Workforce Participation Award, presented for a commitment to equal employment opportunities for minorities and women in the construction trades. Thoughtful hiring practices allowed this project to exceed the workforce participation goals established for this project. Linear Electric Incorporated was the award recipient, and the FEP Compliance Technician for this project was Andy Campos.

The University Center, College of Lake County Grayslake, received the Participation Award for providing construction opportunities for minority and female construction suppliers and subcontractors. Project partners demonstrated outstanding advocacy on behalf of the State of Illinois' MBE/FBE (Minority Business Enterprise/ Female Business Enterprise) program and can serve as a model for fair employment practices. Henry Brothers of Hickory Hills was the award recipient, and the FEP Compliance Technician for this project was Andy Campos.

The CDB continues to promote and encourage minority and female owned and operated businesses to participate in the state's procurement process as prime contractors, subcontractors and suppliers. In addition, CDB encourages all business partners to overcome the underutilization of minority and female tradespersons. The CDB Unit of Fair Employment Practices oversees the MBE/FBE Program, which promotes opportunities for minority and female owned firms; and the Department of Human Rights Minority/Female Workforce Program, which assists minority and female tradespersons by ensuring employment opportunities are met on CDB projects.

The Capital Development Board manages the construction, repair and renovation of state facilities across Illinois, including colleges and universities, mental health facilities, veterans' homes and historic buildings. Capital Development Board projects include the Abraham Lincoln President Library and Museum, new State Emergency Operations Center and the World Shooting and Recreational Complex in Sparta.

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What To Look For When Cicadas Hatch This Spring

The series of serene springs and silent summers Illinoisans have been enjoying the past 17 years will be noticeably interrupted in a few weeks.

Cicadas – flying insects about one to two inches long noted for their shrill, sometimes deafening choruses – will emerge from the ground along a path about 200 miles long that stretches from northwestern Indiana to Wisconsin. Periodical cicadas emerge in vast numbers – as many as 1.5 million per acre – overwhelming predators by sheer numbers.

As many as three species may emerge simultaneously in northeastern Illinois. Their numbers seem to vary according to habitat and geography, tending to be most abundant in areas that historically were forested. The different species are very similar in appearance but their songs are readily distinguishable.

This year, researchers from the DuPage County Forest Preserve will be conducting a survey to determine how many species of cicada are emerging and where they are being found. The study will answer a number of questions including what is the relative abundance of each species and how their emergence patterns compare to historical data.

Community members who are interested in participating in this study – or just want to learn more about this unusual insect – may attend a workshop at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, May 1st in Birck Hall, Room 112, on the campus of Benedictine University. The workshop will be led by Carl Strang, Ph.D., a naturalist from the DuPage county Forest Preserve.

To hear the songs of the cicadas visit http://insects.ummz.lsa.umich.edu/fauna/Michigan_Cicadas/Michigan/index.html. For more information about the workshop, contact John Mickus at (630) 829-6539 or by email at jmickus@ben.edu.

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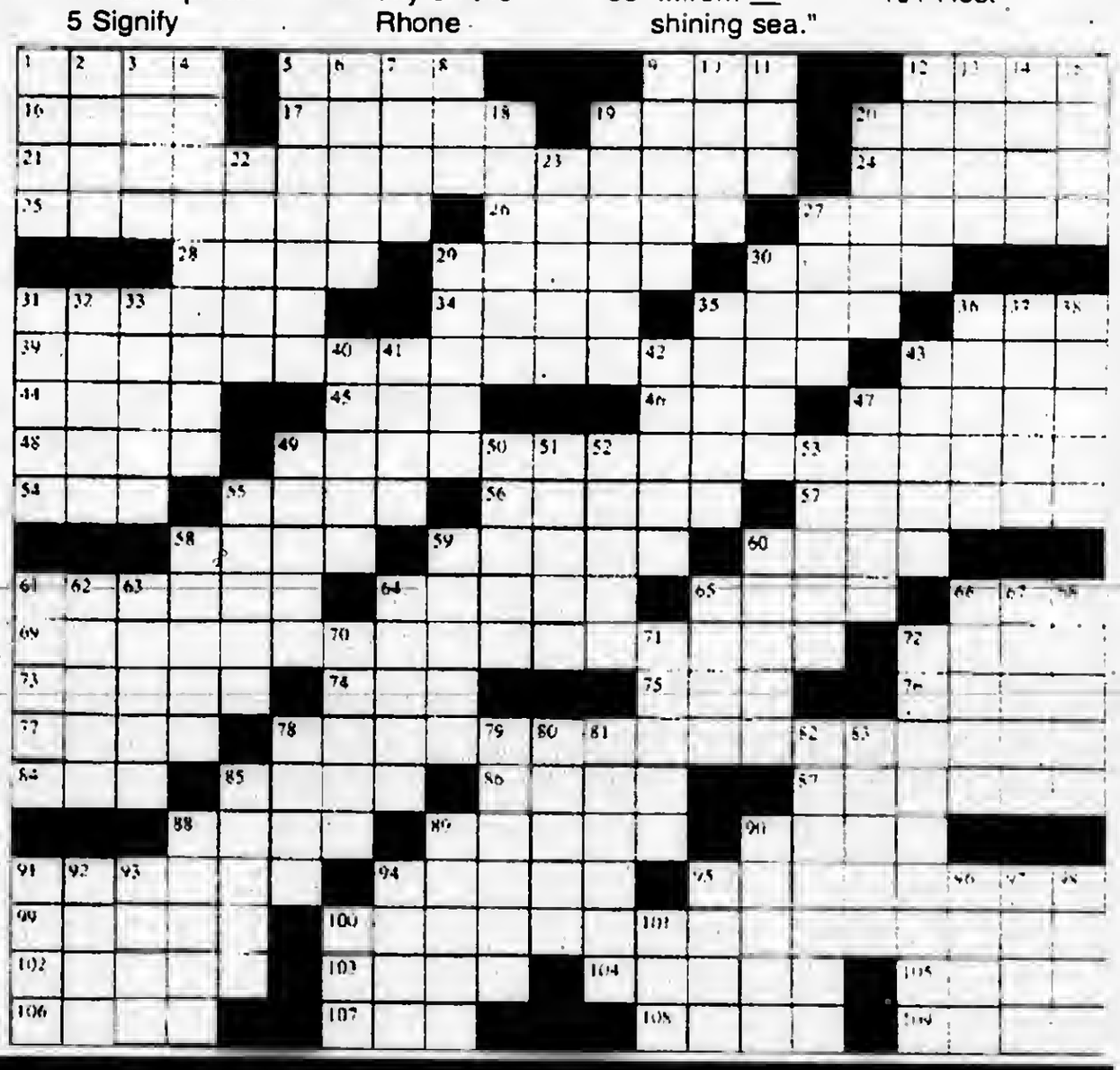

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Thoughts On Health & Nutrition

by
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Ms. Lysen is on vacation for the Easter holiday this week. Her column will resume next Thursday.

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Maximize Your Health Insurance Benefits

Finding cost benefits and greater value in your health care insurance policy may seem like a fantasy. Yet, with minimal effort, consumers can gain such returns.

"Many people are unaware that their health plans offer value added benefits and other resources at no additional cost – that can save them money and improve their health practices," said Dr. Prentiss Taylor, Jr., medical director of UnitedHealthcare of Illinois.

Based on the policies, according to Taylor, you may be able to:

Lower your prescription costs. Many health plans offer savings for members who use generic or preferred brands. Others offer a discount with half-tab programs; your doctor prescribes a larger dosage and you use a device to split the medication. UnitedHealthcare members who choose to split their pills, for example, can reduce their medication co-pay by half.

Find value-added benefits. Your health coverage may provide benefits such as vision care discounts, wellness products such as smoking cessation programs, fitness club memberships and weight/nutrition counseling.

Utilize educational resources during pregnancy. For pregnant women, some insurance plans offer education, health assessments and other support resources.

Use case manager assistance if needed. Make sure your plan offers case managers who are generally socially trained nurses to guide you over the bumps and pitfalls in case a troubling condition, such as lower back pain, or a more serious illness, such as cancer, occurs.

Activate check-up reminders. Your health plan should inform you when it's time to visit the doctor for check-ups and procedures such as mammograms, pap smears, vaccinations and annual physicals.

Request electronic prescriptions. Verify that your health insurance program utilizes electronic prescriptions and electronic health records. These records are proven to avoid errors and lead to safer outcomes.

Conduct a self-assessment of your health. Many health plans allow you do conduct an online self-assessment of your health that takes into consideration current conditions and risks. These often provide interactive advice and coaching about how you can change your lifestyle to improve your health.

"By utilizing every resource at your disposal, you can improve your health and the health of your family," added Taylor. "Be sure to read your health insurance policy and member handbook to get a better understanding of such offerings."

Chicago Women's Health Conference

New York Times Science Reporter Denise Grady will be the keynote speaker at the third annual Catch Your Breath Conference and Reception on May 2nd at the Marriott Hotel in downtown Chicago from 2 to 7 p.m.

The event, held by the American Lung Assn. of Metropolitan Chicago, spotlights the disproportionate effect of lung disease on women and underscores inadequate funding of women's lung health issues.

Denise Grady became a reporter for the Science News Dept. of the New York Times in September 1998. She has written more than 500 stories about medicine and biology for the Times, and has edited Times' books on women's health and alternative medicine. As a freelance writer from 1988 to 1998, Ms. Grady contributed to many publications, including Science, Discover, Time, Scientific American, Vogue, Reader's Digest, American Health, Parenting and Self.

Proceeds of the event support local lung health advocacy, research and education programs. The reception is open to the public. Tickets are priced at $125 for reception and education sessions, $40 for education sessions only and $100 for reception only. For more information, visit www.catchyourbreathchicago.org or call (312) 243-2000.

Danger Signs Of Red-Faced Disorder

The angst and embarrassment of adolescence often come roaring back in adulthood with the red-faced symptoms of rosacea, a widespread but poorly understood facial disorder now estimated to affect 14 million Americans. The National Rosacea Society has designated April as Rosacea Awareness Month to alert the public to the warning signs of this conspicuous and potentially serious condition, and to emphasize the importance of seeking medical help before it becomes increasingly intrusive on daily life.

"Most people expect to leave facial skin problems behind when they reach adulthood, so they're often puzzled and frustrated by the onset of rosacea," said Dr. John Wolf, chairman of dermatology at Baylor University College of Medicine. "While the early signs of the disorder may come and go unexpectedly, without treatment it tends to grow more persistent and severe, posing a substantial impact both physically and on people's emotional, social and professional lives."

For many people, rosacea starts as a temporary redness on the cheeks, nose, chin or forehead that at first might be mistaken for sunburn. Over time, the redness tends to become ruddier and more prolonged, and visible blood vessels may appear. If left untreated, bumps and pimples often develop, growing more extensive over time.

In severe cases, especially in men, the nose may become swollen and bumpy from excess tissue. This is the condition called rhinophyma that gave the late comedian W.C. Fields his trademark bulbous nose. In many rosacea patients, the eyes are also affected, feeling irritated and appearing watery or bloodshot.

"The good news is that, while rosacea cannot be cured, it can be effectively controlled with medical therapy and lifestyle changes," Dr. Wolf said. Individuals with any of the following warning signs of rosacea are urged to see a dermatologist for diagnosis and appropriate treatment:

Redness on the cheeks, nose, chin or forehead.
Small visible blood vessels on the face.
Bumps or pimples on the face.
Watery or irritated eyes.

Because the underlying causes and other key aspects of rosacea are unknown, the National Rosacea Society conducts a research grants program to encourage and support greater scientific knowledge of the potential causes and other key aspects of this poorly understood disorder. The society is now funding a growing number of research studies on rosacea that may lead to improvements in its treatment, management and potential cure or prevention.

During April and throughout the year, people who suspect they may have rosacea can call the society's toll-free number at 1(888) NO-BLUSH to receive free information on rosacea. Information and materials are also available on the society's Web site at www.rosacea.org, by writing the National Rosacea Society, 800 S. Northwest Highway, Suite 200, Barrington, IL 60010, or via e-mail at rosacea@aol.com.

Host Educational Conference

The largest Midwestern gathering of top physicians, researchers and disability attorneys on fibromyalgia will be presenting the latest information on the diagnosis and treatment of fibromyalgia and chronic fatigue syndrome at the Fibromyalgia Association Created for Education and Self-help's (FACES, inc.) 2007 Fibromyalgia, Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Conference scheduled for May 18-20, at the Holiday Inn Matteson Hotel and Conference Center, in Matteson.

The three-day event will include over 20 separate presentations and workshops for patients, well family members, directors of health ministries, social service providers, health and healthcare advocates, attorneys, and physicians, with exhibitors featuring Fibromyalgia/Chronic Fatigue Syndrome friendly products and services.

The theme of the conference is "Crossing the Chronic Pain and Fatigue Bridge to Move from Passive Victim to Active Victor".

Dr. Muhammad Yunus, Professor of Medicine of the University of Illinois Medical School, will open the conference Friday morning, May 18, at 8 a.m. with an eyeing opening lecture into the Human Story Behind the Pain and Fatigue. Friday Luncheon Keynote speakers are Ms. Lynne Matallana of the National Fibromyalgia Association and Dr. Leonard Jason of DePaul University's Department of Psychology, Center for Community Research on Fatiguing Illnesses. Ms. Matallana will discuss the History of Fibromyalgia Research from a patient's perspective and Dr. Jason will discuss the issues surrounding the CFS Name Change.

The conference will also include a benefit fundraiser Friday Evening, May 18, from 6 to 10 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Matteson. FACES will unveil Phase I of its Photographic Fibromyalgia Awareness Project. A visually impaired Gospel Singer/Songwriter will debut her original song written specifically for people with Fibromyalgia. There will be a silent auction and fundraiser participants will learn the Sophisticated form of Chicago Dancing called "Steppin" and join in for "Steppin Out Fibromyalgia".

"People with Fibromyalgia, their family, friends, caregivers, alternative health care providers, and any individuals interested in general health and well-being will be able to find out the latest breakthroughs in Fibromyalgia and contemplate Fibromyalgia and Chronic Fatigue's affect on other health conditions, while acquiring legal information and an introduction to economic empowerment strategies at this conference," reports Sabrina Johnson, president and founder of the Fibromyalgia Association Created for Education and Self-help [FACES].

Conference attendees must pre- register on or before May 9. There will be no on-site registration. Registration fee is $150 per person. A group discount is available.

For more information on registration and exhibitor prospectus, visit the Fibromyalgia Association Created for Education and Self-help's website at www.fibrocop.org or call (773) 936-4183.

For more information about Fibromyalgia, visit the FACES Web site at http://fibrocop.org/aboutfibromyalgiaindex.htm.

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Think Twice Before Tanning For Prom

Nearly 2.3 million teenagers in the U.S. tan indoors annually, and with prom season right around the corner, the temptation to tan is even greater. But with the big night fast approaching, new research has found that the use of sunbeds during a person's teens and twenties is linked to an increase in melanoma risk, the deadliest form of skin cancer.

The International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) conducted a thorough review of several studies associating tanning bed use and melanoma risk. The researchers showed that the use of sunbeds under the age of 35 can increase melanoma risk by 75 percent. "This new research substantiates what we've believed for years about the danger of indoor tanning," said Perry Robins, MD, President of The Skin Cancer Foundation. "It clearly increases the risk of skin cancer, especially in young women, who are the biggest users. Perhaps people will finally start to listen now that this study and other recent research provides some science to back up the belief."

If the threat of melanoma isn't enough to scare teens away from tanning booths, they should know that 90% of visible skin changes commonly attributed to aging are caused by exposure to ultraviolet radiation. UV tanning accelerates the signs of aging, including wrinkles, leathering and fine lines, which can be seen as early as in one's 20's. Yet many teens will still desire a bronzed glow for prom. One safe alternative is so-called "sunless tanners," also known as "self-tanning lotions."

Sunless tanners deliver a perfectly safe tan that typically lasts for three to five days. Unlike tanning beds, they don't involve dangerous ultraviolet rays, they are made with completely harmless common ingredients. For a list of recommended products that will give you a sunless glow, check The Skin Cancer Foundation's Seal of Recommendation list at www.skincancer.org.

Don't be misled by products that sound like self-tanning lotions – "Tanning amplifiers," "tan accelerators," "tanning promoters," "tanning enhancers," and worst of all, "tanning pills." Many of these products interact with the sun to create the tan, so they actually end up exacerbating the damage done to your skin.

Be sure to wear sunscreen. Even if a sunless tanner has an SPF rating, the sun-protective abilities won't last longer than two hours. So remember to apply an SPF 15+ sunscreen in addition to the self-tanner.

The Skin Cancer Foundation is the only global organization solely devoted to the prevention, detection and treatment of skin cancer. The mission of the Foundation is to decrease the incidence of skin cancer through public and professional education and research. For more information about melanoma and to learn more about how to protect your skin, visit www.skincancer.org, or call 1-800-SKIN-490.

Benefits Of Dental Implants

Dr. James Hogg, an Oak Lawn dentist, is demonstrating the benefits of dental implants to a patient. He states that implants can be used to replace one or more teeth leading to chewing comfort and great esthetic results. The implants can also be used to support full dentures, keeping them from slipping and causing painful sore spots. Typically the implant is placed by an oral surgeon in their office and often using only Novocain. The crown, bridge, or denture is then placed four months later by Dr. Hogg. For more information call Dr. Hogg at (708) 422-1900.

Diabetes Management Presentation

Southwest Suburban Center on Aging, LaGrange, will sponsor a presentation on diabetes management by Shahla M. Hameed, MD., of Adventist Midwest Geriatrics Specialists, to be held Thursday, April 19 at 11 a.m. at the Center, 111 W. Harris Ave., LaGrange. Reservations to attend this free program may be made by calling (708) 354-1323.

Diabetes is a disease in which the body does not produce or properly use insulin which is needed to convert sugar, starches and other food into energy needed for daily life. The cause of diabetes is a mystery, although both genetics and environmental factors such as obesity and lack of exercise appear to play roles.

Dr. Hameed's lecture will focus on learning more about the disease and how to care for yourself if you have been diagnosed with it. This presentation is the second in an ongoing series entitled "Managing Your Chronic Illness" sponsored by SWSCOA.

Celebrating 36 years of commitment, dedication and service to seniors, their families and its servicing communities, the Southwest Suburban Center on Aging is a non-profit organization providing quality information and referral, social services, health and wellness programs, education and training and other direct services to nearly 8,000 older adults and their families each year living in 22 communities within Lyons, Riverside and the south portion of Proviso Townships. Programs and services offered by the Southwest Suburban Center on Aging are made possible by community support and donations and, in part, by the Illinois Department on Aging (IDOA), AgeOptions, Community Memorial Foundation and local United Ways.

A healthy adult takes about 23,000 breaths a day.

Seeks Patients Who Take Blood Thinners For Irregular Heartbeats

The University of Chicago Medical Center is seeking patients diagnosed with atrial fibrillation (irregular heartbeat) who are taking warfarin (i.e. Coumadin) as a blood thinner to participate in a research study.

The study could ultimately lead to patients with atrial fibrillation never having to take blood thinners again for this condition.

Atrial fibrillation is a heart condition where the upper chambers of the heart beat too fast, says John Lopez, M.D., one of the two study directors. The condition can cause blood to stagnate and form clots in the heart's left atrial appendage. If they escape, these clots can cause strokes.

The American Heart Assn. says 2.2 million Americans have atrial fibrillation and that about 15 percent of all strokes occur in people with atrial fibrillation.

The medical center is one of four in Illinois, along with 56 other hospitals around the world in a large randomized trial studying the effectiveness of a device implanted in the heart designed to keep blood clots that have formed in the heart's left atrial appendage from ever entering the bloodstream.

First, a tube is inserted through a vein in the upper leg, all the way to the heart. Once the tube is in the correct position, pictures are taken to measure the heart's left atrial appendage. These measurements determine the size of device to be used. The device, called the WATCHMAN, is guided through the tube and positioned in place. Pictures are then taken again to verify correct placement. Once verification is made, the WATCHMAN is released to permanently remain in the heart.

People taking blood thinners to keep clots from forming typically require frequent monitoring and sometimes have diet and other drug interactions causing them to stop taking these drugs.

Those enrolled in the study will be randomized to either receive the WATCHMAN or continue on long-term medical therapy with warfarin (i.e. Coumadin) which if the participant needs assistance will be provided free of charge. Participants will make approximately four to six visits to the medical center during the first year and then twice a year thereafter for follow-up.

"As is the case in all randomized studies like this, patients may not necessarily benefit directly from the research," explains Bradley Knight, M.D., the study's other director. "However, information obtained during the course of this study may contribute to a better understanding of atrial fibrillation. And patients who receive the WATCHMAN may be able to stop taking blood thinners and may no longer need to have blood drawn for dose adjustments."

Patients interested in participating in the study at the University of Chicago Medical Center may call (773) 834-8399 for more information.

Help And Guidance For COPD

COPD (Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease), a serious lung disease in which the lungs are damaged, is an umbrella term used to describe any one or all of a group of progressive lung diseases, encompassing emphysema, chronic bronchitis, refractory asthma, and severe bronchiectasis. This progressive disease is characterized by partial airway obstruction which creates increased breathlessness and shortness of breath. It is the 4th leading cause of death, and projected to be the third leading cause by 2020.

The COPD Foundation has set up the COPD Information Phone line at 1-866-316-COPD(2673). The call center is staffed by volunteer COPD patients who are prepared to handle calls from people who may be showing symptoms, recently diagnosed patients, seasoned COPD patients, caregivers, and concerned members of the general public interested in more information about COPD.

The National Institute of Health (NIH) estimates that 12 million individuals have been diagnosed with COPD in the U.S. alone. An additional 12 million are symptomatic or developing COPD. The number worldwide is estimated to be as high as 600 million. It is one of the leading causes of disability and kills 120,000 in the U.S. each year. That is one death every 4 minutes. As Grace Anne Dorney Koppell, in her campaign to fight against chronic obstructive pulmonary disease recently said on Good Morning America, "There are 12 million of us diagnosed with the disease, and what terrifies me is that there are 12 million more people walking around out there trying to live their lives and they have COPD but they don't know it. So this is truly a public health epidemic....."

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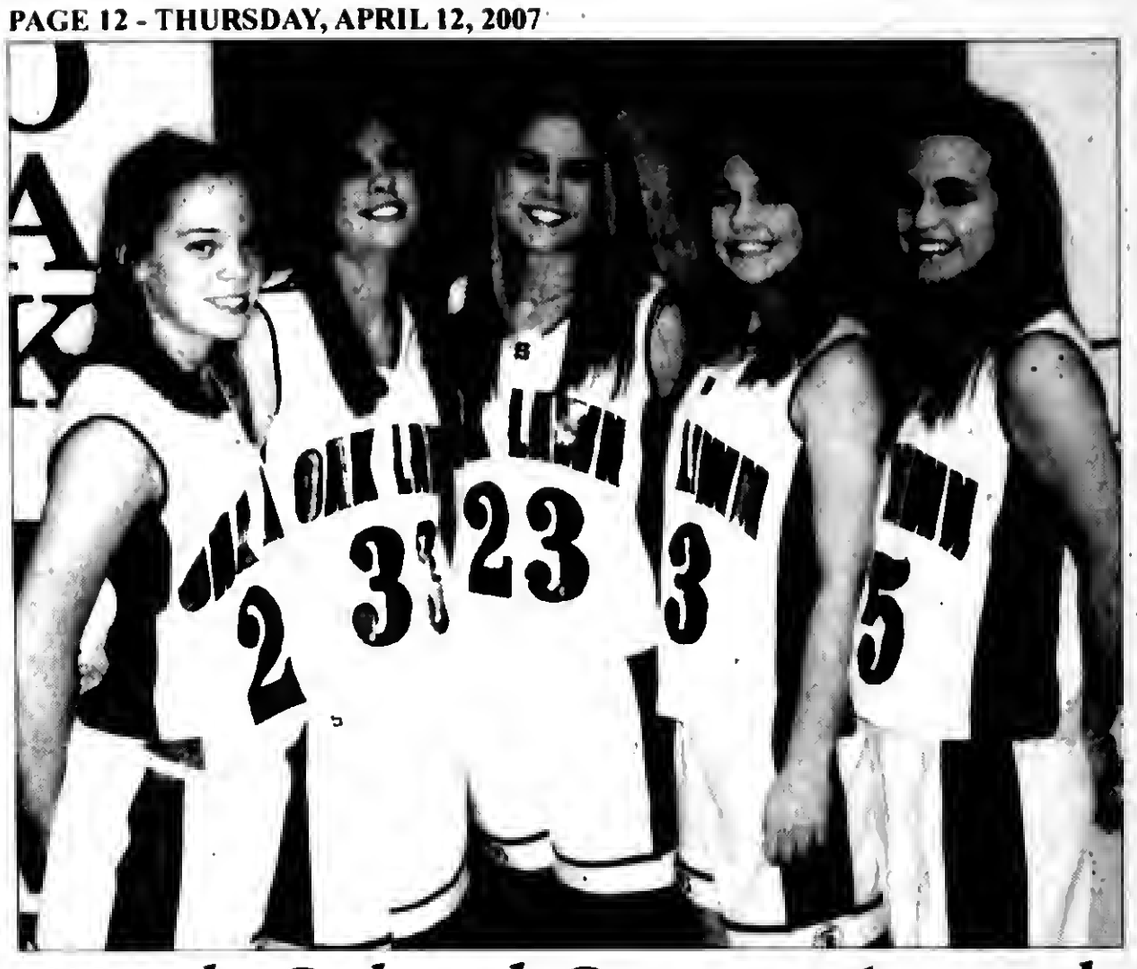

High School Sports Awards

The Oak Lawn Community High School coaches and athletic department recognized athletes at the recent Fall Sports Awards Night. Each sport recognized players for team accomplishments and individual achievements reached during the season.

Varsity Boys' Basketball Linus Vydmantas (Oak Lawn), All-Conference; Jeremy Dunk (Hometown), Nathan Haubenreiser (Oak Lawn), Kendal Johnson (Chicago Ridge), Christopher Mascorro (Oak Lawn), Linas Vydmantas (Oak Lawn), Spartan Pride Award Winners; and Christopher Mascorro (Oak Lawn), Sportsmanship Award.

Varsity Girls' Basketball: Brittany Foley (Oak Lawn), Andrea Mendoza (Oak Lawn), Danielle Synowiecki (Oak Lawn), Julie Tracy (Oak Lawn), All-Conference; Jillian Postregna (Hometown), Honorable Mention; Danielle Synowiecki (Oak Lawn), Julie Tracy (Oak Lawn), Most Valuable Player; and Kelly Hughes (Oak Lawn), Emily Korkosz (Oak Lawn), Sportsmanship Award.

Varsity Wrestling: Imad Alabed (Oak Lawn), Most Valuable Player; and Christopher LeClair (Chicago Ridge), Ricardo Merced (Hometown), Sportsmanship Award.

Varsity Boys' Swimming: Thomas Groark (Oak Lawn), Kevin Thompson (Oak Lawn), All-Conference; Thomas Groark (Oak Lawn), Sectional Champion; Thomas Groark (Oak Lawn), State Qualifier; Thomas Groark (Oak Lawn), Kevin Thompson (Oak Lawn), Most Valuable Player; and Shadi Asfour (Oak Lawn), Sportsmanship Award.

Varsity Boys' Bowling: Christopher Taraba (Oak Lawn), All-Conference; Christopher Taraba (Oak Lawn), State Qualifier; Frank Tirrito (Oak Lawn), Most Valuable Player; and Frank Tirrito (Oak Lawn), Sportsmanship Award.

Varsity Girls' Bowling: Kelly Small (Oak Lawn), All-Conference; Candice Burica (Hometown), Most Valuable Player; and Nicole Neises (Oak Lawn), Sportsmanship Award.

Varsity Cheerleading: Kristine Sulit (Oak Lawn), Nina Roberts (Oak Lawn), All-Conference; and Michelle Tillman (Oak Lawn), Most Valuable Player.

Varsity Girls' Dance: Kaitlyn Kross (Oak Lawn), Most Valuable Player.

The Illinois High School Association awarded Scholastic Achievement Awards to the following athletes: Lillian Benson (Oak Lawn), Jeremy Dunk (Hometown), Brittany Foley (Oak Lawn), Nathan Haubenreiser (Oak Lawn), Kelly Hughes (Oak Lawn), Emily Korkosz (Oak Lawn), Christopher LeClair (Chicago Ridge), Colleen Madden (Hometown), Elle Opitz (Oak Lawn), Kellie Radnis (Oak Lawn), Rachel Ribich (Oak Lawn), Michael Russell (Oak Lawn), Danielle Synowiecki (Oak Lawn), Christopher Taraba (Oak Lawn), Kevin Thompson (Oak Lawn), Michael Trotta (Oak Lawn), Matthew Walsh (Oak Lawn), and Jillian Wroble (Oak Lawn).

The evening also recognized the following teams for the Conference Championships: Varsity Girls' Basketball, Sophomore Girls' Basketball, Sophomore Boys' Basketball, Sophomore Boys Bowling, Freshmen Girls' Basketball, Freshmen Boys' Basketball, for Regional Championships: Varsity Girls' Basketball, and for Sectional Championships: Varsity Boys' Bowling.

Picture (Left to Right): Varsity Girls' Basketball team members: Brittany Foley, Julie Tracy, Danielle Synowiecki, Kelly Hughes, and Emily Korkosz.

Prevent & Reduce Underage Drinking

"Alcohol remains the most heavily abused substance by America's youth," said Acting Surgeon General Kenneth Mortisugu as he issued a Call to Action. "This Call to Action is attempting to change the culture and attitudes toward underage drinking in America. We can no longer ignore what alcohol is doing to our children."

More than 5,000 youth under the age of 21 die each year from underage drinking, motor vehicle crashes, homicides, suicide, and unintentional injuries. Youth who start drinking before the age of 15 are 5 times more likely to have a problem with alcohol later in life.

Alcohol affects a child's developing brain differently than an adult. A child's brain goes through rapid change and development between the ages of 10 and 21. Drinking alcohol before age 21 can cause permanent brain damage, according to a report from the American Medical Assn. If you care about youth, these are compelling reasons to prevent and reduce underage drinking.

Underage drinkers consumed 13.6 percent of all alcohol sold in Illinois in 2005. The sales provided profits of $361 million to the alcohol industry and cost the citizens of Illinois $2.9 billion.

The more connected young people feel to their parents, school and church, the less likely they are to drink alcohol. Abstinence from alcohol is an acceptable lifelong decision.

April is Alcohol Awareness Month. For information to prevent underage drinking contact Illinois Churches In Action and ILCAAAP at (877) 204-6863 or www.ilcaaap.org.

OAK LAWN LIBRARY NOTES

The Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St., will host a special grand reopening weekend for the Dee Kopf Local History Room on Saturday, April 21st from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, April 22nd from 1 to 3 p.m. Members of the community are invited to stop by and view an exhibit of photographs, newspaper articles and memorabilia from the 1967 Oak Lawn Tornado that will be on display through June. Light refreshments will be available.

In response to a growing community interest in the history of Oak Lawn, the library has reestablished a local history room to provide interested patrons, historians and students access to archived and reference materials with work areas and staff assistance provided.

As part of their revitalized local history efforts, the library requests the donation or use of materials important to the interpretation of Oak Lawn's history, including family papers, business records, as well as photographs and other memorabilia. Those who have items to donate or share should call Dr. Maureen Gilligan, local history coordinator at (708) 422-4990, or email mgilligan@oaklawnlibrary.org.

The library's original local history room was dedicated to longtime Oak Lawn librarian Dolores (Dee) Kopf upon her retirement in April 1976. The room was put to other uses in 1987.

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The library will host two free public programs to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the 1967 Oak Lawn Tornado on April 21st and 22nd.

Tornado History Presentation – Saturday, April 21st at noon. The library's new Local History Coordinator, Dr. Maureen Gilligan, will narrate a slide show presentation featuring eyewitness accounts, storm survivor stories, newspaper coverage, film clips, photographs and records maintained in the library's local history archives.

Tornado Memories Open Mic – Sunday, April 22nd at 1:30 p.m. Members of the community are invited to share personal stories about how the 1967 Oak Lawn Tornado impacted their life at this open mic forum. Sign in at the door to speak. Five minute time limit. This event will be videotaped.

Visit the library's web site www.oaklawnlibrary.org for a complete listing of public programs honoring the tornado anniversary and the reestablishment of the library's Dee Kopf Local History Room.

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The library invites students in third through fifth grade to participate in a monthly Holiday Club from 4 to 5 p.m. on Tuesday, April 24th. Registered members create crafts for an upcoming holiday that they may take home or put on display at the library. This program is open to Oak Lawn residents and students of Oak Lawn schools. Sign up at the Youth Services Desk.

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The library will host a Teen Game Night, featuring Dance Dance Revolution (DDR), Wednesday, April 25th from 7 to 8 p.m. for students in sixth through tenth grade. Teens may bring their favorite board or card games to play with others. Prizes will be awarded for the top scores in DDR. Free snacks for all who participate in the games.

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Members of the community are invited to stop by the Youth Services Department of the library to view an exhibit of artwork created by students from Lieb and Columbus Manor elementary schools in Oak Lawn. The art will be on display April 16 through May 15.

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For additional information on any of these library programs, call (708) 422-4990 or visit the library's web site at www.oaklawnlibrary.org.

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Field Trips For Safety Village

Kids Safe City, 8110 S. Ferdinand Ave. in Bridgeview, is now accepting registration for field trips beginning April through October.

Park districts, day care centers, preschools and scout troops can select from a variety of safety topics for a one-day, two-hour field trip to the village. Children will be taught safety lessons using a hands-on approach in an indoor/outdoor atmosphere.

Kids Safe City is a fenced in miniature village consisting of 13 buildings, paved streets, traffic lights and signs, a railroad crossing, caboose and a non-toxic smoke house! You can view the web site at www.kidssafecity.org.

Selection can be made from one of the following topics: Police, Fire and Smoke House, 911 and Stranger-Danger, Bicycle, Poison, Railroad, Pedestrian, Traffic and Road Signs Safety.

During each session, children will experience driving pedal cars throughout the village, safety videos, projects and stories. Participants will be presented with a certificate for the safety topic they have completed. Juice and snacks will be provided. Call Toni Wokosin at (708) 227-1129 to secure your date and topic.

Seeks Input from Teens

Students in grades six through 10 are invited to participate on the Oak Lawn Public Library Teen Advisory Board from 7 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, April 18th. Teens can earn volunteer service hours while sharing ideas and suggestions to help the library better serve people in that age group. The group holds regular meetings on the third Wednesday of each month during the school year. No registration required. Light refreshments are provided.

The library is at 5300 W. 95th St. For more information, call (708) 422-4990.

55 Alive Review

The Worth Township Seniors will be sponsoring a 55 Alive review course on Wednesday and Thursday, April 18th and 19th at the Worth Township Center, 11601 S. Pulaski, from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. The fee is $10, payable to AARP.

The class is open to seniors 50 years and older, and you will receive a certificate that may entitle you to a reduction in your auto insurance.

For more information and to register, call (708) 371-2900, ext. 28.

Folliard Elected To Illinois Coaches Association Hall Of Fame

After surpassing 400 career wins last year, Richards High School varsity softball coach Julie Folliard (pictured) recently won election to the Illinois Coaches Association Hall of Fame. Folliard, a Richards graduate now coaching the Bulldogs in her 20th season, continues to lead students with an unwavering devotion and an understanding of her role in their development.

Should anyone doubt the influence of a coach who sees her role extending beyond the playing field, one need only ask Folliard's former players.

"Julie Folliard isn't just the most amazing & talented softball coach I have ever had, she was a very important mentor in my life throughout high school and college," said Lindsey LaChiana, an accountant studying to pass her CPA exam.

During and after LaChiana's high school playing days, Folliard worked as a mentor and friend.

"Ms. Folliard was there for me through my switch in colleges and when my father was very sick until he passed away. I do not know what I would have done without Ms. Folliard helping me through my father's sickness and also keeping up with softball and my school work. Any girl that gets to play for Julie Folliard should feel extremely lucky because there are not many coaches out there that really know the game of softball as well as her and care about her girls on and off the field," LaChiana said.

Megan Witt, who teaches social studies at Richards, recalled the dual roles that Folliard played and, in doing so, gave perhaps the ultimate compliment to a former coach: She learned to compete and think not just for herself.

"The thing I remember the most about playing for Julie is not wanting to disappoint her. I remember feeling that. And it was not only on the field, but our off the field actions, too. You could get in trouble with your parents, but you would never want to get in trouble with her. I think she had that influence on a lot of players. She also coaches with a lot of passion. I think is such a testament that so many of her former players coach or have coached," said Witt, who teaches social studies at Richards.

Lisa Hughes Krueger today works as the sales manager for The Clubhouse, a restaurant in Oak Brook. Like athletics, excelling in sales requires a competitive spirit.

"I feel very fortunate to have been coached by Ms. Folliard. She is a master motivator and role model to the young women she coaches," Hughes Krueger said.

"Very dedicated to the players & parents, Folliard's intensity and passion for the game is contagious. She teaches you to handle success like you handle failure. Folliard constantly challenges the players to meet their potential as an athlete and as a student. I am able to fondly reflect on my days in high school, due in large part to the memories that were created playing softball for Richards," she said.

Carole Gorecki, who will graduate from Loyola University medical school in June & soon begin her residency, echoed many of the same thoughts as her fellow alumni.

"Julie Folliard has been one of the most influential people in my life, both on and off the field. She has been a mentor to me and has taught me so much about respect, teamwork and dedication," Gorecki said.

"As a coach, one of the first lessons Julie taught us was how to have respect for our coaches, teammates, and opponents. We learned how to give and take constructive criticism. She demanded that every member of the team abide by the same standards regardless of their talent level. In addition, she led by example by showing every one of us the same respect she expected us to show for her. We were expected to always support our teammates and only give positive reinforcement, and she was consistent in disciplining anyone who did not follow the rules. It was clear that Coach Folliard put 100% effort into everything she did, and she expected nothing less from us. She told us that 'It was a waste of time to do something, if you don't try your hardest & give it 110%,'" Gorecki added.

Like Witt, Hughes Krueger and LaChiana, Gorecki today still feels her coach's influence.

"Coach Folliard has taught me how important it is to enjoy life and get the most you can out of it. I remember when speaking with Julie while in college, she inquired as to whether I had chosen a profession yet and I told her I was concerned about all the time, money, and work required in pursuing a career as a physician.

"She told me to remember that 'if you do something you love for a living, you will never work a day in your life; and that anything worth having is worth working for.' I remember these words every time I have to make a decision concerning my career choice or when this career choice becomes overly stressful or frustrating, and it comforts me and gives me perspective," Gorecki said.

Adding the time when she played, Folliard now has worn the black and gold Bulldog uniform for nearly a quarter-century -- long enough to become a leader who molds high school girls into young women who graduate with the confidence and attitude to find success.

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Veterans And Soldiers News

By Lori Taylor Ph: 708.388.2425

The Chicago South Elks Lodge #1596 in conjunction with Little League Baseball Illinois District 8, will be sponsoring a Baseball Drive for the men and women stationed in Iraq.

Our troops in Iraq play baseball and softball on their off time. The Elks will be collecting new or gently used baseballs, softballs, gloves, bats and bases. They are also collecting cash donations to help defray the cost of postage. They will also accept any type of beef jerky, gum and hard candies or anything that does not melt for the troops. The Elks said, "We need your help! To sum it up, our troops need us as much as we need them!"

The Elks Lodge is located at 4428 Midlothian Tumpike in Crestwood. For more information, call them at (708) 597-7465.

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Governor Blagojevich Administration officials broke ground in 2006 on a building that will house a pilot program to help provide housing and supportive services for 15 disabled, homeless Illinois veterans at the Illinois Veterans Home in Manteno. The pilot program will serve as a national model for how to overcome challenges in providing permanent housing for homeless and disabled veterans, including veterans suffering from Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), and will help Illinois lead the nation in preparing for the likely increase in mental health problems among veterans returning from Iraq and Afghanistan.

Among the other bills the Governor signed into law is the Illinois Military Families Relief Fund Act, which established a trust fund allowing the families of Guard members and reservists to receive emergency financial grants and general financial support, helping make up the decline in household income that occurs when a wage earner is called up to service. Since August of 2003, the Fund has paid out over $5.2 million to nearly 10,000 families, and 25 other states have molded similar programs after Illinois.

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Four families of soldiers killed in the war on terror will be paid the $277,000 owed them. The money will be paid immediately from a fund for slain service members. Another 18 families will be given $50,000 to tide them over until more can be appropriated, it was announced at a news conference on Sunday, April 1st, which was attended by Lt. Governor Pat Quinn and Tammy Duckworth, Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs Director. Duckworth lost both of her legs in an attack on her helicopter in Iraq in 2004.

They have been waiting since 2005 for their payments, said Duckworth. The remaining families will be paid the initial $50,000 with money borrowed from the Veterans Care health insurance program, which will be repaid from future appropriations, she said.

According to Quinn and Duckworth, Governor Blagojevich will ask the legislature for $6.2 million in supplemental funding this month to pay the rest of the money to the 18 waiting families.

Illinois legislators passed a law in 2004 extending the "line of duty" benefits paid to the families of fallen firefighters and police officers to include the families of Illinois military personnel.

Retroactive to Sept. 11, 2001, about $27 million has been paid to 102 military families so far, said Duckworth. According to Quinn, Illinois is a leader in paying such benefits.

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On April 11th, Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago began its 90th anniversary year with the dedication of its St. Leo Campus for Veterans, which will serve Illinois veterans through a residence, clinic, and housing for persons with disabilities and job training.

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On March 21st, Tammy Duckworth toured the Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans, 119 N. West St. in Wheaton. The shelter is a not-for-profit transitional living facility that provides assistance to U.S. veterans for the opportunity to return to useful and productive lives by providing them with the skills for independent living.

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Army Pvt. Courtney M. Crawford graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, South Carolina. She is the daughter of Kevin Crawford of Berwyn and Paulette Crawford of Naperville. Crawford is a 2006 graduate of Naperville North High School.

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Quote from an unknown person: "Talk is cheap because supply exceeds demand."

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Good-bye until next week. God bless you and your family and God bless America.

End Mortgage Rescue Scheme

Continuing her aggressive fight against mortgage fraud, Attorney General Lisa Madigan recently filed a lawsuit in Cook County Circuit Court against multiple businesses and individuals who operate a mortgage rescue scheme that targeted Illinois homeowners facing mortgage foreclosure.

The suit, filed against Eyes Have Not Seen, Inc. (EHNS), its president Charles T. White Jr., Debra Gray and Darius K. Monroe as agents of EHNS, Mutual Trust Funding, formerly known as Greater Investment Solutions, Inc., and Creative Financial Solutions, alleges that the defendants violated the Illinois Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Practices Act and the Credit Services Organization Act, by misleading homeowners into participating in transactions that the defendants falsely promoted would save the homes from foreclosure.

The suit alleges that EHNS and White, operating at 800 S. Wells St. in Chicago, preyed on homeowners in financial distress and on the verge of foreclosure by convincing them to put their homes in someone else's name and obtain a new mortgage.

According to the complaint, EHNS and White approach homeowners who are struggling to pay their monthly mortgage payments and tell the homeowners that if they put their home in someone else's name for a certain period of time, the homeowners will not have to pay the monthly mortgage payments and can use that time period to restore their financial health and rebuild their credit record. EHNS and White encourage the homeowners to put the home in the name of either a relative who has a good credit history or a third party recommended by EHNS and White. This "investor" becomes the mortgagor on a new mortgage taken out on the home.

EHNS and White represent to both the homeowners and investors that EHNS will pay the monthly mortgage payments on the new mortgage for a period of time. Based on these representations from EHNS and White, homeowners agree to take out new mortgages on their homes that are far larger than the existing mortgage.

Madigan's lawsuit asks the court to enter a permanent injunction order, prohibiting the defendants from engaging in the mortgage brokering and mortgage foreclosure rescue businesses in Illinois. The suit also asks the court to order the defendants to make full restitution to homeowners and to pay civil penalties of $50,000 for each violation of the Illinois Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Business Practices Act and the Credit Services Organization Act, and civil penalties of $10,000 per violation committed against a person 65 or older.

Librarians To March And Rally In Springfield

Secretary of State and State Librarian Jesse White announced that his office will be hosting Illinois Library Day on Thursday, April 19th at which hundreds of Illinois librarians, staff, trustees, library users and supporters will gather in Springfield to meet with legislators and generate support for libraries.

The annual event is designed to remind legislators and citizens of the important role that public, school, academic and special libraries play in Illinois. The highlight of the day is a march from the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum to the State Capitol, where a large and enthusiastic rally is planned.

The public is welcome to march and rally with the library community. Supporters will gather at the Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum at the corner of Sixth and Jefferson Streets in downtown Springfield at 11:15 a.m. The march will begin at 11:30 and the rally will be held at noon at the Lincoln statue on the east side of the Capitol Building at Second and Capitol Streets. In the event of inclement weather, the rally will move to the first floor rotunda of the Capitol Building.

Other events scheduled to take place include a strategy session and dinner the night before the event and a breakfast for lawmakers on April 19th at the Illinois State Library. Box lunches will also be available at the State Library following the rally. Information about cost and registration for these events can be found at www.ila.org/events/reg_ild.htm. For the latest information about Library Day, log on to www.illinoislibraryday.info.

Accounting, Insurance & Taxes

Learn to protect yourself and your business from potential damage and lawsuits. Attend a half-day workshop on Tuesday, April 24th from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. offered by SCORE, Counselors to America's Small Business. Learn the basics of record keeping, federal, state and local taxes. The workshop is one required for a SCORE Workshop Completion Certificate, helpful when seeking a loan. Attendees should be in business or planning to start a business.

Register and pay $35 on line at www.scorechicago.org or pay $45 for same day walk-in registration at the door. Space is limited.

SCORE, a resource partner of the U.S. Small Business Administration, is located in the Citicorp Center, Suite 1250, at 500 W. Madison St. in downtown Chicago.

For more information call (312) 353-7724 or visit the website.

Common Ground Meeting

When and how religion became the most terrifying face of our age is one of the posers to be addressed at the Common Ground lecture at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, April 18th in the Flossmoor Village Hall, 2800 Flossmoor Road.

Following from the lecture title Religion, Violence and God, Jim Kenney, Common Ground Executive Director and leader of the evening's lecture/discussion, asks: "When in the modern period did violence and religion become so intertwined in the minds of so many thoughtful people, and why, in the enlightened 20th century, was God's name taken so often in vain?"

The April lecture is one of a series of presentations inspired by articles appearing in the publication Inter religious Insight. (See www.interreligiousinsight.org.)

Best Practices Awards

Attorney General Lisa Madigan has opened nominations for the 4th Annual Recreation Access Best Practices Awards, designed to recognize organizations, businesses, individuals and government agencies that have created recreational opportunities for Illinois residents with disabilities.

These awards are given as part of Recreation Access Illinois (RAI), Attorney General Madigan's ongoing, statewide effort to promote recreational opportunities for people with disabilities. The awards are intended to recognize outstanding efforts made by public and private organizations that provide recreation programs and events for Illinois' residents with disabilities.

Public and private organizations, individuals, businesses and government agencies may qualify for the Recreation Access Best Practices Awards. Applicants are asked to submit details of activities, programs, facility upgrades, events and other initiatives that illustrate unique and effective approaches to accessibility in recreation. Eight Best Practices Awards will be available.

A panel appointed by the Illinois Association of Park Districts (IAPD) will review all entries and make recommendations for awards. Madigan will chair the panel, which will include a representative of a park district, a special recreation association, a not-for-profit agency, a for-profit firm and two persons with disabilities.

"The Recreation Access Best Practices Awards program has two goals," Madigan said. "We want to recognize the work of those who promote good health and fitness in the disability community. And by doing so, we hope to encourage others to follow their lead and increase the availability of accessible recreation facilities and inclusive programs."

Recreation Access Best Practices Awards nominations must be received by April 5th. For qualifications and nomination forms call the Northwest Special Recreation Association at 1-847-392-2848 (Voice and TTY) or visit the Attorney General's website at www.illinoisattorneygeneral.gov/rights/disabilityrights.html.

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Steer Your Car In The Right Direction

Most Americans will pay big bucks at the pump this summer, which is why is more important than ever to save on your car maintenance costs. Now is a perfect time to learn new ways to keep your car in better shape, longer and save. The American Society of Appraisers highlights the top 10 steps consumers can take to help enhance the value of their car.

"Cars are usually the second largest purchase for most people, right after their house," said Dave Kinney, accredited senior appraiser with the American Society of Appraisers (ASA). "It makes sense to take care of your automobile, not only for sustaining its worth, but for safety purposes as well."

The American Society of Appraisers and expert automobile appraiser Dave Kinney offer the following tips to consumers.

1. Keep it clean. Aside from car wash operators, no one likes dirty cars. By keeping your car clean, not only will you feel better about the car, but you will likely reap the rewards at trade in time or when you sell it. Have your car professionally detailed before you attempt to sell it.

2. Maintain your car according to the manufacturer's specifications. Find the specifications in the owner's guide (that book in your glove box you have ignored since the day you bought it). The quickie oil change shop might try to beat the "change your oil every three thousand miles" mantra into your head, but most manufacturers don't require oil changes until 7,500 miles or more. Don't spend money where it's not needed, and you can help the environment, as well.

3. Go synthetic. When you do get that oil change, consider one of the well-known synthetic oils on the market. They are more expensive, but they also have a longer service life. Synthetic oil is made from regular oil, but it is made so that all the molecules are the same size, increasing flow and decreasing wear. Your engine could last longer and operate at cooler temperatures.

4. Fix what breaks. Today's cars are much more complicated than cars from 10 years ago. A little problem can become a big problem if ignored. Turning up the radio to avoid hearing a noise is not a good plan – get it fixed.

5. Fix those paint chips. Little paint chips have a way of growing into big paint chips; fix them before they grow. Your local auto parts store will likely have a paint touch-up display offering a variety of popular (and some unpopular) colors that match your paint. If they don't, your dealer will.

6. Wax on, wax off. Find a high quality paste wax and spend the afternoon getting to know the nooks and crannies of your car. It's not bad exercise, and you get to work on your tan at the same time. Wax your car once a year at a minimum and repeat often.

7. Get an annual physical. It's good advice for both you and your car. Most states require an annual inspection for all vehicles. Any dealer would be happy to do a 25,000 mile or more point check-up. This is the time to look at tires, belts, hoses, brakes and every other system subject to wear.

8. Park and walk. Don't grab the first space closest to the door of the mall. Instead, park in a less used area and walk the short distance. What's the benefit? You get a little more exercise, and your car avoids the chance for a few dings and being a target for the "park-by-touch" crowd.

9. Don't be cheap. Use parts that are approved by the manufacturer or come from a source you trust. Aftermarket parts can be as good, or better, than original equipment, but unless you get them from a trusted source, be wary. Develop a relationship with the shop that repairs your car. Don't cut corners on safety.

10. Keep your records. You can toss the old candy wrappers in the backseat, but don't toss the paperwork that a potential buyer wants to see. Instead, keep a simple file of all of your bills, receipts, recall notices, e-mails and letters about your vehicle. Future buyers will thank you.

To learn more about caring for your valuables or to find an appraiser near you, log on to www.appraisers.org.

The American Society of Appraisers is an international organization of appraisal professionals and others dedicated to the education, development and growth of the appraisal profession. ASA is the oldest and only major organization representing all disciplines of appraisal specialists, originating in 1936 and incorporating in 1952. ASA's headquarters is in the metropolitan Washington, D.C., area. To find an accredited appraiser near you, visit www.appraisers.org or call (800) 272-8258.

Local Leaders Line Up Against AT & T's Favored Bill

With members of the Illinois General Assembly preparing to spend two weeks away from Springfield, chances are increasing that they will encounter constituents and local leaders in their home districts who are concerned about AT&T's legislative attempt to circumvent current rules that ensure local input in cable franchising agreements.

The list of local leaders lining up against HB 1500, the legislation now being aggressively promoted by AT&T, grew dramatically in recent days when the members of the West Central Municipal Conference formally voiced their opposition to the bill. The Conference represents more than three dozen municipalities and other public entities in the Chicago-area.

"As the decision of the West Central Municipal Conference clearly shows, the more we are able to educate local leaders about the impact of this bill on their communities—the more they find fault with it," said Gary Mack, spokesman for the Cable Television and Communications Association of Illinois.

Local leaders around the state support the current local agreements which ensure that cable providers are held accountable for achieving minimum quality standards and for providing service equitably throughout a community.

"Local leaders are simply not willing to forgo their communities' role in ensuring quality and affordable cable service for their constituents, and they certainly are not in a position to sacrifice a key source of funds on which their constituents depend," Mack said.

Many municipal leaders are also growing concerned about the bold eminent domain powers that HB 1500 would grant to AT&T. Under the terms of the bill, the company could claim ownership over local areas in order to make drastic infrastructure changes it says are necessary—and the bill could even force individual owners to grant the company access to their privately-held properties.

"As lawmakers spend the next two weeks in their home districts, we encourage them to ask local elected officials in their communities-- and more important, their constituents--whether they favor any bill that means fewer local funds, less local input, lower customer-service standards and a loss of control over both publicly- and privately-owned property," said Mack.

"We think that lawmakers would find that the people of Illinois are unwilling to make such sacrifices in the name of assisting one large and very profitable company," he said.

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General Fund Deficit Lower

State Comptroller Daniel W. Hynes released the Illinois Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2006. The report, which is based on generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP), shows that the state's General Fund deficit stood at $2.328 billion, a $736 million improvement from the previous year that ended with a deficit of $3.064 billion.

Hynes cautioned however that the improvement, while welcome, does not significantly alter the state's overall fiscal health which is negatively impacted by the state's accrued Medicaid liabilities, long-term pension obligations and cash flow difficulties. He said that the state's backing of unpaid bills currently exceeds $2 billion while the Budget Stabilization Fund or "Rainy Day" fund of only $276 million is depleted every year.

Significantly, the state's General Fund accrued liabilities, defined as bills from the fiscal year allowed to be paid from a future year's appropriations, did improve in FY 2006. Most notable was that deferrals allowed under Section 25 of the State Finance Act and associated primarily with Medicaid expenditures decreased from $2.949 billion to $2.385 billion.

Hynes, a long time critic of the use of Section 25 payments, said such expenditures allow the budget to appear artificially balanced while the state indefinitely delays hundreds of millions of dollars in payments to health care providers. Consequently, the financial stability of these providers, and of the entire Illinois health care infrastructure, is thus severely weakened.

Recognizing that the nature of Medicaid bills must allow for a longer adjudication period than most other types of state obligations, Hynes' proposal, as embodied in HB 3397 sponsored by Rep. William "Will" Davis of Homewood and Rep. David Miller of Calumet City, would extend the end of the fiscal year for Medicaid expenditures, or what is commonly known as the lapse period, until October 31st of each year. Currently the lapse period for all other state expenditures incurred on or before June 30th ends on Aug. 31st, while Medicaid costs incurred on or before June 30th can be paid without any calendar restriction. While the lapse period for all other bills would remain the same as current law, the establishment of a later but final date for Medicaid bills would not only impose greater discipline on state finances but would ultimately provide for timelier payments to the state's health care providers.

"This is not just about honest budgeting and more accurate financial statements that impact the state's bond rating and credit worthiness," Hynes said. "It also is about keeping faith with and sustaining thousands of health care providers on whom we have imposed this huge burden of deferred costs and what amounts to deficit financing for state government."

The report also noted that the Net Assets of Governmental Activities (defined as the amount the State has left to fund the traditional services of government after assets are used to pay liabilities) stated a deficit of $18.329 billion as of June 30, 2006, a $769.1 million increase from the June 30, 2005 deficit of $17.560 billion. A primary component of this deficit consists of Net Pension Obligations which grew from $12.,036 billion at the end of FY 2005 to $14.499 billion as of June 30, 2006, an increase of $2.463 billion and coinciding with the state's partial suspension (also in effect this year) of mandated pension contributions in FY 2006. Pension obligations have grown by $4.161 billion during the past two years.

Make Your Mark Against MS

Tax season is here and once again Illinoisans have the opportunity to make a difference in the fight against MS by participating in the Illinois Income Tax Check Off program. Money donated via the Income Tax Check Off goes to support 19 charitable funds in Illinois, including the Multiple Sclerosis Direct Assistance Fund.

It costs an estimated $50,000 each year to pay for the costly medications, medical equipment, therapy and other expenses associated with treating MS, a chronic, often disabling disease of the central nervous system. That cost can prove devastating even for the most financially able families.

Recent research conducted by Harvard University found that more than 20% of people living with MS reported spending less on food, utilities and other basic necessities in order to meet health care costs. Even more disturbing, 22% reported skipping doses or not taking their MS medications as prescribed. And at the National MS Society, Greater Illinois Chapter, we hear almost daily from people who are unable to pay for the accessibility modifications, counseling services, in-home care and other services that, for many, become necessary because of the disease. Nobody should be put in the unfair position of having to choose between taking care of their health and taking care of the basic needs of their families.

Since it was first included in the Check Off program five years ago, the MS Direct Assistance Fund has been a lifeline for people who needed assistance paying the burdensome costs of the non-medicinal needs that accompany living with MS. The fund provides money for items such as scooters, wheelchairs, home or auto modifications, counseling, physical therapy, respite care, emergency financial assistance and more that help people living with MS remain active and independent. The money also helps people with MS get transportation to medical appointments and support groups.

MS stops people from moving forward with their lives – physically, cognitively and, all too often, financially. The National MS Society exists to make sure this doesn't happen. Until a cure for MS is found, there will continue to be a demand for the vital programs and services offered by the Direct Assistance Fund. On behalf of the 20,000 people in Illinois who are living with this terrible disease, we ask you to donate to the Multiple Sclerosis Direct Assistance Fund when you file your 2006 taxes. Make your mark against MS at Section 10, Line F, and help create a world free of MS.

This Garden Season, Look To Containers

Although the practice has been around for thousands of years, a swiftly growing trend in gardening is container gardening. "You can arrange the containers for a party on your patio and then move them to other places in your yard," explains Felder Rushing, one of many gardening experts on Learn2Grow (www.Learn2Grow.com), an exciting new gardening Web site. Rushing narrates a course on the site on container gardening. "You can also change the plants around in the containers," Rushing continues. Here are some tips for successful container gardening:

Compatibility is important. Select the plants to go into each container carefully. . Plants need similar shade and watering requirements. "Putting plants together in a container is like seating guests together at a dinner party," says Rushing.

Monitor watering. Plants in containers require more water than those grown in the ground. Also, the type of containers you choose will impact the watering requirements. Clay pots are porous and dry out faster than plastic pots. The smaller the container, the more often you will need to water it.

Consider weight. That one-pound pot may weigh more than 12 pounds once you get soil and plant material in it. If you want to be able to move your containers around, make sure they're not too heavy.

Consider conditions. In cold climates, containers will be the first to freeze and in warm climates, they'll hold in heat. Move plants out of hot baking sun in warmer areas and protect them by placing them in a garage or shed in freezing temperatures.

Consider types. Decide in advance what you'd like to grow in your containers. You can choose between herbs and vegetables; colorful flowers; tropical foliage; or perennials.

For more information on how to make beautiful container gardens, visit www.learn2grow.com. A free course on container gardens is available online through March 31st. Learn2Grow's unique online courses cover a broad range of specialty topics as well as garden basics. They are the product of content written by Learn2Grow experts and reviewed by Michigan State University (MSU) experts.

In addition, Learn2Grow contains hundreds of free garden guides, problem solvers, inspirations, articles and projects - about all aspects of gardening. The site's special feature allows people to receive personalized gardening information based on their interests and region. The personalized My Learn2Grow page gives members an interactive garden journal where they can post pictures of their garden, bookmark articles tailored to their region, and record plant information. Forums on multiple topics round out the social aspect of the site.

Log on to www.Learn2Grow.com to learn more about container gardens and see all of the courses, read original content, create your own personal My Learn2Grow page and Garden Journal, find out what people are talking about in the forums, and much more.

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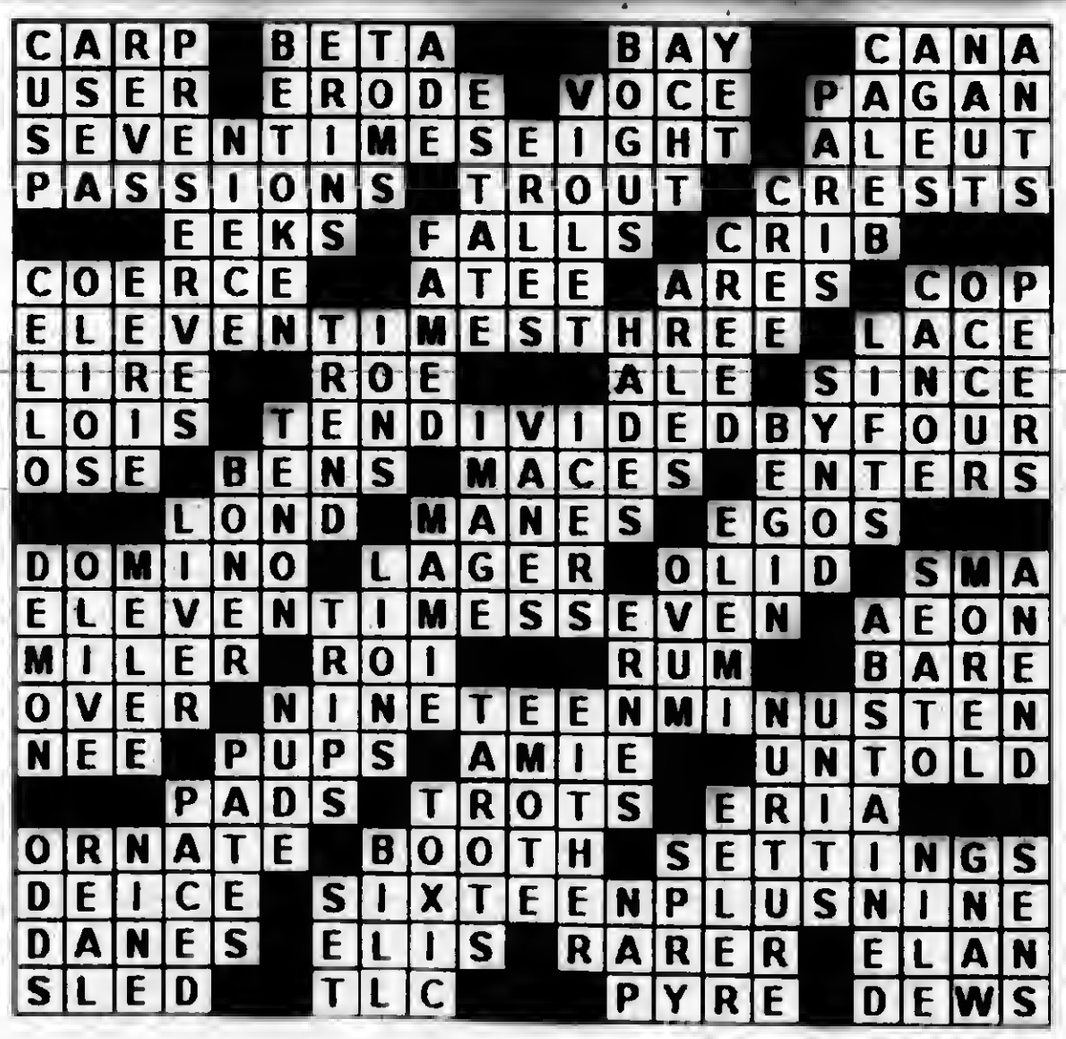

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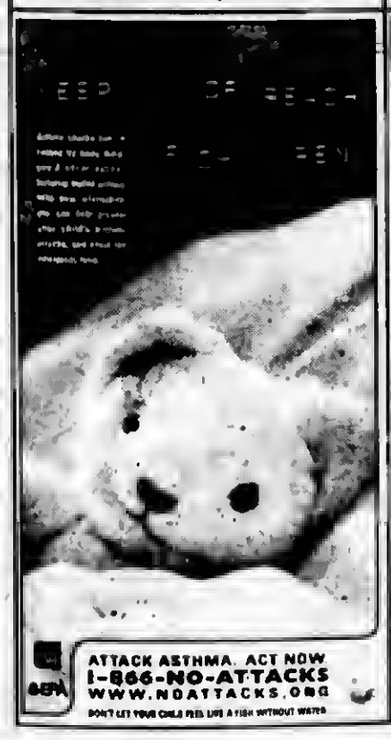

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION BANK OF NEW YORK AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATE HOLDERS OF CWABS 2004-05, Plaintiff V. JOANNE L. WILLIAMS, Defendent 06 CH 20051 NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE Fisher and Shapiro file # 06-8697D (It is advised that interested parties consult with their own attorneys before bidding at mortgage foreclosure sales.)
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered on January 18, 2007, Kallen Realty Services, Inc., successor to Kallen Financial & Capital Services, Inc., as Selling Official will at 12:30 p.m. on May 4, 2007, at 205 W. Randolph Street, Suite 1200, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real property: COMMONLY KNOWN AS 2816 WEST 84TH PLACE, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60652. 19-36-318-036 The mortgaged real estate is improved with a dwelling. The property will NOT be open for inspection. The judgment amount was $161,262.54. Sale terms: 10% of successful bid immediately at conclusion of auction, balance by noon the next business day, both by cashier's checks; and no refunds. The sale shall be subject to general real estate taxes, special taxes, special assessments, special taxes levied, and superior liens, if any. The property is offered "as is," with no express or implied warranties and without any representation as to the quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to review the court file to verify all information.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC Plaintiff, vs RICHARD W. MUHNE A/K/A RICHARD MUHNE; KATHLEEN T. MUHNE A/K/A KATHLEEN MUHNE; BANK ONE, N.A. AS SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF CHICAGO; STATE OF ILLINOIS Defendants, 04 CH 7662 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on July 29, 2004 Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, April 30, 2007 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate: P.I.N. 24-16-217-019. Commonly known as 10328 South 51st Court, Oak Lawn, IL 60453.
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The judgment amount was $85,477.58. Sale terms: 10% of successful bid immediately at conclusion of auction, balance by noon the next business day, both by cashier's checks; and no refunds. The sale shall be subject to general real estate taxes, special taxes, special assessments, special taxes levied, and superior liens, if any. The property is offered "as is," with no express or implied warranties and without any representation as to the quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to review the court file to verify all information.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION WELLS FARGO BANK, NA AS TRUSTEE FOR FIRST FRANKLIN MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2002-FF4 BY: SAXON MORTGAGE SERVICES, INC., AS ITS ATTORNEY-IN-FACT; Plaintiff, vs. CLEVELAND GIBSON; FIRST FRANKLIN FINANCIAL CORPORATION, UNDER MORTGAGE RECORDED AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 0030002738. Defendants, 04 CH 12792 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on January 31, 2007, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Wednesday, May 2, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 3604 W. 82nd St., Chicago, IL 60652. P.I.N. 19-35-120-047.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATE HOLDERS OF CWABS SERIES 2004-SD2, Plaintiff V JAMES J. HOLUB A/K/A JAMES JOSEPH HOLUB, Defendant 06 CH 20547 NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE Fisher and Shapiro file #06-3903D (It is advised that interested parties consult with their own attorneys before bidding at mortgage foreclosure sales.)
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The judgment amount was $139,992.09. Sale terms: 10% of successful bid immediately at conclusion of auction, balance by noon the next business day, both by cashier's checks; and no refunds. The sale shall be subject to general real estate taxes, special taxes, special assessments, special taxes levied, and superior liens, if any. The property is offered "as is," with no express or implied warranties and without any representation as to the quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to review the court file to verify all information.
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PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on December 18, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on April 26, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 2743 WEST 85TH STREET, Chicago, IL 60652 Property Index No. 19-36-412-005-0000 - The real estate is improved with a 1 story single family home white brick w/attached garage.
The judgment amount was $243,572.24. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 785 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. For information: Visit our website at http:\\service.atty-pierce.com, between the hours of 3 and 5 pm. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602. Tel No. (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number PA0609783. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE I29996

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION US BANK NA Plaintiff, -v.- CHRISTOPHER SARLI, et al Defendant 06 CH 19716 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on December 5, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on May 1, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 4610 WEST 97TH PLACE, Oak Lawn, IL 60453 Property Index No. 24-10-125-010-0000 The real estate is improved with a brick 2 story house with a 1 car detached garage.
The judgment amount was $83,811.37. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act. 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale
The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. For information: Visit our website at http:\\service.atty-pierce.com, between the hours of 3 and 5 pm. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602, Tel No. (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number PA0610451. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE I30493

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR CITIGROUP MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST, SERIES 2004-OPT1, ASSET BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES Plaintiff, -v.- WILFRED REYES, et al Defendant 06 CH 19830 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on November 14, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on May 1, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 8753 SOUTH 82ND AVENUE, Hickory Hills, IL 60457 Property Index No. 23-02-204-015-0000 The real estate is improved with a brown brick single family 2 stories w/attached 2 car garage.
The judgment amount was $181,037.93. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction, the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act. 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information: Visit our website at http:\\service.atty-pierce.com, between the hours of 3 and 5 pm. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602. Tel No. (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number PA0611145. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE I30517

REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE CERTIFICATE HOLDERS OF ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 2004-WCW1, Plaintiff V. MICHAEL W. TIPTON A/K/A MICHAEL TIPTON; ARGENT MORTGAGE COMPANY, LLC; CHRISTIAN A. YNOA; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants 05 CH 19132 NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE Fisher and Shapiro file # 05-1690D (It is advised that interested parties consult with their own attorneys before bidding at mortgage foreclosure sales.)
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered on May 23, 2006, Kallen Realty Services, Inc. as Selling Official will at 12:30 p.m. on April 27, 2007, at 205 W. Randolph Street, Suite 1200, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real property: COMMONLY KNOWN AS 13544 LONG AVENUE, CRESTWOOD, ILLINOIS 60445. TAX ID# 28-04-107-005 The mortgaged real estate is improved with a dwelling. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
The judgment amount was $178,687.68. Sale terms: 10% of successful bid immediately at conclusion of auction, balance by noon the next business day, both by cashier's checks; and no refunds. The sale shall be subject to general real estate taxes, special taxes, special assessments, special taxes levied, and superior liens, if any. The property is offered "as is," with no express or implied warranties and without any representation as to the quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to review the court file to verify all information.
For information: Sale Clerk, Fisher and Shapiro, 4201 Lake Cook Rd., 1st floor, Northbrook, Illinois 60062, (847) 498-9990, between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. weekdays only. I30247

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A. SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO BANK ONE, N.A. Plaintiff, -v.- EDWARD F. WILKINSON A/K/A EDWARD WILKINSON, et al Defendant 06 CH 17253 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 8, 2007, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on May 10, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 3731 W. 79TH PLACE, Chicago, IL 60652 Property Index No. 19-35-103-073 The real estate is improved with a single family residence.
The judgment amount was $183,638.37. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court
If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act. 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department.. Please refer to file number 14-06-8597. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I32587

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., Plaintiff V. TINA WRIGHT; CRESTLINE ARMS CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC, INC., ACTING SOLELY AS A NOMINEE FOR FREMONT INVESTMENT & LOAN; NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS: TINA WRIGHT: CRESTLINE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; UNKNOWN OWNERS, Defendants 04 CH 18760 NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE-CONDOMINIUM Fisher and Shapiro file #62161 (It is advised that interested parties consult with their own attorneys before bidding at mortgage foreclosure sales.)
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered on August 7, 2006, Kallen Realty Services, Inc., successor to Kallen Financial & Capital Services, Inc. as Selling Official will at 12:30 p.m. on April 30, 2007, at 205 W. Randolph Street, Suite 1200, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real property: C/K/A 4124 WEST 98TH STREET #208, OAK LAWN, IL 60453 24-10-225-036-1130 & 24-10-225-036-1258
The mortgaged real estate is improved with a dwelling. The property will NOT be open for inspection. The purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4) The judgment amount was $101,462.11. Sale terms. 10% of successful bid immediately at conclusion of auction, balance by noon the next business day, both by cashier's checks; and no refunds. The sale shall be subject to general real estate taxes, special taxes, special assessments, special taxes levied, and superior liens, if any. The property is offered "as is," with no express or implied warranties and without any representation as to the quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to review the court file to verify all information. For information: Sale Clerk, Fisher and Shapiro, 4201 Lake Cook Rd., 1st floor, Northbrook, Illinois 60062, (847) 498-9990, between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. weekdays only. I31808

REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC AS NOMINEE FOR RESIDENTIAL LOAN CENTERS OF AMERICA AND/OR ITS SUCCESSORS Plaintiff, -v.- WILLIAM J GRAAL, et al Defendant 06 CH 1662 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 11, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on April 23, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 8436 S. AVERS AVENUE, Evergreen Park, IL 60805 Property Index No. 24-02-323-039 The real estate is improved with a single family residence.
The judgment amount was $153,708.30. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 785 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department.. Please refer to file number 14-06-874 THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I30788

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION THE BANK OF NEW YORK, ACTING SOLELY IN ITS CAPACITY AS TRUSTEE FOR EQCC TRUST 2001-2, Plaintiff V. FRANK A. DANKERT; MONA DANKERT; FIRST FRANKLIN FINANCIAL CORP. Defendants 04 CH 10333 NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE Fisher and Shapiro file #60740 (It is advised that interested parties consult with their own attorneys before bidding at mortgage foreclosure sales.)
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered on February 7, 2007, Kallen Realty Services, Inc., successor to Kallen Financial & Capital Services, Inc. as Selling Official will at 12:30 p.m. on May 9, 2007, at 205 W Randolph Street, Suite 1200, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real property: C/K/A 7801 SOUTH MAJOR AVE, BURBANK, IL 60459 TAX ID# 19-29-415-041 The mortgaged real estate is improved with a dwelling. The property will NOT be open for inspection
The judgment amount was $151,900.78 Sale terms: 10% of successful bid immediately at conclusion of auction, balance by noon the next business day, both by cashier's checks, and no refunds. The sale shall be subject to general real estate taxes, special taxes, special assessments, special taxes levied, and superior liens, if any. The property is offered "as is," with no express or implied warranties and without any representation as to the quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff Prospective bidders are admonished to review the court file to verify all information.
For information: Sale Clerk, Fisher and Shapiro, 4201 Lake Cook Rd., 1st floor, Northbrook, Illinois 60062, (847) 498-9990, between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. weekdays only. I27255

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR ST. FRANCIS MORTGAGE CORPORATION, OR IT'S SUCCESSORS OR ASSIGNS Plaintiff, vs. WILLIAM O WALKER JR, A/K/A WILLIAM S. YATES, SUNSARAY THOMAS A/K/A SUNSARAY L. THOMAS; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF WILLIAM O. WALKER JR., IF ANY, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF SUNSARAY THOMAS, IF ANY; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants, 05 CH 5786 NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on 1/29/2007, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, May 1, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property: P.I.N. 24-12-311-032. Commonly known as 2930 West 102nd Street, Evergreen Park, IL 60805 The improvement on the property consists of a 2 story, single family residence with a 2 car garage. Sale terms: 25% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.
For Information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602. Tel.No. (312) 476-5500. Refer to File Number 0502714. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I30624

REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, Plaintiff, vs. MIKE NGUYEN, PHAL ENG, MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR PEOPLE'S CHOICE HOME LOAN, INC.; Defendants, 06 CH 14905 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on November 2, 2006 Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, May 8, 2007 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 3857 W. 84th Street, Chicago, IL 60652. P.I.N. 19-35-311-035. The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection
For Information call William E. Dutton, Jr./Barbara J. Dutton at Plaintiff's Attorney, DUTTON & DUTTON, P.C., 10325 West Lincoln Highway, Frankfort, Illinois 60423, (815) 806-8200. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I31428

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. SUCCESSOR BY MERGER WITH WELLS FARGO HOME MORTGAGE INC. AS SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO NORWEST MORTGAGE, INC. Plaintiff, vs MATTHEW J. LEWIS; ET AL., Defendants, 06 CH 20819 NOTICE OF SALE.
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on January 2, 2007, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Friday, May 11, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 10133 South Buell Court, Oak Lawn, IL 60453. P.I.N. 24-09-319-009. The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
For information call Ms. Diane Thomas at Plaintiff's Attorney, Freedman Anselmo Lindberg & Rappe, LLC, 1807 West Diehl Road, Naperville, Illinois 60563-1890. (877) 729-6734. W0609094 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer. (312) 444-1122 I31524

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY AS TRUSTEE FOR MORGAN STANLEY LOAN TRUST 2006- HE4; Plaintiff, vs. MARY ELLEN M. GRIFFIN; ET AL.; Defendants, 06 CH 20709 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on November 30, 2006 Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, May 8, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash the following described mortgaged real estate Commonly known as 5824 Orange Lane Oak Forest, IL 60452 P.I.N 28-17-228-007 The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence Sale terms Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours by similar funds. The property will NOT be open for inspection
For information call Ms Diane Thomas at Plaintiff's Attorney Freedman Anselmo Lindberg & Rappe LLC, 1807 West Diehl Road Naperville Illinois 60563-1890 (877) 729-6734. W0608133 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer. (312) 444-1122 I31462

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION Plaintiff, -v.- IRIS MELENDEZ A/K/A IRIS IVETTE MELENDEZ, et al Defendant 06 CH 18986 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 10, 2007, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on May 8, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 10857 S. COOK AVENUE, Oak Lawn, IL 60453 Property Index No. 24-16-310-032 The real estate is improved with a single family residence
The judgment amount was $439,760.74 Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court
If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information
For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department.. Please refer to file number 14-06-B103. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I32094

REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION WMC MORTGAGE CORPORATION, AS OWNER AND HOLDER OF THE MORTGAGE LOANS Plaintiff, -v.- YUSUF AHMAD, et al Defendants 06 CH 21182 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on December 13, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on May 1, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 3544 W. 76TH STREET, Chicago, IL 60652 Property Index No. 19-26-401-043 The real estate is improved with a single family residence.
The judgment amount was $228,850.03. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act. 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4)
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information
For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department. Please refer to file number 14-06-C523 THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE, IL 60527 (630) 794-9876 Attorney File No. 14-06-C523 ARDC# 00468002 Attorney Code. 21762 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I30183

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION NATIONAL CITY MORTGAGE COMPANY Plaintiff, -v.- KELLEY J. MCDANIEL, et al Defendant 06 CH 17708 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on November 15, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on May 2, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 6742 SOUTH 77TH AVENUE, Bridgeview, IL 60455 Property Index No. 18-24-307-038-0000
The real estate is improved with a brick ranch house with a 2 car attached garage. The judgment amount was $142,223.01. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information
For information Visit our website at http:\\service.atty-pierce.com between the hours of 3 and 5 pm. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602 Tel No. (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number PA0608630. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE I31187

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION WACHOVIA BANK, NA AS TRUSTEE POOLING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT DATED AS OF NOVEMBER 1, 2004, ASSET BACKED PASS THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 2004-WWF1; Plaintiff, vs. JAVIER ROJAS; ET AL., Defendants, 06 CH 20279 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on January 31, 2007, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Wednesday, May 9, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate. Commonly known as 14900 S. Central Park Ave., Midlothian, IL 60445 P.I.N. 28-11-318-027.
The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
For information call Ms. Diane Thomas at Plaintiff's Attorney, Freedman Anselmo Lindberg & Rappe, LLC, 1807 West Diehl Road, Naperville, Illinois 60563-1890. (877) 729-6734. W0609066 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer. (312) 444-1122 I31481

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR THE STRUCTURED ASSET INVESTMENT LOAN TRUST, 2005-8 Plaintiff, vs. JOHN DALE BAILEY, ET AL., Defendants, 06 CH 11186 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on December 7, 2006, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Friday, May 11, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 7828 South Christiana Avenue, Chicago, IL 60652. P.I.N. 19-26-418-025.
The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashiers or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
For information call Ms. Diane Thomas at Plaintiff's Attorney, Freedman Anselmo Lindberg & Rappe, LLC, 1807 West Diehl Road, Naperville, Illinois 60563-1890. (877) 729-6734. W0605065 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer. (312) 444-1122 I31516

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR MORGAN STANLEY HOME EQUITY LOAN TRUST 2006-1 Plaintiff, -v.- JOHN H. COFFIN, et al Defendants 06 CH 21174 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on December 19, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on May 2, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate. Commonly known as 3943 W. 83RD STREET, Chicago, IL 60652
Property Index No. 19-35-300-022 The real estate is improved with a single family residence.
The judgment amount was $156,335.02. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court
If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purch shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department. Please refer to file number 14-06-C576. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose I31273

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION CHASE HOME FINANCE LLC Plaintiff, -v.- CHARLES T. CECH, et al Defendant 06 CH 16522 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 7, 2007, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on May 9, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate. Commonly known as 5854 W. 76TH STREET, Burbank, IL 60459 Property Index No. 19-29-418-027 The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was $162,166.58 Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department.. Please refer to file number 14-06-9758. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALENOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I32088

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR SECURITIZED ASSET BACKED RECEIVABLES LLC 2005-FR5 MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-FR5 Plaintiff, -v.- JORGE DHAIREZ, et al Defendant 06 CH 21593 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 4, 2007, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on May 8, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 7740 S. KEELER AVENUE, Chicago, IL 60652 Property Index No. 19-27-403-061 The real estate is improved with a single family residence.
The judgment amount was $206,367.50. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department.. Please refer to file number 14-06-C638. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I32080

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK F/K/A WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, F.A. F/K/A WASHINGTON MUTUAL HOME LOANS, INC., SUCCESSOR BY MERGER IN INTEREST TO FLEET MORTGAGE CORP., Plaintiff V JOHN W RUSSELL; EVERGREEN SQUARE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION A/K/A EVERGREEN SQUARE CONDOMINIUMS, LTD., Defendants 06 CH 20785 NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE - CONDOMINIUM Fisher and Shapiro file # 06-8785D (It is advised that interested parties consult with their own attorneys before bidding at mortgage foreclosure sales.)
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered on November 29, 2006, Kallen Realty Services, Inc., successor to Kallen Financial & Capital Services, Inc., as Selling Official will at 12:30 p.m. on May 15, 2007, at 205 W. Randolph Street, Suite 1200, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real property: COMMONLY KNOWN AS 3158 WEST 88TH STREET, APT. 102, EVERGREEN PARK, IL 60642. TAX ID# 24-01-100-065-1002
The mortgaged real estate is improved with a dwelling. The property will NOT be open for inspection. The purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). The judgment amount was $35,089.26. Sale terms: 10% of successful bid immediately at conclusion of auction, balance by noon the next business day, both by cashier's checks; and no refunds. The sale shall be subject to general real estate taxes, special taxes, special assessments, special taxes levied, and superior liens, if any. The property is offered "as is," with no express or implied warranties and without any representation as to the quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to review the court file to verify all information.
For information: Sale Clerk, Fisher and Shapiro, 4201 Lake Cook Rd., 1st floor, Northbrook, Illinois 60062, (847) 498-9990, between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. weekdays only. I20286

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION JP MORGAN CHASE BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR THE MLMI SURF TRUST SERIES 2005- BC3 Plaintiff, vs. PHYLLIS MCELROY A/K/A PHYLLIS MCELLROY; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF PHYLLIS MCELROY, IF ANY; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants, 06 CH 20641 NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on 11/21/2006, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Wednesday, May 8, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property: Commonly known as 8337 South Pulaski Road, Evergreen Park, Illinois 60805.
The improvement on the property consists of a brick two unit building with detached two car garage. Sale terms: 25% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.
For Information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com. Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602. Tel.No. (312) 476-5500. Refer to File Number PA0611708. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I31489

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION WM SPECIALTY MORTGAGE LLC. WITHOUT RECOURSE Plaintiff, vs. UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF WILLIAM J. JONES, IF ANY; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants, 06 CH 15826
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on 12/5/2006, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, May 7, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property: P.I.N. 24-35-308-034. Commonly known as 3702 West 135th Street, Robbins, Illinois 60472.
The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence with detached two car garage. Sale terms: 25% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale. For information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com. Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602. Tel.No. (312) 476-5500. Refer to File Number PA0607753. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I31397

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., SUCCESSOR BY MERGER WITH WELLS FARGO HOME MORTGAGE, INC., SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO NORWEST MORTGAGE, INC.; Plaintiff, vs. RONALD K. SKELLEY; ET AL; Defendants, 06 CH 20660 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on December 14, 2006, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, May 8, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 14724 South Keeler Ave., Midlothian, IL 60445. P.I.N. 28-10-401-023.
The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashiers or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds. The property will NOT be open for inspection
For information call Ms. Diane Thomas at Plaintiff's Attorney, Freedman Anselmo Lindberg & Rappe, LLC, 1807 West Diehl Road, Naperville, Illinois 60563-1890. (877) 729-6734. W0609070 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I31461

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. Plaintiff, -v.- KIMBERLY L. LAKOSKEY, et al Defendant 06 CH 19170 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on December 13, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on May 10, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 14739 PARK AVENUE, Oak Forest, IL 60452 Property Index No. 28-09-317-004-0000 The real estate is improved with a 1 story red brick single family home w/brown siding and attached garage.
The judgment amount was $218,807.82 Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information: Visit our website at http:\\service.atty-pierce.com. between the hours of 3 and 5 pm. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602. Tel No. (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number PA0609915. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE I32218

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION CITIFINANCIAL MORTGAGE COMPANY, INC., Plaintiff V. PATRICK MICHAEL MUCHA, Defendant 06 CH 3241 NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE Fisher and Shapiro file #06-4384D (It is advised that interested parties consult with their own attorneys before bidding at mortgage foreclosure sales.)
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered on May 3, 2006, Kallen Realty Services, Inc. as Selling Official will at 12:30 p.m. on May 8, 2007, at 205 W. Randolph Street, Suite 1200, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real property: COMMONLY KNOWN AS 14327 RIDGEWAY AVENUE, MIDLOTHIAN, ILLINOIS 60445. TAX ID# 28-11-105-006 The mortgaged real estate is improved with a dwelling. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
The judgment amount was $129,740.94. Sale terms: 10% of successful bid immediately at conclusion of auction, balance by noon the next business day, both by cashier's checks; and no refunds. The sale shall be subject to general real estate taxes, special taxes, special assessments, special taxes levied, and superior liens, if any. The property is offered "as is," with no express or implied warranties and without any representation as to the quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to review the court file to verify all information.
For information: Sale Clerk, Fisher and Shapiro, 4201 Lake Cook Rd., 1st floor, Northbrook, Illinois 60062, (847) 498-9990, between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. weekdays only. I32880

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS, INC.; Plaintiff, vs. WILLIAM A. LOCKWOOD; SHASTA LOCKWOOD; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC AS NOMINEE FOR AEGIS FUNDING DBA AEGIS HOME EQUITY; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants, 06 CH 12752
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on 9/7/2006, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, May 8, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property: P.I.N. 24-26-301-006. Commonly known as 3637 W. 123rd St., Alsip, IL 60803. The improvement on the property consists of a brick two story single family residence with a detached garage.
Sale terms: 25% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.
For information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com. Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602. Tel.No. (312) 476-5500. Refer to File Number PA0606354. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I31425

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF SOUNDVIEW HOME LOAN TRUST 2006-OPT3, ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-OPT3 Plaintiff, vs. TARA TOLEFREE; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF TARA TOLEFREE, IF ANY; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants, 06 CH 20632
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on 12/12/2006, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Thursday, May 10, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property: P.I.N. 24-02-422-039/040. Commonly known as 9358 South Sawyer Avenue, Evergreen Park, Illinois 60805.
The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence with attached two car garage. Sale terms: 25% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.
For information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com. Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602. Tel.No. (312) 476-5500. Refer to File Number PA0611663. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I31507

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR HOME EQUITY LOAN TRUST 2004-HE5, BY SAXON MORTGAGE SERVICES INC., AS ITS ATTORNEY-IN- FACT Plaintiff, vs. HECTOR RODRIGUEZ; XOCHITL NADIA RODRIGUEZ; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF HECTOR RODRIGUEZ, IF ANY; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants, 06 CH 21251 NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on 11/28/2006, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Wednesday, May 16, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property: Commonly known as 14324 South McKinley Avenue, Posen, Illinois 60469. The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence with detached two car garage. Sale terms: 25% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.
For information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com. Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602. Tel.No. (312) 476-5500. Refer to File Number PA0511990. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I32423

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION AURORA LOAN SERVICES, LLC Plaintiff, vs. BRENDAN FOX; GERALDINE FOX; STATE BANK OF COUNTRYSIDE; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants, 06 CH 19116 NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on 11/14/2006, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, May 1, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property: P.I.N. 24-06-201-064. Commonly known as 9001 Crescent Court, Oak Lawn, Illinois 60453.
The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence with attached two car garage. Sale terms: 25% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.
For information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com. Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602. Tel.No. (312) 476-5500. Refer to File Number PA0609911. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I30643

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, F.A. F/K/A WASHINGTON MUTUAL HOME LOANS, INC. SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO HOMESIDE LENDING, INC. Plaintiff, -v.- ALLEN G. CRAIGHEAD, STACY CRAIGHEAD A/K/A STACY CRAIGHEAD , DIRECT MERCHANTS CREDIT CARD BANK Defendant 04 CH 20841 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 7, 2005, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on April 27, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 8136 SOUTH TALMAN STREET, Chicago, IL 60652 Property Index No. 19-36-218-025 The real estate is improved with a single family residence.
The judgment amount was $118,403.62. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The sales clerk, FISHER AND SHAPIRO, LLC , 4201 Lake Cook Road, NORTHBROOK, IL 60062, (847) 498-9990 between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. only. Please refer to file number 01-0434D. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I30543

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE C-BASS MORTGAGE LOAN ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-CB4 Plaintiff, vs. HEATHER E. QUINLAN; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF HEATHER E QUINLAN, IF ANY; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants, 06 CH 19659
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on 12/12/2006, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, May 1, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property: P.I.N. 24-04-102-045. Commonly known as 5522 West 90th Street, Oak Lawn, Illinois 60453.
The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence with detached two car garage. THE SALE SHALL BE SUBJECT TO GENERAL TAXES, SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS AND TO PRIOR RECORDED FIRST AND SECOND MORTGAGES. Sale terms: 25% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.
For information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com. Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. Pierce & Associates, Plaintiffs Attorneys, 1 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602. Tel.No. (312) 476-5500. Refer to File Number PA0610422. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I30651

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE REGISTERED HOLDERS OF MASTR ASSET BACKED SECURITIES TRUST 2003-NC1, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2003-NC1 Plaintiff, -v.- LYNN M. LAYCHAK, et al Defendant 05 CH 5971 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on June 28, 2005, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on May 14, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 14310 DIVISION STREET, Posen, IL 60469 Property Index No. 28-12-207-027-0000 The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was $123,784.47. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale
The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: NOONAN & LIEBERMAN , 105 W. ADAMS ST. SUITE 3000, CHICAGO, IL 60603, (312) 431-1455 . Please refer to file number 05-8. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I32868

REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR LONG BEACH MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2005-1 Plaintiff, -v.- JOMARA JAMISON A/K/A JOMARA L. JAMISON, et al Defendant 06 CH 20004 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on November 27, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on May 15, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 3450 W. 83RD STREET, Chicago, IL 60652 Property Index No. 19-35-223-041 The real estate is improved with a single family residence.
The judgment amount was $219,742.80. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department.. Please refer to file number 14-06-8901. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I32971

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION BANK OF NEW YORK AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATE HOLDERS CWABS, INC. ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2004-10, Plaintiff V. MICHAEL D. DORR; KIMBERLY A. DORR, Defendants 06 CH 22349 NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE Fisher and Shapiro file #05-3488D (It is advised that interested parties consult with their own attorneys before bidding at mortgage foreclosure sales.)
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered on January 10, 2007, Kallen Realty Services, Inc., successor to Kallen Financial & Capital Services, Inc., as Selling Official will at 12:30 p.m. on May 25, 2007, at 205 W. Randolph Street, Suite 1200, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real property: LOTS 1 AND 2 IN BLOCK 5 IN DEARBORN HEIGHTS, BEING A SUBDIVISION OF THE WEST 1/2 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 7, TOWNSHIP 37 NORTH, RANGE 13, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS. COMMONLY KNOWN AS 9600 SOUTH RUTHERFORD AVENUE, OAK LAWN, ILLINOIS 60453. Permanent Index No.: 24-07-204-025 AND 24-07-204-026
The mortgaged real estate is improved with a dwelling. The property will NOT be open for inspection. The judgment amount was $179,344.41. Sale terms: 10% of successful bid immediately at conclusion of auction, balance by noon the next business day, both by cashier's checks; and no refunds. The sale shall be subject to general real estate taxes, special taxes, special assessments, special taxes levied, and superior liens, if any. The property is offered "as is," with no express or implied warranties and without any representation as to the quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to review the court file to verify all information.
For information: Sale Clerk, Fisher and Shapiro, 4201 Lake Cook Rd., 1st floor, Northbrook, Illinois 60062, (847) 496-9990, between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. weekdays only. I23877

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION PHH MORTGAGE CORP (FKA CENDANT MORTGAGE CORP.), Plaintiff -V. LANARD RUCKER; NANETTE MADISON-RUCKER, Defendants 06 CH 15701 NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE Fisher and Shapiro file #06-7606D (It is advised that interested parties consult with their own attorneys before bidding at mortgage foreclosure sales.)
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered on February 20, 2007, Kallen Realty Services, Inc., as Selling Official will at 12:30 p.m. on May 22, 2007, at 205 W. Randolph Street, Suite 1200, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real property: C/K/A 6145 SOUTH SACRAMENTO STREET, CHICAGO, IL 60652. TAX ID# 19-36-120-076 The mortgaged real estate is improved with a dwelling. The property will NOT be open for inspection..
The judgment amount was $267,738.19. Sale terms: 10% of successful bid immediately at conclusion of auction, balance by noon the next business day, both by cashier's checks; and no refunds. The sale shall be subject to general real estate taxes, special taxes, special assessments, special taxes levied, and superior liens, if any. The property is offered "as is," with no express or implied warranties and without any representation as to the quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to review the court file to verify all information.
For information: Sale Clerk, Fisher and Shapiro, 4201 Lake Cook Rd., 1st floor, Northbrook, Illinois 60062, (847) 496-9990, between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. weekdays only. I28536

REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, F/K/A WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, FA Plaintiff, -v.- JEFFERY CHURCH, et al Defendant 06 CH 17076 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 6, 2007, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on May 10, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 12617 CARRIAGE LANE UNIT 3, Crestwood, IL 60445 Property Index No. 24-32-211-018-1003 The real estate is improved with a white brick 4 or more unit complex (3 stories) with no garage.
The judgment amount was $91,060.97. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
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For information: Visit our website at http:\\service.atty-pierce.com between the hours of 3 and 5 pm. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602. Tel No. (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number PA0609452. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE I32206

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Teens And Credit: What Not To Do

Ah, freedom! The world opens up to us at 18-years-old. We can leave the nest, vote and stay out as late as we want. Yet, our parents' words still reign true: with privilege comes responsibility.

At 18, American teens can assume control of their legal and financial futures. Yet they need to understand that slip-ups now can affect their futures for years to come.

"Once kids turn 18, they have their first shot at establishing a positive credit history," said Mike Sullivan, director of education for Take Charge America, a national non-profit credit counseling agency. "If they end up abusing or misusing the system, their actions can prevent them from qualifying for additional lines of credit down the road."

According to the most recent statistics from Nellie Mae, in 2004 college students reported freshman year as the most prevalent time for obtaining credit cards, with 56 percent having obtained their first card at age 18.

"Our homes, cars and other valuables are all rooted in our credit history. The younger you start, the sooner you'll be able to achieve financial independence," said Sullivan. "Without a consistent, positive track record, teens and 20-somethings won't be able to rent an apartment, buy a car or apply for a loan without their parents' signature."

So, what does it take to build a positive credit history? Sullivan describes what not to do:

Don't go on a spending spree – Just because you have the credit, doesn't mean you should spend it all. Your first credit card should have a low limit, such as $100 or $500. This will help prevent large impulse buys. If you know you're an impulse shopper, you can further restrict temptation by applying for a store or gas card, as opposed to a general bank credit card that can be used at almost any location.

Don't test your credit limits – Make a small purchase to kick off your credit history and then make consistent payments. You don't want to be caught in an emergency situation with a maxed out credit card. If you withdraw over your credit limit, you will be faced with exorbitant fees. Plus, the overdraw shows up on your credit report, and that could prevent you from receiving other forms of credit at reasonable interest rates in the future.

Don't share your credit information – No one should have access to your credit information, including close friends. Don't leave your monthly bill in plain sight, nor ask anyone to hold onto your credit card. This could leave you susceptible to fraud and identity theft.

Don't ignore the fine print – You need to know exactly what you are getting into before you sign the contract. Financial jargon can be confusing, so ask questions if you don't understand the terminology. You will be held accountable for all information listed in the fine print, whether you understand it or not. Be cognizant of over limit and missing payment fees. How much could these fees potentially cost you? What happens if you miss a payment? Do you have an introductory fixed rate? If so, for how long? Once you have established a line of credit, be sure to examine each monthly bill and take notice of the minimum payment amount, the total balance and the interest rate. Has anything changed? Is there an unauthorized purchase? Call the credit card company immediately if you notice inconsistencies.

Don't be afraid to ask for help – It's normal to encounter bumps along the road to establishing credit. Have an open dialogue with your parents and ask them to go over your credit card bill if you are confused. You can also seek the advice of a credit counselor. Visit www.bbb.org to locate a reputable agency.

Founded in 1987, Take Charge America, Inc. is a non-profit organization headquartered in Phoenix, Arizona. TCA offers a variety of services including financial education, credit counseling, and debt management. To learn more about TCA or its programs please call 1-800-823-7396 or visit www.takechargeamerica.org.

Spring Clean Your Finances

Spring is in the air, and for many, it signifies a time for deep cleaning. In addition to washing your windows and cleaning out your garage, consider the shape of your family's finances. Spring is a great opportunity, between the rush of holiday planning and summer vacations, to take an honest look at your finances.

The experts at Consumer Credit Counseling Services of Greater Chicago, a division of Money Management International, offer the following suggestions to help you breathe new life into your family's financial future.

Tune up your budget. 'Budget' is not a dirty word. When you think of budgeting, picture yourself paying cash for a well-deserved vacation, helping your kids through college and living a comfortable retirement. Achieving these and other goals is possible; it's not about how much you earn but what you do with what you earn.

Clear out the clutter. Take time to sort out the chaos. Clearing out the clutter will make organizing your personal and financial records a whole lot easier. For example, grocery receipts and other nondeductible expense receipts and statements can be destroyed after they have been recorded for budgeting purposes. Don't forget to delete unneeded financial files in your computer's hard drive.

Perform a credit check-up. A clean credit report can be a valuable asset. By visiting www.annualcreditreport.com, you can access one free credit report each year from each of the three major credit bureaus. Check your reports carefully for accuracy and report any mistakes. As an added bonus, reviewing your reports is a great way to get a snapshot of your financial obligations.

Wipe out debt. Debt can create a dreary financial picture. Reducing your debt allows you the freedom to make smart future financial choices. Start by focusing on your debt with the highest interest rate (never forgetting to make required payments to all debts.) Once that account is paid off, apply that amount to the debt with the next highest interest rate. If this task seems impossible, you might also consider paying off your smallest balance first. Seeing quick progress is often a good motivator.

Polish up your paperwork. Dust off those dated legal documents. It pays to regularly review your will, living trust and durable power of attorney. You should also review your insurance policies to assure that you have appropriate coverage.

"Finally, don't forget to revisit your financial plan several times throughout the year to make sure you are on track," said Cate Williams, vice president of financial literacy for CCCS of Greater Chicago. "Common sense and flexibility are important keys to financial success."

Devil In The White City Tour

The Chicago Architecture Foundation's *Devil in the White City Tour* is being introduced on select Fridays and Sundays April through October. Departing from the Chicago Architecture Foundation, 224 S. Michigan Ave. at 10:30 a.m., the tour is based upon Erie Larson's best-selling book. It focuses on two remarkable events: the World's Columbian Exposition of 1893 and the emergence of America's first serial killer to come to public attention.

"The fair had a profound effect on the people's lives at the time and in turn, people's changing lifestyles during that period, shaped the built environment," said Lynn Osmond, Chicago Architecture Foundation President and CEO. "CAF has offered this tour intermittently to our members. It has been so popular; we have begun offering it to a broader audience."

The tour includes a visit to the Fair through a slide presentation featuring many period photographs. The presentation is followed by a bus tour of Prairie Avenue and Jackson Park with a visit to many buildings and places identified in the book. People who have already read the book will learn more about the circumstances surrounding the Fair. Those who haven't read 'The Devil in the White City' will find this tour to be an introduction to those fascinating events.

The entire presentation and tour lasts about 3-1/2 hours and costs $55; $45 seniors and students; CAF members are $40. Reservations are required. Specific dates are Fridays: April 20, May 18, June 15, July 13, August 17, September 14, October 19 and Sundays: April 29, May 27, June 24, July 22, August 26, September 30, October 28.

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Southwest Area Obituaries

Michael Burke

Mass was said at St. Catherine of Alexandria Church, Oak Lawn, on Monday, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Michael Burke, 104. He was a native of Lettergesh Co. Galway, Ireland.

He is survived by daughter Rose Mary Michalski (Frank Macewicz), four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Robert A. Capek

Services were held at the John Sheehy and Sons Funeral Home, Palos Heights, on Tuesday, with interment at Chapel Hill Gardens South Cemetery, for Robert A. Capek.

He is survived by his mother Janet C. and his brothers John M. and James S. Capek.

Dominic R. Grosso

Mass was said at St. Linus Church, Oak Lawn, on Tuesday, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Dominic R. Grosso, 70. He was a veteran of the USMC.

He is survived by his wife Carol; his children Sandra (Paul) Stevenson, Lori (Greg) Akouris, Danielle (Rich) Kuras; ten grandchildren; and his sister Elda (Steve) Salyer.

Lorraine M. Hartsfield

Mass was said at St. Christopher church, Midlothian, for Lorraine M. Hartsfield of Posen. She was a retired newspaper typist and a member of Midlothian VFW Post 2580 Auxiliary.

She is survived by her children Sharon Werner and Donna (Gary) Carlson, Kenneth (Donna) Hartsfield, eight grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren.

Albina Kassen

Mass was said at St. Michael Church, Orland Park, on Wednesday, with interment at St. Casimir Cemetery, for Albina Kassen.

She is survived by her children Barbara (Robert) Hoffstedt and Linda (John) Tumbarella, four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Bertha "Betty" Lacey

Services were held at the Hickey Memorial Chapel, on Tuesday, with interment at St. Benedict Cemetery, for Bertha "Betty" Lacey of Midlothian.

She is survived by her daughter Linda (Robert) Prunsky; three grandchildren; one great-grandchild; her sisters Margaret (Charles) Becker and Loretta Dormann; and her brothers Gene (Betty) Dormann and John (Mary) Dormann.

Gilbert C. LiBrizzi

Mass was said at St. Mary Star of the Sea church, Chicago, on Wednesday, with interment at Resurrection Cemetery, for Gilbert C. LiBrizzi, a Korean War Air Force Veteran.

He is survived by his children Susan (John) Patterson, Gil (Yvonne), Carl (Carol), Jeannie (Fred) Strauss, Cindy (Steve) O'Malley, Lorrie (Eric) Dannenmann; nine grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and his sisters Jean LiBrizzi and Margaret "Cookie" (Jerry) Howell.

Mary C. Mohr

Mass was said at St. Gerald Church, Oak Lawn, on Tuesday, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Mary C. Mohr. She was a 52-year parishioner of St. Gerald Church.

She is survived by her husband Robert O. Mohr; her children Robert (Karen) Mohr, Donald (Claire) Mohr and Denise (Jim) Benjamin; eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Darlene Murzyn

Mass was said a St. Benedict Church, Blue Island, on Tuesday, with a private interment, for Darlene Murzyn, 52. She was the former owner of Bernard Arrivo Florist.

She is survived by her husband Wayne; her children John and Andrew; and her brother Bernard (Pauline) Arrivo and her sister Cheryl Bonier.

Mary Agnes O'Malley

Mass was said at St. Elizabeth Seton church, Orland Park, on Tuesday, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Mary Agnes O'Malley, 82.

She is survived by her children Jack (Judy), tom, Kate (Jim) Belluomini, Denis and Marty (Peggy) O'Malley; ten grandchildren; and her brothers John (Mary) and Peter (Dorothy) O'Grady.

Andrew R. Orshonsky

Mass was said at St. Terrence Church, Alsip, Saturday, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Andrew R. Orshonsky, 75.

He is survived by his wife Rose Marie; his children Robert (Karen), William (Debora), Andrew, Susan and David (Brandy); nine grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Sharon Rose Piekosz

Mass was said at St. Michael Church, Orland Park, on Wednesday, with interment at Good Shepherd Cemetery, for Sharon Rose Piekosz, 63.

She is survived by her husband Leo R.; her children Leo E. (Darlene), Michelle Piekosz Murphy and David (Carolyn); eight grandchildren; one great-grandchild; her brother John (Barbara) Nowakowski and her stepdaughter Mary Nowakowski.

Eileen E. Putrow

Mass was said at St. Gerald Church, Oak Lawn, on Wednesday, with a private interment for Eileen E. Putrow.

She is survived by her children Thomas (Danielle) Putrow, Timothy and Richard Putrow and Ronald (Shannon) Putrow; five grandchildren; her sister Judy Boggess and her brother John (Sandy) Werderman.

Armand Raponi

Services were held at the Robert J. Sheehy and Sons Funeral Home, Burbank, on Wednesday, with interment at Queen of Heaven Cemetery, for Armand Raponi.

He is survived by his children Wanda Lasky and Armand D. (Marlene Raponi; four grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren; and his sister Pearl Piccatto.

Eileen T. Rettker

Mass was said at St. Germaine Church, Oak Lawn, on Monday, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Eileen T. Rettker.

She is survived by her brothers Joseph (Jo Ann) Maher, Lester Maher, Gerald (Sally) Maher Lester Maher; and her sisters Dolores (Walter) Mikaitis, Veronica (William) Walsh and Winnifred (William) Mallder.

Hermina Sales

Services were held at the Colonial Chapel, Orland Park with interment at Elm Lawn Cemetery, for Hermina Sales, 84.

She is survived by her children Frederick (Helene), Richard (Sandra), Hubert Jr. (Sharon) and James, nine grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren.

Lionel H. Scott

Mass was said at St. George Church, Tinley Park, on Tuesday, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Lionel H. Scott, 79, of Tinley Park.

He is survived by his children Edward (Pamela) Scott, Susan (Terrance) Fanis, Barbara (John) McBlain, William (Maureen), Richard Scott, Mary (Duane) Zube and Michael (Susan) Scott; fourteen grandchildren and one great-grandchild; and his sister Alma (Gilbert) Taylor.

Grace J. Smith

Grace J. Smith, 77, of Burbank passed away on April 8th. A Memorial Mass will be offered at a later day. She was secretary to the former Burbank Mayor Fitzgerald for eighteen years and legislative aide to Senator Louis Viverito for the past thirteen years. She was president and member of the Burbank Chamber of Commerce, President and Member and Woman of the Year of the Stickney Women's Democratic Organization, a Commissioner of the Burbank Park District, a member of the Women's Civic Club and the President of the Stickney Township School Trustees.

She is survived by her cousin Florence Radowski who lovingly cared for her. She has no other survivors.

Joseph Suski Jr.

A memorial gathering was held at the Hann Funeral Home, Bridgeview, and a private interment for Joseph Suski Jr. 49. He was a resident of Bridgeview and fleet manager for Mahoney Environments.

He is survived by his wife Viola Rose; his mother Joyce; his stepfather Charles Grider; his sisters Mary Anne (Dewayne) Nicholas, Annett (William) Vogt and Wanda (Bernard) Mayer.

Adeline a. Syperrek

Services were held at the Lawn Funeral Home, Burbank, on Saturday, with interment at Bethania Cemetery, for Adeline A. Syperek.

She is survived by her children Lin (Dave) Thompson, Jay (Mary Jo) Newman and Cindy (Tom) Ferencak; nine grandchildren; one great-grandson; and her brother Ted (Kay) Bednar.

Raymond J. Thompson

Services were held at the Blake-Lamb Funeral Home, Oak Lawn, on Saturday, with interment at Mt. Olivet, for Raymond J. Thompson, retired CFD, 73.

He is survived by his children Michael (Jocelyn), Bruce, Darice (John) Eastman and Kevin (Cynthia); five grandchildren; and his sisters Dorothy Alyinovich and Joan (Ronald) Longawa.

Arthur L. Zuiker

Mass was said at St. Francis of Assisi Church, Orland Park, on Wednesday, with interment at Good Shepherd Cemetery, for Arthur L. Zuiker, a veteran of the US Air Force. He was a member of the John Purdue Club and the Olympia Fields Country Club.

He is survived by his wife Madeline Arlene Donnelly, his children Mark (Virginia Solis), Christopher (Donna Mikolaiczik), Caren (Meade Mossman) Zuiker, and nine grandchildren.

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Credit Score Confusion

If you're one of the millions of Americans who don't know their credit scores, you could be missing out on an opportunity to save money on your mortgage, cars, jewelry, electronics, vacations and anything else you may charge.

Your credit score is an estimate of your credit risk, which is based on your credit report. Lenders use this number to determine how likely you will be to repay a loan or line of credit in a timely manner. The higher the score, the more likely you'll receive a lower interest rate, and ultimately save money.

Only 27 percent of consumers understand that credit scores measure credit risk – not credit knowledge, amount of credit or attitude toward credit, according to the Consumer Federation of America.

"There are many misconceptions circulating about the function and purpose of credit scores," said Mike Sullivan, director of education for Take Charge America, a national non-profit credit counseling agency. "Yet, this three-digit number can impact you financially nearly every day of your life."

American consumers have an average of 13 credit obligations on record at a credit bureau, according to Fair Isaac Corporation, which pioneered the most common credit score, called the FICO score. These obligations include commonly-used credit cards, store cards, gas cards and installment loans, each of which has an impact on your credit score.

To help sort out the confusion, Sullivan answers six common questions about credit scores:

Do I have only one credit score? No, lenders are not required to report to each of the three major credit bureaus: Equifax, Experian and Trans Union. Each agency may have different information on your report, and therefore, a different score.

If I continually check my credit report, will that lower my credit score? You can check your report directly from the three credit bureaus as many times are you want, and it will not affect your credit score. To obtain a free credit report, visit www.annualcreditreport.com.

If I cancel a credit card, can that lower my credit score? Yes, canceling credit cards can actually decrease your score. For instance, if you have $50,000 in available credit and owe $10,000, then you owe 20 percent of your available credit. If you close an account with a $30,000 credit limit, you will then owe the same $10,000 but it will be 50 percent of your available credit. That lowers your credit score. It also affects the history part of your score, lowering it even further.

Does my salary affect my credit score? Your credit score is based on the amount of credit and debt you have, not how much money you make. If you receive a raise, and your credit and debt remain the same, your credit score will not improve. If you receive a raise and use that extra money to pay down your debt, then your credit score will improve.

Does shopping for a loan lower my credit score? While multiple inquiries do show up on your credit report, they do not necessarily damage your score. If the same types of inquiries are made within 14 days of each other, they only count as one inquiry on your credit report. Keep in mind that this applies to loans, not credit cards.

If I only use cash to make purchases, will I improve my credit score? Your credit score is determined by the amount of credit you use, not the amount of cash you use. A steady, responsible use of credit is the best way to build your credit score. You need to find a middle ground, as an absence of credit as well as an overuse of credit can work against you.

Expand Family-Based Substance Abuse Treatment For Meth Addiction

U.S. Sens. Dick Durbin (D-IL), a member of the Senate Anti-Meth Caucus, and Norm Coleman (R-MN) recently introduced legislation, known as the Family-Based Meth Treatment Act of 2007, to improve comprehensive, family-based substance abuse treatment for methamphetamine addiction.

Durbin and Coleman noted that studies consistently show that family-based treatment increases long-term sobriety, educational enrollment, and gainful employment, along with decreased criminal activity and child development delays. Family-based treatment centers combine substance abuse recovery with mental health counseling, medical treatment, parenting, education and legal services. These programs provide essential needs of the entire family, rather than just the parent, and have proven to be extremely effective.

Statistically, Illinois and Minnesota mirror the rest of the country with at least 70% of the child welfare cases involving a substance-abusing parent. The meth epidemic now poses greater costs to states and the federal government as a result of increased child welfare and criminal justice caseloads.

"I am proud to say that Illinois has two very successful family-based treatment centers statewide," said Durbin. "The Women's Treatment Center and the Haymarket Center in Chicago have helped hundreds of participants reach their long-term sobriety goals, improve family relationships, enroll in school, and find jobs. This legislation will give these family-based centers the tools and resources they need to continue helping those that come through the door and give them a chance to open new doors for communities that still need help."

"I know firsthand from talking to victims and communities across Minnesota that methamphetamine abuse brings devastating consequences not only to individual abusers, but also to families, friends and the community," said Coleman. "Sadly, meth has a tendency to tear families apart. Our legislation will not only help parents and pregnant women break their addictions, but also provide services to help them recover their relationships with their children."

The Family-Based Meth Treatment Act of 2007:

Allows additional funding for the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT) to award grants to programs that provide comprehensive, family-based substance abuse treatment for parents and pregnant women;

Requires the Director to give priority to programs serving areas affected by high rates of meth addiction with special attention to rural areas;

Provides funding to organizations that specialize in comprehensive, family-based substance abuse treatment services for non-violent offenders as an alternative to incarceration.

Sen. Durbin recently received the Guardian Award from the Partnership for a Drug-Free America to recognize his work in combating substance abuse. He has successfully secured funds for local meth awareness campaigns in Illinois. In 2005, Durbin and Coleman co-sponsored the Combat Meth Act, which was included as part of the Patriot Act and signed into law. The bill includes funds set-aside for prosecutors and law enforcement agents for rural communities.

Declining Home Values Jeopardize Reverse Mortgage

A deeper and more widespread decline in home values is jeopardizing many retirees' ability to tap a reverse mortgage for relief from their financial hardships.

According to a recent report from the National Association of Realtors (NAR), the fourth quarter of 2006 had the biggest year-over-year decline in home prices on record. Prices dropped 2.7 percent in the fourth quarter which followed a 1.0 percent decline in the third quarter.

Not only do declining home prices impact sellers and buyers, they also impact how much senior homeowners may receive when they apply for a reverse mortgage.

A reverse mortgage enables homeowners 62 and older to convert their home equity into cash. What makes this type of mortgage so popular is that there are no payments for as long as the borrowers live in their home. The reverse mortgage is typically repaid from the proceeds from the sale of the home, when the senior homeowner no longer lives there.

The amount a borrower may receive from a reverse mortgage is determined by their age, the interest rate, and the home value. A slump in a home's value can reduce the amount a retiree may receive from the reverse mortgage.

Median home prices are down 3.4 percent, as reported by NAR. During the past six months, there have been declines in three-quarters of the markets. A number of markets reported double-digit declines.

The market with the biggest drop in home values was Palm Bay-Melbourne-Titusville, FL. The median prices plunged 19.5 percent.

A senior homeowner 74 years old with a $200,000 home may receive a lump sum of $123,421 from the federally-insured reverse mortgage. If the home value was to decline by 3.4 percent, the amount would be reduced by $4,484.

However, if the home value was to drop 19.5 percent, the lump sum from the reverse mortgage would be $99,773, or $25,717 less: a significant amount by anyone's standards.

Senior homeowners with an existing mortgage on their home must pay it off to qualify for the reverse mortgage. This is usually done from the proceeds of the reverse mortgage. Paying off an existing mortgage and eliminating the monthly mortgage payment can make a huge difference in the lives of retirees struggling to live on a fixed or limited income.

"A drop in the amount a senior customer may receive from the reverse mortgage could risk their ability to qualify if there are not sufficient funds to pay off an existing mortgage in full," Mary Pat Legler, Reverse Mortgage Specialist, South Central Bank, said. "A decline in a home's value or rise in interest rates can reduce the amount that a customer may receive from the reverse mortgage."

The good news is that NAR believes the worst is over for the slump in home prices.

To learn more about reverse mortgages, South Central Bank is providing a free reverse mortgage informational package and confidential estimate by calling them toll-free at (877) 370-7533.

Prepare For Spring And Summer Severe Weather

With the one-year anniversary of a major tornado in Central Illinois just days away, Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich recently encouraged people to prepare now for severe spring weather. The governor proclaimed March 4th to 10th as Severe Weather Preparedness Week in Illinois, and urged Illinois residents to learn more about the weather hazards that can threaten during the spring and summer months.

The governor said the Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA) and the National Weather Service (NWS) are joining together to raise awareness of tornadoes and severe storms during this year's Severe Weather Preparedness Week. As part of the week, schools and businesses were encouraged to practice their severe storm emergency plans during a statewide tornado drill that was held on Tuesday, March 6th at 10 a.m.

Illinois experienced a record number of tornadoes in 2006, with 124 tornadoes reported touching down throughout the state. The new record surpassed the previous record of 120 tornadoes set in 2003. Tornadoes last year resulted in one death and 49 injuries. On average, Illinois sees around 41 tornadoes each year.

Weather watches and warnings from the NWS are a critical tool in alerting people to approaching severe weather in their areas. The NWS is working to refine its warnings so they provide people with more specific detail about storms in their counties.

Nearly 30 percent of all tornadoes in Illinois occur after dark. For that reason, it's especially important that homes and businesses closely monitor threatening conditions at night, particular when people are asleep.

Besides tornadoes, spring and early summer in Illinois also bring severe thunderstorms and flooding. Severe thunderstorms can produce tornadoes, damaging winds, lightning, hail and heavy rain, all of which can cause death, injuries and property damage. Since 1990, lightning has killed 26 people. In 2001, Illinois ranked second in the nation for lightning fatalities.

While many people don't consider floods as dangerous as tornadoes, flooding is the number one severe weather killer nationwide. The most dangerous type of flooding is a flash flood, which can sweep away everyone and everything in its path. Fourteen people in Illinois have died from flash floods since 1995, most of which occurred in vehicles.

IEMA and NWS have also developed a Severe Weather Preparedness Guide, which contains information and tips on how to keep you and your family safe when a storm approaches and what actions to take following a severe storm, tornado or flood. The guide is available on the IEMA Web site at www.state.il.us/iema or by calling (217) 785-9888.

Peter Pan Preschool Raises $2,442 For MDA!

During the week of March 19th to 23rd, the students of Peter Pan Preschool raised $2,442 for the Muscular Dystrophy Assn. through the MDA Hop-a-Thon program. Thirty-eight students had a great time while hopping for youngsters who are unable to hop because of muscular dystrophy. The week also consisted of a unit in disability awareness designed around three key principles... Awareness, Acceptance and Assistance. MDA provided lesson plans, books, videos, and suggestions of activities to teach the children that "everybody's different, nobody's perfect."

The Muscular Dystrophy Association's district office in Palos Heights serves over 450 clients in South Suburban Cook County. These families are affected by any of 43 neuromuscular diseases and utilize clinic and support group services as well as depend on MDA for assistance with the purchase and maintenance of durable medical equipment. MDA also provides a summer camp for young people and supports a worldwide research effort seeking treatments and cures.

Peter Pan Preschool has been hopping for MDA for 4 years and has raised close to $10,000 in the fight against neuromuscular disease.

For more information on MDA's Hop-a-Thon program or local patient services, contact the Palos Heights office at (708) 671-9632.

Discuss Education Funding Reform

Education funding reform – do we need it? Join us for a discussion on this issue at the Beverly Unitarian Church, 10244 S. Longwood Drive, on Sunday, April 15th at 12 noon. Illinois ranks 50th in the nation on school funding. Over-reliance on local property tax results in gaps in resources. The national average for state support for schools is 51%; Illinois provides 30%. Schools are cutting programs and increasing class sizes to cope. Should a child's educational opportunities depend on their ZIP codes? Open to the general public and facilitated by the League of Women Voters of Illinois. For more information, call 233-7080 or (708) 489-2719.

Letters To The Editor

"Thank You" from the Wm. Grant Family

To Commissioner Ray Orozco of the Chicago Fire Department, especially Truck 51, Engine 84, Ambulance 36 and the entire Chicago Fire Department, as well as the International Association of Firefighters and all their members who stood as honor guard; To Local 2, the 100 Club, the 511 Club, and Gold Badge Society for their gifts as well as their compassionate presence; To the entire Chicago Police Department, especially Dist. 22 officers and the Bagpipes and Drums of the Emerald Society, as well as firefighters, police and dedicated civil servants everywhere; To the medical and pastoral staff at Little Company of Mary Hospital, Father Pat Pollard, Pastor at Christ the King Church and his staff, Blake Lamb Funeral Home, as well as Catholic Cemeteries; To our friends and neighbors, Kathy Reaney of Atlas Designs for the beautifully prepared Mass program; Nick and Lori Di Novi of 115 Bourbon Street for being such cordial and generous hosts at Bill's funeral reception; To members of the press and reporters for their sensitive support; To the principals and teachers, especially Kristin's and Caroline's schoolmates, and students at all the schools who stood outside for the funeral procession; Finally, to the Oak Lawn, Evergreen Park, Alsip and Worth Firemen and Police for their ladder salutes and traffic control, as well as all the people of Chicago, the Suburbs, and across the Nation,

THANK YOU

The tragic death of Firefighter William Grant brought many people together to grieve with and assist our family in so many ways, this has been so very important to us. The outpouring of support, food, donations, assistance, sympathy and heartfelt prayers during this very difficult time has been overwhelming and is greatly appreciated.

Although we would like to acknowledge every kind word and act, there is no way to thank everyone individually, especially the anonymous and those with no return address...

TO ALL OF YOU, THANK YOU!
AND
MAY GOD BLESS BILL!
Sharon, Kristin, Caroline
and Danny Grant
The Grant and Nair Families

Oak Lawn Camera Club

Everyone is welcome to come to the Oak Lawn Camera Club meeting. Meetings are held the first and second Fridays of each month, October through May, at 7:30 p.m. at the Oak View Center, 4625 W. 110th St.

This month April 13th is competition night. The subject for the month is 'Farms.' The following Friday is a member print contest.

Learn more about photography, improve your skills, socialize with other photographers or just come out to see some beautiful pictures and have some fun!

For information, call Betty Nehls at (708) 534-1912.

Remembering Riverview

The Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St., will host "Reminiscing About Chicago's Riverview Park" at 2 p.m. on Thursday, April 19th. Remember the "good old days" with public speaker Larry Bergnach. Share treasured memories of Riverview Park, located until the 1960s at Belmont & Western Avenues. Relive the Bobs, Chute the Chutes, Aladdin Castle, Flying Turns, two-cent day and other features of the park. Free admission. First-come, first-seated in the lower level meeting room.

For additional information, call (708) 422-4990.

Babysitters Education

The Oak Lawn Fire Dept. will once again conduct a free 6-week Babysitters Education class on Tuesdays from 6 to 8 p.m. beginning Tuesday, April 17th.

Classes will be held at Salem United Church, 9717 S. Kostner, and include topics such as infant and adult CPR, the care and feeding of infants and children, as well as how to entertain the children and handle emergency situations while babysitting.

Participants should be 12 years of age and must register for this class. Registrations will be taken until 5 p.m. on Monday, April 16th. Call 499-7700 to register for the Babysitting Education Class.

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- Helped Secure the necessary funding to help open the Children's Museum in Oak Lawn.
- Fought to secure over $4 million dollars in Federal funds for our local roads and alleys.
- Helped secure funding for lights at Oak Lawn High School Football Stadium for night games.
- Instrumental in demolishing old abandoned buildings on 87th street to spur economic development (which the Mayor stopped by their greed).
- Secured funding and implementation for traffic light on 93rd and Ridgeland, so residents could cross Ridgeland much easier, as well as making vehicular traffic travel safer.
- Started the Oak Lawn leaf raking program for our Seniors.
- Established the clean the creek program for Melvina Ditch so our streets will not flood.
- Santa on The Green
- Developed our snow removal program for seniors who need help cleaning their driveways.
- Fought local convenience stores who wanted to sell single serving of alcohol in our communities.
- Started the Christmas Basket program for 1st District residents.
- Stopped local businesses from using our streets as their parking lots.

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Warning Regarding Telephone Scam

Cook County Sheriff Thomas J. Dart is warning citizens throughout the Chicago area to beware of Cook County Jail inmates who may be using jail pay phones to scam unwitting victims.

The Sheriff's Office issued the warning after receiving several complaints from citizens who have reported receiving collect calls from jail inmates who attempt to "hi-jack" the telephone numbers of their victims by posing as police officers stationed at the jail.

"Anyone receiving a collect call from Cook County Jail is cautioned not to accept the call unless they are sure someone they know is trying to contact them," Dart stated. "If a citizen does accept a call and the inmate attempts to get personal information or urges you to call another phone number, you should hang up immediately and report the incident to the authorities."

The Sheriff's Office is currently investigating a scam in which inmates try to get unwitting victims to forward their phone numbers to a third party, which allows the inmate to charge subsequent collect calls to the victim's account.

According to investigators, the inmates conducting the scam call random numbers collect and pose as police officers stationed at the jail. They then tell the individual who answers the telephone that a member of their family has been in an accident and in order to get more information the victim must dial a series of numbers for more details. If the victim calls the number as instructed, they will transfer their telephone number to a call-forwarding service, which enables the inmate to charge the victim's phone account with future collect calls.

Nearly all inmates at Cook County Jail are held on a pretrial basis and have not yet been convicted of a crime. Because of their pretrial status, the inmates are legally permitted to make collect telephone calls.

Anyone receiving harassing telephone calls from Cook County Jail can contact SBC at 1(800) 984-8800 and request a block on their telephone number that will prevent calls from the pay phones located inside Cook County Jail.

Fashion Show

American Business Women's Association, Libra Charter Chapter, presents "Passport to Fashions" dinner and fashion show on Thursday, May 3rd at Gaelic Park, 6119 W. 147th St. There will be a cash bar beginning at 6 p.m. and dinner will be served at 7 p.m. followed by the fashion show. Raffles will also be held.

Fashions will be shown from Stein Mart of Orland Park featuring day, casual and travel wear.

The donation is $30. All profits will benefit the Education Scholarship Fund.

To ensure your seat and table assignments call Cathy Jackson at (312) 364-8310 days or (708) 687-0962 evenings. To purchase dinner tickets, call Mary Lou Deegan at (708) 687-3055 days or (708) 532-1627 evenings.

Election Night Results

Results for the April 17th election will be available to the public in several ways. The Office of the Cook County Clerk will display suburban election returns in the fifth-floor lobby area for the 2,370 precincts, which have elections. The Clerk's office is located at 69 W. Washington St. in Chicago, on the fifth floor.

The Clerk's office will post results of each race on its elections web site, www. voterinfonet.com. Unofficial precinct results will be available for each race starting a few days after the election.

State law allows for provisional and absentee ballots postmarked before Election Day to be counted up to 14 days after Election Day. As a result, it will be difficult to call close races before all votes are counted. The Clerk's office has until May 1st to count provisional and late-arriving absentee ballots and adjust vote totals.

The clerk's office will release the official results after the canvass is completed by May 8th.

Terrifying Tornado Of 1967

This picture appeared in the April 27th, 1967 issue of the Oak Lawn Independent with the following caption: Their home demolished, its furnishings scattered over the area; members of an Oak Lawn family search for valuables, while the son does a man's job, bravely carrying to a waiting car papers and trinkets retrieved from the wrecked dwelling. "It's all that was left," said the father. (More pictures on page 10.)

Student Selected As A Junior Statesmen

Oak Lawn Community High School student Paul Depre, Jr., of Oak Lawn was selected to attend the 68th Annual Junior Statesmen Summer School Program at Princeton University. The program offers a challenging, dynamic academic experience for students who have a passion for politics and government. Depre will be among 1200 high schools students who will gather on five campuses to immerse themselves in what they love, politics and debate. For over 66 years, the Junior Statesmen Summer School Program has prepared outstanding high school students for leadership.

Depre will attend the program at Princeton University from June 24 to July 19. While on campus, he will take college-level courses in American Government and Speech. Depre will also participate in nightly student debates of controversial public policy issues in a Congressional Workshop. Highlighting the month-long session will be frequent meetings with high-level groups of leaders from government, business, and the media. This nonpartisan speakers program gives future leaders a chance to share ideas with today's political powerbrokers.

Depre is a sophomore at Oak Lawn Community High School, where he is a member of the Tennis Team, Mathletes, Skills-USA, Chess Team, Scholastic Bowl, and Students Against Destructive Decisions. He hopes to study history, law, and politics in college.

Anyone wishing to assist Depre with the $4,150 program fee, can send checks payable to: Admissions Director, The Junior Statesmen Summer School, 1725 K Street NW, Suite 1214 Washington, DC 20006. Checks are to be made payable to the Junior Statesmen Foundation and include a note that Paul Depre Jr. is the intended beneficiary.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

APRIL 23 – Monday – School District 123 Board of Education Meeting, Oak Lawn Hometown Middle School, 5345 W. 99th St.

APRIL 24 – Tuesday – OL Village Board Meeting, Municipal Building, 9446 Raymond, 8 p.m.

APRIL 24 – Tuesday – Village Hall open till 8 p.m.

APRIL 25 – Wednesday – Chamber of Commerce Employee & Volunteer Appreciation Day Luncheon, Hilton Oak Lawn, 9333 Cicero Ave.; Sign-in 11:30 a.m.; Lunch 12 noon.

APRIL 26 – Thursday – OL Senior Citizens Commission, 5330 W. 95th St., 10 a.m.

APRIL 26 – Thursday – Worth Township Regular Board Meeting, 11601 S. Pulaski, 7:30 p.m.

MAY 1 – Tuesday – Civil Service Commission, 9446 Raymond, 5:30 p.m.

MAY 2 – Wednesday – Appeals Board, 9446 Raymond Ave., 8 p.m.

MAY 3– Thursday – Alzheimer Support Group, Christ Hospital, 4440 W. 95th St., 6 p.m.

MAY 3 – Thursday – Historic Preservation Commission, 9446 S. Raymond, 7 p.m.

MAY 3 – Thursday – Athletic Club Meeting, VFW Hall, 9514 S. 52nd Ave., 8 p.m.

MAY 3 – Thursday – Traffic Review Committee Meeting, Municipal Center auditorium, 9446 S. Raymond, 8 p.m

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Cable Deregulation Challenged

Growing attention on a proposed statewide cable franchise bill could slow a legislative blitz by supporters of telecommunications giant AT&T.

State Representative James Brosnahan (D-Oak Lawn) was expecting the House Telecommunications Committee he chairs to vote Wednesday to approve HB 1500, the franchise bill he has sponsored, but the vote could be delayed. The bill would strip local municipalities of cable franchising power and create state franchises authorized by the Illinois Commerce Commission, going far toward deregulating the industry in Illinois.

AT&T has poured money into a full-court press by lobbyists in support of the measure, along with an extensive TV ad campaign suggesting that HB 1500 promises competition and lower cable rates.

But last week Ald. Edward Burke introduced a City Council resolution calling on the legislature to reject the bill. He plans to hold hearings on the issue with Attorney General Lisa Madigan and others, said spokesperson Donal Quinlan. A press conference called by Burke Tuesday morning (10 a.m. at City Hall, room 302) will raise the profile of opposition to the measure by the city and by municipalities across the state.

As the committee meets, community activists backing Chicago's CAN-TV and public access channels across the state will arrive in Springfield for a citizen lobby day by the Keep Us Connected Coalition. (Community Media Workshop is a coalition member.) The coalition says HB 1500 would undercut existing guarantees on funding, channel accessibility and quality for public access cable, would provide for no new public channels in new service areas, and would establish stringent "no-repeat" requirements - not applying to commercial channels - allowing providers to eliminate public access channels.

"Instead of talking about strengthening public access, as we should be, we're fighting to get back to first base," said Barbara Popovic of CAN-TV.

Representatives of municipalities are challenging the basic concept of HB 1500 - that state franchises are needed to promote cable competition. They point out that by overriding local control, the bill eliminates basic customer service protections now enforced by municipalities, as well as local franchise requirements that entire communities be served.

Without anti-redlining provisions - which are probably only practical on a local basis - the measure won't promote competition and lower rates across the board, but will create a dynamic where rates go down in affluent areas but are "subsidized by higher prices paid by residents in lower-income, non-competitive areas," Burke argues in his resolution.

Municipalities are outraged that for the first time they'll have no oversight over construction in their public right-of-ways, said Terry Miller, an attorney with the City of Naperville. Local officials worry about refrigerator-sized utility boxes which AT&T would have blanket authorization to install under the bill's franchise, he said.

Under the bill the ICC can authorize franchises but has no enforcement power. Supporters of HB 1500 have promised "self-enforcement."

Most shocking for many is the bill's grant of eminent domain powers to AT&T and other state franchise holders, with no requirement for just compensation or avenue for appeal. HB 1500 "gives away the store regarding the ability of a private company to encroach on residential property in ways we've never seen before," Quinlan said. "It's extremely problematic."

The eminent domain provision is not expected to survive current negotiations over amendments, but it's indicative of the way Brosnahan's bill contains "an a la carte sampling" of only the provisions in cable law that favor AT&T, Miller said.

"What's clear about this bill is that it was written by telecommunications lobbyists," according to technology analyst Sascha Meinrath, executive director of the Champaign-Urbana Community Wireless Network, on his blog. "I can only imagine that the goal was to fast-track this bill and sneak it through before the public got organized enough to demand that it be withdrawn."

"AT&T wants to make this happen now because they know that with more time, more questions will be raised," said Brian Imus of Illinois PIRG, calling HB 1500 "a sweetheart deal for AT&T."

He points out, "There's nothing now blocking competition, nothing stopping AT&T from negotiating cable franchises with local municipalities."

"Local franchising works real well," points out Roger Huebner of the Illinois Municipal League. He's meeting with Brosnahan Tuesday to propose amendments to the Municipal Code that currently cover cable franchising to address AT&T's complaints about aspects of the process that are cumbersome, he said. The approach embodied in HB 1500 - creating a new article in the Public Utilities Act to give the ICC authority to issue state cable franchises - is unnecessary, he maintains.

Verizon, AT&T's chief competitor for internet provider television (IPTV), has snapped up hundreds of local franchises on the East Coast, and according to Huebner, AT&T itself is seeking local video franchises in Illinois communities including Bellwood and Wheaton.

The municipal amendments should get full consideration, said Miller. That would mean no committee vote on Wednesday.

Brosnahan's office said he was waiting for proposed amendments from the Attorney General's office. Another hearing on the bill has now been scheduled for one week after this Wednesday's hearing.

Illinois PIRG was joined by national consumer groups including Consumers Union in opposing the bill in its original form. "The unintended consequence will be systematic redlining on a statewide scale," according to a letter from Consumer Union's Jeannine Kenney and others to state legislators. They say other states with similar deregulation schemes have seen prices increase, "leaving consumers with nothing but empty promises."

Consumer groups also emphasize the importance on non-discriminatory "net neutrality" provisions ensuring free access to content to the Internet.

Michael Maranda of the Chicago Digital Access Alliance points out that AT&T is pushing legislation legalizing redlining and undermining local control and access even as it presents itself as a bidder on Chicago's wireless network, which parallels the city's cable franchises - and requires a digital inclusion plan. "It's a horrible bill and a discredit to the state," he said.

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Panel To Discuss Use Of Children As Soldiers Worldwide

Hundreds of thousands of children are recruited and used for armed warfare every year under fear of death. Raising public awareness of the human rights atrocities associated with this issue and urging officials to withdraw support from countries that knowingly recruit children, acclaimed author and former child soldier Ishmael Beah will join a panel discussion to call for immediate action to end the recruitment of children for combat across the globe.

The panel will discuss the use of children as soldiers worldwide at the University of Illinois-Chicago, in Room 302 of the Student Center East, on Thursday, May 3rd at 6 p.m. The East Student Center is located at 750 S. Halsted St.

Ishmael Beah was born in Sierra Leone in 1980 and before he moved to the United States in 1998 was used for warfare. Beah's book, A Long Way Gone: Memoirs of a Boy Soldier, is a memoir of his personal experiences as a child soldier in the Sierra Leonean Army and is currently number four on the New York Times Best Sellers List.

Beah will join panelists: Jo Becker, Children's Rights Advocacy Director for Human Rights Watch; Bernardine Dohrn, Clinical Associate Professor of Law and Director and founder of the Children and Family Justice Center. The panel will be moderated by Lynette Jackson, professor of Gender and Women's Studies and African American Studies at UIC and Chair of UIC's International Studies Program.

The panel is being co-sponsored by Human Rights Watch, Project Focus, The UIC International Studies program and the UIC African American Studies Program.

Gov. Blagojevich Directs Flags To Be Flown At Half-Staff

Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich ordered all state facilities to lower the U.S. and Illinois State flags to half-staff in memory of the victims of the Virginia Tech tragedy. The governor's order honors more than 30 students murdered and more than 20 injured on the Virginia Tech campus and is in accordance with the President's order to lower flags around the U.S.

"Today we mourn the loss of the students and faculty killed at Virginia Tech," said Gov. Blagojevich. "There are no words that can erase the deep sorrow and loss suffered by the families and friends of the victims. There is no line of logic that can explain such utterly senseless and brutal violence. On behalf of the people of Illinois, I offer our deepest sympathy to the families of the victims and the Virginia Tech community. They are in our thoughts and prayers."

Statement From Governor Blagojevich

"This is a historic day for the City of Chicago and for the State of Illinois. Chicago is a world-class city, a great sports town and the perfect place to host the Olympics. It's a city filled with immigrants from all over the world, and the logical location for athletes from around the world to compete in the ultimate international sports event. But this race is a marathon, not a sprint. The State of Illinois will continue working closely with Mayor Daley and the Chicago 2016 committee to do everything we can to bring the Olympics to Chicago," Gov. Blagojevich said.

PRYME TYMERS Meet

The PRYME TYMERS, a very active fellowship that meets at Trinity Church, 9230 S. Pulaski Road in Oak Lawn, invites the entire community to its next meeting on Thursday, April 26th at 11 a.m.

Brian Milich from the Sheriff's Office of Community Service will be present to discuss "Seniors In Emergency Situations." His presentation will explain how most natural and man-made disasters take us by surprise and how to prepare for their impact, i.e. fire, flood, tornado and terrorist attack. In addition, Brian will provide information about how to receive a free cellular phone for at-risk seniors. A roast pork luncheon, prepared by Chef Pitluck, will be served at noon. The cost is $6 and reservations are required.

Call the church office at (708) 422-5111 or Tom Panush (708) 636-7548 by Friday, April 20th. Transportation is provided upon request. A canned good item is also collected for the Salvation Army Food Pantry.

Thrall Family Makes $1.4 Million Gift To Elim's Autism Program

The Thrall Family announced that they plan to bestow a gift of $1.4 million to Elim Christian Services. The gift is to be used toward Elim's Moving Beyond Capital Campaign program, in which Elim will expand its capacity to serve more children and adults with developmental disabilities throughout the Chicagoland area. Through this campaign, Elim will be established as a Resource Center of Best Practices, sharing the knowledge accumulated through 59 years of excellence in the education and empowerment of children and adults with learning and developmental disabilities.

The Thrall family, headed by Jerry and Lynn Thrall, has been involved with Elim Christian Services for many years. One of their grandchildren, Adam, is a student in Elim's Autism Comprehensive Education (ACE) program. Now in its third year, the ACE program is gaining a reputation in the special education community as providing excellent, cutting-edge care for children with autism. The ACE program will be expanded to accommodate up to 60 children with autism. The renovated space for the expanded program will be named, "Thrall Family Space for ACE" in recognition of the family's outstanding commitment.

Adam's mother, Polly, has been thrilled to see the progress Adam has made during his time at Elim. She explains, "We couldn't be happier with Elim. We knew on our first visit that he needed to be here. The difference is that the staff are committed here, it is the reason God put them on this earth. Adam is loved and he is safe. Safety is especially important to us because if there was a problem, he couldn't tell us. He's made great leaps and bounds at Elim."

The mission of Elim Christian Services is to equip children and adults with disabilities to achieve their highest God-given potential. Elim pursues this mission by providing educational, vocational, therapeutic, and residential service to over 800 persons with special needs. From learning disabilities to severe disabilities. Elim is located at 13020 S. Central Ave., in Palos Heights.

April 17th Referendum Results

Here are the unofficial referendum results of the April 17th election in municipalities across Cook County.

COOK COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICTS

Lemont
Trustee (6 year)
(Vote for 1)
Richard Rimbo 1,247
John Bernacchi 613

Orland
Trustee (6 year)
(Vote for 2)
Arthur J. Granat, Jr. 1,493
Martin E. McGill 2,031
Cynthia Nelson Katsenes 1,556
Glenn J. Michalek 2,115

WILL COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICTS

New Lenox
Trustee
(vote for 2)
Robert A. Fronek 1,576
Joseph Levey 1,194
Richard W. Mitchell 916
Roy "Skip" Minger 1,672
Thomas E. Welsh 1,515
Rex O. Toepke 1,259

REFERENDUMS

Bedford Park
Bedford Park Firefighter Pension
Should the Village provide for a firefighters pension fund and levy an annual tax for it?
Yes: 62
No: 185

Bedford Park Police Pension
Should the village create a police pension fund?
Yes: 63
No: 180

East Hazel Crest
Village Referendum
Should the village increase the 911 Surcharge to $1.50 a month?
Yes: 63
No: 28

Homer Community Consolidated School District 33C
Should the school district sell $25.6 million in building bonds?
Yes: 2,844
No: 2,906

Lemont Park Referendum
Lemont Park District Bonds
15 of 17 precincts
Should the Lemont Park District sell $16.2 million of bonds to build and maintain an aquatic, wellness and community center?
Yes: 1,138
No: 1,017

Midlothian Village Referendum
Midlothian Increase Limiting Rate
Library
12 of 13 precincts
Should the village increase the tax rate of 0.420% of the equalized assessed value for levy years 2006, 2007, 2008 and 2009?
Yes: 417
No: 399

School District 122
Referendum
SD 122 Increase Limiting Rate
19 of 23 precincts
Should the tax rate be increased to 3.008% of the equalized assessed value for levy year 2007?
Yes: 1,532
No: 1,667

School District 125
Referendum
SD 125 Increase Limiting Rate
9 of 12 precincts
Should the tax rate be increased to 2.727% of the equalized assessed value for levy years 2006, 2007, 2008 and 2009?
Yes: 334
No: 184

Oak Lawn Community High School District 229B
Should the tax rate be increased to 1.791% of the equalized value for levy years 2006, 2007, 2008 and 2009?
Yes: 2,988
No: 2,740

Worth Village Referendum
Worth Impose Sales Tax
9 of 12 precincts
Should the village impose a municipal retail sales tax of 1%
Yes: 328
No: 725

April 17th Unofficial Election Results

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Alsip	Votes
Village Trustees:	
Daniel F. Godfrey	850
Sheila B. McGreal	792
Kevin P. Michaels	770
James T. Quinn	743
Russel J. Kobel	649
Mark J. Dwyer	667

Bedford Park	Votes
Trustees: (3)	
John C. "Chuck" Holloway	101
Ronald R. Robison	101
Anthony W. Kensik	118
Edward J. Salecki	104
Katrina M. Errant	65
Robert V. Butler	88
Russell Tlapa	92

Bridgeview	Votes
Village President:	
Steven M. Landek	1,366
Village Clerk:	
Daniel B. Green	1,276
Village Trustees:	
Claudette Struzik – 2 yr.	1,297
Norma Pinion	1,210
James A. Cecott	1,134
Patricia Ann Higginson	1,157
Michael Hawkins	429
Library Trustee – 6 yr.:	
Arlene M. Jaguszewski	1,284
Randal L. Carbon	1,240
Alice L. Vilimek	1,301

Chicago Ridge	Votes
Village Trustees:	
Juanita A. Babcock	972
Daniel A. Badon	1,050
Donald F. Pratl	869
Michael R. Davies	923
Library Trustees:	
Richard E. Fitzgerald – 2 yr.	1199
Steven M. Seweryn – 6 yr.	1058
Martin P. Durkin – 6 yr.	1172
Chicago Ridge Park District Commissioners:	
Dave Conrad – 2 yr.	1,232
Robert M. Pratl – 4 yr.	1,167
Mary P. Crout – 4 yr.	1,145

Crestwood	Votes
Village Trustees:	
Louis Presta	664
Robert Stranczek	718
William D. Wagner	659

Crestwood Public Library District	
Trustees:	
B. Loch Miwa – 2 yr.	506
Matthew Stevens – 2 yr.	125
Susan Brady – 6 yr.	171
John F. Mazor – 6 yr.	111
Susan Chillmon – 6 yr.	553

Evergreen Park	Votes
Village Trustees:	
Mark Marzullo	1,293
Jim McQuillan	1,264
Norb Smith	1,217
Library Trustees – 6 yr.	
Eugene Tabour	1,128
Ruth McDonald	1,155
Elizabeth Topa	1,129

Hazel Crest	Votes
Village Trustees: (3)	
Roderick S. Bashir	658
Kisha E. Hart	612
Debra J. McGhee	648
Susan M. Pate	619
Vernard L. Alsberry Jr.	634
Eric D. Leaner	570

Hickory Hills	Votes
Mayor:	
Michael Howley	1,543
City Clerk:	
Joann Jackson	1,483
City Treasurer:	
Lauralee Conrad	665
Dan M. Schramm	947
Hickory Hills Park District Commissioners – 4 yr.:	
Jeffrey Michaels	1,224
Walter Potacki	1,310
Hickory Hills Alderman	
Ward 1:	
Michael S. McHugh	290
Ward 2:	
Deborah H. Ferrero	377
John Szeszycki	388
Ward 3:	
Tom McAvoy	513
Ward 4:	
Scott E. Zimmerman	262
Dan M. Schramm	947

Homewood	Votes
Village Trustees: (3)	
Jim Garofalo	1,483
Jay Heiferman	1,422
Carrie Stultz	1,260
Glenn S. Tienstra	1,673
Joseph F. Casella	1,398
Thomas W. Kataras	1,594
William "Bill" Wright	515

Justice	Votes
President – 2 yr.:	
Richard Sparr	384
George Heslop	117
Krzysztof Wasowic	1,035
Village Trustees: (Vote for 3)	
Michael Maruszak	435
Kinga Bartoszek	438
Timothy Drea	348
Jerry Thor	127
Ellen Ohland	120
Michael D. Suttner	198
Jeffrey Kranig	973
Mary McGee	1,005
Michael Murray	963
Village of Merrionette Park Trustees:	
Daniel A. Kneita	
Thomas W. Eckert Sr.	
Harriet C. Lenz	

Midlothian	Votes
Trustees:	
Allen M. Moskal	730
Terry Stephens	760
William Wilkins	729
Library Trustees – 4 yr.	
Joan Sifuentez	715

Oak Forest	Votes
Taxpayer Advocate:	
Alderman	
Ward 1:	
Anthony G. Chinino	183
Ward 3:	
Diane Wolf	329
James P. Rossi	81
Ward 4 – 2 yr.:	
Charles P. Toland	380
Carmela Fran Bal	201
Ward 5:	
Nancy Hullinger	320
Ward 7:	
Grace A. Bardusk	227
Paul W. Wechet	367

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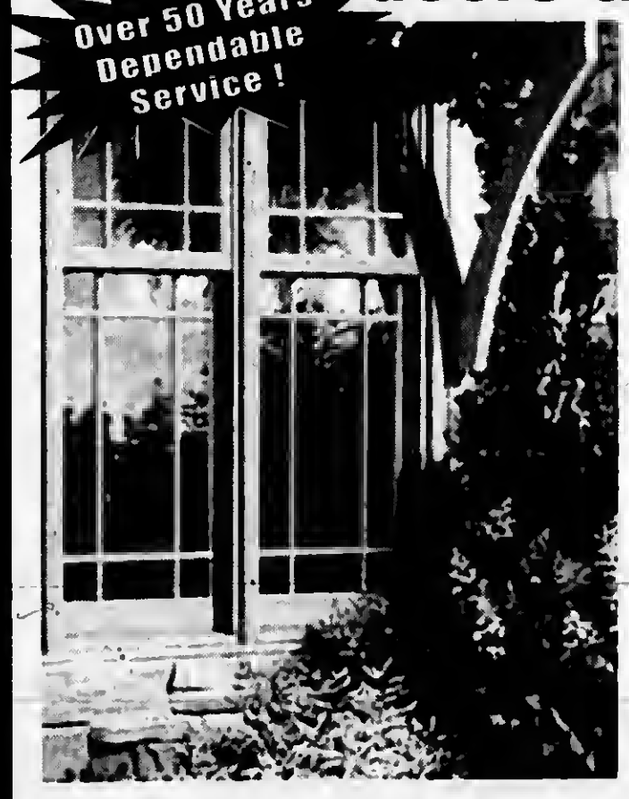

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EDITORIAL/OPINION PAGE

Electric Rate Hikes Could Spell Disaster For Consumers

While electric rates are on the rise across the state, the worst is yet to come for Chicago's ComEd customers. Over the summer months, ComEd's rates are expected to soar, leaving many families and businesses in the Chicago area struggling to afford their electric bills.

Recently, AARP hosted a town hall meeting in Chicago Heights to address the issue and urge state lawmakers to resolve it before high electric bills hit those least able to afford them, including the older people and families on fixed incomes. At the event, citizens and businesses told of the problems they were already having and raised concern about being able to keep up with their next electric bill.

"High electric bills are nothing short of statewide disaster – many people are getting hit hard by the issue right now, in the Chicago area the problem is looming, but it is quickly approaching," said Bob Gallo, State Director for AARP Illinois. "Illinois State lawmakers must agree on a solution that allows people to afford their electricity before they are forced to suffer both financially and health-wise as they may have to leave the air-conditioner off in warm weather due to costs."

Illinois' 10-year electric rate freeze expired Jan. 1st, exposing ComEd and Ameren customers to extremely high rate increases. To date, ComEd customers have seen only minimal increases in their electric bill. However, in the coming months rates and bills are expected to soar, leaving many families and businesses unable to afford the electricity they need to live healthy and comfortable lives.

The Illinois House has passed House Bill 1750, sponsored by Rep. George Scully, which rolls electric rates back to the 2006 level for 3 years while a long-term solution is worked out. The bill is now in State Senate. A similar Senate Bill, SB 1592, was introduced by Sen. Gary Forby and also is awaiting action: Sen. Debbie Halvorson was instrumental in pressing for the bill.

AARP is working to ensure the people of Illinois have the fair, equitable and affordable electricity they need and deserve. AARP is urging both the Senate and House to come to an agreement and immediately send the governor a bill that provides relief for both ComEd and Ameren customers, effectively rolling back the electric rate hike, and refunding the excessive amounts paid since the first of the year.

AARP has over 1.7 million members in Illinois. AARP is a nonprofit, nonpartisan membership organization dedicated to making life better for people 50 and over. It provides information and resources; engages in legislative, regulatory and legal advocacy; assists members in serving their communities; and offers a wide range of unique benefits, special products and services for members. To learn more about AARP, visit the Web site, www.aarp.org.

CAGW Releases Prime Cuts 2007

Citizens Against Government Waste (CAGW) recently released *Prime Cuts 2007*, a comprehensive look at the depth and breadth of waste throughout the federal government. Just in time for Tax Day, the report catalogues 750 recommendations through-out the government which, if enacted, could save taxpayers $280 billion over the next year and $2 trillion over the next five years.

"As Americans reluctantly finish filing their tax forms, it is important to call attention to where all that money is going. Unfortunately, as *Prime Cuts* proves, much of it goes toward inefficient and wasteful government programs," said CAGW President Tom Schatz.

Prime Cuts includes examples of agencies, programs and policies that are plagued by fraud or negligence, serve political or parochial interests rather than the general good, do not demonstrate results, duplicate efforts in the private sector, circumvent procedural checks for transparency and accountability, or exceed their original mandate.

Prime Cuts features some long-standing proposals to terminate specific programs such as the White House's National Youth Anti-drug Media Campaign (saving $512 million over five years), sugar subsidies (saving $800 million over five years) and the Advanced Technology Program (saving $721 million over five years). New recommendations include eliminating the Historic Whaling and Trading Partners Program and the Denali Commission, which together would save $80 million over five years.

During fiscal 2007, 14 *Prime Cuts* recommendations were enacted which will collectively save taxpayers almost $3 billion in the first year and $46.5 billion over five years.

"As *Prime Cuts* shows, Congress has no excuse for failing to identify and eliminate wasteful spending other than its own indifference," Schatz concluded.

Prime Cuts 2007 is available on the CAGW web site at www.cagw.org.

All Points Southwest

By THOMAS E. GAVIN

The April 17th Election is now history as voters have cast their ballots for their candidates of choice. Since this column is prepared prior to the closing of the polls it does not reflect either the unofficial or official results from the election. We will certainly follow up next week with an official recap of the local contested races. We do wish to thank those citizens who made the effort to improve their municipalities, school districts, library districts, park districts and fire protection districts by participating in our elective process. You involvement strengthens your community.

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Mayor Richard M. Daley received an early 65th birthday present Saturday afternoon as the United States Olympic Committee (USOC) selected the city of Chicago's bid to host the 2016 Olympic Games over that of fellow finalist Los Angeles. According to USOC Chairman Peter V. Ueberroth, the energy and determination of the Chicago delegation, and the citizens of Chicagoland, tipped the scales in Chicago's favor. "I saw a little bit of an enthusiastic youngster in the mayor," Ueberroth said. "You can't act that. It just comes out. It's infectious, that enthusiasm." Chimed in Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, "This is a man who has no peer in American cities." Mayor Villaraigosa went on to say that he will stand with Mayor Daley and do whatever is necessary to help Chicago bring the 2016 Olympic Games to Chicago. Quite a compliment from one's main U.S. competition.

Congratulations to Patrick G. Ryan, chairman of Chicago's 2016 exploratory committee, his outstanding presentation committee members and staffers, and of course the Mayor! Now the game is on internationally and other sites under consideration include: St. Petersburg, Russia, Rio de Janeiro, Madrid, Prague Czech Republic, Tokyo, and Rome. Cities have until Sept. 15th to file a bid application with the International Olympic Committee (IOC).

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Illinois' U.S. Senators Dick Durbin and Barack Obama recently sent a letter to the Secretary of the United States Air Force, Michael Wynne, in their continuing efforts to keep jobs at the 183rd Fighter Wing in Springfield.

In their correspondence, the Illinois lawmakers asked the Pentagon to establish an Air Operations Center (AOC) at the Capital Air Guard Base in Springfield, a move that would provide 68 full-time and 302 military positions at the 183rd. The Senators also reiterated their strong support for either retaining the current flying mission or assigning alternate aircraft for the 183rd.

"We recognize the constraints on the Defense budget, but it is essential the Illinois Air National Guard (ILANG) maintain a high level of capability and readiness to support both critical state and federal missions, including prosecuting the Global War on Terrorism and Homeland Defense. We seek your support to address this oversight."

Presently, the 183rd Fighter Wing is targeted to dissolution due to budget constraints. We hope our U.S. Senators will prevail.

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Legislation sponsored by downstate Rep. Kurt Granberg (D-Carlyle) that would bring ethics reforms and accountability to community colleges and increase local control passed the House last week and moves to the Senate for further consideration.

House Bill 3504 requires classification of community college districts as units of a local government. As a result, they would be required to adopt resolutions and enact policies regarding accepting gifts by college officials and employees and standards of political activity.

Granberg's legislation would also provide more locally based control of community colleges, in light of a ruling by the Illinois Attorney General's office finding that local control was not specified in law. This legislation ensures that communities have the necessary oversight to guarantee that these schools serve the community in the best way possible, since many of the college officials are elected by the voters.

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Governor Rod Blagojevich has appointed the head of the City of Chicago's Office of Emergency Management and Communications, Andrew Valasquez III, as Director of the State of Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA), which oversees disaster response efforts in the State of Illinois. Valasquez is the first Hispanic ever to be appointed to the helm of the state's top safety agency. His appointment became effective last month, pending State confirmation.

Valasquez's new job responsibilities also include oversight of the Illinois Terrorism Task Force, which is charged with the specific task of assuring that Illinois is ready to respond to an act of terrorism. Director Valasquez will work with Michael Chamness, Chairman of the task force, to help improve the plans in place to deal with a terrorist attack in Illinois, including communication and response procedures between state agencies and local communities.

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Join the fun on Thursday, April 26th from 6 to 10 p.m. at Beverly Country Club for the first annual "In Good Company" benefit assisting Maternity Services furnished by the Little Company of Mary Hospital Auxiliary. Enjoy premier shopping, health and domestic demonstrations, informal modeling, delicious food stations, drinks and friends. Win a $1,000 gift credit card, golf clubs and accessories or a TV and gift package featured in the Grand Raffle. Exquisite instant basket raffles also will be available featuring such items as an American Girl Doll, artwork, jewelry, play and dinner tickets. Most importantly, this fun-filled evening will improve hospital efforts to raise funds for the Auxiliary's pledge to Little Company of Mary Maternity Services. Helping to fullfill this mission is Title Sponsor, Standard Bank, and Presenting Sponsor, Krahl Construction.

Pre-event tickets are $35 and can be purchased by calling: (708) 229-5067. If available, tickets at the door will be $40. VIP sponsorships are still available for $500 offering 10 tickets, a special gift and the exclusive entry to the first hour of shopping and pampering services.

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April 17th Unofficial Election Results

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Oak Lawn Votes
Library Trustees – 6 yr.: (2)
Erik J. Wiatr 3,228
Patricia Roberts 3,934
Frank March 1,732
John J. Gonczy 3,702
Park District Commissioners – 6 yr.: (1)
Gary Callahan 2,571
Joseph T. Conroy 2,578
Robert DeNardo 2,292
Village Trustees
District 1:
Kurt Madey 710
Jerry Hurckes 1,150
District 3:
Robert J. Streit 1,200
District 5:
Marjorie Ann Joy 836
James Jelinski 108
Carol R. Quinlan 864
Oak Lawn-Hometown School District 123
Board of Education:
Richard Smith – 2 yr. 3,655
Bernard Leifker – 4 yr. 2,901
Carol Larson – 4 yr. 3.370
Oak Lawn Community High School District 229
Board of Education – 4 yr.:
Stephen P. Trotto 4,147
Joseph B. Amado Jr. 4.125
Orland Hills Votes
Village Trustees
Michael J. Hanley 245
Candice M. Morrison 252
Brian D. O'Neill 252
Library District Trustees:
Donna M. Sanders – 2 yr. 247
Craig F. Schmidt – 4 yr. 263
Brian D. O'Neill – 4 yr. 261
Kevin M. Heneghan – 4 yr. 259
Frank L. Schmidt – 4 yr. 247
Orland Park Votes
Village Trustees (3)
Bernard A. Murphy 3,392
Patricia A. Gira 3,267
Edward G. Schussler 3,343
David A. Wagner 1,795
Library Trustees – 6 yr.
Diane I. Jennings 3,429
Catherine Morrissey-Lebert 3,345
Orland Fire Protection District Trustees – 6 yr.: (2)
Arthur J. Granat Jr 1,886.
Martin E. McGill 2,530
Cynthia Nelson Katsenes 1,929
Glenn J. Michalek 2,621
Orland School District 135
Board of Education – 4 yr.: (3)
John M. Brudnak 2,642
Monica Miller-LoCoco 2,068
Gregory H. Okon 2,333
John M. Carmody 2,601
Palos Heights Votes
Alderman
Ward 1:
Jeannine M. Gnap 101
Ward 2:
Robert Basso 140
Ward 3:
Alan L. Fulkerson 311
Ward 4:
Michael McGrogan 256
Palos Heights Fire Protection District – Trustee – 6 yr.:
Bernie Kay 576
Palos Heights School District 128
Board of Education – 4 yr.:
Michael J. Lynch N/A
Therese E. Lahart N/A
Kathleen M. Lachowicz N/A
Palos Hills Votes
Alderman
Ward 1:
Martin Kleefisch 227
Ward 2:
Mark H. Brachman – 2 yr 285
Deanna M. Swicionis – 2 yr. 79
Rachel Harris 2 yr 15
Pauline A. Stratton 360
Ward 3
William J. Hanson 241
Ward 4:
Renee L. Dollah 147
Joseph R. Marrotta III 188
Frederick Schumacher 7
Ward 5:
Frank J. Williams 273
Palos Park Votes
Village Clerk:
Carol Bryson 518
Village Mayor:
John F. Mahoney 533
Village Commissioners:
Mary O'Connor 497
Diane Goerg 491
James Pavlatos 504
Daniel Polk 488

Palos Community Consolidated School District 118
Board of Education – 4 yr.: (3)
Nadine Antonini 1,863
Sheila Marie Pacholski 1,867
Rick Nogal 1,899
Robert Shelstrom 536
Posen Votes
Village Trustees:
Charles "Boots" Spindler 352
Jeffery S. Casillas 329
Richard Klapkowski 319
Daniel Flores 128
Posen Park District Commissioners:
Henry Nichols – 4 yr. 316
Edward Lemke – 6 yr. 318
Posen Public Library District Trustees – 4 yr.:
Ray Badali 318
Susan Quirk 323
Donald Schnering Jr. 326
Posen School District 143 1/2
Board of Education – 4 yr. (4)
Bertha Carter-Olawumi 752
Fran Jefferson-Bryant 829
Richard L. Arline 618
Darlene Washington 882
Denise Allen 747
Robbins Votes
Village Trustees:
Gregory Wright 338
Adele F. Sharp 212
Tyrone D. Ward 354
Shantiel X. Simon 385
James E. Coffey 280
Tyrone Haymore 397
Robbins Park District Commissioners – 6 yr.:
Maurice Nesbit N/A
Maple Spearmon N/A
Ike (ikshunolo) Por N/A
Village of Stickney Votes
Village Trustees:
Jim Roll 443
Deborah E. Morelli 483
James E. Lazansky 447
Tinley Park Votes
Village Trustees:
Thomas Joseph Staunton Jr. 1,629
Michael Harlen Bettenhausen 1,730
Gregory John Hannon 1,644
Library Trustees – 6 yr.
J. Joyce Hasenkamp 869
Gina Miller 875
Worth Votes
Village Trustees: (3)
Sally J. Hartz 428
Kari L. Fickes 390
Michael H. Doeder 356
Randy J. Keller 851
Mary Rhein 820
Pete Kats 863
Worth Park District Commissioners:
Ann Mysliwiec – 2 yr. 625
Michael Lindskog – 2 yr. 585
Phillip J. Lukacek – 6 yr. 806
Larry Bromley – 6 yr. 629
Steve Werner – 6 yr. 803
Worth Library District Trustees:
Stephanie Daujata – 6 yr. 886
David J. Clark – 6 yr. 887
School District 127 – 4 yr.: (3)
Carol A. Kats 993
Bill Nilles 638
George R. Zeman 685
Martin Flanagan 748
Worth Township Trustee of School 37N, Range 13E – 6 yr.
Daniel J. McCarthy 13,014
William Leonard Public Library District: Trustees:
Dolores Turner – 4 yr. 580
James Hampton – 6 yr. 571
Lula Fulson – 6 yr. 554
Jesse Shears – 6 yr. 533
Acorn Public Library District Trustees – 6 yr.
James J. Richmond 2,010
Susan Vigorita 1,938
Martin Durbin 1,923
Chicago Ridge School District 127 1/2
Board of Education:
Edward Michael Moody – 2 yr. 1170
Richard Ruge – 4 yr. 1014
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ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

Night Blue Theater Stages Revival Of Tony Award Broadway Musical "La Cage Aux Folles"

Night Blue Theater is proud to announce they will bestaging the Broadway musical "La Cage Aux Folles" for a limited seven performance engagement at two suburban locations in April. It will open at The Chicago Marriott Southwest at Burr Ridge located at 1200 BurrRidge Parkway just off of the County Line Road exit from I-55. Performances are Friday, April 20th at 8:00pm and Saturday, April 21st at 2:00pm AND 7:00pm.Tickets are $20 for adults and $18.00 for students and senior citizens with I.D. The hotel is also offering a special Room/Dinner package for $139.00, which includes one double occupancy room and a $40.00 meal voucherwhen show tickets are purchased. Call the box office at 630-257-3077 for reservations. The following weekend the show will be presented at Georgio's BanquetComfort Inn and Conference Center located at 8900 W 159th St in Orland Park one mile east of LaGrange Road. Performances are Friday, April 27th at 8:00pm,Saturday, April 28th at 3:00pm AND 8:00pm and Sunday, April 29th at 3:00pm. Tickets are $26.00, which includes two drink tickets. Call the box office at 630-257-3077 for reservations.

This boisterous and uplifting celebration of love and family in an untraditional setting is based on the play by Jean Poirot. It features a book by Tony Award winner for "Hairspray" Harvey Fierstein and jazzy music and lyrics by Jerry Herman, the creator of "Hello Dolly" and "Mame". The later inspiration forthe 1996 film "The Birdcage", it is a classic family musical about love, loyalty, and the complexities of parenthood – whatever the form.Heading a cast of 24 is theatre veteran John B.Boss (Oak Lawn) as Albin, whose alter ego ZaZa is the headliner at "La Cage Aux Folles," a transvestite club on the French Riviera.La Cage marks John's third role with Night Blue,having previously played Schultz in Cabaret andEngineer in Miss Saigon. This will be his 6th production of La Cage Aux Folles having played Georges and Albin in previous productions in the NW suburbs,Rockford and Michigan City, Indiana. No stranger to regional audiences, he has appeared with Oak Lawn Park District, Illinois Theatre Center, Beverly Theatre Guild, B.H.U.C., LZP Productions, Music On Stage, and Drama Group to name a few. He received regional awards for roles in Man of LaMancha and Unveiling. Professionally Mr. Boss has appeared in several car and casino commercials as well as two National Tours

for Young Audiences. He has also been seen in shows at Theater at the Center, Light Opera Works, Pheasant Run Dinner Theatre and First Street Playhouse. He is especially thankful to Peter Verdico for auditioning and the costumers for making him look "ravishing." The club owner and longtime partner Georges is played by Peter Verdico. The St. Tropez couple and the rest of the cast will sing and dance their way through a glittering score in this raucous musical comedy that won't fail to touch your heart. Making his directorial debut is Night Blue Company Ensemble member Paul Packer. Packer is assisted by Night Blue Theater Producer Dave Walters. The musical numbers are choreographed by Shawn Quinlan with vocal direction by Leslie Horner (Homewood). The cast also includes Mark Stickney as the son Jean-Michel, Tina Smith as his sweetheart Anne, Keith Rumbaugh (Park Forest) and Summar Jonas as the crusading future in-laws, Mark R.Martell as Jacob, the "maid", and Maura M. O'Flaherty as Jacqueline, the local socialite. The notorious Les Cagelles are played by Rocco Ayala, Dominic Boyte,Christina Flores, Eric Hawrysz, Jose Perez and Laura Zettergren Jamin Gahm (Joliet), Sarah Gilbert (Alsip),Sean Janda (Lockport), Annie Keefe, Kevin Kempczynski (Chicago Ridge), Irene Patino (Joliet), Amanda Lee Squibb (Chicago Ridge) and Chris Snow. Filling out the ensemble are Ed Modesto and Matt Morales (Thornton). Director Paul Packer is pleased that Night Blue

Theater founder Dave Walters, gave him the green light-to direct this wonderful show. He states " Night Blue's La Cage is going to focus on Herman's music and Fierstein's story. We have enlisted the talents ofsome of the finest singers in the Chicago area to givethe show the full sound it needs. He further states,"Night Blue Theater is the perfect outlet to bring out the intimacy of the relationships in the show. It truly is a family show about families. We will be using a minimal set and elaborate costuming....It is truly going to be dazzling."

To order tickets to LA CAGE AUX FOLLES call the box office at (630) 257-3077. More information is available on line at www.nightbluetheater.com.

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Special events are scheduled throughout the season. For 2007 the first special event is something new – "Scrap-A-Train Day"...no, not a train demolition – it's a scrapbooking event! On May 5th, the first 250 paid adult visitors will receive a coupon for a make-and-take train-themed scrapbook project, presented by scrapbooking pro Julie Piesciuk! The museum's other "specials" during May include free admission for moms on Mother's Day [must be accompanied by at least one fare-paying individual]; Scout Day on May 19th, which provides special activities for boy and girl scouts – for more details, call (815) 923-4391, ext. 404; and the Memorial Day Weekend – May 26th, 27th and 28th – marking the beginning of the summer season!

, The museum gift stores are open on operating days. Food service begins in mid-May. Picnic areas are available [large groups should call (815) 923-4391, ext. 404, to reserve an area]. Clean, modern restrooms are available. Main walkways are paved, allowing handicapped accessibility. Parking is free.

For advance planning: Ever-popular Day Out With Thomas returns Aug. 17th, 18th, 19th, 25th and 26th. Tickets go on sale on May 21st.

Class Reunions

St. Laurence School, 72nd & Dorchester in Chicago, is planning a 50th-year reunion for the class of 1957 to be held at Durbin's, 17265 Oak Park Ave. in Tinley Park, on Sept. 29th from 7 to 11 p.m. Contact Judy (Jellison) Graves at (708) 349-8570 or Peg (Kilgallon) Weeden at (708) 748-3499.

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Reavis High School class of 1977 – 30-year Reunion will be held on July 7th, 2007 at the Old Barn in Burbank. Contact reavisclassof77@yahoo.com.

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DuSable High School class of 1951 will hold a 55th-year reunion from Sept. 15th to 17th at the Hilton Oak Lawn Hotel. Call (708) 206-0468.

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Harrison High School - Classes of 1931 to 1960 Reunion on Sept. 24th from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at The Abbington, 3 South 002, Route 53, Glen Ellyn. Call (708) 366-3423.

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New Trier class of 1986 20th reunion will be held on Nov. 4th at the North Shore Skokie Hotel. Visit www.1986.com.

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St. Florian School – An All-School Reunion, celebrating 100 years, will be held Nov. 17th. Organizers are looking for all alumni names, addresses and the year they graduated. Call (773) 646-2868 or visit www.florian.hegewisch.net.

Frank Lloyd Wright Event

After a long Chicago winter the Frank Lloyd Wright Preservation Trust is celebrating nature, one of the five major influences on Frank Lloyd Wright's designs, with Naturally Wright.

This popular multi-faceted event features an exclusive display of nature drawings from the Preservation Trust's collection, a special tour of the Home and Studio that highlights Wright's methods to integrate natural features into his designs, and a demonstration on how to create Prairie-inspired botanical arrangements. Refreshments will be served.

Join us for Naturally Wright at 4 p.m. on Saturday, April 21st at Frank Lloyd Wright's Home and Studio, 951 Chicago Ave. in Oak Park. Admission is $16 for Preservation Trust members and $20 for non-members. Tickets are available online at wrightplus.org or at the Home and Studio Museum Shop, 951 Chicago Ave. in Oak Park. For more information about this event, call (708) 848-1976.

Naturally Wright is part of ToursPlus, a program of enhanced tours providing new and intriguing ways to experience Wright's Home and Studio in Oak Park and Wright's Robie House in Chicago. Visit wrightplus.org to learn about the wide array of ToursPlus offerings.

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ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

Toddler Spring Fling Dance

Toddlers and their families can celebrate Spring with a night of child-friendly music and food at the First Annual Toddler Spring Fling Dance hosted by the South Region chapter of PACES (Parent and Child Education & Support Organization). The Toddler Spring Fling Dance promises to be an evening of dining and dancing in a festive and family-friendly environment. All infant thru preschool-aged children and their families are welcome on Saturday, April 28th from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. to be held at Standing Stones Baptist Church, 16250 84th Avenue, Tinley Park.

"Happy Jacks" will be on hand to provide cotton candy, snow cones, popcorn and /or candy art, while Moms and Dads have a chance to meet other parents, socialize and enjoy quality time with their children in a warm and welcoming environment. The Windy City Thunderbolts mascot will also be on hand to greet the children. Meanwhile, parents can participate in a silent auction (credit, cash & checks accepted).

The Toddler Spring Fling Dance is open to all. Cost is $5 per person for PACES members ($6 at the door); $6 per person for non-members and all children 12 months and under are free. To guarantee a reservation, checks should be made payable to PACES (include the number of adults and children in the memo line) and mailed to PACES Toddler Ball c/o Dawn Mack, 8728 S. 50th Avenue, Oak Lawn, IL 60453. Tickets will be held at the registration table under your name.

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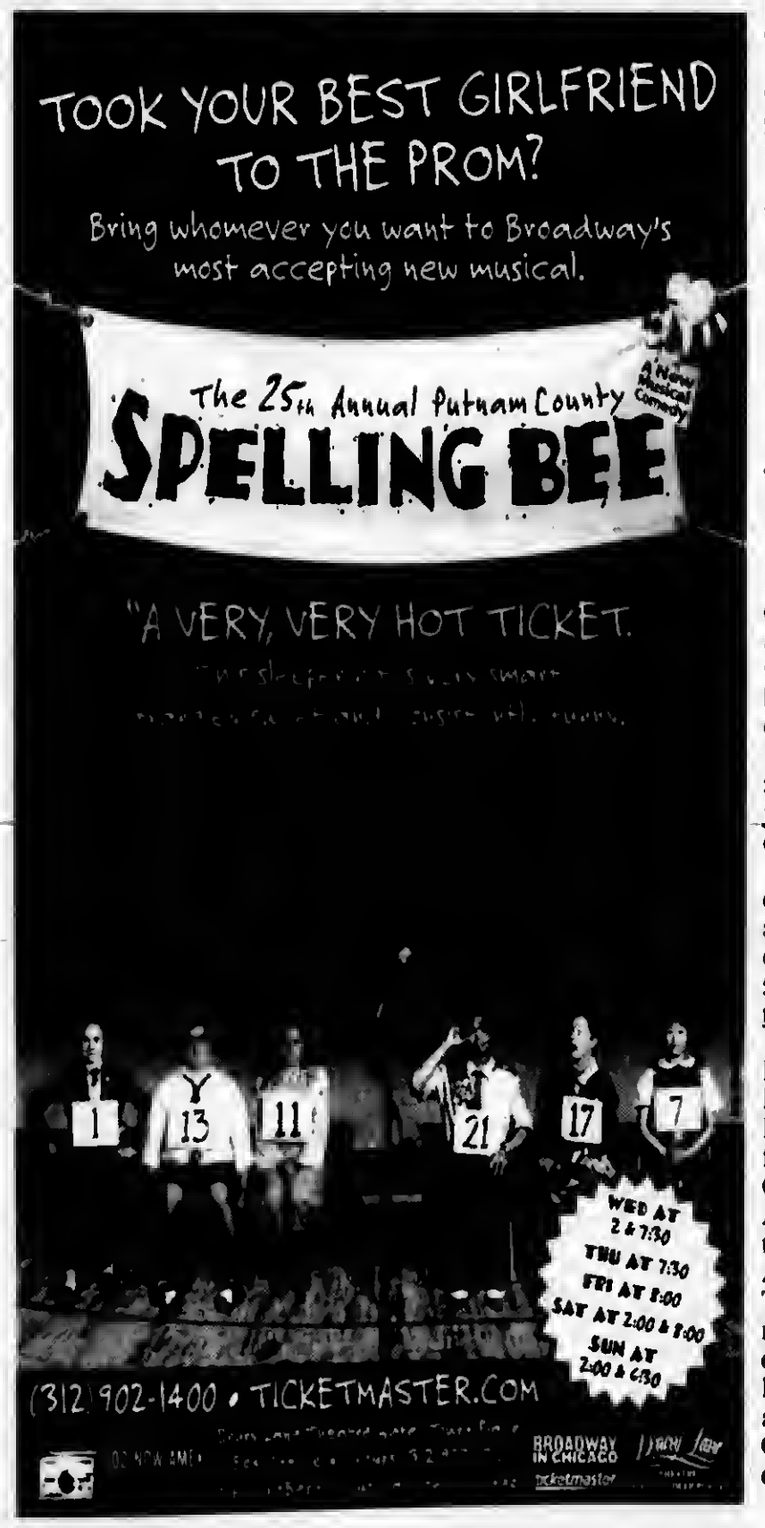

Life Is A Dream

The Moraine Valley Community College Academic Theater Department will present on April 27-29 and May 4-5 the regional premiere of an original adaptation by Pulitzer Prize-winning author Nilo Cruz of Calderon de la Barca's 17th century Spanish play Life is a Dream. Friday and Saturday performances will be at 7:30 p.m., and the Sunday performance will be at

3 p.m. in the John and Angeline Oremus Theater in the Fine and Performing Arts Center, on campus, 9000 W. College Pkwy., Palos Hills. Tickets are $12 for adults and $10 for students and seniors.

Life is a Dream is the suspenseful story of a king who is forewarned that his son will be a tyrannical ruler. Respecting the omen, he locks the prince away. Releasing and then imprisoning him again, the king convinces his son that it was all a dream and that he was never a prince. Questioning free will and fate, this classic play is an imaginative look at the ethereal nature of fantasy versus reality.

This production will be directed by Dr. Craig Rosen, assistant professor of Theater and coordinator of Moraine Valley's Academic Theater Department. He was instrumental in obtaining the translation by Cruz, which Rosen says is very straightforward and easier to understand than the original script.

"Life is a Dream is a very poetic play with dreams, stars and the zodiac built into the language and the set," said Rosen. "I find it very moving, beautiful and philosophical. It's a great challenge for our students. I'm excited because it's a classic play that's been rediscovered. It's getting a new life."

The cast list for this production is: Mike Azarkiewcz – Tinley Park; Frank Cacciatore – Evergreen Park; Erica Hayes – Merrionette Park; Lindsey Kammer – Palos Park; Craig Knight – Palos Heights; William Krolikowski – Justice; James Lis – Palos Area; Bill Miller – Evergreen Park; Erica Rangel – Justice; and Luke Simone – Orland Park. For more information on Moraine Valley's Fine and Performing Arts Center, visit morainevalley.edu/fpac. To order tickets, call the Moraine Valley Box Office at (708) 974-5500. Phone orders are subject to a $1 per order handling fee.

For news media inquiries, call Jessica Crotty, College and Community Relations coordinator, at (708) 974-5281, or e-mail her at crotty@morainevalley.edu.

Bill Miller, of Evergreen Park, as King Basilio and Erica Hayes, of Merrionette Park, as Rosaura will perform in Moraine Valley Community College's Academic Theater production of Life is a Dream on April 27-29 and May 4-5. The college is presenting the regional premiere of an original adaptation by Pulitzer Prize-winning author Nilo Cruz of Calderon de la Barca's 17th century Spanish play.

Latest From The Archives Compact Disc Set

The Chicago Symphony Orchestra Assn. has issued a new volume of compact discs titled Soloists of the Orchestra III. The two-disc set, part of the CSO's ongoing From the Archives recording series, offers a select group of outstanding performances featuring past and present players in the soloist role. It is the third volume in the series that is completely dedicated to soloists of the Orchestra and features works – previously unreleased and now available for the first time – recorded live by the Chicago Symphony in Orchestra Hall, at the Ravinia Festival, the Petrillo Music Shell in Grant Park, and Mandel Hall at the University of Chicago.

The latest release includes selections representing a vast range of genres, styles and periods, illustrating the versatility and virtuosity of the Orchestra members. The lineup of soloists includes several musicians who have formed the backbone of the Orchestra over the past 50 years, including Adolph "Bud" Herseth, who led the trumpet section for more than 50 years, and violinists Victor Aitay and Samuel Magad, piccolo player Walfrid Kujala and flutist Donald Peck – each of whom gave more than four decades of his professional career to the Chicago Symphony. All soloists featured in this collection reflect the inspired hiring choices and orchestra-building wisdom of music directors Artur Rodzinski, Rafael Kubelik, Fritz Reiner, Sir Georg Solti and Daniel Barenboim.

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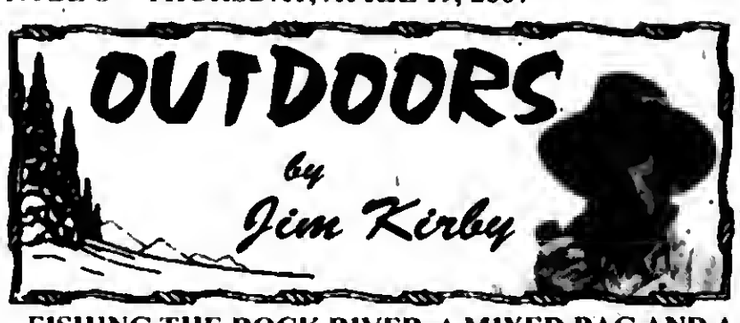

FISHING THE ROCK RIVER, A MIXED BAG AND A FEW SURPRISES: The long awaited call finally came, legendary Rock River fishing guide **Denny Halgren** fullilled a promise he made last year: "When the time is right, I'll give you a call, and we will target catfish and walleyes."

At the appointed time, I met Denny at **Bunny's Bait Shop** in Dixon, Illinois. Bunny's is a must stop for anyone fishing the Rock. This is the place where the guides hang out. Owners Irene and Ray have the latest information on the hot fishing spots as well as the best baits and presentations to use, and they are more than willing to share this information with their customers. Bunny's has the best selection of after-hours coin-operated vending machines for bait and tackle that I have ever seen.

We launched Denny's spacious John-type aluminum boat and jet motor, below the Dixon dam. Denny was a day or two away from having his new boat ready, a **Weld-pro** boat powered by a 150 hp **Suzuki** retro-fitted with a jet lower unit. This set-up allows Denny with his flat-bottomed boat and jet-drive, to fish areas not accessible to propeller driven boats.

The day was picture-perfect, clear blue skies and temperatures in the high sixties. The only problem, the winds were out of the west at 30 miles per hour. We were jigging for walleyes over Denny's favorite current breaks, boat control was important. The river was six feet over normal pool, the river flowed to the West and the winds were blowing to the East. Denny put us into walleyes using trolling motor, drift sock and anchor. The largest fish of the day was a 4 pound-5 ounce walleye, a nice fish on any body of water. We kept two walleyes and turned our attention to catfish, finding a few sheltered bays. Using Denny's tackle and following his instructions, we caught a fine mess of two to four pound channel cats to take home.

Jim Kirby (left) and Denny Halgren with a 4 lb. 5 oz. walleye.

The next day promised to be a better walleye day: no wind and mild temperatures. Things were looking good as we anchored below the Dixon Dam. Then it happened. The folks controlling the dam decided to clear the screens of accumulated debris. Suddenly it became impossible to fish. The line and lures were constantly getting hung up on weeds, logs, and other garbage.

The trick was to motor downstream a mile or two, and fish until the debris caught up with us. Then fire up the engine, move downstream and fish until the debris caught up with us again. This went on for five miles. Taking stock of the situation, we decided we had enough walleyes and catfish, two great days on the river, and stories to talk about around the campfire.

Denny with 'eating size' channel catfish.

The Rock River originates at the Horicon Marsh in Wisconsin, and enters the Mississippi at Rock Island. This is a beautiful river, no commercial traffic, with stretches showing no signs of human activity.

Denny has fished the river most of his life. Catching fish or not, a trip with him is most interesting. He is more than willing to share his knowledge of the river and local history. Denny leads the futile effort to impose creel and size limits. As he put it: "The river is a 'World Class Fishery' and could be better with some simple, common sense regulations."

Denny is a full-time guide, targeting channel and flathead catfish and walleyes. I found his fees to be reasonable, his knowledge of the river, and the amount of effort he puts into pleasing his clients the reason he has so much repeat business.

He is a professional guide in every sense of the word. He is licensed and insured, fishes year-round, weather permitting. He spends some time during January and February on the Outdoor talk circuit giving seminars.

Denny is a Pro-Staff member of Plano Moulding, Loki Nets, True Tum Hooks, Pflueger Reels, Suzuki Outboards, Cajun Lines and All Star Rods, just to mention a few. To book the fishing trip of a lifetime with Denny, call 1(815) 288-6855.

Dispute Exelon Contention That Tritium Remediation Not Harmful To Preserve

A press release issued by Exelon Nuclear asserting that its remediation of an inadvertent release of tritiated water is not potentially harmful to the nearby Braidwood Dunes and Savanna Nature Preserve is being disputed by the Forest Preserve District of Will County.

Exelon won approval from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency to reverse the flow of groundwater into a pond that was contaminated and subsequently purchased by Exelon. This groundwater supply, Forest Preserve ecologists believe, is critical to the health of Braidwood Dunes.

Data provided to Forest Preserve staff by Exelon itself predicts a drop in groundwater levels. The data show that Exelon's pumping has already lowered its own pond's elevation by seven feet, a depth that will remain for the four to five years necessary to treat the spill. Because the pond is fed by groundwater, this lowering is causing the groundwater to flow back into the pond from District property. Exelon's own model of alternate pumping strategies predicts that the groundwater will be impacted by as little as 1.1 feet on District property furthest from the pond and as much as 4 feet on District property nearest the pond.

The western portion of the preserve, which is closest to the pond, contains the highest quality wetlands and support populations of at least one state endangered plant species and other species reliant on the groundwater level.

Braidwood Dunes and Savanna Nature Preserve is protected by the Illinois Natural Areas Preservation Act and other Illinois' statutes and regulations relating to protection of wetlands and wildlife.

In a report provided to the Operations Committee of the Forest Preserve Board of Commissioners, the District's governing body, Executive Director Michael Pasteris wrote. "The rarity and high ecological quality of Braidwood Dunes and Savanna Nature Preserve is why it is a dedicated Illinois Nature Preserve. The preserve was purchased, developed and managed with public funds; as caretakers of the public's interest, its protection is serious business for us. It is not clear that these facts, the ecological sensitivity of the site or the seriousness of our concerns are appreciated by Exelon."

At present; negotiations between Exelon and District staff have reached an impasse. "Exelon recently drew a line in the sand and is unwilling to take further steps to address our concerns," Pasteris reported to the Operations Committee. "Exelon cannot dispute the fact that it has released tritiated water in the groundwater and onto District property in violation of the Illinois Natural Areas Preservation Act. It is also clear that Exelon's failure to disclose these releases when they occurred is really the cause of Exelon's present dilemma and our concerns. If Exelon had promptly disclosed the releases of tritiated water, the plume would never have spread as far as it has, and we would not be in the position that we are now in."

The Executive Director is urging Exelon to do what is necessary to deal with the tritium cleanup without jeopardizing the health of Braidwood Dunes by negatively impacting its crucial supply of groundwater. "Time is not on our side," Pasteris says. "If Exelon chooses not to work with us, the District will have to consider taking appropriate action to protect Braidwood Dunes and the wetlands and sedge meadow within this preserve. The District will continue to consult with the Illinois Nature Preserves Commission and the Illinois Dept. of Natural Resources regarding our course of action."

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Letter To The Editor

Dear Editor:

My job as sheriff is to keep the residents of Cook County safe, but each day I am reminded that many of our residents are not protected from crime and violence. Every week in Illinois a child dies and every hour more than three Illinois children become victims as a result of abuse or neglect. In Cook County alone, 28 kids died last year and there were over 7,500 confirmed cases of abuse and neglect.

Though most abused children grow up to lead healthy lives; research shows that these kids are more likely to commit violent crimes as adults. Most distressing for me is the fact that it doesn't have to be this way. We can break this cycle of violence and help parents become better parents and help our communities become safer.

In-home parent coaching programs provide parents with skills to understand the health and nutrition needs of newborns, identify early warning signs with their child, promote their child's development and make their home safe for kids. The programs offer first-time, at-risk parents weekly visits from nurses or other trained coaches typically beginning during the mother's pregnancy and continuing until the child's second birthday. In-home parent coaching not only saves lives, it saves money. Child abuse and neglect costs Americans more than $80 billion every year--$2.6 billion in Illinois alone. Yet, a study by the RAND Corporation found that in-home parent coaching programs save taxpayers four dollars for each dollar invested.

Congress has an opportunity to reach many more at-risk parents with is proven crime-fighting approach. The Education Begins at Home Act would provide $400 million over three years in grants to states to support in-home parent coaching programs. Rep. Danny Davis (D-Chicago) is a leader in supporting this important legislation.

Fight Crime: Invest in Kids, a national anti-crime organization of more than 3,000 police chiefs, sheriffs, prosecutors and violence survivors, of which I am a member, has made passage of the Education Begins At Home Act a top priority. Congress would be well to listen to law enforcement and pass this critical public safety measure this year.

Thomas J. Dart
Sheriff of Cook County

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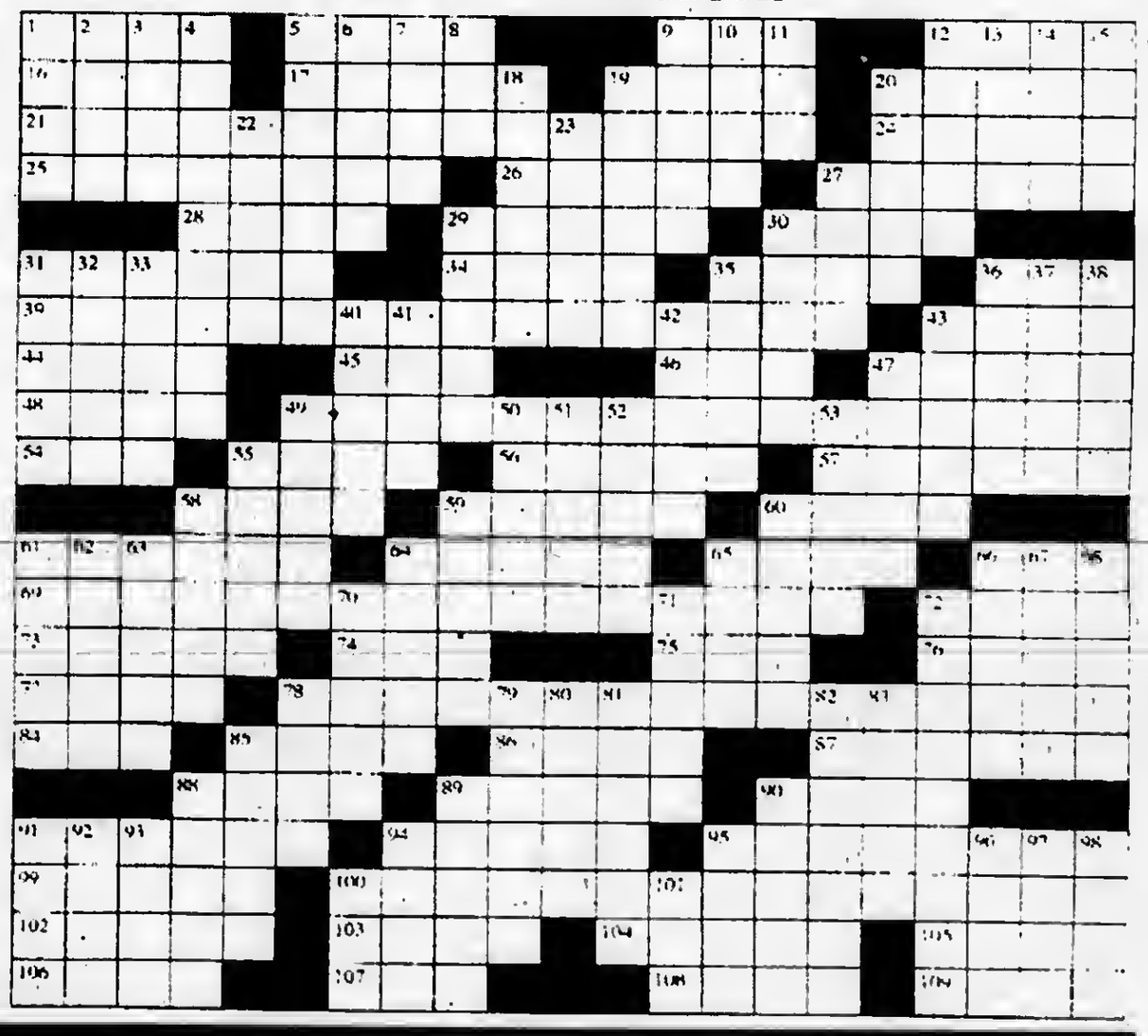


Look on page 13 for the solution to this weeks puzzle

Deadly Tornado Struck Oak Lawn In 1967

Gregory Mondry, 9120 S. Mayfield Ave., points to place where back door had been, of the Dushop home. Mrs. Dushop had crawled from under the debris at this point with a broken ankle and face lacerations. She was assisted to the Motel by Mr. Fisher then sent to a hospital.

Also in the photo are, Mrs. Gladys Ott, 9310 S. McVickers Ave., Mrs. Dushop's daughter; Mrs. Norman Nygaard, 8809 S. Melvina, granddaughter and her children, Patricia and Gail.

Firemen from Oak Lawn and neighboring communities are digging through muck by hand at what had been the Fairway Foods supermarket, 5991 W. 95th Street. Moments before this photo was taken, they had recovered the body of a teen-age boy.

Area youths lend a helping hand in search for injured; a scene repeated over and over again.

The debris in this photo was once the proud home of Arvid Anderson, 9400 S. Mayor Ave.

40th Anniversary Of The 1967 Oak Lawn Tornado

The Oak Lawn Public Library, 9427 Raymond Ave. (5300 W. 95th St.) has partnered with Oak Lawn Community High School, 9400 Southwest Highway (corner of 95th & Southwest Highway) to offer free public programs honoring the 40th anniversary of the devastating tornado that ripped through Oak Lawn on April 21, 1967, on Saturday and Sunday, April 21st and 22nd.

The events will take place as follows:

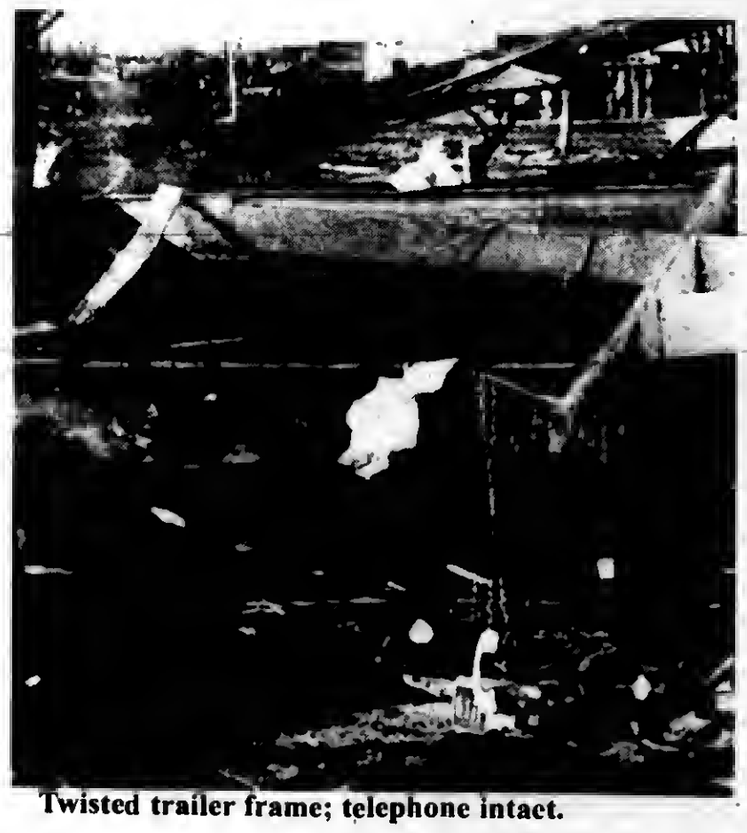
Local History Room Grand Opening – Oak Lawn Public Library – Saturday, April 21st from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, April 22nd from 1 to 3 p.m. View an exhibit of photographs, newspaper articles and memorabilia from the1967 tornado. There will be a ribbon cutting on Saturday, April 21st at 11 a.m.

1967 Tornado History Presentation – Oak Lawn Public Library – Saturday, April 21st at noon. Narrated slide show presentation with eyewitness accounts, storm survivor stories, newspaper coverage, film clips and photographs.

Tornado Sculpture Dedication – Oak Lawn Community High School – Saturday, April 21st at 2 p.m. As one of the buildings struck by the 1967 tornado, the high school will hold a dedication ceremony to unveil a student-created sculpture commemorating the destruction and rebuilding of their pool and gymnasium.

Tornado Memories Open Mic – Oak Lawn Public Library – Sunday, April 22nd at 1:30 p.m. Members of the community will share personal stories about how the 1967 Oak Lawn tornado impacted their life at this open mic forum.

Volunteers search for the dead and injured in the demolished buildings.



Twisted trailer frame; telephone intact.

Flattened Suburban Bus, standing on its side.

Veterans And Soldiers News

By Lori Taylor Ph: 708.388.2425

Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I., Archbishop of Chicago, dedicated Catholic Charities first national multi-agency holistic effort to assist formerly homeless U.S. military veterans on Wednesday, April 11th. St. Leo's Campus is located at 7750 S. Emerald Ave., which is one block east of Halsted St.

St. Leo Residence is a new four-story building with 141 furnished studio apartments, library, computer lab, fitness center, community, recreation rooms and laundry occupied by formerly homeless U.S. military veterans who live and receive services on campus. The Residence is built on the site of St. Leo the Great Church, which served a large Archdiocese of Chicago parish from 1885 until 2002 when it closed.

Scheduled for completion later this year are three more sites. Auburn-Gresham Community Outpatient Clinic and Resource Center should be completed later this spring. This new two-story community-based clinic, owned by Catholic Charities and operated by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, will assist residents of the St. Leo Campus and the 20,000 veterans who live in the surrounding community. The Center will provide medical care treatment, counseling, education, computer and employment training.

Pope John Paul II Home for Disabled Veterans will open early in the fall of 2007. The Home will provide 14 households of persons with physical disabilities with affordable housing in Section 811 apartments operated by Catholic Charities Development Corporation. A rooftop deck on the two-story Home will overlook the new St. Leo Veterans Garden.

St. Leo Veterans Garden is under construction and will be a centerpiece of the Campus. It is a new tranquil walled garden to honor all living veterans, funded by a grant from the Illinois AMVETS. A paved brick path will link the garden's fountain with five distinctive areas representative of each branch of the U.S. Military service featuring flags, seating and plantings.

Catholic Charities operates two residential programs at the Veterans Administration Hines Campus in Maywood: the Bishop Goedert Residence for 70 seniors and Cooke's Manor, providing affordable housing for 40 residents recovering from substance abuse.

The VA estimates that on any given night there are more than 300,000 homeless veterans in the U.S., and an estimated 18,000 live in the Chicago metropolitan area. The VA projects that nearly half of the homeless veterans are from the Vietnam era. Many of these men and women experience Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), have health and substance abuse problems and need help finding employment.

The St. Leo project is the first of five national pilots across the U.S. in areas of greatest concentration of homeless veterans. It is designed to be replicated in other communities throughout the country. Catholic Charities has a long history of serving veterans in need. In the past 10 years, an increasing number of veterans have turned to Catholic Charities for emergency assistance, food, transitional shelter, job training and substance abuse counseling.

St. Leo's Campus opened in mid-January 2007. Residents rent fully furnished studio apartments at a cost of $325 per month. It is expected that residents will occupy their apartments up to two years, while they gain the skills to become self-sufficient. On-site Catholic Charities social service staff works with residents on individualized plans for self-sufficiency that can include education, job skill training, job search, job retention and maintenance of physical and mental health.

In just two months since the St. Leo Campus for Veterans opened, many residents have found employment, some of them at St. Leo's itself.

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Hometown-Murray VFW and Auxiliary Post 9773 will hold a Loyalty Day ceremony on Saturday, April 28th at 10 a.m. at the memorial marker at Hammond Hall, 4343 Southwest Highway in Hometown. Renew and re-dedicate your patriotism and remember those whose loyalty has never wavered.

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Save Friday, May 18th for the "Mardi Gras" Appreciation Celebration honoring 16th District VFW Commander Bob White, a member of VFW Post 7454 in Palos Heights, and 16th District VFW Auxiliary President Sheila Mysliwiec, a member of the Ehinger Brothers VFW Auxiliary 8141 in Calumet City. The event will take place at the VFW 8141 Post Home, 664 Hirsch St. in Calumet City. There will be cocktails at 5 and dinner at 6 p.m. with a live orchestra for your dancing pleasure. The cost is $16 per person. For more information, call Marilyn Schultz at (708) 862-8673 or Jan Malone at (708) 868-5627.

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Good-bye until next week. God bless you and your family and God bless America.

How Do I Remove My Deceased Spouse's Name From The Title To Our Home?

Cook County Recorder of Deeds, Eugene "Gene" Moore (pictured) remarked the question most asked at community forums and out-reach events is, "how do I remove my deceased spouse's name from the title to our home?" The reality is that the decedent's name is not removed from the chain of title, but his or her absence is explained by way of a Deceased Joint Tenancy Affidavit.

The Deceased Joint Tenancy Affidavit is given under oath and requires the following information; (1) the affiant (the person swearing to the information) was acquainted with the deceased who was one of the owners of the land at his/her time of death. (2) The death of the deceased is evidenced by a certified copy of his/her Death Certificate which is attached. (3) Identify the county in which the land is located and provide the legal description.

The integrity of the chain of title to your homes and other real estate is guarded with great prejudice by the Recorder of Deeds office, especially in this technological age in which we live. We continue to employ and maintain our grantor (the person or entity selling or gifting the real estate)/grantee (the person or entity receiving the real estate) indexes, which were previously manually maintained, but now computerized. Our office and the public must be able to determine how a document or recording entered the chain of title. The Deceased Joint-Tenancy Affidavit and the certified copy of the decedent's death certificate are both filed in the Recorder of Deeds Office in the county where the real property is located. Upon the filing of the above documents the surviving Joint-Tenant then owns the property in severalty (alone) and may exercise any and all rights with respect to the property. When the chain of title is later examined the absence of the joint-tenant is explained by way of the Deceased Joint Tenancy Affidavit.

The Deceased Joint Tenancy Affidavit also requires information other than the information enumerated above, but that information will depend on the particular circumstances of the decedent and affiant. A copy of the Deceased Joint Tenancy Affidavit can be obtained from a stationary store or from Chicago Title Insurance Company.

'Women's Spring Retreat'

Welcome in the spring season! St. Francis Hospital & Health Center will sponsor "Women's Spring Retreat–Gardening for Life," an interactive health and wellness event, on Thursday, April 26, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., at the Orland Township Activity Center, 15100 94th Ave., Orland Park.

The cost is $15 and includes a healthy dessert, coffee bar, program materials and gift bags. Register by April 23 by calling (708) 385-4433.

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For Your Veterans News

Distribution Of Antitrust Settlement

Attorney General Lisa Madigan recently announced that checks have been issued to Illinois consumers who filed valid claims in the Remeron antitrust litigation. In all, 2,993 Illinois claimants who purchased the drug Remeron during the period June 15, 2001 to Jan. 25, 2005 will receive a total of $481,568.

The payments are the result of a nationwide settlement of allegations that a pharmaceutical company violated federal antitrust laws by delaying a less expensive generic form of the anti-depressant drug Remeron from coming on the market. Madigan joined the attorneys general from all 50 states, the District of Columbia and the five U.S. commonwealths and territories in the allegations against Organon USA, Inc. and parent company Akzo Nobel N.V. in a 2004 complaint filed in federal court in New Jersey.

The $8.6 million consumer portion of the $36 million settlement will compensate consumers for a portion of the higher price they paid for Remeron than they would have paid for a generic substitute. State purchasers, reimbursing agents such as Illinois' Medicaid and third party payers also shared in the aggregate settlement.

Madigan said the states' complaint alleged that Organon misled the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) about the scope of a new "combination therapy" patent it had obtained to extend its monopoly. In addition, the complaint alleged that Organon delayed listing the patent with the FDA in another effort to delay to consumers the availability of lower-cost generic substitutes. These actions resulted in higher prices for those who paid for Remeron. With annual sales in excess of $400 million at their peak, Remeron was Organon's top-selling drug, but sales stood to decline substantially with the onset of generic competition.

The settlement was approved in federal court in August 2005. Subsequent court proceedings as well as the notice and claims process itself resulted in a delay in the distribution of proceeds until now, Madigan said.

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Illinois Global Warming Pollution Up 22%

Global warming pollution in Illinois increased by 22% between 1990 and 2004, according to The Carbon Boom, a new analysis of state fossil fuel consumption data released today by Environment Illinois. This is the first time that 2004 state-by-state data on carbon dioxide emissions have been released.

"To head-off the worst impacts of global warming, we need to stabilize and reduce emissions substantially in the coming years," said Environment Illinois Field Organizer David Nollman-Watanabe. "Unfortunately, in Illinois and across the country our emissions are rising each year. We need real leadership from our federal and state officials to reverse this trend."

Environment Illinois's report comes less than a week after the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, a U.N. body charged with assessing the scientific record on global warming, released its consensus report on the current and projected impacts of global warming. The report warned of increasing droughts, floods, heat waves, water stress, forest fires, and coastal flooding in the United States but concluded that "many impacts can be avoided, reduced, or delayed" by quickly and significantly reducing global warming pollution.

Using data compiled by the U.S. Department of Energy, Environment Illinois's new report examines trends in carbon dioxide emissions from fossil fuel consumption between 1990 and 2004, the most recent year for which state-by-state data are available.

Major findings of the report include:

Illinois's carbon dioxide emissions from fossil fuel consumption grew from 191.1 million metric tons to 233.8 million metric tons between 1990 and 2004, an increase of 22%. Illinois ranked 3rd nationwide for the largest absolute increase in carbon dioxide emissions over the 15 year period.

Nationwide, emissions of carbon dioxide from fossil fuel consumption increased by 18% between 1990 and 2004. Coal-fired power plants and the transportation sector—especially cars and SUVs—drove this emissions increase.

In Illinois, carbon dioxide emissions from coal-fired power plants jumped by 64% between 1990 and 2004, rising from 55.7 million metric tons to 91.5 million metric tons. Illinois ranked 1st nationwide for the largest absolute increase in carbon dioxide emissions from coal-fired power plants over the 15 year period.

"The good news is that we have the technology at our fingertips to cut global warming pollution and forge a cleaner, more secure energy future," said Nollman-Watanabe.

In January, Environment Illinois released its global warming Blueprint for Action, which calculated that we could achieve a 25% reduction in global warming pollution from Illinois sources by 2025 using a combination of clean car standards, renewable energy, and energy efficiency. That Blueprint is available at www.EnvironmentIllinois.org/blueprint. Subsequently, Governor Blagojevich set a state goal of reducing emission to 1990 levels by 2020 and has initiated an advisory group to devise a plan to meet the goal.

"The Governor has set a good target for emission reductions, and now we need to make sure it is more than simply an aspiration, by setting mandatory standards for global warming emissions as other states have done," said Nollman-Watanabe.

Environment Illinois is working to advance the same solutions at the federal level. The Safe Climate Act (H.R. 1590), introduced by Representative Henry Waxman (CA) in the House, and the Global Warming Pollution Reduction Act (S. 309), introduced by Senators Bernie Sanders (VT) and Barbara Boxer (CA) in the Senate, would limit global warming pollution to levels that current science says are needed to prevent the worst effects of global warming. The bills would freeze U.S. global warming emissions in 2010 and reduce emissions by about 15% by 2020 and by 80% by 2050.

"To protect future generations, our leaders must take decisive action to cut global warming pollution. Environment Illinois calls on Representative Tim Johnson to co-sponsor the only bill that does what scientists say we need to do—the Safe Climate Act concluded Nollman-Watanabe.

College Illinois Rates

To save money on future college costs, Illinois families can enroll their children in College Illinois, the state's 529 prepaid tuition program, through April 24th. New plan prices that will take effect in the fall are expected to be much higher than plan prices available for purchase now.

Applications are available at the program's Web site, collegeillinois.com. Interested families can register online in about 10 minutes. One-on-one, live customer support assistance is also available at the site in real-time during business hours. College Illinois recommends that those without online access call the program toll-free at (877) 877-3724.

Events Brochure

Looking for something to do this spring or summer? Have some fun at one of over 230 festivals and events taking place in Chicago's south and southwest suburbs by requesting a free Chicago Southland Festivals & Events Guide today at 888-895-8233 (toll-free) or e-mailing a request to info@visitchicagosouthland.com.

The April – September Chicago Southland Festivals & Events Guide contains 237 family-oriented activities and festivals in the Southland's 61 communities, so there's something for every member of the family.

Plenty of sporting events will keep everyone happy: pro soccer with the Chicago Fire at Toyota Park, pro baseball with the Chicago White Sox, harness racing at Balmoral Park, Nascar racing at Chicagoland Speedway, independent league baseball with the Windy City ThunderBolts, and lacrosse with the Chicago Machine at Toyota Park.

Requests for the guide can also be made at www.visitchicagosouthland.com.

ABWA Meeting

American Business Women's Association, Libra Charter Chapter, will hold its regular monthly meeting on Thursday, April 26th at Mama Vesuvio East, 6361 W. College Drive in Palos Heights. Cocktails are at 6:30; dinner is at 7 p.m. The entrée choice is Chicken Parmesan or Broiled Salmon. The guest speaker is Mary Gannon, antique appraiser.

All are welcome – working or non-working. Call June at (708) 647-0123 days, (708) 856-0367 evenings, to make your reservation.

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Selecting A Lawyer: What You Should Know

Contrary to the image portrayed on television and in the movies, most lawyers do work that is decidedly less glamorous but necessary to protect the rights of their clients

If you are in a situation that you believe warrants the services of a lawyer, there are some basic facts you should know.

Your lawyer must be completely loyal to you with no conflicts of interest. This means he or she must have no competing interests with other persons, including the lawyer's own interests.

Your lawyer must know all the facts of the case – including those which may appear unfavorable to your cause. Furthermore, they must not disclose those facts to anyone without your consent unless required to do so by law. Your lawyer must keep your confidences. At the same time, your lawyer must be loyal to the administration of justice. So, while he or she may use in your behalf all legitimate means, your lawyer must not resort to illegal or unethical tactics or untruths.

Your lawyer must be licensed to practice law in Illinois. The preparation for such a law license and legal practice requires a great deal of time, hard work and expense. The licensed lawyer must graduate from an accredited law school and must pass the Illinois bar examination, a rigid test of knowledge in all fields of law. Finally, he or she must submit to an examination of personal character and fitness to practice law before being admitted to the bar.

You should feel comfortable with your lawyer. Most people select as their lawyer one whom they have met or is recommended by friends or relatives. When this is not possible, advice may be sought by contacting a referral service, such as the Illinois State Bar Association lawyer referral service at www.isbalawyers.com. However the selection is made, you should have confidence in the lawyer who undertakes to represent you.

For further information about law-related issues, contact an Illinois State Bar Association-member lawyer in your area or visit www.isbalawyers.com.

Religious Leaders Urge Illinois Senate To Pass Medical Marijuana Bill

Fifty religious leaders throughout the state are urging the Illinois senate to pass SB 650 to allow seriously ill patients to use medical marijuana. The senate is expected to vote on the bill within the next few weeks.

Denominations with official positions supporting medical marijuana include the United Methodist Church, Presbyterian Church (USA), Union for Reform Judaism, Unitarian Universalist Association, Episcopal Church, and United Church of Christ. In addition to clergy from these denominations, medical marijuana supporters in Illinois include clergy from Catholic, Evangelical Lutheran, Disciples of Christ, Church of God, and Baptist congregations.

Clergy from these 11 denominations endorsed the Interfaith Drug Policy Initiative's statement of principle, which states, "Licensed medical practitioners should not be punished for recommending the medical use of marijuana to seriously ill patients, and seriously ill patients should not be subject to criminal sanctions for using marijuana if the patients' medical practitioners have told them that such use is likely to be beneficial."

This is precisely what SB 650 would accomplish. Similar laws have been enacted in 12 other states. Patients in Illinois suffering from cancer, AIDS, multiple sclerosis, and other serious illnesses who find marijuana to be helpful currently face a terrible choice: Either continue to suffer needlessly or risk arrest and jail.

"Medical marijuana users need mercy, not handcuffs," said the Rev. Robert A. Hillenbrand, a Presbyterian minister from Rockford who spearheaded the efforts to mobilize supportive clergy on this issue. "The use of any kind of treatment is best left to medical science and to the doctor patient relationship."

A letter featuring the statement signed by 50 Illinois religious leaders was sent to all members of the state senate. Many of the clergypersons followed up by making phone calls to their senators.

"The moral choice on this issue is clear," said Charles Thomas, executive director of the Interfaith Drug Policy Initiative, which is coordinating the religious lobbying efforts in Illinois. "We pray that the senators will heed this call for compassion."

"It's immoral to punish people for making an earnest attempt at healing," said Rev. Jeffrey L. Phillips, a United Church of Christ minister from Arlington Heights. "Jesus broke the law of his land to heal the sick on the Sabbath."

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF EXAMINATION FOR POSITION OF
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COUNTY OF COOK, STATE OF ILLINOIS

The Board of Fire and Police Commission will be accepting applications for the position of Police Officer. Applications are available starting April 23, 2007 at the Midlothian Village Hall, 14801 S. Pulaski, Midlothian, Illinois, and should be filled out correctly and completely and returned on or before May 7, 2007 by 5:00 pm.

BENEFITS

Competitive salary and benefits include paid vacation, partially paid health insurance, longevity increases, retirement plan and optional credit union.

The Village of Midlothian reserves the right to alter salaries and benefits and that employment shall confer any vested right except as may be provided by law.

QUALIFICATIONS

The applicant shall be at least twenty-one (21) years of age and not over thirty-five (35) years of age at time of appointment. Must be a U.S. Citizen, of sound physical and mental condition. Must be a High School Graduate or equivalent. Applicants must meet all other eligibility requirements as provided by the State Statute and Village of Midlothian Fire and Police Commission Rules and Regulations. Must possess a current driver's license in good standing. Applicant must pass physical agility test, written examination, oral interview and upon offer of employment, pass a physical examination by the Fire and Police Commission Physician or a Physician designated by the Police Department. Mandatory appearance by the applicant at an orientation meeting, which is to be held on May 11, 2007 at 7:00 pm in the Village of Midlothian Council Chambers, is required prior to the physical agility examination. The date of physical agility testing will be held on May 12, 2007 at 8:00 am at Bremen High School, 152nd and Pulaski, Midlothian, Illinois.

There will be a non-refundable processing fee of $25.00 at the time application is picked up to partially cover the cost of the physical agility and written testing.

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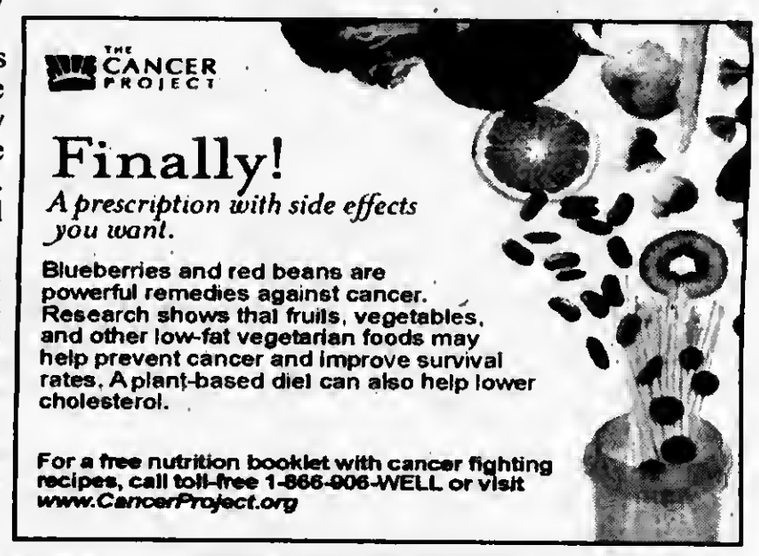

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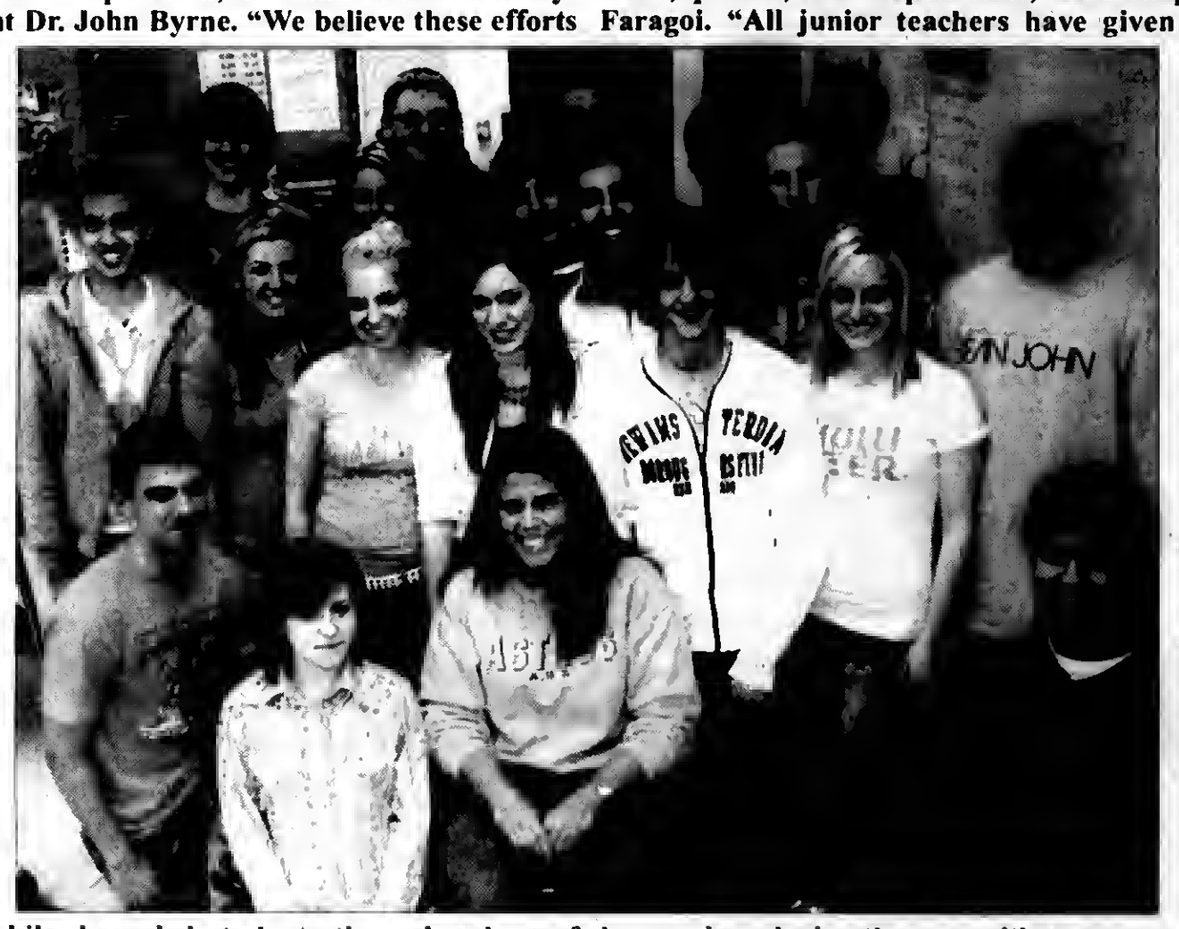
District 218 ACT Prep Review

District 218 has paused its curricula in junior year science, math and English courses for the two weeks leading up to the April 26 ACT to focus exclusively on test preparation. Seeking greater familiarity with subject content and reduced anxiety for test takers, the project is the first time the district has initiated such a review.

Administrators designed 'All Hands on Deck' as the capstone of a yearlong preparation for the college entrance exam. The social studies department also has halted its standard curricula for five of the days between April 10 and 24 to focus on ACT preparation, while foreign language teachers have devoted time to review academic vocabulary.

"These initiatives take the cooperation, time and efforts of everyone," said Superintendent Dr. John Byrne. "We believe these efforts will help students, which in turn will benefit the schools and communities we serve. And of course these actions will once again underline that the District 218 staff is always willing to do what is best for kids."



English teachers have narrowed their focus to grammar and reading.

"Any review should be helpful," said Richards High School English teacher Meg Dunneback. "These final days before the test are a complete review of test-taking strategies as well as subject content. Not all kids will review on their own, so now all kids are getting more help. It's a test of endurance, and we have trained them well for it."

Math teachers, meanwhile, have led students through a host of drills targeting algebra, geometry, trigonometry, data analysis and probability concepts and problems. "I have seen an immense improvement in my children just from the small steps we have taken together already," said Richards math teacher Sarah Przytula. "This review gives me the opportunity to share tools and strategies that I would not have time to share with them otherwise."

Science teachers have reviewed the gamut of subject content. "The test emphasizes scientific reasoning skills," said District 218 Curriculum Director for Science Carol Baker. "Passages (on the test) can be about biology, chemistry, physics and earth science topics."

"Within our science curriculum we have added test prep questions as class discussions at the beginning of the day. We have also started to place ACT-type questions on each test. Practice tests are also given to the students periodically throughout the school year," Shepard High School science teacher Maureen Kall said.

Aside from covering subject content, helping students feel relaxed has been a primary goal of the review efforts. "I think this review will bring the students a level of comfort that they would not have had," said Shepard English teacher Colleen Fiscella.

Kall clearly sensed that students felt greater ease about the biggest test of their lives. "It will help to relieve the 'testing anxiety' that many students face when taking tests. If a student has been exposed to questions that are similar to those found on the actual ACT, they will be more comfortable," she said.

Although the review might seem like 'cramming,' in fact the bustle of the project represents just the final step in test preparation.

"You can't cram for a test like the ACT. It takes time to develop the myriad academic skills that juniors will need to call upon to perform well. The district designed these two weeks to prime students for the test," said Assistant Superintendent for Instructional Services Dr. Kevin McCaffrey.

"Throughout the year, we build test prep questions into our homework, quizzes, and chapter tests," said Shepard math teacher Kathy Faragoi. "All junior teachers have given two 60-minute practice ACT math tests, in addition to the full practice ACT exam the students took on March 15."

Indeed, Przytuia started the year by giving her students a practice ACT exam.

"The students had 60 minutes to complete the 60-question test. The tests were graded and students were informed if they had met standards. I then offered an extra credit opportunity for students that wished to present a problem and solution to their peers. For a few weeks we spent our warm-up time doing this, truly breaking down one or two problems a day," said Przytula.

English teachers also blended exercises into lesson plans during the year with an eye toward the ACT.

"Grammar review is an obvious way that we prepare for the ACT. Review of concepts such as commas, colons, and verb usage is a good way to prepare. In my class, we also concentrate on the writing portion by responding to ACT prompts, and then analyzing those prompts with the ACT rubric," Fiscella said.

Dunneback made her students assess their own state of readiness.

"In the fall, we discussed simple test taking strategies. Throughout the year I gave actual tests in English and reading. The kids scored themselves on the ACT scale and then we looked at what they typically got wrong. This gave them something to work on for the next time they took the test. These testing days were sprinkled into the year so they didn't feel overwhelmed," Dunneback said.

District 218 hired the consulting firm College Visions to help students refine their test taking strategies and relaxation techniques.

"Confidence exerts a substantial effect on student performance. When our kids open their test booklets, we hope the greater command of subject material and familiarity with ACT testing methodology will give them a real boost," McCaffrey said.

Pictured (seated) is Shepard High School math teacher Kathy Faragoi and one of her Algebra II classes.

Rummage Sale

The United Methodist Women of the First United Methodist Church of Oak Lawn are having a rummage sale on Friday, April 20th, 9:00 a.m. to Noon and at night from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. and on Saturday, April 21st, 9:00 a.m. to Noon. Saturday is $3 a bag day. The church is located at 100th Street and Central Avenue. For more information, call (708) 423-1170.

Gourd Workshop

The Log Cabin Center for the Arts, 12700 Southwest Highway in Palos Park, will offer a gourd workshop on Wednesday evening, April 25th, 6:30 to 9:00 p.m.

Professional gourdcrafter Karen Caldwell will help each student to create a beautiful birdhouse gourd, just in time for the spring nesting season. Students will learn to burn, draw, paint and decoupage designs on the gourds and rim and embellish them with a variety of natural materials.

There is a class fee of $16 plus a $10 materials fee. Advance registration required. For further information, interested persons should call The Center at (708) 361-3650.

Children's Clothing Resale

The Oak Lawn Community Church, 9000 S. Ridgeland Ave., will hold its Annual Spring & Summer Children's Clothing Resale (toys, equipment, maternity clothes will also be available) on Saturday, April 21st from 8 to 11 a.m. Clothesbaskets are encouraged for shoppers. All Blue Tag items will be half price from 10 to 11 a.m.

Absolutely no children/strollers allowed until after 9 a.m. We have room for a few more sellers. If interested, call the office. For more information, you may call the church office at (708) 599-4025.

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Winners Of All-American Boy & Girl Program

Congressman Dan Lipinski hosted an awards ceremony for the finalists of his All-American Boy & Girl Program. The contest is designed to showcase America's next generation of young leaders. The participants are all 7th and 8th grade students who reside or attend school in the Third Congressional District. The young men and young women who were selected as finalists are all scholastic achievers, involved in extracurricular activities, and are involved in their communities.

"I think this is a great program for the junior high school students in the Third Congressional District. Everyone who participated is an invaluable member of our community. These kids work hard in school and perform community service work in their neighborhoods and churches; I feel that they deserve recognition for all of their hard work", Lipinski said.

Congressman Dan Lipinski was joined by Lyons Township Supervisor Pat Rogers (back row, left) and Berwyn Mayor Mike O'Connor (back row, right) in honoring the winners. Pictured are: (front row, left to right) Eva Lopez, Bridgeport Catholic Academy; John Gross, St. Francis Xavier; Allison Young, St. Leonard; Katie Clouston, St. Rene Goupil; Caitlin Taff, St. Christina; Larissa May, St. John of the Cross; Mike Gass, Worth Junior High; (back row, left to right) Anna Borys, St. Albert the Great; Jake Doman. St. Linus; Manuel Valle, Edwards School; Michael Annerino, St. Linus; David Anfield, Gurrie Middle School; and Kyle Szeto, Robert Healy School.

Spring Luncheon

The Worth Township Seniors Annual Spring Luncheon will be on Friday, May 4th. The luncheon starts at 12 noon. Tickets are $6. You must be an active member to attend. The luncheon will be held in the gym of the Worth Township Center, 11601 S. Pulaski Rd. in Alsip. If you have any questions, call (708) 371-2900, ext. 28.

Choir Students Win Medals

Show choir students from Richards High School won gold and silver medals at the Illinois High School Association Solo and Ensemble Contest at Thornwood High School on March 31.

Students who won gold medals included Shyvon Adams, Cassie Aguilar, Amber Atkinson, Emily Brankin, Awmone Chappel, Nicole Chipman, Jennifer Galvan, Zac Goldstein, Jessica Greene, Bob Hoppenrath, Julie Janin, Julianne Kaiser, Emily Larson, Nate Martin, Ellen Miller, Paul Piane, Kyle Ryan, Patrick Rylko, Lizzie Saathoff, Clare Smith, Jennifer Thiel, Alexis Uriquiza, Hugh Vondracek, Rebecca Williams and Monica Zilinger.

Students winning silver medals included Ashley Bogard, Emily Brankin, Armone Chappell, Nicole Chipman, Jennifer Galvan, Zac Goldstein, Jessica Greene, Bob Hoppenrath, Julianne Kaiser, Emily Larson, Nate Martin, Paul Piane, Kyle Ryan, Patrick Rylko, Clare Smith, Jennifer Thiel, Hugh Vondracek, and Monica Zilinger.

Students could compete in three vocal categories, so some won more than one medal. Teacher Rose Cunningham directs the choral program at Richards.

Spaghetti Dinner

The Our Lady of Loretto Athletic Association, 8925 S. Kostner, Hometown, will host an "All U Can Eat" Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, April 22nd from 12 to 6 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at the door. The cost is $5 for adults, $3 for senior citizens, $3 for children 6 to 10 and $2 for children 5 and under. The meal consists of spaghetti, meatballs, salad, bread and dessert. All proceeds benefit the children in the OLL sports program.

For orders to go, call (708) 857-9344 on that day or call Elaine at (708) 636-9415 with any questions.

Trinity Lutheran Church Holds Sale

You know spring has arrived when Oak Lawn's Trinity Lutheran Church announces the dates of its Spring Rummage Sale. This year the sale will be held on Thursday, April 26th from 6 to 9 p.m. and Friday, April 27th from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Bag Day will be Saturday, April 28th from 9 to 11 a.m. Everything that can be stuffed in a brown paper grocery bag can be purchased for only $2.

Bargains include clothing for all ages, household goods, jewelry, books, toys, furniture, and much more. The church is at 9701 S. Brandt Ave. (two blocks west of Cicero Ave.).

Allergic Diseases

Moraine Valley Community College will host a Medical Education Series discussion on "Allergic Diseases: An Overview" from 7 to 8 p.m. on Monday, April 30, in the College Center's Moraine Rooms, 9000 W. College Pkwy., Palos Hills. The discussion will cover the symptoms and causes of allergies as well as avoidance measures and medications.

Dr. Anju Peters, assistant clinical professor of the Allergy Division at Northwestern University's Feinberg School of Medicine, will facilitate the event. Peters has spent nearly 15 years in the subject of chronic rhinosinusitis (CRS)—a group of disorders characterized by inflammation of nose mucosa and nasal cavities lasting 12 weeks or more. CRS disorders annually account for as many as 22 million office visits and more than 500,000 emergency department visits in the U.S., according to some estimates. Annual CRS-related healthcare expenditures reach as much as $3.5 billion.

This event is co-hosted by Northwestern Memorial Hospital and Moraine Valley's Health Sciences Programs, and is supported by a Carl D. Perkins grant. Admission to the discussion is free.

For the past three years, Moraine Valley and Northwestern Memorial Hospital have combined efforts to host several Medical Education Series discussions in a variety of health topics, including cardiology, urology and ophthalmology. For more information, call (708) 608-4152.

Kick Off Relay For Life

Cancer doesn't sleep, so neither do we...

The 2007 Relay for Life of Bridgeview and Bedford Park will be held on June 22-23 at Commissioners Park, 8100 S. Oketo. To start the Relay for Life season off right join in at the kick off celebration on Monday, April 23rd at the Bridgeview Park District Building, 8100 S. Beloit, at 6:30 p.m.

For information on getting involved in the fight against cancer or would like more information contact Nora Gallagher, American Cancer Society at (708) 484-8541, ext. 23.

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The ability to move around is fundamental to our well-being. Yet, as we age, our ability to move independently is limited by changes in our joints. They begin to lose their flexibility and we see more stiffness in our everyday activities. These changes can be caused by chronic joint symptoms, America's leading cause of disability in people 15 years or older.

Chronic joint symptoms affect over 73 million Americans, a number that is expected to grow significantly over the next 10 years, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. In part, this is due to the unprecedented rate at which the U.S. population is aging. As baby boomers age, they can expect to feel changes in their joints beginning in their 40s, and nearly everyone can expect to develop chronic joint symptoms by their 70th birthday.

Not Just An Age Issue

However, immobility and stiffness aren't just a function of age. The expected increase in disability due to chronic joint symptoms is also due to the fact that roughly 50 percent of Americans are overweight. Evidence of significant changes in the level of cartilage is seen in joints of most overweight people who are in their 40s, according to researchers. In fact, some physicians believe that these changes in cartilage levels may occur during our 20s and 30s. This degradation of our cartilage may explain the loss of flexibility and increased stiffness many of us have begun to feel in weight-bearing joints, such as knees and hips. This loss of cartilage opens the joint to developing significant pain with any movement. Fortunately, besides losing a few pounds, there are precautionary measures you can take to protect the cartilage in your hips, knees, lower back and neck, finger or toe joints.

Cartilage Regenerates

Medical studies have proven that even though cartilage does not contain blood vessels, nerves or lymph vessels, cartilage is an active, growing tissue that needs continuous regeneration to perform. Controlling the rate of cartilage regeneration are specialized cells called chondrocytes. These cells detect minor changes in the composition of the cartilage and respond by synthesizing new cartilage. However, joint cartilage may begin to break down over time if the natural regeneration process cannot keep pace with the wear and tear of daily life.

Protecting Cartilage

To protect and preserve your cartilage health, it's important to maintain the basic essentials of good health: good nutrition, getting sufficient exercise and rest and maintaining a healthy weight. Also, if you are at high risk for cartilage degradation, you may want to ask your doctor about CH-Alpha, available from Gelita Health Products. Its active ingredient, collagen hydrolysate, has a direct effect on the chondrocyte cells that control the production of cartilage tissue.

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Prescription Drug Costs

There are times when many Americans need a cure for the all-too-common high cost of prescription drugs. The problem is that the cost of prescription drugs continues to rise in the U.S. Some patients must choose between food and medicine; others are forced to import drugs. Patients can save money on their prescription medications with these easy tips:

- Switch from your brand-name, expensive prescription drugs to low-cost alternatives. Both generic and name-brand medications must be manufactured to meet the same strict FDA requirements. Generics are time-tested to be safe and effective. Some new brands have not been marketed long enough to pass the test of time.
- Don't be misled by free drug samples at the doctor's office. Samples are a form of marketing. Often, you're in for an expensive surprise when the sample runs out and you go to fill the prescription. Get the real price of your drug sample and see if there is a more reasonably priced option at www.USGenericsOnline.com.

"Consumers spend more than they have to on their prescriptions. Know your options, like generic equivalents, and you can save a lot of money," said licensed pharmacist Mel Solochek, co-founder of USGenerics.

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Healthy Immune System

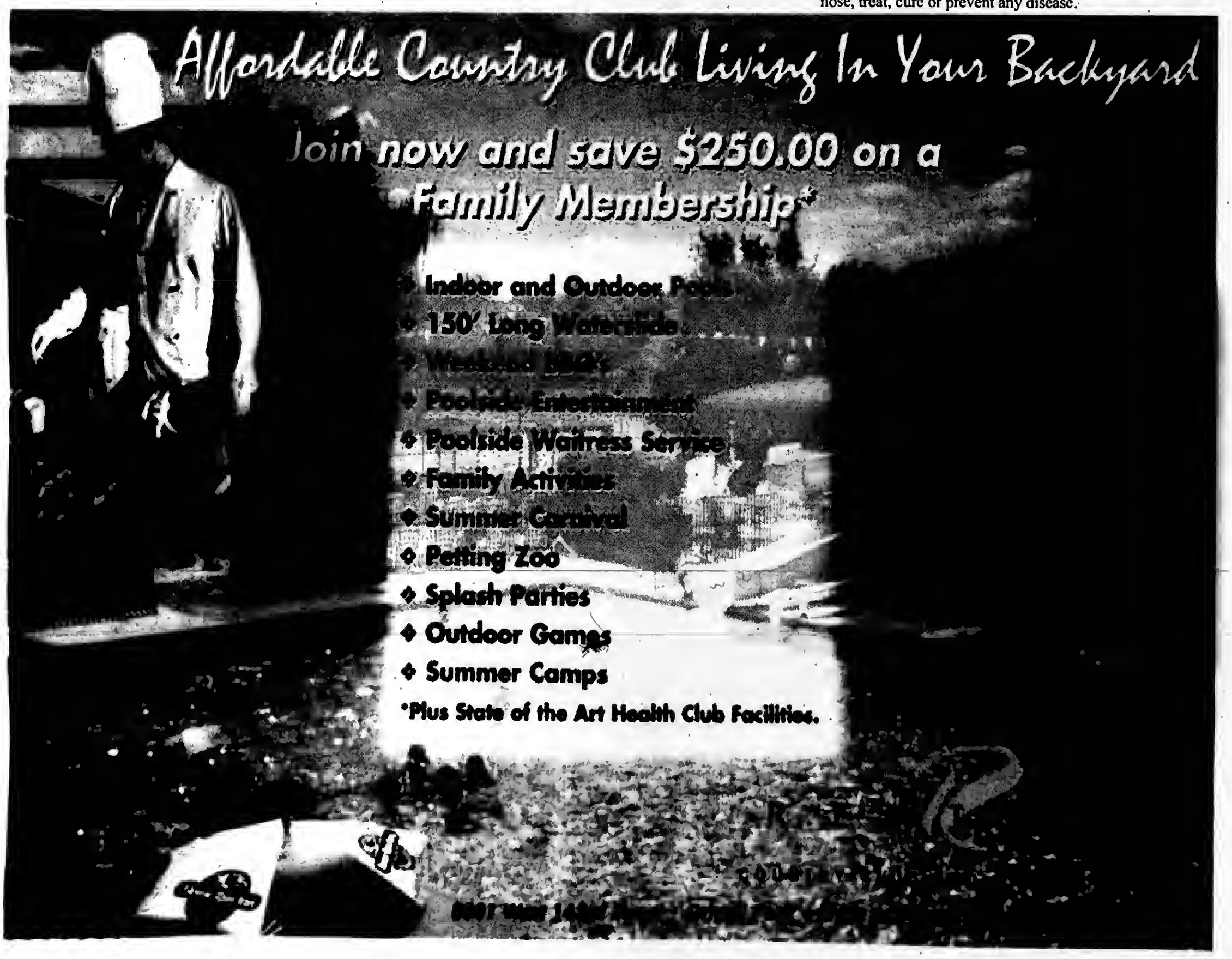
The human body is constantly under attack from millions of microorganisms with which we share the planet, which is why it is important not to take your immune system for granted.

What can you do to help keep your immune system healthy and ready to shield your body from infection? To answer this question, Shaklee Corporation recently formed the Center for Immune Research, which offers these important tips:

1. **Find ways to relax**. Because stress produces many different effects on the endocrine systems, scientists believe that immune function may be diminished by chronic stresses. There are a number of techniques to help you relax, such as deep breathing or yoga, which can reduce mental and physical stress as well as lower blood pressure and slow down your heart rate.
2. **Sleep matters**. Besides leaving you feeling sluggish, irritable and forgetful, not getting enough sleep can temporarily reduce the activity of certain cells in your immune system by up to 50 percent. Strive to get seven to eight hours of sleep each night.
3. **Feed your immune system well**. Not getting enough calories and getting too much dietary fat may weaken immune response. This is one important reason why nutritionists recommend a well-balanced diet that includes plenty of fruit, vegetables, low-fat dairy products and whole grains.
4. **Get physically active**. Regular exercise helps to strengthen your immune system, cardiovascular system, heart, muscles and bones. Being active also stimulates the release of endorphins, improves concentration and other mental functioning, lowers cholesterol and blood pressure, and may lower cortisol and other stress hormones.
5. **Learn about interferon**. Although most Americans have never heard of interferon, this natural protein helps protect the body from the daily exposure to millions of germs that can lead to serious infection. Activated when an invading virus attacks a cell, interferon signals neighboring cells into action and triggers their resistance mechanisms. Interferon also activates other immune cells that kill invading pathogens.

Because interferon plays such an important role in immune health, Shaklee Corporation is raising awareness about NutriFeron™, a new dietary supplement that naturally increases the body's production of its own interferon.* The Japanese scientist who originally discovered the existence of interferon in the body-Dr. Yasuhiko Kojima at Tokyo University-developed NutriFeron™after more than 40 years of research on natural interferon-inducing compounds.

For more information from the Center for Immune Research about enhancing and strengthening the body's natural defense systems, visit www.immunityfacts.com. To learn more about the benefits of NutriFeron™, visit www.nutriferon.com.*This statement has not been evaluated by the Food & Drug Administration. This product is not intended to diagnose, treat, cure or prevent any disease.



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Thoughts On Health & Nutrition

by

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FIRST FDA-OTC DIET DRUG APPROVED

Consumers will be able to buy the first FDA-approved over the counter (OTC) version of a prescription diet drug this summer. Xenical, the prescription drug marketed by GlaxoSmithKline since 1999, will now come in the low-dose, OTC version called "alli".

The main ingredient in both drugs is orlistat, a naturally-occurring fat blocker that binds to several digestive enzymes. This results in part of fat-containing foods passing through the intestinal tract without being absorbed.

About 25 percent of dietary fat is blocked when the prescription form of orlistat is taken with breakfast, lunch and dinner, resulting in a reduction in about 200 calories daily. The OTC drug, alli, will save you about 100 calories a day.

Taking orlistat-containing drugs is not without some possible problems, however. Fat-soluble vitamins such as A,D,E, and K may not be absorbed as readily when these medications are taken. Because of this, taking a multi-vitamin containing fat soluble vitamins is advisable.

Some people should not take the fat-blocking drugs. Those who have had an organ transplant, are restricted, since transplant drugs can cause special risks when combined with orlistat-based drugs. Persons who have diabetes, thyroid, and/or anti-clotting drugs are also at risk for problems.

Even healthy people who take either medication may have problems. If you have tried Xenical, you probably know that fat still must be limited in your diet. In the case of taking either drug, the more dietary fat you eat, the greater your chance of loose stools and diarrhea, bloating, gas and abdominal cramps. A restriction of fat intake in general will help to control these symptoms.

As always, discuss the use of alli with your physician before deciding to take it. You may be unaware of potential medical complications it can cause you.

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April Is Autism Awareness Month

Recent statistics from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) suggest that 1 in 150 people in the United States could be diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). That means 26,000 children in Illinois may have an ASD. ASD is a neurobiological disorder. Scientists do not know exactly what causes autism and symptoms can range from very mild to severe.

Currently, Illinois is facing a shortage of trained professionals to diagnose and treat children with autism. Early intervention is vital to the well-being of these children. Studies have shown that early treatment allows children to develop communication skills and other adaptive behaviors, reducing the appearance of problem behaviors.

April is National Autism Awareness Month. The Illinois General Assembly is aware of the issues Illinois faces and is taking action. This session, House Speaker Michael Madigan, D-Chicago and more than 64 House Members have sponsored House Bill 1661. HB 1661 supports evidenced based services throughout Illinois, including, 12 regional centers, four community outreach centers and 11 community planning initiatives. The bill provides diagnostic and treatment resources that will impact more than 16,000 children in FY2008.

Autism Spectrum Disorder can be detected as early as 18 months. Provided is a list of possible signs of autism. If you have a child or know a child that displays these symptoms contact your pediatrician, your local early intervention agency, school of The Autism Program. It is very important to begin intervention as early as possible in order to help your child reach his or her full potential. Acting early can make a real difference!

Play Skills

At age Did your child...

4-12 months	Enjoy toys for their sensory value – mouthing, feeling, and hearing
12+ months	Use toys as they were intended
16+ months	Give objects identities other than intended (use blocks as cars or food)
30+ months	Imaginative play – make believe/role play

Social Interaction

At age Did your child...

4 month	Show interest in faces, smile back, initiate smiles
6 months	Relate to parents with joy, smile often when play ing
9 months	Orient to name, play give-and-take
12 months	Use gestures to get needs met, repeat actions, show objects
15 months	Check parent's facial expression, draw attention to objects of interest, begin to show empathy
18 months	Pretend play, attract parental attention by looks or gestures
24 months	Enjoy playing next to children, offer toys
36 months	Imagine self as a character, talk for objects, play show and tell, talk about feelings

Joint Attention

At age...	Could your child...
2 months	Exchange smiles
8 months	Follow a caregiver with his eyes
9 months	Follow a point
10 months	Show objects
12 months	Point to obtain an object
14 months	Point to indicate to another an object of interest and look to others to gather social information

Investigate Further and Consider Autism if:

At age...	Your child...
9 months	Did not babble
12 months	Did not point or gesture
16 months	Did not use single words
24 months	Did not use 2-word phrases
Any age	Had a loss of language or social skills

Information modified from the STEPPS 2 Early Autism Detection & Referral Guide from the Illinois Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics and The Autism Program.

For more information, contact The Autism Program, 928 S. Spring St., Springfield, IL 62704; (217) 525-8332.

TB Remains A Universal Health Concern

The spread of tuberculosis continues to present a global public health threat. Second only to HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis is one of the world's leading infectious killers. According to the World Health Organization (WHO), two billion people are infected with Mycobacterium tuberculosis (M.tb), with eight million new active cases annually and two million people dying from the disease each year.

According to data compiled by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), 14,000 new cases of active TB were diagnosed in 2005 compared to 30,000 new TB cases in 1992. In addition to those with active TB, an estimated 10 to 15 million people in the United States have latent TB; i.e. infection with no signs or symptoms of active disease. In 2006 there were 569 cases of active TB in Illinois of which 116 were identified in suburban Cook County.

An illness of the respiratory system, TB is spread when infectious people cough, sneeze, talk or shout. Only people who are sick with TB in their lungs (active TB) are infectious. With appropriate antibiotic treatment, TB can be cured in most people. Left untreated, each person with active TB disease will infect on average between 10 and 15 people every year.

Early symptoms of active TB can include weight loss, fever, night sweats and loss of appetite. Symptoms may be vague and go unnoticed by the affected person. For some, the disease either goes into remission or becomes chronic and more debilitating with an active cough, chest pain, and blood sputum.

Successful treatment depends on close cooperation between the patient and health care provider. Treatment usually combines several different antibiotic drugs that are given for at least 6 months, sometimes for as long as 12 months.

In suburban Cook County, treatment and control services are provided by the Suburban Cook County Tuberculosis Sanitarium District (SCCTSD). The SCCTSD operates three full-time clinics with a combined total of 83,000 patient visits and administers 30,000 tuberculin skin tests annually.

Until 50 years ago, there were no medicines to cure TB. Now, strains that are resistant to a single drug have been documented in every country surveyed; what is more, strains of TB resistant to all major anti-TB drugs have emerged. Drug-resistant TB is caused by inconsistent or partial treatment, when patients do not take all their medicines regularly for the required period because they start to feel better. To ensure compliance with treatment in suburban Cook, directly observed therapy (DOT) is employed in the treatment of all active cases of TB.

Pediatrician Hassan Alzein, M.D., Named One Of The Country's Best

The Consumers' Research Council of America recently named Dr. Hassan Alzein (pictured), a pediatrician at Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care Centers, one of America's Top Pediatricians. Only a select few health care providers who meet specific criteria receive this recognition.

Dr. Alzein has practiced at Little Company of Mary for 12 years after completing a residency in pediatrics at the University of Illinois at Chicago Medical Center.

Yoga Classes

Yoga classes will be offered at The Center on Wednesday afternoons beginning April 25th at 5:15 p.m. The class will meet in the Anderson Activity Center at The Children's Farm, 12700 Southwest Highway, Palos Park.

Instructor Paula Gardner will lead the yoga sessions which feature meditative, gentle, balancing exercises. The Yoga classes cost $60 for 6 weeks. For registration information, interested persons should call The Center at (708) 361-3650.

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Nationwide Asthma Screening Program

Adults and children with breathing problems can find out if asthma is taking their breath away during the 11th Annual Nationwide Asthma Screening Program, sponsored by the American College of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology (ACAAI).

Chicago-area allergists, who are asthma specialists, will offer free asthma screenings at the following locations:

- April 28th from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Dia Del Nino Festival with the Chicago While Sox, Armour Square Park, 3309 S. Shields Avenue.
- May 5th from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Healthy Living Expo, Benedictine University, Rice Center, 5700 College Road, Lisle.
- May 5th from 9 a.m. to Noon at Sportsplex, 11351 W. 159th Street, Orland Park.
- May 9th from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Chicago Ridge Shopping Plaza, 95th Street and Ridgeland Avenue, Chicago Ridge.
- May 20th from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Century Shopping Centre, 2828 N. Clark Street.

Supported by AstraZeneca, the program screened more that 100,000 people and referred more than half for a professional diagnosis in its first decade.

In addition to identifying people who might be at risk from asthma, the screening program provides an opportunity for those who already know they have asthma to talk with an allergist about their disease and how to keep symptoms under control.

Asthma affects about 23 million Americans including 9 million children and is responsible for about 4,000 deaths each year. Although the exact cause of asthma is unknown, many treatments are available to control this chronic inflammation of airways in the lungs and related symptoms.

An asthma attack often is triggered by allergens such as pollen, dust and animal dander, certain drugs and food additives, viral respiratory infections and physical exertion.

Once asthma is diagnosed, experts recommend aggressive treatment with allergen avoidance and medication. Because inflammation of the lungs and airways plays a central role in the development of asthma, the most effective medications are those that reduce inflammation. Studies show inhaled corticosteroids are the most potent and effective anti-inflammatory.

This year at the screenings a new brochure about asthma in very young children will be available to parents and caregivers.

During a screening, adults complete a 20-question Life Quality (LQ) Test developed by ACCAI for the program. Children under 15 take a special test called the Kids' Asthma Check that allows them to answer questions themselves about any breathing problems. Another version of the Check is available for parents of children up to 8 years of age to complete on their child's behalf.

Participants also take a lung function test that involves blowing into a tube and meeting with an allergist to determine if they should seek a thorough examination and diagnosis.

For a list of asthma screening sites and dates or to take the online versions of the LQ Test and Kids' Asthma Check, visit the ACCAI web site at www.acaai.org.

Supporting Youth Fitness Programs And A Run For Something Better

In the sport of distance running, orange is in.

At this year's ING New York City Marathon, ING, a global financial services company, used orange shoelaces to tie its premiere road race sponsorships to communities. Runners and nonrunners alike laced up their sneakers with ING Run For Something Better orange shoe- laces and took to the streets to support children's physical fitness.

The orange shoelaces were given to individuals who made a donation of $10 or more to the Run For Something Better charitable fund, which supports youth running programs.

Wearing their laces on race day was an easy and visible way for everyone to show their support, whether competing or cheering.

Plans are in place to expand the fundraising program to the ING Bay to Breakers 12K in San Francisco, the ING Georgia Marathon in Atlanta and the ING Miami Marathon in 2007.

Money raised through the Run For Something Better will be used to fund local programs that help kids be strong, fit and healthy, including running training programs in those race communities.

The company worked with New York Road Runners to create the Run For Something Better in 2003 as the charitable companion to its title sponsorship of the ING New York City Marathon.

The program is a way to introduce youths to the sport of running and the advantages of being fit and healthy, as well as a way to help support the communities where the company sponsors running events.

Since the creation of the program, the company has donated nearly three-quarters of a million dollars in New York and Miami and has committed an additional $500,000 per year to support running programs in cities where it sponsors races.

In New York City, the program benefits youth running programs that help make running a year-round component in the lives of over 6,000 children through school-based initiatives provided by the New York Road Runners Foundation and summer track and field programs through the City Parks Foundation.

With dedication, running builds stronger bodies and minds, and can help build better communities. The financial services company sees the parallels between distance running and financial planning.

It's about starting small, setting goals, continuously improving and staying committed for the long run.

"The company's commitment to the sport of running has led to its sponsorship of some of the best-known races in the country, building connections with communities and staying committed to helping children be fit and get a healthy start in life," says Toby Hoden, chief marketing officer, ING.

In keeping with the company's commitment supporting teachers and education, it also sponsors the ING Unsung Heroes(r) program, which recognizes those classroom heroes who take teaching to new heights and make learning fun. Each year, the company presents 100 grants totaling $240,000 to help fund innovative classroom projects nationwide.

ING is also the first-ever presenting sponsor of the National Teacher of the Year program, a project by the Council of Chief State School Officers.

To make a contribution to the ING Run For Something Better charitable fund, part of the ING Foundation, which is a registered 501(a) organization, visit www.ingrunforsomethingbetter.com.

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The Risks Of Chronic Kidney Disease

You may know that the sun and certain foods are good sources of vitamin D. But did you know that due to chronic kidney disease, millions of Americans can't convert the form of vitamin D produced by the sun or found in food and over-the-counter vitamins into the active form of vitamin D used by the body? This means that even if you're taking vitamin D pills, getting adequate sunlight or eating foods rich in vitamin D, your bones and organs may be at risk due to a deficiency in "active" vitamin D.

Chronic Kidney Disease

Chronic kidney disease (CKD) is a condition in which kidney function slows and the kidneys stop doing critical jobs such as filtering toxins from the bloodstream.

The severity of CKD is classified in stages, with stage 5, also known as kidney failure or end-stage renal disease (ESRD), being the most severe. Patients with ESRD require dialysis, a procedure where several times a week for several hours their bloodstream is routed through a machine that filters toxins.

40 million Americans with or at risk for chronic kidney disease

Early-stage CKD-before dialysis is necessary-is often undetected and can worsen with declines in kidney function.

According to the National Kidney Foundation, 20 million Americans-1 in 9-have CKD and another 20 million are at increased risk.

So what does CKD have to do with vitamin D, let alone your bones?

Before the body can use vitamin D, it has to be "activated." Inactive vitamin D-the vitamin D you get in the form of over-the-counter pills, food or sunlight-is activated by two steps, one in the liver and the other in the kidneys.

Then, much like a key fits into a car ignition and starts the engine, activated vitamin D fits into vitamin D receptors located in numerous tissues and systems throughout the body and triggers processes that help maintain bone, the heart, the immune system and so on.

For people with CKD, however, their kidneys' ability to activate adequate amounts of vitamin D deteriorates as their overall kidney function decreases. In fact, people with kidney disease may eventually lose the ability to activate vitamin D altogether.

Secondary hyperparathyroidism

When levels of active vitamin D are low or inadequate within the body, a serious complication of CKD called secondary hyperparathyroidism (SHPT) can occur. SHPT can lead to a wide range of problems, including damage to bones and many vital organs.

How is SHPT prevented and treated?

When CKD and SHPT are detected early, the conditions may be managed and disease progression may be slowed.

Remember, people with stage 3 or 4 CKD who develop SHPT cannot convert vitamin D into its active form within their own kidneys. Experts suggest that these patients with stage 3 or 4 CKD and SHPT take an activated form of vitamin D medication-which is available only by prescription-to correct their vitamin D deficiency and thereby treat SHPT. Managing SHPT lowers risk for bone loss or fracture, cardiac complications and dangerous mineral and hormonal imbalances.

For more information on the risks of CKD and SHPT, and how current treatments can help, visit the National Kidney Foundation at www.kidney.org or call (800) 622-9010.

Climbing Out Of Depression

One man is scaling each continent's tallest mountain to heighten global awareness of depression.

Twenty years after the suicide death of his father, mountain climber Joe Lawson formed Expedition Hope to help raise awareness of depression and the risks of letting the illness go untreated.

Lawson's father battled depression his entire life, until he decided to put an end to his suffering when Joe was just 16 years old. After struggling to understand his father's suicide, Lawson developed an interest in mountain climbing and has since traveled the world in search of new adventures and personal challenges. One of these personal challenges includes Lawson's attempt to climb the highest mountain on each of the seven continents.

Up to 19 million Americans suffer from depressive disorders, including major depression. Although it is one of the most frequently seen psychiatric disorders in the primary-care setting, it often goes undiagnosed or is under-treated. This may be because depressed patients often discuss their physical symptoms rather than emotional complaints. In fact, in one study about 70 percent of patients diagnosed with major depressive disorder (MDD) presented with only physical complaints. Pain is present in approximately 45 to 75 percent of patients with MDD, and can include headache, back, shoulder and abdominal pain.

"My father's depression left him feeling isolated and estranged, making it hard for him to seek help and talk about his condition," said Lawson. "Had he had the proper treatment, his life might have been saved."

With the help of Eli Lilly and Company, Lawson began his journey last May by climbing Alaska's Mt. McKinley, the highest peak in North America. However, after injuring his knee while on the mountain, Lawson had to turn back. Instead of giving up, Lawson went on to summit Mt. Kilimanjaro, the highest peak in Africa, in September 2005, and Mt. Kosciusko, the highest peak in Australia, in November 2005.

"Like mountain climbing, persons suffering from depression may face extreme challenges, but help, treatment, and relief from symptoms are attainable with appropriate assistance," said Lawson.

This year, Lawson will attempt to summit Mt. Elbrus, the highest peak in Russia, and Mt. Vinson Massif, the highest peak in Antarctica.

Visit www.ExpeditionHope.org for more information.

Inhalant Use By Kids Is Rising

Parents who think they are doing everything they can to protect their children from drugs may not be aware of all the dangers found right in their own homes. More than 1,400 common household products are currently being abused by kids across the country to get high.

Inhalants are easily accessible, legal, everyday products. When used as intended, these products are completely harmless and have a useful purpose in our lives, but when intentionally misused and abused, they can be deadly. Most parents and educators are in the dark regarding the popularity and dangers of inhalant abuse, and unfortunately, the practice is becoming more common and accepted among children.

According to national surveys, inhalant abuse is on the rise, and poses a tremendous threat to all those who engage in the practice. By the time a student reaches the 8th grade, one in five will have abused inhalants and more than 2 million kids aged 12-17 will have used some form of inhalant to get high.

A recent case that illustrates the grave dangers associated with inhalant abuse is that of Police Officer Jeff Williams of Cleveland, Ohio. Mr. Williams repeatedly warned his children about the dangers of drug and alcohol abuse, and despite owning a retired police K-9 trained and certified in drug detection, he was uninformed on the issue and wasn't aware of the warning signs. His 14-year-old son Kyle had a bright future and was about as normal and healthy as any parent would want their son to be, until he died suddenly after deliberately inhaling a computer keyboard cleaner to get high. What Kyle didn't know is that inhalant abuse can be more than a cheap high, it can kill-whether the first time you try it, the second or the tenth.

"March 2nd was the one-year anniversary of my son Kyle's death," said Officer Williams. "I'm a cop-I knew what to watch for when it came to drugs and alcohol, but with this, I didn't recognize the signs, and that's the problem. Parents have to know what to look for-if you don't know, you can't stop it."

The death of Kyle and the similar deaths of many other children across the country are the reasons that the National Inhalant Prevention Coalition developed National Inhalants & Poisons Awareness Week (NIPAW). An annual community-level program that takes place in the third week in March, NIPAW is designed to increase understanding about the use and risks of inhalant abuse. Program partners have included sponsors from state government agencies and associations, medical groups, the Partnership for a Drug-Free America, police departments, DARE officers, the National Guard, PTO/PTA chapters, Poison Control Centers, local medical communities and the media.

This year, Jeff Williams is honoring his son's memory by helping to educate people about the dangers and warning signs associated with inhalant abuse. His goal is to help prevent other families from experiencing what he and his family have endured.

"Nothing I can do can bring Kyle back, but what I can do is help other families avoid suffering the same pain and loss that my family did. Parents need to understand that education is the key in helping prevent inhalant abuse in their household and communicating the dangers to their loved ones," concluded Officer Williams.

The NIPAW campaign can be conducted anywhere there is a need for inhalant awareness education. For more information, please visit www.inhalants.com.

Healthier Alternative To High Saturated Fat

Something as simple as switching oils can make a difference in how healthy a meal is and how it tastes. For instance, Mazola Pure(tm) Cooking Spray is made from 100 percent pure oil and is a healthier alternative to high-saturated-fat products such as butter or margarine. It's alcohol and silicone free and comes in canola oil, extra virgin olive oil and natural butter flavors. It's also cholesterol free and has zero grams trans fats per serving.

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Bariatric Weight Loss Surgery Helps St. Rita President

Little Company of Mary's Bariatric Surgery Center recently hosted its Third Annual "Living Well Celebration" on March 15 at Chateau Bu-Sche in Alsip. More then 80 former patients who received

surgery at Little Company of Mary, along with their families and friends, attended the celebration. The night included a family style dinner, a presentation by Dr. Cahill and testimonials from bariatric weight loss surgery patients, including Fr. Thomas McCarthy (pictured), O.S.A., President and Principal of St. Rita of Cascia High School in Chicago.

Fr. Tom has struggled with weight his entire life. He remembers his first "belly" at age nine, but now has slimmed down thanks to the Bariatric Surgery Center at Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care Centers and the advice of a close friend.

It was at a St. Rita football game in November 2006 that Fr. Tom was told by a friend that he was going to undergo bariatric weight loss surgery. Then in January 2006, Fr. Tom ran into the same friend at a Father's Club Meeting and was awed to see his "new" friend.

"I didn't even recognize him," Fr. Tom said.

Two weeks later, Fr. Tom had his first appointment with Gerald Cahill, M.D., a highly experienced surgeon who has performed more than 800 bariatric surgeries at Little Company of Mary. Bariatric surgery is a procedure that makes the stomach smaller, requiring less food for one to feel full. It was only after meeting Dr. Cahill that Fr. Tom felt that his life could change. "As a patient of Dr. Cahill, I changed my life," says Fr. Tom, who is now slimmer and trimmer.

"Our goal is to address one of the most serious health problems in the United States – obesity," says Dr. Cahill.

Fr. Tom said that the first time he saw his before and after pictures side by side, he was "absolutely shocked."

"I usually see one picture or the other. I can't believe how big I was," Fr. Tom said.

Fr. Tom said he is grateful that he was able to undergo bariatric surgery. "I was given an opportunity to make a choice and now I have a whole new way of looking at life," Fr. Tom said.

The Little Company of Mary Bariatric Surgery Center is dedicated to providing thorough consultation and follow-up support, as well as new and laproscopic surgical solutions for the morbidly obese. Laproscopic surgery is a minimally invasive procedure accomplished through small keyhole incisions with less potential for complications than traditional surgery. Patients report less pain and a quicker recovery time.

Severe obesity is a chronic disease that affects millions of Americans. Anyone who is 20 percent heavier than his/her ideal weight may be considered obese. The American Society for Bariatric Surgery estimates that last year, there were 177,600 obesity surgeries, up from 20,500, a decade ago and 103,200 in 2003.

"We've had terrific success in safely helping people who have tried other supervised weight loss methods and failed," said Dr. Cahill.

In addition to Dr. Cahill, Fr. Tom also credits other bariatric surgery patients and Dr. Cahill's staff for their support. "Those good people were with me the whole way," Fr. Tom said.

To learn more about the Bariatric Surgery Center or dates for free informational seminars at Little Company of Mary and throughout the area, call (708) 229-5969 or visit www.lcmh.org.

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Baby Boomers Checklist For Healthy Vision

In a year where an estimated 2.8 million baby boomers will celebrate their 60th birthday, age-related eye disease has become an important health issue.

The American Optometric Association (AOA) reminds Americans 60 and older that early detection through a comprehensive eye exam can prevent or slow vision loss due to cataracts and other age-related eye diseases, such as macular degeneration, glaucoma and diabetic retinopathy.

"Today's 60-year-olds are more health conscious than 60-year-olds 20 years ago," said Richard C. Edlow, O.D., AOA information and data committee chairman. "Being better informed about health risks, improved technology and treatment options has not necessarily translated into including regular eye examinations into their health care routine."

The National Eye Institute estimates that over the next 30 years, the number of blind or visually impaired Americans will double. Some eye diseases have no symptoms in the early stages, when it is most critical to help slow the progression of vision loss.

The AOA developed the Baby Boomer's Checklist for Healthy Vision. Are you:

- Someone with diabetes, hypertension or any other systemic or chronic disease?
- At risk for certain systemic or eye diseases because of family history or other factors?
- Having more difficulty reading smaller type, such as books and newspapers?
- Experiencing frequent head-aches after working on a computer?
- Doing a great deal of reading and other close work?
- Rubbing your eyes frequently or having tired or burning eyes?
- Losing track of a person or objects in your peripheral (side) vision?
- Avoiding close work?
- Having difficulty driving at night?
- Experiencing frequent near misses, accidents or difficulty parking?
- Handling or using chemicals, power tools or lawn and garden equipment?
- Playing eye-hazardous sports such as racquetball, softball or tennis?
- Experiencing difficulty with eye-hand-body coordination?
- Playing sports and having trouble judging distances between you, the ball or other objects?

If you answered yes to any question on the checklist, be sure to make an appointment for a comprehensive eye examination. Even if you didn't answer yes, don't forget that symptoms of vision problems aren't always apparent.

Catch And Treat Breast Cancer In Early Stages

There's encouraging news for women. Not only is it becoming easier to catch and treat breast cancer in its earliest stages, but new technologies are making the process of diagnosing the disease more comfortable for the patient-and more accurate as well.

The National Cancer Institute recommends mammography screenings every one to two years for women over 40 and annually for women over 50. In addition, women at high risk of developing breast cancer (for example, women with a strong family history of breast cancer or who test positive for the BRCA breast cancer gene) are encouraged to begin annual mammography screenings even earlier-sometimes as young as 25-and should consult a physician.

Benefits and risks

- Early detection of small breast cancers greatly improves a woman's chances for successful treatment. If breast cancer is caught and treated while it is still confined to the breast ducts, the cure rate is close to 100 percent.
- Clinical studies in the U.S., Sweden and the Netherlands have suggested that deaths from breast cancer could be cut by between 36 and 44 percent if screening mammography were performed annually on all women in their 40s.

Digital mammography

One of the most recent advances in breast cancer screening is digital mammography. Digital mammography uses essentially the same system as conventional mammography, but is equipped with a digital receptor and a computer instead of a film cassette.

Digital mammography systems such as Siemens Medical Solutions' Mammomat(r) NovationDR enable faster and more accurate viewing of the dense tissue of the breast. Images are acquired digitally and displayed immediately on the system monitor.

According to a recent study published in the New England Journal of Medicine, digital mammography was significantly better than conventional mammography at screening women in any of the following categories:

- under age 50;
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Test Measures New Heart Disease And Stroke Risk Factor

Doctors have an important new test in the battle against heart attack and stroke. The PLAC test is a simple blood test that measures Lp-PLA2, a marker of inflammation in blood vessels that can lead to these cardiovascular diseases. The clinically proven test helps doctors identify high-risk patients and prescribe preventive therapies that include diet, exercise and medication.

America's Top Killers

Heart disease and stroke are two of the leading killers in America. Heart disease is the single-leading cause of death in the United States, killing almost 500,000 Americans each year. Stroke is the third-leading cause of death.

About 700,000 Americans have a stroke each year.

Identifying at-risk patients earlier is the best way to prevent a cardiovascular event. Unfortunately for many patients, however, their first indication of heart disease or stroke also may be their last. An estimated 50 percent of men and 64 percent of women who die suddenly of heart disease have no previous warning signs, such as elevated cholesterol. Furthermore, there previously was no simple blood test for stroke risk. As a result, researchers have looked for other factors that might reveal the risk for future heart attack or stroke.

Aid in Predicting Risk

This research has included Lp-PLA2 (lipoprotein-associated phospholipase A2), an enzyme associated with the formation of plaque, or fatty deposits in the artery wall. Lp-PLA2 is carried to artery walls by low-density lipoprotein, where the enzyme can activate an inflammatory response, making the plaque prone to rupture. Scientists now understand that clot formation caused by plaque rupture is the leading cause of heart attack and stroke. Elevated Lp-PLA2 doubles a person's risk of heart attack or stroke, indepen-dent of other risk factors.

The good news for doctors and patients is that an inexpensive blood test now is available to measure Lp-PLA2. The PLAC test from diaDexus has been cleared by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration as an aid in predicting risk for heart disease, and is the first test approved by the FDA to identify stroke risk. Once a person is identified as being at high risk, there are a number of lifestyle and therapeutic interventions a doctor can prescribe to reduce that risk. To learn more, visit www.plactest.com.

This Is Your Brain On Nicotine: How Your Brain Reacts To Cigarettes

Public smoking bans. Smoke-free workplaces. Cigarette taxes and price hikes. Warnings about cancer and heart disease.

There are a lot of reasons to quit smoking. Approximately 70 percent of smokers want to quit. And, the average smoker has tried to quit six to nine times. Still, there are 45 million smokers in the U.S. There are 388 billion cigarettes smoked each year. What is it about cigarettes that keeps smokers hooked?

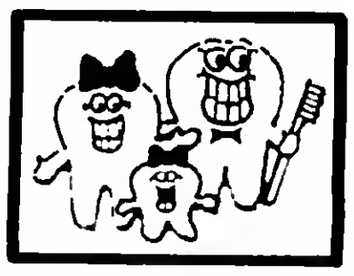
Health experts say that nicotine, one of the main chemicals in cigarettes and tobacco, causes addiction. It affects the brain in a unique way. It makes people want to smoke.

"When you smoke, nicotine binds to certain parts of your brain. This causes a good feeling," says Dr. Robert Anthenelli, associate professor of Psychiatry at the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine. "When you stop smoking, your brain no longer gets nicotine. Then you have craving and withdrawal symptoms."

Many smokers who try to quit find the craving for cigarettes too hard to control. The withdrawal symptoms are hard to live with. Smokers may feel moody or have trouble sleeping. They seek relief by going back to cigarettes.

"Craving or withdrawal symptoms make you want cigarettes. You smoke, you feel better. The cycle of nicotine addiction starts again," says Dr. Anthenelli. "We need to treat smoking as a medical condition. It's important to use medication and lifestyle changes to stay on track."

If you want to quit smoking, talk to your doctor about the best way for you to quit.



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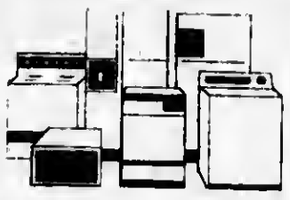

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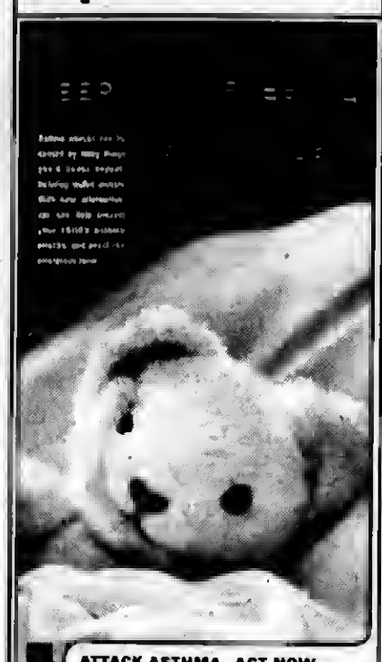

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PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered on January 10, 2007, Kallen Realty Services, Inc., successor to Kallen Financial & Capital Services, Inc., as Selling Official will at 12:30 p.m. on May 25, 2007, at 205 W. Randolph Street, Suite 1200, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real property: LOTS 1 AND 2 IN BLOCK 5 IN DEARBORN HEIGHTS, BEING A SUBDIVISION OF THE WEST 1/2 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 7, TOWNSHIP 37 NORTH, RANGE 13, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS. COMMONLY KNOWN AS 9600 SOUTH RUTHERFORD AVENUE, OAK LAWN, ILLINOIS 60453. Permanent Index No.: 24-07-204-025 AND 24-07-204-026
The mortgaged real estate is improved with a dwelling. The property will NOT be open for inspection. The judgment amount was $179,344.41. Sale terms: 10% of successful bid immediately at conclusion of auction, balance by noon the next business day, both by cashier's checks; and no refunds. The sale shall be subject to general real estate taxes, special taxes, special assessments, special taxes levied, and superior liens, if any. The property is offered "as is," with no express or implied warranties and without any representation as to the quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to review the court file to verify all information.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE REGISTERED HOLDERS OF MASTR ASSET BACKED SECURITIES TRUST 2003-NC1, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2003-NC1 Plaintiff, -v.- LYNN M. LAYCHAK, et al Defendant 05 CH 5971 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on June 29, 2005, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on May 14, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 14310 DIVISION STREET, Posen, IL 60469 Property Index No. 28-12-207-027-0000 The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was $123,784.47. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale
The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: NOONAN & LIEBERMAN , 105 W. ADAMS ST. SUITE 3000, CHICAGO, IL 60603, (312) 431-1455 . Please refer to file number 05-8. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I32868

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR LONG BEACH MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2005-1 Plaintiff, -v.- JOMARA JAMISON A/K/A JOMARA L. JAMISON, et al Defendant 06 CH 20004 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on November 27, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on May 15, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 3450 W. 83RD STREET, Chicago, IL 60652 Property Index No. 19-35-223-041 The real estate is improved with a single family residence.
The judgment amount was $219,742.80. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department.. Please refer to file number 14-06-8901. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I32971

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, Plaintiff, vs. MIKE NGUYEN; PHAL ENG; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR PEOPLE'S CHOICE HOME LOAN, INC.; Defendants, 06 CH 14905 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on November 2, 2006 Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, May 6, 2007 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 3857 W. 84th Street, Chicago, IL 60652. P.I.N. 19-35-311-035. The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection
For information call William E. Dutton, Jr./Barbara J. Dutton at Plaintiff's Attorney, DUTTON & DUTTON, P.C., 10325 West Lincoln Highway, Frankfort, Illinois 60423. (815) 806-8200. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I31426

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. SUCCESSOR BY MERGER WITH WELLS FARGO HOME MORTGAGE INC. AS SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO NORWEST MORTGAGE, INC. Plaintiff, vs. MATTHEW J. LEWIS; ET AL., Defendants, 06 CH 20919 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on January 2, 2007, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Friday, May 11, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 10133 South Buell Court, Oak Lawn, IL 60453. P.I.N. 24-09-319-009. The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
For information call Ms. Diane Thomas at Plaintiff's Attorney, Freedman Anselmo Lindberg & Rappe, LLC, 1807 West Diehl Road, Naperville, Illinois 60563-1890. (877) 729-6734. W0609094 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I31524

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY AS TRUSTEE FOR MORGAN STANLEY LOAN TRUST 2006- HE4; Plaintiff, vs. MARY ELLEN M. GRIFFIN; ET. AL.; Defendants. 06 CH 20709 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on November 30, 2006, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, May 8, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 5824 Orange Lane, Oak Forest, IL 60452. P.I.N. 28-17-228-007. The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
For information call Ms. Diane Thomas at Plaintiff's Attorney, Freedman Anselmo Lindberg & Rappe, LLC, 1807 West Diehl Road, Naperville, Illinois 60563-1890. (877) 729-6734. W0608133 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer. (312) 444-1122 I31462

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION Plaintiff, -v.- IRIS MELENDEZ A/K/A IRIS IVETTE MELENDEZ, et al Defendant 06 CH 18986 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 10, 2007, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on May 6, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 10857 S. COOK AVENUE, Oak Lawn, IL 60453 Property Index No. 24-16-310-032 The real estate is improved with a single family residence.
The judgment amount was $439,760.74. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department.. Please refer to file number 14-06-8103. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I32094

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION PHH MORTGAGE CORP (FKA CENDANT MORTGAGE CORP.), Plaintiff V. LANARD RUCKER; NANETTE MADISON-RUCKER, Defendants 06 CH 15701 NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE Fisher and Shapiro file #06-7606D (It is advised that interested parties consult with their own attorneys before bidding at mortgage foreclosure sales.)
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered on February 20, 2007, Kallen Realty Services, Inc., as Selling Official will at 12:30 p.m. on May 22, 2007, at 205 W. Randolph Street, Suite 1200, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real property: C/K/A 6145 SOUTH SACRAMENTO STREET, CHICAGO, IL 60652, TAX ID# 19-36-120-075 The mortgaged real estate is improved with a dwelling. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
The judgment amount was $287,738.19. Sale terms: 19% of successful bid immediately at conclusion of auction, balance by noon the next business day, both by cashier's checks; and no refunds. The sale shall be subject to general real estate taxes, special taxes, special assessments, special taxes levied, and superior liens, if any. The property is offered "as is," with no express or implied warranties and without any representation as to the quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to review the court file to verify all information.
For information: Sale Clerk, Fisher and Shapiro, 4201 Lake Cook Rd., 1st floor, Northbrook, Illinois 60062, (847) 498-9990, between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. weekdays only. I28636

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A. SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO BANK ONE, N.A. Plaintiff, -v.- EDWARD F. WILKINSON A/K/A EDWARD WILKINSON, et al Defendant 06 CH 17253 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 6, 2007, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on May 10, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 3731 W. 79TH PLACE, Chicago, IL 60652 Property Index No. 19-35-103-073 The real estate is improved with a single family residence.
The judgment amount was $163,638.37. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department.. Please refer to file number 14-06-8597. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I32587

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, F/K/A WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, FA Plaintiff, -v.- JEFFERY CHURCH, et al Defendant 06 CH 17076 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 6, 2007, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on May 10, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 12817 CARRIAGE LANE UNIT 3, Crestwood, IL 60445 Property Index No. 24-32-211-018-1003 The real estate is improved with a white brick 4 or more unit complex (3 stories) with no garage.
The judgment amount was $91,060.97 Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information: Visit our website at http:\\service.atty-pierce.com between the hours of 3 and 5 pm. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602. Tel No. (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number PA0609452. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE I32206

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., Plaintiff V. TINA WRIGHT; CRESTLINE ARMS CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC, INC., ACTING SOLELY AS A NOMINEE FOR FREMONT INVESTMENT & LOAN; NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; TINA WRIGHT; CRESTLINE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; UNKNOWN OWNERS, Defendants 04 CH 18780 NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE-CONDOMINIUM Fisher and Shapiro file #62181 (It is advised that interested parties consult with their own attorneys before bidding at mortgage foreclosure sales.)
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered on August 7, 2006, Kallen Realty Services, Inc., successor to Kallen Financial & Capital Services, Inc. as Selling Official will at 12:30 p.m. on April 30, 2007, at 205 W. Randolph Street, Suite 1200, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real property: C/K/A 4124 WEST 98TH STREET #208, OAK LAWN, IL 60453 24-10-225-036-1130 & 24-10-225-036-1258
The mortgaged real estate is improved with a dwelling. The property will NOT be open for inspection. The purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). The judgment amount was $101,462.11. Sale terms: 10% of successful bid immediately at conclusion of auction, balance by noon the next business day, both by cashier's checks; and no refunds. The sale shall be subject to general real estate taxes, special taxes, special assessments, special taxes levied, and superior liens, if any. The property is offered "as is," with no express or implied warranties and without any representation as to the quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to review the court file to verify all information. For information: Sale Clerk, Fisher and Shapiro, 4201 Lake Cook Rd., 1st floor, Northbrook, Illinois 60062, (847) 498-9990, between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. weekdays only. I31808

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE OF ARGENT SECURITIES, INC., ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2003-W2 UNDER THE POOLING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT DATED AS OF AUGUST 1, 2003, W/O RECOURSE, ASSIGNEE OF ARGENT MORTGAGE CO., L.L.C. Plaintiff, -v.- SAM ALRAMAHI A/K/A SAM RAMAHI Defendant 06 CH 22223 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 21, 2007, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on May 22, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 16224 GROVE AVENUE, Oak Forest, IL 60452 Property Index No. 28-21-216-016, Property Index No. 28-21-216-019
The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was $334,738.11. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale
The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: LAW OFFICES OF IRA T. NEVEL , 175 N. Franklin Street, Suite 201, CHICAGO, IL 60606, (312) 357-1125 Please refer calls to the sales department. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I33614

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS, INC. Plaintiff, vs. ELIZABETH NORDEN; CRESTLINE ARMS CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF ELIZABETH NORDEN, IF ANY, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants, 02 CH 16793 NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on 1/6/2004, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, May 22, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property: P.I.N. 24-10-225-036-1200 Commonly known as 9723 South Keeler Avenue Unit# 306, Oak Lawn, IL 60453.
The improvement on the property consists of a condominium residence. The purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by subdivisions (g)(1) and (g)(4) of Section 9 of the Condominium Property Act. Sale terms: 25% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.
For information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com. Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602. Tel.No. (312) 476-5500. Refer to File Number PA0206774. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I33342

REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION BANK ONE, N.A., AS TRUSTEE Plaintiff, -v.- JOHN M. WOLFE, et al Defendant 01 CH 19459 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on April 20, 2004, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on May 16, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 4915 W. 138TH CT., Crestwood, IL 60445 Property Index No 26-04-213-005-0000
The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was $79,975.46. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: KROPIK, PAPUGA & SHAW , 120 South LaSalle Street, Suite 1327, CHICAGO, IL 60603, (312) 236-6405 . Please refer to file number 31459. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I33616

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY Plaintiff, -v.- JAMES BARKER A/K/A JAMES O. BARKER, et al Defendant 05 CH 22443 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 28, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on May 15, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 15132 LACROSSE AVENUE, Oak Forest, IL 60452 Property Index No. 28-16-214-034 The real estate is improved with a single family residence.
The judgment amount was $196,396.06. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information
For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department Please refer to file number 14-05-F221 THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I33728

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION INLAND BANK AND TRUST, FORMERLY KNOWN AS WESTBANK, Plaintiff, vs. FILIBERTO DAVILA; IRMA DAVILA; HACIENDA JALAPENOS, INC.; THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FOR AND ON BEHALF OF THE SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION, AN AGENCY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, AS ASSIGNEE OF SOMECOR 504 INC.; CHICAGO TITLE LAND TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE UNDER TRUST DEED DATED 07/31/02; PETER CIACCIO; JOYCE CIACCIO; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants, 05 CH 15082 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on January 17, 2007, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, May 21, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate. Commonly known as 15426 South Cicero, Oak Forest, IL 60452. P.I.N. 20-16-212-017/018/019.
The improvement on the property consists of a commercial restaurant building which may be made available for inspection during the week prior to sale by arrangement with Ms. Kim Fearing at (312) 327-1052. Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds.
For information call Ms. Kimberly D. Fearing at Plaintiff's Attorney, Scott & Kraus, LLC, 150 South Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60606. (312) 327-1050. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I33304

REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

Looking good on the outside begins by being strong on the inside. That's because later in life, especially for women, strong bones help prevent fractures and height loss. Your window to build maximum bone density is now, during your late teens and early twenties. So eat wisely, get plenty of calcium and vitamin D, and do weight-bearing exercises every day. To devise a plan that's right for you, go to aaos.org or rjos.org.

AAOS — AMERICAN ACADEMY OF ORTHOPAEDIC SURGEONS — Get up. Get out. Get moving. aaos.org

RJOS — RUTH JACKSON ORTHOPAEDIC SOCIETY — rjos.org

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION HSBC BANK, USA Plaintiff, -v.- DERRICK METCALFE A/K/A DERRICK L. METCALFE, et al Defendant 06 CH 21262 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 27, 2007, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on May 29, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 6216 SOUTH ARTESIAN AVENUE, Chicago, IL 60652 Property Index No. 19-36-230-056-0000
The real estate is improved with a 2 story single family gray frame/vinyl home with no garage. The judgment amount was $56,267.16. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information: Visit our website at http \\service.atty-pierce.com between the hours of 3 and 5 pm. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602. Tel No. (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number PA0611915 THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE I33592

REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION UNIVERSAL MORTGAGE CORPORATION Plaintiff, -v.- MARGARET M. WALSH, et al Defendants 04 CH 19823 NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 27, 2005, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on May 11, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 14535 KARLOV AVENUE, Midlothian, IL 60445 Property Index No. 28-10-221-027

The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was $129,131.24. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court

If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act. 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department. Please refer to file number 14-04-C492. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE, IL 60527 (630) 794-9876 Attorney File No.: 14-04-C492 ARDC# 00468002 Attorney Code. 21762

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION NATIONAL CITY MORTGAGE COMPANY Plaintiff, -v.- KELLEY J. MCDANIEL, et al Defendant 06 CH 17108 NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on November 15, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on May 4, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 6742 SOUTH 77TH AVENUE, Bridgeview, IL 60455 Property Index No. 18-24-307-038-0000

The real estate is improved with a brick ranch house with a 2 car attached garage. The judgment amount was $142,223.01 Sale terms 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction, the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

If this property is a condominium unit the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act. 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4) Upon payment in full of the amount bid the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

For information Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com between the hours of 3 and 5 pm PIERCE & ASSOCIATES. Plaintiff's Attorneys. One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300 CHICAGO, IL 60602 Tel No (312) 476-5500 Please refer to file number PA0608630 THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive 24th Floor Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE 131187

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT CHANCERY DIVISION WACHOVIA BANK NA AS TRUSTEE POOLING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT DATED AS OF NOVEMBER 1 2004 ASSET BACKED PASS THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 2004-WWF1 Plaintiff vs JAVIER ROJAS ET AL Defendants 06 CH 20279 NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on January 31, 2007, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Wednesday May 9 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash the following described mortgaged real estate. Commonly known as 14900 S Central Park Ave., Midlothian, IL 60445 P.I.N 28-11-318-027.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence Sale terms. Bidders must present at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call Ms Diane Thomas at Plaintiff's Attorney, Freedman Anselmo Lindberg & Rappe, LLC, 1807 West Diehl Road, Naperville Illinois 60563-1890 (877) 729-6734 W0609068 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer (312) 444-1122 131481

REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR THE STRUCTURED ASSET INVESTMENT LOAN TRUST, 2005-8 Plaintiff, vs. JOHN DALE BAILEY; ET AL., Defendants, 06 CH 11188 NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on December 7, 2006, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Friday, May 11, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 7828 South Christiana Avenue, Chicago, IL 60652. P.I.N. 19-26-418-025.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashiers or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call Ms. Diane Thomas at Plaintiff's Attorney, Freedman Anselmo Lindberg & Rappe, LLC, 1807 West Diehl Road, Naperville, Illinois 60563-1890. (877) 729-6734. W0605065 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 131518

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR MORGAN STANLEY HOME EQUITY LOAN TRUST 2006-1 Plaintiff, -v.- JOHN H. COFFIN, et al Defendants 06 CH 21174 NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on December 19, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on May 2, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 3943 W. 83RD STREET, Chicago, IL 60652

Property Index No. 19-35-300-022 The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $156,335.02. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department.. Please refer to file number 14-06-C578. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose 131273

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION CHASE HOME FINANCE LLC Plaintiff, -v.- CHARLES T. CECH, et al Defendant 06 CH 16522 NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 7, 2007 an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on May 9 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below the following described real estate Commonly known as 5854 W 76TH STREET, Burbank, IL 60459 Property Index No 19-29-418-027 The real estate is improved with a single family residence The judgment amount was $162,166.58 Sale terms 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction the balance in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court

If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department.. Please refer to file number 14-06-9758. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALENOTE Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose 132088

REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR SECURITIZED ASSET BACKED RECEIVABLES LLC 2005-FR5 MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-FR5 Plaintiff, -v.- JORGE CHAIREZ, et al Defendant 06 CH 21593 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 4, 2007, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on May 8, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 7740 S. KEELER AVENUE, Chicago, IL 60652 Property Index No. 19-27-403-061 The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $206,367.50. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act. 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department.. Please refer to file number 14-06-C638.THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 132080

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK F/K/A WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, F.A. F/K/A WASHINGTON MUTUAL HOME LOANS, INC., SUCCESSOR BY MERGER IN INTEREST TO FLEET MORTGAGE CORP., Plaintiff V. JOHN W. RUSSELL; EVERGREEN SQUARE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION A/K/A EVERGREEN SQUARE CONDOMINIUMS, LTD., Defendants 06 CH 20785 NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE - CONDOMINIUM Fisher and Shapiro file # 06-8785D (It is advised that interested parties consult with their own attorneys before bidding at mortgage foreclosure sales.)

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered on November 29, 2006, Kallen Realty Services, Inc., successor to Kallen Financial & Capital Services, Inc., as Selling Official will at 12:30 p.m. on May 15, 2007, at 205 W. Randolph Street, Suite 1200, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real property: COMMONLY KNOWN AS 3158 WEST 88TH STREET, APT. 102, EVERGREEN PARK, IL 60642. TAX ID# 24-01-100-065-1002

The mortgaged real estate is improved with a dwelling. The property will NOT be open for inspection. The purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). The judgment amount was $35,069.28. Sale terms: 10% of successful bid immediately at conclusion of auction, balance by noon the next business day, both by cashier's checks, and no refunds. The sale shall be subject to general real estate taxes, special taxes, special assessments, special taxes levied, and superior liens, if any. The property is offered "as is," with no express or implied warranties and without any representation as to the quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff Prospective bidders are admonished to review the court file to verify all information.

For information: Sale Clerk, Fisher and Shapiro, 4201 Lake Cook Rd., 1st floor, Northbrook, Illinois 60062, (847) 498-9090, between 1:00 p.m and 3:00 p.m weekdays only 120286

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION JP MORGAN CHASE BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR THE MLMI SURF TRUST SERIES 2005- BC3 Plaintiff, vs. PHYLLIS MCELROY A/K/A PHYLLIS MCELLROY, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGTEES OF PHYLLIS MCELROY, IF ANY; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants, 06 CH 20641 NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on 11/21/2006, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Wednesday, May 9, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property Commonly known as 9337 South Pulaski Road, Evergreen Park, Illinois 60805.

The improvement on the property consists of a brick two unit building with detached two car garage. Sale terms: 25% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.

For information Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602. Tel No (312) 476-5500. Refer to File Number PA0611708 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 131489

REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION WM SPECIALTY MORTGAGE LLC, WITHOUT RECOURSE Plaintiff, vs. UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF WILLIAM J. JONES, IF ANY; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants, 06 CH 15826

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on 12/5/2006, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, May 7, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property: P.I.N. 24-35-308-034. Commonly known as 3702 West 135th Street, Robbins, Illinois 60472.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence with detached two car garage. Sale terms: 25% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale. For information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com. Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602. Tel.No. (312) 476-5500. Refer to File Number PA0607753. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 131397

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., SUCCESSOR BY MERGER WITH WELLS FARGO HOME MORTGAGE, INC., SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO NORWEST MORTGAGE, INC.; Plaintiff, vs. RONALD K. SKELLEY; ET AL; Defendants, 06 CH 20660 NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on December 14, 2006, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, May 8, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 14724 South Keeler Ave., Midlothian, IL 60445. P.I.N. 28-10-401-023.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashiers or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call Ms. Diane Thomas at Plaintiff's Attorney, Freedman Anselmo Lindberg & Rappe, LLC, 1807 West Diehl Road, Naperville, Illinois 60563-1890. (877) 729-6734. W0609070 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 131461

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. Plaintiff, -v.- KIMBERLY L. LAKOSKEY, et al Defendant 06 CH 19170 NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on December 13, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on May 10, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 14739 PARK AVENUE, Oak Forest, IL 60452 Property Index No. 28-09-317-004-0000 The real estate is improved with a 1 story red brick single family home w/brown siding and attached garage.

The judgment amount was $216,807.82. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit of the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

For information: Visit our website at http:\\service.atty-pierce.com. between the hours of 3 and 5 pm. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602. Tel No. (312) 476-5500 Please refer to file number PA0609915 THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE 132218

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION CITIFINANCIAL MORTGAGE COMPANY, INC., Plaintiff V. PATRICK MICHAEL MUCHA, Defendant 06 CH 3241 NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE Fisher and Shapiro file #06-4384D (It is advised that interested parties consult with their own attorneys before bidding at mortgage foreclosure sales.)

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered on May 3, 2006, Kallen Realty Services, Inc. as Selling Official will at 12:30 p.m. on May 8, 2007, at 205 W. Randolph Street, Suite 1200, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real property: COMMONLY KNOWN AS 14327 RIDGEWAY AVENUE, MIDLOTHIAN, ILLINOIS 60445. TAX ID# 28-11-105-008 The mortgaged real estate is improved with a dwelling The property will NOT be open for inspection.

The judgment amount was $129,740.94. Sale terms: 10% of successful bid immediately at conclusion of auction, balance by noon the next business day, both by cashier's checks; and no refunds The sale shall be subject to general real estate taxes, special taxes, special assessments, special taxes levied, and superior liens, if any. The property is offered "as is," with no express or implied warranties and without any representation as to the quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to review the court file to verify all information

For information, Sale Clerk, Fisher and Shapiro, 4201 Lake Cook Rd., 1st floor, Northbrook, Illinois 60062, (847) 498-9990, between 1:00 p.m and 3:00 p.m. weekdays only 132880

REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS, INC.; Plaintiff, vs. WILLIAM A. LOCKWOOD; SHASTA LOCKWOOD; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC AS NOMINEE FOR AEGIS FUNDING DBA AEGIS HOME EQUITY; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants, 06 CH 12752

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on 9/7/2006, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, May 8, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property: P.I.N. 24-26-301-006. Commonly known as 3637 W. 123rd St., Alsip, IL 60803. The improvement on the property consists of a brick two story single family residence with a detached garage.

Sale terms: 25% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.

For information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com. Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602. Tel.No. (312) 476-5500. Refer to File Number PA0608354. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 131425

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF SOUNDVIEW HOME LOAN TRUST 2006-OPT3, ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-OPT3 Plaintiff, vs. TARA TOLEFREE; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF TARA TOLEFREE, IF ANY; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants, 06 CH 20632

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on 12/12/2006, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Thursday, May 10, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property: P.I.N. 24-02-422-039/040. Commonly known as 9358 South Sawyer Avenue, Evergreen Park, Illinois 60805.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence with attached two car garage. Sale terms: 25% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.

For information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com. Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602. Tel.No. (312) 476-6500. Refer to File Number PA0611663. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 131507

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR HOME EQUITY LOAN TRUST 2004-HE5, BY SAXON MORTGAGE SERVICES INC., AS ITS ATTORNEY-IN- FACT Plaintiff, vs. HECTOR RODRIGUEZ; XOCHITL NADIA RODRIGUEZ; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF HECTOR RODRIGUEZ, IF ANY; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants, 06 CH 21251 NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on 11/28/2006, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Wednesday, May 16, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property: Commonly known as 14324 South McKinley Avenue, Posen, Illinois 60469. The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence with detached two car garage. Sale terms: 25% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.

For information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com. Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602. Tel.No. (312) 476-5500. Refer to File Number PA0611990. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 132423

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION DEUTSCHE BANK TRUST COMPANY AMERICAS FORMERLY KNOWN AS BANKERS TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE AND CUSTODIAN FOR IXIS REAL ESTATE CAPITAL INC., BY: SAXON MORTGAGE SERVICES, INC., AS ITS ATTORNEY-IN-FACT; Plaintiff, vs. ADEYINKA DADA; ET. AL.; Defendants 06 CH 22212 NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on December 14, 2006, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Wednesday, May 23, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 9650 S. California Ave., Evergreen Park, IL 60805. P.I.N. 24-12-109-074.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call Ms. Diane Thomas at Plaintiff's Attorney, Freedman Anselmo Lindberg & Rappe, LLC, 1807 West Diehl Road, Naperville, Illinois 60563-1890. (877) 729-6734. X0610062 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 133407

REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION THE PROVIDENT BANK; Plaintiff, vs. DAVID J. KATSIBUBAS; DIANE L. KATSIBUBAS; KENNETH KOCHAN; VILLAGE OF WORTH; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants, 03 CH 5464 NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on May 24, 2005, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, May 21, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate; Commonly known as 11428 S. Normandy Ave., Worth, IL 60482. P.I.N. 24-19-220-008. The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence.

Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call Mr. Peter Vucha at Plaintiff's Attorney, Roeser & Vucha, 920 Davis Road, Elgin, Illinois 60123. (847) 888-1820. 1181.11885 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 133302

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS EASTERN DIVISION U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE Plaintiff, ROBERT L. MILES, et al Defendant 02 C 3704 NOTICE OF SPECIAL COMMISSIONER'S SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on June 24, 2003, Nancy R. Vallone, Special Commissioner appointed herein will at 11:30 AM on May 29, 2007, at the 23rd floor - center lobby of the Daley Center, 50 W. Washington St., Chicago, IL sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 8009 S. ST. LOUIS AVE, Chicago, IL 60652 Property Index No. 19-35-209-003

The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was $140,067.33. Sale terms: 10% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale

The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The sales clerk, FISHER AND SHAPIRO, LLC, 4201 Lake Cook Road, NORTHBROOK, IL 60062, (847) 498-9990 between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. only. 133654

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION Plaintiff, -v.- CHRISTOPHER A. COTILLO, et al Defendant 06 CH 21385 NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 16, 2007, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on May 16, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 15805 PEGGY LANE UNIT #10, Oak Forest, IL 60452 Property Index No 28-17-416-009-1070 The real estate is improved with a condominium.

The judgment amount was $27,429.35. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser of the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information

For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department. Please refer to file number 14-06-8637. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 133433

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Southwest Area Obituaries

Dorothy M. Bedore

Services were held at the Schmaedeke Funeral Home, worth, on Monday, with entombment at Evergreen Cemetery, for Dorothy M Bedore, 79.

She is survived by her husband Frederick G. Jr.; her children Steven, Thomas (Mireya) and Ronald (Laura) Bedore; seven grandchildren and her sister Joann (Jose) Leon.

Mary E. Beemsterboer

Mass was said at St. John Fisher Church, Chicago, on Saturday, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Mary E. Beemsterboer, 82.

She is survived by her children Mary Kay Marrello, Patricia Beemsterboer, Joan (Jeff) Andrews, Eileen (Tony) Raspante, Edward (Janet), William (Lucy), Thomas (Lisa) and Susan (Chris) Fudacz; seventeen grandchildren & one great-grandchild.

Eugene D. "Gene" Bekta

Mass was said at St. Linus Church, Oak Lawn, on Tuesday, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Eugene D. "Gene" Bekta, 77. He was a retired elementary school teacher in North Palos School District 117 Dorn School.

He is survived by his children Dona Gene (David) Reese, Mary Pat, Jane (John) Bekta, Laurenee, Wally (Maureen), Julie Huhra and Eugene "Danny" (Ann); ten grandchildren; his brothers Wayne (Lucille) and Henry; and his sisters Adeline Molenhouse, Cass, and Laura Pazdan.

Margaret M. Bradtke

Mass was said at Our Lady of the Ridge Church, Chicago Ridge, on Tuesday, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Margaret M. Bradtke, 73, formerly of Hazel Crest.

She is survived by her children Donald J. (Sharon), Joseph (Mary), Robert (Peggy), Darrell (Gina) and Gary (Angie) Bradtke; seven grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; her brothers Patrick, Martin, Matthew and John Kenny and her sister Eileen Ramsey.

Kathleen E. "Kathy" Bush

Services were held at the Blake-Lamb Funeral Home, Oak Lawn, on Wednesday, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Kathleen E. "Kathy" Bush.

She is survived by her sister Maureen Hills/Duffy and her brothers Patrick (Diane) Duffy, John (Gerri) McCarthy and Charles "Dan" McCarthy.

John G. Carey

Services were held at the Brady-Gill Funeral Home, Tinley Park, on Tuesday, with a private interment, for John G. Carey.

He is survived by his wife Margaret "Margie"; his children Gregory (Lynn) Carey and Tim (Linda) Carey; three grandchildren; and his brothers Jay (Cindy), Jeff, James and Jerome Carey.

Harriet C. Cartalino

Mass was said at St. Michael Church, Orland Park, on Tuesday, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Harriet C. Cartalino, 76.

She is survived by her husband Frank Cartalino; her children Marie Tabak, Joseph (Sheri) Cartalino, Doris (John) Boyle, Sharon and Frank Cartalino; nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; her sister Alice Tamasaitis and her brother Raymond Huestis.

William J. Condon

Mass was said at St. Linus Church, Oak Lawn, on Monday, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for William J. Condon, 56.

He is survived by his wife Diana; his children Jacob and William; his brothers Pat (Pam), Jim (Kate), Joe (Colette) and his sisters Terri (Tom) Panfil, Kathy (Brian) Carey, Sharon (Bob) Dybas and Norah (Bryan) O'Malley.

Vivian H. Corbino

Mass was said at St. Catherine of Alexandria Church, Oak Lawn, on Friday, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Vivian H. Corbino, 85. She was a member of Tarkington Park Seniors & Sons of Italy Lodge #2700.

She is survived by her children Thomas (Barbara) Sedo and Joyce (Loren) Hutchinson and her sisters Sister Mary Irene Sebo OSB and Aemilia Kmieeik.

Rhoda Downie

Services will be held at the Hickory Hills Presbyterian Church, Hickory Hills, on Saturday, April 21st, for Rhoda Downie, 90. She was a longtime employee of the Southtown Economist Newspaper.

She is survived by her children Lou Ann Noland and Charles Downie, thirteen grandchildren, eleven great-grandchildren and twelve great-great-grandchildren.

Marguerite K. Fortino

Mass was said at St. Louis de Montfort Church, Oak Lawn on Thursday, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Marguerite K. Fortino.

She is survived by her children Margaret Fortino SSND and Catherine F. Smith, three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

John T. Harrison

Mass was said at Most Holy Redeemer Church, Evergreen Park, on Monday, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for John T. Harrison, a veteran of the Army in WWII.

He is survived by his children Nancy, Shawn (Rose) and Mary Coletti; six grandchildren; and his brother Tom and his sister Annamae.

Thomas H. Horrell

Services were held at the United by Faith Lutheran Church, Evergreen Park, on Monday, with interment at Evergreen Cemetery, for Thomas H. Horrell, 49.

He is survived by his son Thomas A; his parents Thomas R. and Beverly; his sisters Diane (Lee) Kurkewich and Susan (Tom) Clark & his brother David (Yvette).

Arnold H. Kahn

Services were held at the Blake-Lamb Funeral Home, Oak Lawn, on Saturday, with interment at St. Mary Cemetery, for Arnold H. Kahn, 91. He was a 50-year member of the International Union of Operating Engineers Local 399

He is survived by his children Bunny Kahn Cremeens, Arlene "Honey" Novicki and Sunnie Olson; and twelve grandchildren

Patrick Richard Kelly

Mass was said at St. Christina Church, Mt. Greenwood, on Saturday, with a private interment, for Patrick Richard Kelly, a retired sergeant for the CPD for 32 years.

He is survived by his wife Roberta; his children Ken (Theresa), Patrick, Robert (Robin), Thomas, James, Lori, Steve, Michael (Karla), Renee (John) Copp and Laurie (Joe, CFD) Kinnerk; thirteen grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Hubert I. Mango

Mass was said at St. Christopher Church, Midlothian, on Monday, with interment at St. benedict Cemetery, for Hubert I. Mango. He was the original owner of Mid-Villa Pizza and the former owner of Mango's Pizza and Roberto's Pizza.

He is survived by his children Mary Jane (Sonny) Wells and Hubert (Faith) Mango; four grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; his brothers Joseph (Peggy) Mango, Richard (June) and Vincent (Pat) Mango and his sister Frances (Thomas) Huisman.

Margaret T. Misek

Mass was said at St. Damian Church, Oak Forest, on Tuesday, with interment at Fairmount-Willow Hills Memorial Park, for Margaret T. Misek, 91. She was retired from International Harvester after 35 years of service.

She is survived by her children Patricia Ann (Richard) Huemmer and Ronald E. (Gloria) Misek; five grandchildren; and eleven great-grandchildren.

Rinaldo Palma

Mass was said at St. Mary Star of the Sea Church, Chicago, on Monday, with interment at St. Mary Cemetery, for Rinaldo Palma, 95.

He is survived by his wife Mary; his children Paul (Donna) Palma and Reynold (Aida) Palma; four grandchildren; five great grandchildren; and his sister Ida Arnodoro.

Frances M. Prestia

Mass was said at St. Michael Church, Orland Park, on Monday, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Frances M. Prestia, 88.

She is survived by her children Joseph (Andrea) and Deborah (Robert) Jewulski; seven grandchildren; eighteen great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Thomas C. Reddy Sr.

Mass was said at Incarnation Church, Palos Heights, on Wednesday, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Thomas C. Reddy Sr., Ret. Captain CFD.

He is survived by his wife Marilyn; his children Thomas C. Jr. (Laura) Mary Katherine (Tedd J.) Korbos, Robert (Karla), Dennis (Kathy) and Gerald Reddy; five grandchildren and his brother William Reddy.

James W. Tate

Services were held at the Christ Memorial United Church of Christ, Blue Island, on Monday, with a private cremation for James W. Tate, 68, of Blue Island. He was a former biology and horticulture teacher at Fenger High School.

He is survived by his wife Martha, his children Joshua and Emily and his brother Bruce (Sheila) and his sister Karen.

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Children's Reading Club

First Lady Patricia Blagojevich recently announced April selections for her *Children's Reading Club – It's Spring!* by Pamela Chanko and Samantha Berger, and Philippa Pearce's *Tom's Midnight Garden*. Mrs. Blagojevich began the *Children's Reading Club* to encourage parents to read with their children. It is a recommended reading list made up of books the First Lady and her daughters enjoy at home. The Children's Reading Club applies to all children, but specifically targets children between the ages of seven and twelve.

The April selection of *Children's Reading Club, It's Spring!* by Samantha Berger and Pamela Chanko provides a breezy rhyming text and charming watercolor illustrations. In a simple and yet catchy way, readers are carried from page to page in this beautifully illustrated little book, as one by one the animals spread the word of a new season.

Philippa Pearce is the author of many books, several of which are considered classics both in the United States and in her native England. Her award winning title Tom's Midnight Garden, which received the Carnegie Medal and an ALA Notable Book, has been adapted for radio, television, and was released as a full-length movie. In *Tom's Midnight Garden*, a boy named Tom whose brother Peter has measles is being shipped off to stay with Aunt Gwen and Uncle Alan in their boring old apartment. Tom just counts the days till he can return home to Peter. Then one night the landlady's antique grandfather clock strikes thirteen times leading Tom to a wonderful, magical discovery and marking the beginning of a secret that's almost too amazing to be true.

The First Lady launched the *Children's Reading Club* literacy initiative in March of 2005, and has selected books such as *Charlotte's Web, Harriet the Spy, The Growing-up Feet, Henry Huggins and Number the Stars* for the recommended list. Each month's book selection is featured on the First Lady's web site, http://www.illinois.gov/firstlady. The First Lady hopes the recommended list will enable parents to find books the whole family can enjoy.

Scholarship Recipient At Awards Ceremony

Illinois Landscape Contractors Association's (ILCA) 2006-2007 scholarship recipients were honored at the Excellence in Landscape Awards Program, at Belvidere Events & Banquets in Elk Grove Village.

Eleven Illinois students received a combined total of $14,500 through the ILCA Scholarship Program. Chosen for academic performance, extra curricular activities and financial need, the students are majoring in the field of horticulture at an accredited college or community college in Illinois.

Oak Lawn resident, Rafael Alvarez, Oak Lawn, attending Illinois State University received the $1000 Donn Sanford Memorial Scholarship.

Other recipients include: Christopher Hocker, New Lenox, attending Illinois State University - $1000 John Schwarz Memorial Scholarship.

ILCA is a not-for-profit trade association of more than 850 firms, suppliers and individuals in the landscape industry. Founded in 1959, ILCA promotes education, professionalism, ethical business practices and quality workmanship through seminars, workshops, publications, trade shows, awards, legislative information, networking, financial and scholarship grants and social events.

The widespread green industry in Illinois touches the lives of nearly every citizen. Future employment is open for qualified individuals and is a second or third career choice for many. The industry welcomes those who bring diverse talents and experiences with them. The Illinois Landscape Contractors Educational and Charitable Organization (ILCECO) works to provide a perpetual fund for ILCA's annual scholarships.

Application forms for ILCA Scholarships are available through financial aid offices of Illinois colleges and universities, by contacting ILCA, 2625 Butterfield Road, Suite 204W, Oak Brook, IL 60523, or calling (630) 472-2851. ILCA's site is www.ilca.net. Completed applications for 2008-2009 are due in the ILCA office February 1, 2008.

Mount Zion Rummage Sale

The annual Rummage Sale sponsored by the Mount Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church Women will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Wednesday, April 25th and from 9 a.m. to noon on Thursday, April 26th at the church, 10400 S. Kostner. Sale items include clothing, household goods, games, toys, etc. There will also be a bake sale and refreshments. On Thursday, there will be a $3 per bag special. Ample parking is available.

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The Oak Lawn Village Board Approves Zoning For

Ronald McDonald House

The Oak Lawn Village Board approved the necessary zoning requirements for the construction of the new Ronald McDonald House that will be built across from Hope Children's Hospital on the northeast corner of 93rd and Kostner. The facility is designed to house at least sixteen families whose children are confined to the hospital at little or no cost to the families.

Trustee Marjorie Joy stated that this is one of the best alliances that happened in the village. The land is owned by School District 229 who donated the land to the charity. Business owners and residents as well as village officials supported the project from the beginning, she said. Ronald McDonald House CEO Doug Porter thanked the village for its approval of the project.

The board passed a special use zoning for the property to allow construction of the facility in a Public Lands Zoning District as well as a height variation on the building, which is needed because the facility cannot have a basement due to high water table.

Porter reported that the project is set to begin June 1st with a groundbreaking ceremony scheduled on that day. The project is expected to be completed next spring.

In other business, the board passed an ordinance that allows Automated Traffic Law Enforcement systems at various street intersections in the village. This will allow the village to use cameras at the intersections to take pictures of traffic violation in the intersection. The village entered into an agreement with Redflex Traffic Systems, Inc. for the design and implementation of the systems and for services related to the systems.

It was stated that the fines that would be collected from the system would benefit the village, as the fines would be collected in the village's traffic court. A fine for a violation caught on film is $100, which increases to $200 if unpaid after 14 days.

The Board welcomed a new firefighter to the Fire Department. Firefighter Walter O'Neil was sworn-in at the meeting. It was stated that the new firefighter, a third generation firefighter, is the son of Walter O'Neil who served on the force for 31 year. His grandfather, also Walter O'Neil, was a firefighter for the Chicago Fire Department.

The board was informed by Trustee Robert Streit that work on the Stony Creek and Melvina Ditch is proceeding. The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District has cleaned up Stony Creek, but he had no details on what was done or how much was taken out of the creek. He also said that the MWRD is finalizing an application with the village of Chicago Ridge to reroute the Melvina Ditch.

The board also heard an appeal from Park Lawn School to community businesses to employe the students of the school. It was stated that the people at the school are skilled and work well. They would be a benefit to anyone who hired them. When the students are hired, both the company and the student have the support of Park Lawn when it is needed.

Mayor Heilmann reported that during the Christmas season students were hired by Nordstrom and constructed the boxes that were used in the store. The representatives of Park Lawn asked for the support of the business community to try to provide the necessary jobs.

Heart Of The School

The 2006-2007 school year marks Bro. Richard Grenier's 38th year at Marist, where he's worn many hats during his career. Since 1969 Grenier has served the school in a multitude of roles including teacher, department chair, dean of discipline, coach and athletic director. In the classroom he taught economics, history, religion, finance and accounting. After school he led cross country runners, track jumpers and football and basketball players to individual and team championships. In 2001, Bro. Rich was inducted into the school's athletic Hall of Fame for lifetime achievement.

Today, Bro. Rich continues to serve Marist in a variety of ways. He moderates the Mothers' and Fathers' Clubs, substitute teaches and covers a variety of other supervisions in the school. He's at nearly every game and school event and knows the names of countless students. He is often found in the hallway enforcing the school dress code and congratulating students on their accomplishments.

On being named Heart of the School, Bro. Rich says, "Although I may have been designated the heart of the school, it is our dedicated staff which constitutes the real life-blood of our Marist High School community."

Outside Marist, Bro. Rich pursues several passions, including his support of his alma mater, the University of Notre Dame, and playing congas any chance he has. He's especially devoted to his vocation and the Marist Brothers.

The "Heart of the School" award is given to a faculty member that emulates everything that Marist is about—its mission and values. Faculty members nominate their peers and then vote on the top two or three nominees each year.

Pictured: Bro. Rich Grenier, FMS, plays the conga drums at an alumni event during the 2006-07 school year.

Garden Club Plant Sale

The Oak Lawn Garden Club will be holding its 2nd annual plant sale on Saturday, May 5th starting at 9 a.m. and running until all the plants are sold. We will be selling herbs, bulbs, perennials and a variety of other plants. Come join us at 10705 S. Kilbourn. Hope to see you there.

Summer Programs

Registration is now open for Summer Programs at Southwest Chicago Christian Schools in Oak Lawn. Preschool through 5th grade classes are offered from June 4 through Aug. 10. Space is limited so call (708) 636-6448 now.

America, Unite In Prayer

America is encouraged to pray for the families and friends of the 32 who were killed in a senseless slaying in Virginia Tech this week. Is it a question of gun control – or humanity out of control?

On April 20, 1999, two students opened fire on their high school colleagues in Columbine, Colorado. It was not a matter of gun control, but rather heart control that led the two young men to massacre, and ultimately to their own deaths that terrible day. No one could have predicted the scenario that resulted at Columbine just as no one could have imagined the events at Virginia Tech on April 16th.

The shooting that took place April 17th at Virginia Tech was another senseless killing. Families, friends and co-workers are grieving and asking for answers. The answers do not lie in tighter control of guns no more than restricting knives that can be used to prepare and eat food, or perform surgery are the reason they are used to commit crimes. It's a matter of heart control.

Although it is not politically correct to say our nation needs God – it is true. We have negated the importance of a life led by the forgiveness and change produced by repentance and prayer to avoid offending those who do not share our views. People are hurting not from their freedom to make decisions, but from a nation growing more intolerant of the faith of our fathers and the recognition that we need the Savior.

Millions will answer the call to prayer on May 3rd in observance of the 56th annual National Day of Prayer (NDP). Organized events will be held in thousands of public venues where intercession will be made for our nation, government leaders, media, schools, churches and families.

Getaway Day

The Worth Township Seniors are heading out for a Getaway Day on Wednesday, May 30th. Deluxe motor coach will leave Worth Township, 11601 S. Pulaski, at 7:15 a.m. to go to Greendale, WI. Participants will visit Reiman publications where Taste of Home magazine and others are put together. Then there will be lunch and shopping with a stop at the Elegant Farmer for more shopping. Return will be around 5:15 p.m.

The cost is $62. A deposit of $30 will be required at registration, and final payment is due by May 9th.

Call Debbie at (708) 371-2900, Ext. 28 on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday for more information if needed. Seating is limited.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MAY 1 – Tuesday – Civil Service Commission, 9446 Raymond, 5:30 p.m.

MAY 2 – Wednesday – Appeals Board, 9446 Raymond Ave., 8 p.m.

MAY 3– Thursday – Alzheimer Support Group, Christ Hospital, 4440 W. 95th St., 6 p.m.

MAY 3 – Thursday – Historic Preservation Commission, 9446 S. Raymond, 7 p.m.

MAY 3 – Thursday – Athletic Club Meeting, VFW Hall, 9514 S. 52nd Ave., 8 p.m.

MAY 3 – Thursday – Traffic Review Committee Meeting, Municipal Center auditorium, 9446 S. Raymond, 8 p.m.

MAY 4 – Friday – Worth Township Senior Citizens Spring Luncheon, Worth Township Center, 11601 Pulaski Rd., 12 noon.

MAY 5 – Saturday – District II "Trustee Is In," Municipal Center, 9446 Raymond, 9 a.m. to noon.

MAY 7 – Monday – Planning & Development Commission Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 8 p.m.

MAY 7 – Monday – Fire Department Club Meeting, VFW, 9514 S. 52nd Ave., 8 p.m.

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Taxpayer Groups Urge President To Veto War Spending Bill

Six leading fiscally conservative groups recently urged Congress to deliver a pork-free emergency supplemental appropriations bill to President George W. Bush. The U.S. Readiness, Veterans' Health and Iraq Accountability Act of 2007 currently costs $123 billion, or $20 billion more than the $103 billion requested by the President for the War on Terror and hurricane relief. House and Senate negotiators plan to deliver a bill to the President by the end of this week.

Americans for Prosperity, American Shareholders Assn., Americans for Tax Reform, the Council for Citizens Against Government Waste, Freedom Works, and the National Taxpayers Union issued the following joint statement:

Taxpayers should be aware that the House and Senate have approved an emergency supplemental spending bill with more than $20 billion in wasteful spending. A bill to fund the War on Terror should be just that and nothing else. The extraneous expenditures add to the national debt and further corrupt the budget process. If Congress does not remove the pork, President Bush should veto the bill. There is nothing more routine than the presidential conventions that occur every four years, yet the U.S. Senate decided that it must provide $100 million in "emergency" funding for security needs at the Democratic and Republican conventions in 2008. The House included $25 million for spinach growers in California and $74 million for peanut storage in Georgia.

Americans are all too familiar with egregious waste in military spending, and expenditures for the War on Terror are of such an ongoing nature that they would be better provided through the regular appropriations process than emergency requests. Nonetheless, passing this particular supplemental in its current state will set an ominous precedent for the 110th Congress. The new congressional leadership shamelessly used earmarks in return for votes on the supplemental. That will help ensure that pork-barrel politics reign supreme in every major legislative matter for the next two years. Members of Congress must be held accountable for voting on a bill's purpose and not its extraneous provisions.

For these reasons, House and Senate conferees should strip the pork out of the bill and send the President legislation that he can sign or veto based solely on the issue of funding the troops.

Replanting The Prairie State Initiative

In honor of Earth Day, Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich on April 22nd announced a new Replanting the Prairie State initiative to further reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the state. The effort, which will plant more than two million trees throughout the state in the next year and engage young people in conservation efforts, builds on steps the governor has already taken to address the threat of global climate change..

Under the plan, the Illinois Dept. of Natural Resources (IDNR) will plant the trees mainly on state-owned lands and launch a Youth Conservation Corps, a summer work program focused on enlisting young people in stewardship projects to protect and enhance natural areas. In addition, the Illinois Dept. of Transportation (IDOT) will provide grants to assist local communities in planting native trees and grasses along roadways. By trapping carbon dioxide in plants and soil, all three components of the governor's Replanting the Prairie State initiative will help meet his goal to reduce greenhouse gas emissions to 1990 levels by the year 2020.

Planting two million additional native trees annually, such as burr oak, sugar maple, American elm and cottonwood, will absorb approximately 200,000 metric tons of carbon dioxide from the atmosphere annually by 2020, equivalent to taking 36,000 cars off the road. The program administered by the IDNR Nursery Reforestation Program will help restore and preserve forests and grasslands while also limiting further incursion of non-native trees and other plants that threaten indigenous species.

Additional native trees and prairie grasses will be planted statewide through IDOT's new Illinois Green Streets initiative. Beginning in summer 2007, IDOT will direct $5 million in federal transportation funds to provide matching grants to municipalities and local governments for planting trees and prairie grasses along highways and major streets to beautify their communities and further reduce greenhouse gasses. IDOT will administer funds through the Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program.

To help further protect and enhance Illinois' natural areas, IDNR will create the Illinois Conservation Training Corps, a 12-week summer employment program for up to 120 young people ages 16-19. Corp members will work alongside IDNR professional staff to control plant trees, exotic species, restore prairies, collect seeds and assist IDNR staff on projects such as species inventory and surveys, vegetation mapping and research. These activities will help preserve and improve natural areas, including habitats for endangered and threatened species, high quality natural communities, wetlands and other properties exhibiting unique or unusual natural heritage qualities. In addition to the environmental and climate change benefits, the Conservation Corps will help prepare students for future work in conservation and natural resource related fields.

The state is also expanding tree planting by the private sector through the Illinois Conservation and Climate Initiative (ICCI), a partnership developed by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency. Through the ICCI, companies pay farmers and other landowners to plant trees and grasses in order to offset greenhouse gas emissions these companies emit. Illinois is the only state government to offer farmers and other landowners the opportunity to earn and sell greenhouse gas emissions credits by adopting conservation practices.

The first annual payments, totaling nearly $300,000, will be made this year to 190 Illinois landowners who have planted more than 2 million trees on 8,500 acres. The payments help cover the costs for planting and maintaining trees and grasses that also benefit the environment by creating wildlife habitat and limiting soil and nutrient run-off to streams and lakes. Carbon credits are sold on the Chicago Climate Exchange (CCX), North America's only, and the world's first, GHG emissions registry, reduction and trading system. As part of the State's global warming initiative, Illinois joined New Mexico to become only the second state in the nation to join the CCX. As a CCX member, the state makes a voluntary, but legally binding, commitment to reduce GHG emissions from state buildings and vehicle fleets.

Mayor's Office Of Workforce Development Takes Aim At Wage Gap

In America, women earn an average of 81 cents for every dollar men make, even though they account for nearly 50 percent of the America's labor force, according to the U.S. Department of Labor. The Chicago Mayor's Office of Development (MOWD), which responds to local workforce needs in creating training and career opportunities for Chicago residents through the citywide service network of Mayor Daley's WorkNet Chicago, is striving to change that statistic on the local level.

Women comprised 58 percent of MOWD's adult customers trained and placed with Workforce Investment Act (WIA) funds, and for them the wage gap was significantly less severe than the national average. Women exiting WIA programs began earning approximately 96 cents for every dollar earned by their male peers. The average annual pay increase for the women was $4,252.

"These gains represent the City of Chicago's commitment to career advancement for women," said Mayor Richard M. Daley. "The collective increase in wages for this group represents a potential contribution to the local economy in the coming year of almost $4 million. When the women of Chicago do better economically, we all stand to benefit."

'Much of the gain in income relates to WorkNet Chicago's job placement successes and WIA-funded training that qualified the women for better-paying jobs, including positions in formerly male-dominated fields," said MOWD Commissioner David Hanson. "We're seeing women, after acquiring new skills, start careers as commercial truck drivers. Others are being hired by security firms that train them."

"Commercial drivers can earn from $30,000 to $100,000 a year. With MOWD's push to fill more highly, skilled positions with high-road, high-wage manufacturers, more women will eventually be trained and employed as Computer Numeric Control operators, a key position in skilled manufacturing operations that earn in the $50,000s," Hanson said.

Through Mayor Daley's WorkNet Chicago, the Mayor's Office of Workforce Development (MOWD) meets the evolving workforce needs of Chicago businesses and creates training and career opportunities for Chicago residents by building strategic public and private partnerships. For more information on MOWD, or for a referral to the WorkNet Chicago location nearest to you. call (312) 746-7777 (TTY: 312-746-7769) or visit www.cityofchicago.org/mowd.

Bill To Establish Amniotic And Placental Stem Cell Bank

Congressman Dan Lipinski introduced the National Amniotic and Placental Stem Cell Bank Act to help advance the use of stem cells in treating serious medical conditions. Studies have recently demonstrated that the stem cells derived from amniotic fluid and placentas can transform into many of the specialized cell types found in the human body, thus providing great potential for lifesaving treatments.

The legislation would authorize and fund the establishment of a national bank to collect and store samples of stem cells that are routinely removed from the amniotic fluid and placenta that surround a baby in the womb. The bank would provide sufficient genetic diversity of cells so that all Americans could enjoy any treatments that are developed with the research.

"I am pleased that we are working to help advance the scientific possibilities these cells provide," Lipinski said. "Scientists in this field have noted that a national amniotic and placental stem cell bank is critical in facilitating expanded research. By providing this needed resource, they can focus their efforts in the hope of finding cures for diseases such as juvenile diabetes – a disease that I have lived with every day for more than 17 years."

New scientific research has demonstrated the significant medical potential of amniotic stem cells. These cells can grow into brain, muscle, and other tissues that can be used to treat a variety of serious diseases, and they can be easily collected without risk to the donor or embryo. However, research has been slowed by the lack of national coordination. Scientists must use their own time, money, and resources to collect and store amniotic stem cells. This diverts valuable resources from finding treatments and cures.

"By setting up a national bank, we can have a readily available source of stem cells that have the pluripotent properties of embryonic cells but don't raise ethical concerns," said Lipinski.

Lipinski's legislation would set up a National Amniotic and Placental Stem Cell Bank which will collect and store 100,000 amniotic stem cell samples to be made available for research and treatment purposes. These samples would provide the genetic diversity necessary to cover the needs of the U.S. population while simultaneously providing for the research needs of the scientific community.

"The establishment of an amniotic fluid and placenta stem cell bank would further research into these areas," said Dr. Anthony Atala. "It would add to our armamentarium of stem cell therapies that could benefit patients in the future."

Dr. Atala is the Director of the Wake Forest University Institute for Regenerative Medicine. He is also a Professor and the Chair of the Department of Urology at Wake Forest University School of Medicine. Dr. Atala's research published in *Nature Biotechnology* on Jan. 7th underscored the significant medical potential of amniotic fluid and placenta stem cells.

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Named As Chicago Legal Clinic 2007 Honorees

U.S. Attorney Patrick J. Fitzgerald, Ira N. Helfgot and Neal Gerber Eisenberg, LLP will be honored by the Chicago Legal Clinic for their outstanding contributions to the community. The awards will be presented at the clinic's annual dinner being held on Friday, May 18th, at the Chicago Hilton & Towers, 720 S. Michigan Ave.

U.S. Attorney Patrick J. Fitzgerald will receive CLC's Cardinal Bernardin Award, presented for "action on behalf of social justice, advocacy for the less advantaged, and passionate promotion of the ideal that we are our brother's keeper." In announcing the award, CLC's board of directors noted that "Throughout his career of public service, Patrick Fitzgerald has demonstrated a commitment to rooting out corruption, maintaining integrity in government and a commitment to equal justice."

Patrick J. Fitzgerald began serving as the United States Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois in 2001. He previously served on the Attorney General's Advisory Committee and was the Chair of the sub-committee on terrorism. He is also a member of the President's Corporate Fraud Task Force. Prior to coming to Chicago, Mr. Fitzgerald served as an Assistant U.S. Attorney in the Southern District of New York for 13 years. While there, he participated in the prosecution of United States v. Osama Bin Laden, et al., in which 23 defendants were charged with various offenses, including conspiracy to murder United States nationals overseas and the August 1998 bombings of the U.S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania. Among Mr. Fitzgerald's honors are the Attorney General's Award for Exceptional Service in 1996, the Stimson Medal from the Association of the Bar of the City of New York in 1997 and the Attorney General's Award for Distinguished Service in 2002. He graduated from Harvard Law School in 1985.

Neal Gerber Eisenberg, LLP is receiving the clinic's Charles J. O'Laughlin Memorial Award, which is presented to a law firm or law department with an exemplary record of pro bono representation of individuals or groups.

Neal Gerber Eisenberg has worked with numerous public service organizations to provide legal assistance to low-income individuals and to help arts organizations, programs for the handicapped and disabled, community schools and educational institutions, churches and synagogues and family-service organizations. Some of their efforts include: Helping to establish and serving on the board of the Inner-City Education program, a nonprofit organization that will promote participation in organized hockey among underprivileged Chicago-area youth, while also raising funds to provide academic scholarships to qualified participants; Fundraising, providing legal services, and serving on the board of directors of the Children's Medical Research Foundation; Providing legal services and serving on the board of directors of Pro Bono Advocates, the largest domestic violence legal aid clinic in Cook County, Illinois.

Ira N. Helfgot is the recipient of CLC's 2007 Pro Bono Award. The Award is presented to an individual who has provided pro bono assistance for the Clinic. Mr. Helfgot was instrumental in the establishment of the Chicago Legal Clinic's Chancery Division Advice Desk. He was one of its first and most consistent volunteers and served as a mentor to staff and other volunteers. He continues to be a key resource to the Desk. The Advice Desk assists hundreds of people facing loss of their homes through foreclosure. Mr. Helfgot has published extensively on debtor-creditor issues for the Illinois Institute for Continuing Legal Education, the Chicago Daily Law Bulletin and the Illinois Creditors Bar Association. Mr. Helgot is the vice president of education for the Illinois Creditors Bar Association. He graduated from DePaul College of Law in 1981.

CLC's mission is to identify legal needs and provide community-based quality legal services and education to the underserved and disadvantaged in the Chicago area, thereby promoting justice through greater access to the legal system. The clinic's co-founders remain active in the organization today. Bishop Thomas J. Paprocki, Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago, serves as president of CLC and Edward Grossman continues to serve as the agency's executive director.

The Honorable William J. Bauer will preside over the event. Chairpersons for the event are Tyrone C. Fahner, Chairman, Mayer, Brown, Rowe & Maw LLP; State Sen. Kirk Dillard; and Kathy Posner, Chicago civic leader. The dinner committee is comprised of Secretary of State Jesse White; Alderman Edward M. Burke; Anthony J. Aiello, Sidley Austin LLP; Robert J. Bobb, Cardinal Growth, LP; Robert A. Clifford, Clifford Law Offices; Jewell K. Gregory; Donald B. Hilliker, McDermott Will & Emery LLP; George Jackson, III, Bryan Cave LLP; Jeffrey W. Morof, Bryan Cave LLP; Gordon B. Nash, Jr., Drinker Biddle Gardner Carton; Jennifer T. Nijman, Winston & Strawn LLP; Richard P. Nilson, Nilson Stookal Gleason & Caputo, Ltd.; Terrance A. Norton, Sonnenschein Nath & Rosenthal LLP; Brian P. O'Donnell, Jenner & Block LLP; Paul Pasin, Radio Flyer International, Ltd.; Richard L. Pullano, Law Offices of Richard L. Pullano PC; Jesse H. Ruiz, Drinker Biddle Gardner Carton; Robert Z. Slaughter, Grubb & Ellis; Nicki Will Stein, Polk Bros. Foundation; Anton R. Valukas, Jenner & Block LLP; Frank Williams; Stifel, Nicolaus & Co.; David L. Wolfe, Drinker Biddle Gardner Carton.

For ticket reservations and table sponsorships, call Lisa Paulsen at (773) 731-1762. The reception begins at 5:30 p.m., the presentation of the awards will be made at 6:20 p.m. and dinner will be served at 7 p.m.

Online Annual Report Filing

Secretary of State Jesse White announced that limited liability companies (LLC) operating in the state are now able to file their required annual reports via the Internet.

Beginning this month, people can visit www.CyberdriveIllinois.com to file the Annual Report for their LLC with the Secretary of State's Dept. of Business Services on a "real-time" or immediate basis.

Previously, documents were submitted through the mail or in person by visiting one of the Secretary of State's Business Services offices.

"This is part of our ongoing plan to make business transactions more efficient and convenient by using the Internet," White said. "It saves paper and is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week."

There are 122,507 limited liability companies registered in Illinois. Corporations have had the ability to file annual reports online since January of this year.

The filing fee is $250 with a payment process fee of $6.25, and payments can be made with Visa, MasterCard, Discover and American Express or with an e-check.

In addition to those services, the Illinois Secretary of State's office currently offers Internet services for Uniform Commercial Code filing and Certificates of Good Standing for both corporations and limited liability companies.

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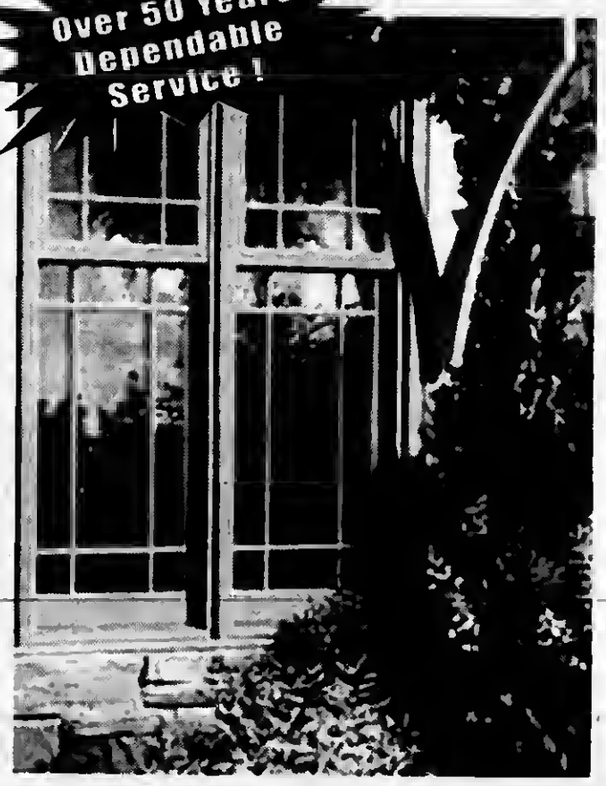

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EDITORIAL/OPINION PAGE

Orr Notes Speedy Results, Fewer Problems In Consolidated Elections

Last Tuesday night's consolidated elections in suburban Cook County went well, according to Cook County Clerk David Orr, in his assessment of the greatest test of the county's new election equipment test so far.

"The April 17th elections are incredibly complex," said Orr. "With 739 races and 2400 candidates on the ballot, ranging from fire district trustees to suburban school board seats, the combined touch screen and optical scan system satisfied voters and candidates alike."

Transmission of unofficial results was speedier on Tuesday than in November. "Clearly, our hard work paid off," said Orr, referring to a decline in complaints and quick transmission. Over 81% of precincts had fully reported (both touch screen and optical scan) and 93% of all results had been transmitted by 9 p.m. More than 93% of precincts had fully reported and 98% of all results had been transmitted by 10 p.m. Over 99% of all results were in by early Wednesday morning.

Last Tuesday's election went off with relatively few hitches. A number of precincts had judge shortages. County clerk staff also logged calls about intermittent equipment questions, but most were resolved over the phone and some were as simple as directing a judge to the location of a power cord.

In their fourth deployment since March 2006 the Sequoia optical scanners and electronic touch screens performed more efficiently, Orr noted. Alterations to the equipment and software based on an expert panel's recommendations, coupled with expanded judge training, made for fewer breakdowns during the day and more efficient transmissions at night.

After the November 2006 election, when some results were delayed, Orr appointed a review panel chaired by former Judge Abner Mikva. Their recommendations for hardware, software and procedural changes were implemented over the last several months.

Cook County's voting equipment array has three components: a touch screen, an optical scanner for tabulating paper ballots, and a card activator that totals and transmits results after the polls close. Plus, the touch screens have a voter verifiable paper audit trail, so voters can visually confirm their selections, and the election can be audited if questions arise.

While transmission went faster last Tuesday, Orr cautions the public that elections are not certified until May 8th. New legislation sponsored by his office allows clerks to add late-arriving absentee ballots and provisional ballots to vote totals and these may determine the outcome of a few close races. Since turnout for Tuesday's contests were low – roughly 17% overall – a handful of votes can make the difference.

For election results and more information, visit www.voterinfonet.com. Other information about the clerk's office and services can be found at www.cookcityclerk.com.

Durbin Lobbies For Awarding FutureGen To Illinois

U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin (D-IL) met recently with Energy Secretary Samuel Bodman urging him to locate the FutureGen project in Illinois, pointing to cost savings and geographical advantages of an Illinois site.

"FutureGen is the number one federal energy project for downstate Illinois, an area that has the coal and the commitment needed to make it a reality," said Durbin. "Finding cleaner, cost-effective ways to generate power using coal will help ensure our country's energy security and address global warming. Illinois has unmatched geographic advantages that, combined with efforts to remove barriers at the state level, make it a desirable location for the project."

The FutureGen Initiative, initially announced by President Bush in February 2003, is a $1 billion government – industry project, which will produce the first emissions-free coal generation plant of its kind. The Dept. of Energy has selected two Illinois sites – Matoon and Tuscola – and two Texas sites – Odessa and Heart of Brazos – as finalists. A draft environmental impact statement is expected in April and a final decision is expected in September 2007.

In their meeting, Durbin discussed a recent study that noted the annual cost to transport coal to the Texas locations could be between $8.2 and $11 million more than transporting coal to Illinois. Durbin stressed that this could put Illinois at an advantage when it comes to annual costs. The FutureGen Alliance has determined that the base operating costs will be approximately $56.9 million each year.

In arguing the case for Illinois, Durbin also stressed the geographical advantages of the state. Secretary Bodman assured Durbin that the selection of the FutureGen site location would be based firmly in science. Illinois has almost one-eighth of the coal reserves in the United States and one-quarter of the nation's bituminous coal reserves. The Illinois coal industry produces approximately 35 million tons of coal and generates more than $1 billion in gross revenue. Currently, recoverable coal reserves in the state of Illinois amount to more than 30 billion tons. Durbin noted that Illinois geology is also well suited for the carbon capture and storage technology that the FutureGen project will help develop.

All Points Southwest

By THOMAS E. GAVIN

Now that the April 17th, Consolidated Election Results are history, we have a variety of municipalities to recap. Before we do however, we want to thank those dedicated voters who made the time and effort to express their interest in electing candidates to represent them for the next two or four years. Regrettably, Cook County Clerk David Orr has reported that last Tuesday's turnout was quite low...approximately 17 percent overall participation by voters countywide. Apparently, Cook County voters are either quite satisfied with their governance, or they are quite disinterested in the entire process. Granted a number of communities had uncontested races, but overall the voter turnout was disappointing to say the least.

In **Burbank, Crestwood, Evergreen Park, Merrionette Park, Midlothian, Orland Hills, Palos Heights, Palos Park,** and **Tinley Park** each candidate on the ballot was uncontested and elected.

In **Alsip**, three trustees were elected. They are Daniel Godfrey Jr., Sheila McGreal and Kevin Michaels. **Bridgeview** Village President Steven Landek and his running mates were likewise elected. In **Chicago Ridge** Juanita Babcock and Daniel Badon will welcome longtime Worth Township Trustee Michael Davies to the Trustee Board. **Hickory Hills** Mayor Michael Howley and Clerk Joann Jackson were uncontested as were Aldermen Michael McHugh (Ward 1), Deborah Ferrero (Ward 2), John Szeszycki (Ward 2), Tom McAvoy (Ward 3), and Scott Zimmerman (Ward 4). Dan Schramm was elected Treasurer. In **Hometown** Donna Grachowski, Spencer Touchie, Kevin Casey and Michael Walker were elected Aldermen. In **Justice** Krzystof Wasowicz was elected President, while Jeffrey Kranig, Mary McGee, and Michael Murray were elected Trustees. In **Oak Forest,** Anthony Chinino (1st) and Nancy Hullinger (5th) were uncontested Trustees. Diane Wolf (3rd), Charles Toland (4th) and Paul Weehet (7th) were also elected. In **Oak Lawn,** incumbent Trustees Robert Streit (3rd) and Jerry Hurckes (1st) return to the Village Board along with newcomer Carol Quinlan (5th). **Orland Park** trustee winners were Bernard Murphy, Patricia Gira and Edward Schussler. In **Palos Hills** Aldermen Martin Kleefisch (1st), Pauline Stratton (2nd), William Hanson (3rd) and Frank Williams (5th) were joined by Mark Braehman (2nd) and Joseph Marrotta III (4th). **Posen** saw Charles Spindler, Jeffrey Casillas and Richard Klapkowski elected Trustees. **Robbins** voters selected Tyrone Ward, Shantiel Simon and Tyrone Haymore as Trustees. And in **Worth,** Randy Keller, Mary Rhein and Pete Kats captured the Trustee seats.

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Secretary of State Jesse White is appealing to all Illinois residents to join the state's new organ and tissue donor registry. His message...almost everyone can sign up to give the gift of life. White made his proposal to coincide with organizations across the state and country which recognize April as National Donate Life! Month.

A new ad campaign, which includes television and radio ads, feature nine Illinoisans who are recipients or from donor families, will be aired across the state encouraging people to help by becoming an organ/tissue donor. The television spot features the song, Join Together by the WHO.

According to White almost two million people have signed up for the new registry. Approximately 4,500 people in Illinois are on waiting lists for an organ transplant.

To join the new registry, register by going to www.LifeGoesOn.com, visit any Illinois state driver's license facility, or call the Illinois Secretary of State Organ/Tissue Donor Program at 1-800-210-2106.

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The Illinois Retail Merchants Association (IRMA) will host its annual legislative day on Wednesday, May 2nd at the President Abraham Lincoln Hotel and Conference Center in Springfield.

Retail Day 2007 brings retailers together with leaders of Illinois government to discuss relevant topics of concern. Registration begins at 11:30 a.m. and a luncheon at 12:30 p.m. The keynote speaker will be Neil Newhouse, a partner and co-founder of Public Opinion Strategies, a national political and public affairs survey research firm.

At 2 p.m., break-out sessions will address a variety of legislative issues concerning the retail community. Attendees will have the opportunity to speak to legislators one-to-one to discuss the issues. An evening reception is likewise planned.

To make reservations to attend this event, contact IRMA at 800/572-5044 or email dbasowski@irma.org. Individual reservations are $75 per person.

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On Saturday, May 5th, Mayor Daley's "Clean & Green" volunteer clean up will take place throughout Chicago. For the past 19 years Chicagoans have teamed up with community groups and the City of Chicago to help beautify their communities by cleaning up and recycling accumulated litter and trash. To get involved sign up by calling 311. You will be placed at a location close to your home. The City will work with your community organization to provide use on that day of all the brooms, rakes, shovels and bags needed to get the job done. Get out and improve your community.

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The 22nd annual Fashion Show and Luncheon Benefit, presented by the Women's Board of the American Cancer Society with Saks Fifth Avenue, is Friday, May 11th, at the Chicago Hilton, located at 720 S. Michigan Ave., beginning with a reception at 11 a.m. followed by the fashion show and luncheon.

Proceeds support cancer research, community education programs, advocacy initiatives and support services for patients and their families such as free transportation to medical treatments and increased awareness of early cancer detection and prevention.

Admission is $125 and tables of 10 can be purchased from $1,250. For information, call (312) 279-7277.

The Women's Board was established in 1952, and is composed of volunteers from the Chicago Metropolitan area and suburbs, all dedicated to the American Cancer Society's mission to eliminate cancer as a major health issue through research, education, advocacy and services for patients and their families.

Phony Oprah Show Prize Winnings

Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan is warning consumers about unsolicited mail they may receive announcing that they are among a group of third category winners of a recent sweepstakes sponsored by "The Oprah Show" and Walgreen's.

According to Harpo Productions, Inc., which produces The Oprah Winfrey Show, several legitimate sweepstakes were held in the summer of 2006 through Oprah.com but all winners were previously notified. Harpo Productions, Inc. has not sent any letters in 2007 announcing additional winners for this sweepstakes. The sweepstakes letters being mailed to consumers have a check enclosed that is made payable to the letter recipient. The checks look real but are actually counterfeit. Consumers should disregard these letters and should not attempt to cash the checks.

The letters and checks are props in an especially devastating form of consumer fraud – conning check recipients into believing the checks are real, convincing recipients to deposit the checks into their banks, and even persuading the recipients to wire their own money to the con artists.

Madigan said that Harpo Productions, Inc. has recently become aware of the check cashing scam through phone calls and e-mails from consumers who have received these letters. In this case, letter recipients are asked to deposit the enclosed third party checks which total $2,850. The checks appear to be authentic and even clear the bank. The letter states that the check covers a clearance fee that will allow them to collect a lump sum award of $81,561. Recipients are asked to contact a telephone number and directed to wire $2,600 via Western Union to a third party. The third party is, in fact, part of the scam and the consumer will never receive a sweepstakes prize.

"With the large number of Oprah's fans worldwide, we are concerned that their excitement at the opportunity of receiving a financial prize from Oprah may result in fans responding to this unauthorized offer," Madigan said. "Consumers should be alarmed whenever they receive a request to send money to anyone they do not know."

In check cashing scams, victims receive a realistic-looking phony check and do not discover it is fake until after depositing it and wiring money back to the thief. As a result, victims can be left legally liable to their banks for thousands of dollars. The scammers use high quality printers and watermarks. These counterfeit checks are printed with the names and addresses of legitimate financial institutions. Even if the bank account and routing numbers listed on a counterfeit check are real, the check still may be fake.

If the consumers do as instructed, they can be liable to the bank for all of the money they wired in addition to any of the proceeds they have already spent.

Madigan said that many fake check scam victims mistakenly believe that a check must be good if their bank accepts the check for deposit and makes the funds available to them. Banks are required by federal law to make funds from a check available to consumers within a relatively short period of time. However, Madigan noted, "making the funds available to you is not the same as confirming that the check is authentic. It takes days, even a week or more, for a bank to determine that a check is a forgery."

Madigan said Illinois consumers who have sent money can contact her office's Consumer Fraud Hotline at 1-800-386-5438 (TTY: 1-800-964-3013). The Spanish-language Hotline number is 1-866-310-8398. Consumers outside of Illinois can file a consumer complaint by downloading the complaint form at www.illinoisattorneygeneral.gov/consumers/conscomp.pdf In addition, Madigan said out-of-state consumers should report the occurrence to local authorities, their state Attorney General's Office and monitor their financial accounts for any suspicious activity.

The First Signs Of Summer

The 2007 official Chicago Architecture Foundation (CAF) architecture river cruise season opens April 28 - a sure sign of summer. This year, CAF is introducing online ticket availability through TicketMaster. The print-at-home option allows passengers to check-in for the cruise, one of Chicago's most popular spring and summer activities.

The CAF cruise is offered aboard official vessels Chicago's First Lady, Chicago's Little Lady and Chicago's Fair Lady, 1920s-style cruising yachts each offering open-air upper deck viewing as well as climate-controlled main deck salons complete with full-service bars.

The ninety-minute tours are led by CAF-certified volunteer docents who are specially trained by the CAF and offer a lively fact-filled and anecdotal commentary on Chicago's architecture from the unique vantage point of the river.

This official CAF architecture river cruise highlights 53 historic and architecturally significant sites including: the Merchandise Mart, 333 W. Wacker, the Wrigley Building, the Tribune Tower, the Sears Tower, River City, Marina City and Donald Trump's new building. They also include significant buildings, sites and developments along the North Branch of the Chicago River such as The Montgomery, formerly the world headquarters for Montgomery Ward; the Chicago Tribune printing press plant; Goose Island; Kinzie Park development; Riverbend by DeStefano and the clustered glass River Cottages by architect Harry Weese.

All CAF cruises depart from the lower level and southeast corner of the Michigan Avenue Bridge and Wacker Drive. The 2007 Tour Schedule runs through Nov. 18.

Tickets are $26.00/person (Mon-Fri) $28.00/person (Sat/Sun/Holidays) and are available at the Chicago's First Lady ticket window at the dock or the CAF Shop, 224 S. Michigan Ave. Individual tickets are available by phone at (312) 902-1500, or e-tickets at www.ticketmaster.com. Special Group Rates/groups of 20 or more, (312) 922-3432 ext. 226.

The Chicago Architecture Foundation (CAF) is a non-profit organization dedicated to advancing public interest and education in architecture and related design. The Foundation pursues this mission through a comprehensive program of exhibits, tours, special events, and lectures. CAF's ArchiCenter is located in the Santa Fe Building at 224 South Michigan Avenue at Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois, 60604. For further information visit www.architecture.org or call (312) 922-3432.

Hilton Renovation Complete

The Hilton Oak Lawn announces the completion of a massive, $1 million renovation project. Rich new woodwork, lush carpeting, stylish draperies and elegant wallcoverings now adorn the hotel's Grand and Astoria Ballrooms, the 12th Floor Tower Room and all 15 meeting/banquet rooms. This extensive and stunning "makeover" exemplifies the Hilton's commitment to excellence in all areas, while earning it the reputation of a first class, full service hotel.

A unique twelve-story round tower, the Hilton Oak Lawn Hotel and Conference Center has been recognized as an area landmark for 25 years. Proudly offering the finest in banquet and conference facilities, casually elegant dining in Whitney's Bar & Grille, and luxurious overnight accommodations, the Hilton Oak Lawn is truly the ideal destination for business or pleasure.

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ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

Announce State Fair Grandstand Lineup

Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich recently announced Illinois native and country music superstar Gretchen Wilson, four-time Country Music Assn. Female Vocalist of the Year Martina McBride, and rock newcomer Chris Daughtry will perform during the 2007 Illinois State Fair. The star-studded Grandstand lineup also features Grammy Award-winning band Sugarland and a teen-pop show featuring Corbin Bleu, co-star of the hit Disney Channel Original Movie "High School Musical," and Drake Bell of Nickelodeon's "Drake & Josh."

Wilson, who was born and raised in Pocahontas, Ill., a small town in rural Bond County, will perform on opening day of the Fair on Friday, Aug. 10th. Her meteoric rise to country music super-stardom began in 2004 when the first of her two chart-topping albums, "Here for the Party," was released. The album sold two million copies in just nine weeks, the fastest double platinum certification ever for a debut country artist, and produced her first number one hit, "Redneck Woman," a song that billboard.com voted "Anthem of the Summer of 2004." Her third album, "One of the Boys," will be in stores on May 15th. Blaine Larsen will open the show.

The double bill of Corbin Bleu and Drake Bell will take the stage on Saturday, Aug. 11th to be followed on Sunday, Aug. 12th by Daughtry, an acclaimed rock band fronted by its lead singer and namesake Chris Daughtry. The group's self-titled debut album spent nine weeks atop the Billboard music charts and produced hit singles including "It's Not Over" and "Home."

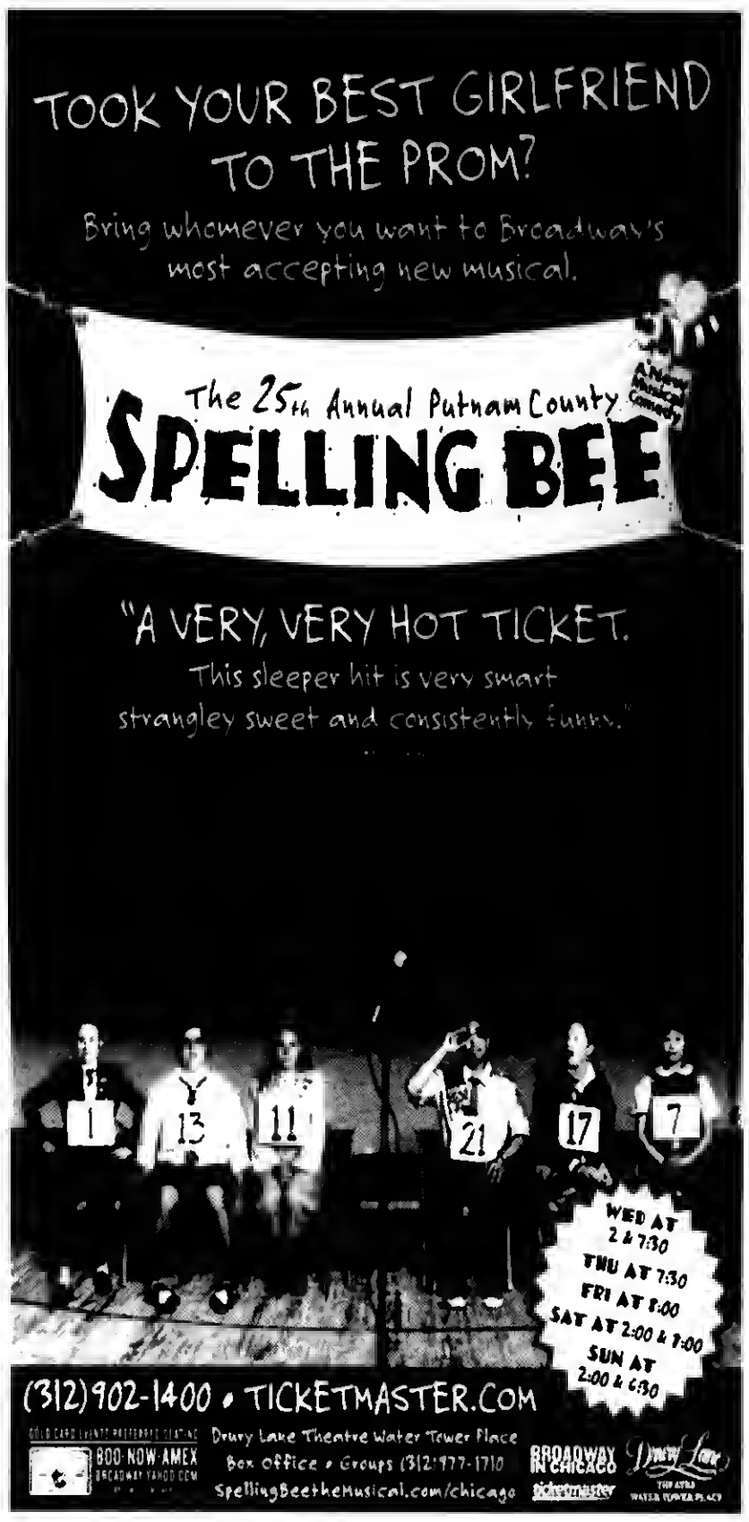
Multi-platinum country recording artist Martina McBride will entertain on Friday, Aug. 17th. McBride, who has 22 top-10 singles to her credit and just released a new album, "Waking Up Laughing," will perform with Carolyn Dawn Johnson.

Sugarland, Country Music Television's Duo of the Year, will conclude this year's Grandstand concerts with a show on Sunday, Aug. 19th. Joe Nichols is the opening act. The Fair also intends to schedule a concert on Saturday, Aug. 18th, but has not come to terms with a performer yet. An announcement is expected soon.

Besides musical entertainment, the Grandstand also will feature horse racing and motor sports. Evening harness races have been scheduled Tuesday, Aug. 14th through Thursday, Aug. 16th. The auto races will be held on Saturday, Aug. 18th and Sunday, Aug. 19th. On Monday, Aug. 13th, the Illinois Symphony will perform.

All concerts begin at 8 p.m. Tickets will go on sale Saturday, April 28th at 10 a.m. through Ticketmaster. They can be purchased either on the Internet at Ticketmaster.com, by calling (800) 827-8927 or visiting any Ticketmaster outlet. Ticket order forms also can be downloaded on the Illinois State Fair web site at www.illinoisstatefair.info. The Grandstand ticket office will start accepting mail orders on May 28th. It will open Saturday, June 2nd at 9 a.m. for walk-up sales.

All sales are final. The Fair does not provide refunds or exchanges on ticket purchases.



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Sunday Celtic Suppers

Enjoy good food and great dancing music at Chicago Gaelic Park, 6119 W. 147th St. in Oak Forest, and their popular Sunday Celtic Suppers beginning at 4 p.m. and going until the music stops at 9 p.m.

This week's musical guest will be Velvet Green on April 29th, providing the dancing music until 9 p.m.

The Celtic Suppers are the perfect meeting place for large groups, and for only $15, a buffet including choice of soup, a salad bar, a choice of main entree, dessert, tea and coffee is served. Children are welcome; under 12 years old admission is $8.

Reservations are required for all Celtic Suppers so call (708) 687-9323 for more information or to reserve tickets or visit the web site at www.chicagogaelicpark.org.

SXU Symphony Orchestra Concert May 6

Saint Xavier University's Symphony Orchestra will perform at 3 p.m. Sunday, May 6, at the Beverly Arts Center, 2407 W. 111th St., Chicago.

Under the direction of Saint Xavier adjunct professor Eric Garcia, the orchestra will perform Johannes Brahms Hungarian Dance No. 5 and Ludwig van Beethoven's Symphony No. 5 in C minor, Op. 67. The program will also feature soprano Kojelyte Johnson performing W.A. Mozart's Una donna a quindici anni from Cosi fan tutte, and soprano Kathryn Mantoan performing Gaetano Donizetti's O luce di quest'anima from Linda Di Chamonix.

Admission to the concert is $10 for adults and $8 for seniors and visiting students. Admission is free for all Saint Xavier students, faculty and staff with a valid University ID.

For more information, contact the Saint Xavier University music department at (773) 298-3421.

Brother Rice Dads' Poker Night

The Brother Rice High School Dad's Club will host a Texas Hold-em Poker Night at the school, 10001 S. Pulaski Rd., on Friday, May 4th. The doors open at 6:30 p.m. and poker starts at 8 p.m. A $60 donation includes prizes, food and refreshments. Space is limited to 100 players and advance reservations are recommended. For tickets, call Bob Peterson at (708) 425-0261 or Ed Kalata at (708) 636-8386.

Class Reunions

Bremen High School – Class of 1987 reunion on Sept. 15th at DiNolfo's Banquets, Mokena/Orland Park, 6 to 11:30 p.m. Call Terri (Lenart) Rickerson at (815) 485-3864 or email bremen87@gmail.com.

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St. Joseph and St. Anne Elementary School class of 1967 is seeking graduates for its 40th anniversary in 2007. Contact Charlene Koestner Smolik at dcsmolik@hotmail.com or call (361) 455-1625.

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St. George School (Tinley Park) seeks alumni to form alumni association. Call the school office at (708) 532-2626 or visit www.stgeorgeschool.org.

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Leo High School class of 1957 – 50th anniversary and reunion on April 27th, 2007 at the Lexington House in Hickory Hills. Call Jack Carroll at (708) 429-9307.

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Morrill Elementary School – Students from the classes of 1943, 1944 and 1945 are sought for an upcoming reunion. Call Howard Siebalt at (708) 720-1848.

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Incarnation Alumni are looking for graduates for an Alumni Directory. Call the school at (708) 385-6250 or e-mail to alum@incarnationcatholic.com.

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Bloom High School class of 1939 seeks alumni. Call (708) 756-2315.

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Morgan Park High School class of 1962 is still looking for classmates for a reunion on Oct. 27th. Call Barb at (773) 779-9296.

Bungalows By Bus Tours

The Historic Chicago Bungalow Association and the Chicago Architecture Foundation are once again offering "Bungalows by Bus" tours through Chicago's bungalow belt this Spring. Chicago bungalow and local history aficionados will again have the opportunity to tour many of the City's most historic and iconic residential neighborhoods, as part of the City of Chicago's Great Spaces and Places weekend.

The May 13th South Tour will take attendees through the Bridgeport, McKinley Park, Gage Park, Chicago Lawn and Chatham neighborhoods while the June 17th North Tour will showcase homes in Chicago's Ravenswood Manor, Portage Park, Galewood and the Villa communities. Each tour will last four hours and be conducted by docents from the CAF, who will provide commentary on the history of the homes and neighborhoods.

Although walk-ins are available if space permits, these tours often reach the 50 person capacity rather quickly, so reservations are encouraged. The cost for each tour is $35 for non-members and $30 for CAF and HCBA members. Interested residents should call the CAF at (312) 922-3432 or visit www.architecture.org for more information or reservations.

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History Of Musical Theatre

ArtCraft Theatre Projects is preparing for its upcoming concert, MUSICAL STAGES: From Ciassicai To Cameiot, to be presented the beautifui Sanctuary at historic Bethany Union Community Church, in Beveriy. The concert takes piace Saturday, Aprii 28, at 7:30 p.m.

"Musicai Stages" is a concert of higblights from opera, operetta and Broadway through the years and is a joint effort between two musicai groups. . the Bethany Union Singers, under the ieadership of Henry Hunt, and the Evergreen Park Community High Schooi Concert Choir, under the direction of Meianie Micbaiak.

This is not the first time the two groups have come together for ArtCraft; iast year, they presented "A Night In the Renaissance," a concert of era soios and ensembies. And the high schooi's jazz ensembie, ied by Ken Kazin, was featured in February's Oid Time Radio Band Concert for the company.

ArtCraft producer Gienn Pniewski is happy with the ongoing reiationship with the Evergreen Park High Schooi music programs. "It is wonderfui to work with Meianie Michaiak and Ken Kazin," Pniewski said. "They are good peopie, they are great with the kids in their respective programs. . .and we are aii committed to providing a stage for these taiented students, so that they can continue to refine their exceiient performance skiiis."

Musicai Stages cioses out the 2006-2007 performance season for ArtCraft, though their 2007-2008 season wiii be announced at this concert.

Advance reservations for the concert are $12. These speciaiiy priced tickets ($3 off the door price of $15) can be obtained by caiiing the ArtCraft Theatre Box office at (708) 841-7396. Bethany Union Community Church is iocated at 1750 West 103rd Street.

Pictured, the Evergreen Park Community High Schooi Concert Choir, with Meianie Michaiak.

Together We Cope Golf Outing

Together We Cope will host its fourth annual golf outing on Wednesday, May 9th at Odyssey Country Club, i9110 Ridgeland Ave. in Tinley Park. Registration and lunch will be at 10:30 a.m. with a shotgun start at i1:30. A delicious dinner will follow. Tickets are $120 for golf and dinner, $85 for golf and $45 for dinner only. For more information regarding the outing, or to sponsor this outing, call (708) 633-5040.

Schedule For Many Of Illinois' Historic Sites During Tourist Season

On behalf of Governor Rod R. Blagojevich, Illinois Historic Preservation Agency Director Robert Coomer stood at the entrance to the log village where Abraham Lincoln lived for six years and announced that many of the state's historic sites will be open seven days a week. This successful move began last year and is included in the Governor's proposed Fiscal Year 2008 budget. Expanding site operations during the busy tourism season attracts more visitors to illinois and generates additional dollars for many communities.

The following state-operated historic sites operated by the IHPA have resumed daily operations through Labor Day, Sept. 3rd: Apple River Fort, Elizabeth; Black Hawk, Rock Island; Cahokia Mounds, Collinsville; Lewis and Clark, Hartford; Lincoln Log Cabin near Charleston; Lincoln-Herndon Law Offices, Springfield; Old State Capitol, Springfield; and Lincoln's New Salem, Petersburg.

Lincoln Tomb State Historic Site and the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum, both in Springfield, have always been open seven days per week and will retain that schedule.

Historic sites that will resume daily operations from May 29th through Sept. 3rd include: Bishop Hill; Bryant Cottage, Bement; Cahokia Courthouse, Cahokia; Carl Sandburg, Galesburg; Stephen A. Douglas Tomb, Chicago; Fort de Chartres, Prairie du Rocher; Fort Kaskaskia, Ellis Grove; Pierre Menard Home, Ellis Grove; Jubilee College, Brimfield; Vandalia Statehouse, Vandalia; and the Ulysses S. Grant Home, Galena.

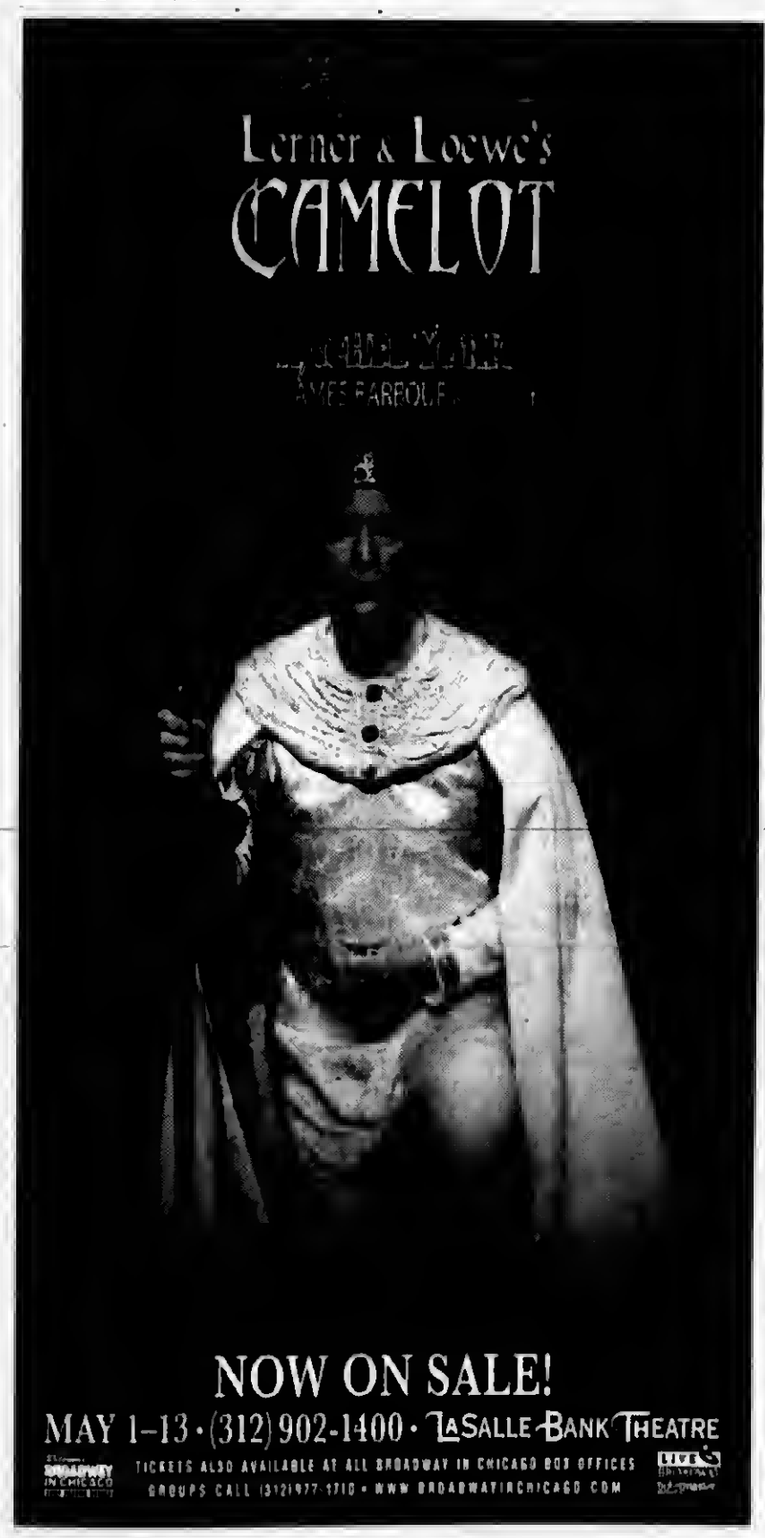
Host JUF Fundraising Event

Anshe Emet Synagogue is holding a dessert reception at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, May 1st to benefit the 2007 Jewish United Fund Annual Campaign. The event will be held at the synagogue, 375i N. Broadway in Chicago.

Whitwell Middle School Principal Linda Hooper, who inspired the Paper Clips Project in Tennessee, will be the guest speaker. Her speech, "The Power of One," tells the touching story of how students behind the Paper Clips Project responded to what was to them a totally unfamiliar part of human history – the Holocaust.

Congregants Dana and Andrew Hirt of Chicago are chairing the event.

The event is complimentary, but reservations are requested. To make reservations or for more information, contact Debra Kudish at (312) 357-4657 or e-mail DebraKudish@juf.org.



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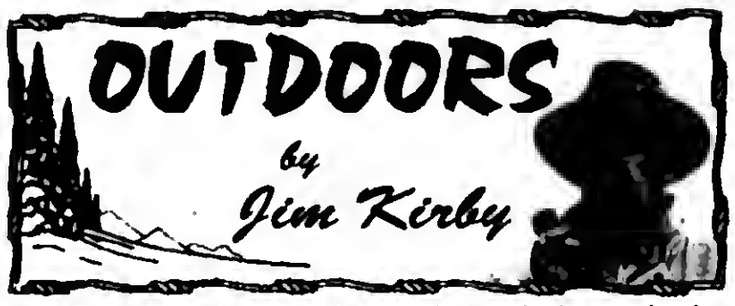

OUTDOOR DEADLINES: April 30th is the application deadline for the Illinois Firearm and Muzzleloader-only Deer Season first lottery. Hunters can apply online at http://dnr.state.il.us using credit cards. Hunters can also use the online system to buy hunting, fishing and sportsman's combination licenses habitat stamps and other licenses and permits.

May 1st is the deadline for two programs that provide grant assistance for snowmobile facilities in Illinois. The Snowmobile Grant Program for local governments provides up to 100 percent reimbursement of facility development/rehabilitation costs. The Snowmobile Trail Establishment Fund Program provides financial assistance to incorporated, private snowmobile clubs. Trails and facilities must be open to the public.

Applications for assistance must be received by the IDNR no later than May 1st. For more information, call (217) 782-7481 or e-mail dnrgrants@illinois.gov. Applications and manuals are also available on the IDNR web site at http://dnr.state.il.us/ocd/gaoutnew.htm.

■**ANTIQUE ARMS SHOW:** Interested in seeing more than 2000 collectible and sporting guns for sale, all in one place? That's what you can expect at this spring's Midwest Antique Arms Show at the DuPage Expo Center across the road from the Pheasant Run Resort at 4050 East Main Street, St. Charles, Illinois.

The show is open to the public on Saturday, May 5th from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, May 6th from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission is $10 per day. More than 100 dealers are expected to make this the largest quality firearms show anywhere.

■**ILLINOIS MUSKIE STOCKING:** According to **Ray Thompson,** Chairman of the Illini Muskies Alliance, the Illinois muskie stocking program was beset with a number of feed or predator-related setbacks in 2006. Luckily, excess fry were stocked in netted rearing ponds. These fish supplement the traditionally in-house intensively reared (pellet-fed) fish, which finished rearing in netted ponds along with excess fish, which were received from Iowa.

Donations from the Mississippi Valley chapter of Muskies, Inc., added to the stocking total. Because of the excess fish provided by the state of Iowa, enough fingerlings were available to contribute to the Green Gene study, stock all lakes where muskies had been requested, including excess numbers of fish into those lakes and stock two new muskie lakes in Illinois.

■**TIPS FOR VIDEOTAPING YOUR TURKEY HUNT:** With turkey season just around the corner, **Hunter's Specialties** Pro Staff member and professional videographer **Philllp Vanderpool** offers these tips for taping your hunt:

- "Practice using the manual focus on your camera and learn how to use it. If you use the auto-focus feature, the camera will be focusing on things close to you and not the approaching turkey. I like to manually focus on an object like a tree at the distance where I think the turkey will come in. When I see the bird, I can get him in focus quickly. If you can use a tripod, the shots will be more stable and you can zoom in and out smoother. If you are taping for another hunter, set up close enough so that you can communicate with each other."
- "Be sure and carry extra batteries and tapes. Shoot plenty of scenery and 'set up' shots of the hunt. I like to record the whole experience, not just the kill. Get a good lens cleaning cloth and make sure there is nothing on the lens when you are filming. I always throw a trash bag in my pack to cover the camera in case it rains."
- "The only way to get good at filming is to get out and do plenty of it. Learn from your mistakes and don't be afraid to ask questions. Eventually you will get comfortable running a camera and get some great footage that you will be able to enjoy for years to come. Another thing I always encourage hunters to do is take plenty of photos with a still camera as well. Take along some Scent-A-Way towels or wipes to clean up your animal after the hunt and then shoot plenty of photos. Use a flash to get rid of shadows. With today's digital cameras, it doesn't cost anything if you have to delete photos, so take plenty. For other questions, I can be contacted at www.hunterspec.com."

■**WORRY OVER SALMON PCB LEVELS:** People may worry about PCBs in salmon, but most Americans actually get their yearly PCB load through beef, chicken, pork and milk, says a University of Idaho professor in a recently published article in an issue of Aquaculture Magazine.

Ronald W. Hardy, director of Hagerman Fish Culture Experiment Station, University of Idaho, says concerns about contaminates in salmon have been overstated, particularly within the context of the American diet. Americans eat vastly more meat and dairy than they do salmon, he says, and both meat and dairy contain PCB levels as high, or higher than salmon. "Levels in salmon are equivalent to levels in English muffins," Hardy said. Salmon also has health benefits that most meat lacks. *(Great Lakes Basin Report)*

Four Tourney Wins Over Weekend

Behind big weekend performances from freshman second baseman Rebekah Ruettiger and senior shortstop Samantha Lovato, the St. Xavier University softball team went a perfect 4-0 at the University of Illinois-Springfield (UIS) Invitational this weekend in Springfield. The Cougars (22-10 overall) picked up a pair of 5-4 victories against Lindenwood University (Mo.) and host UIS, respectively, on Saturday and then posted a pair of shutouts on Sunday, 4-0, against St. Mary of the Woods (Ind.) and 8-0 versus Hannibal-LaGrange (Mo.).

In Saturday's first game, five errors in the field nearly cost SXU a victory, but the team was able to recover and got a two-out, RBI single from senior centerfielder Marie Barker in the bottom of the seventh inning to earn a 5-4 win over Lindenwood. Freshman righthander Jalyn Shearer got the win on the mound (8-3) throwing all seven innings and allowing five hits, four runs (none earned) and a walk with four strikeouts. Ruettiger finished the game 2-for-3 with a home run and three RBI, while Barker went 2-for-2 with a triple, two runs scored, and the game-winning RBI.

Trailing 4-2 heading into the bottom of the sixth in Saturday's game against UIS, St. Xavier scored two runs in the bottom of the seventh to force extra innings. A RBI single from sophomore third baseman Gianna Pavone brought home the game-winning run in the bottom of the eighth inning. Senior right fielder Nicole Barker was the only Cougar to record multiple hits in game two going 2-for-4 with a run scored. Junior rightie Ashley Shearer got the start and threw the first five innings giving up just six hits, one run (earned) and a walk with seven strikeouts. Junior righthander Nicolle Bartels got the win (6-4) in relief throwing the final three innings and allowing four hits, three runs (two earned) and two walks.

The Cougars seemed to have little trouble in Sunday's games. Lovato went 1-for-3 with a run scored and two RBI to help lead SXU to a 4-0 win over St. Mary of the Wood. Ashley Shearer was solid on the mound pitching all seven innings and allowing just three hits and three walks with five strikeouts for her shutout win (5-2). The Cougars scored all four of their runs in the first inning led by a two-RBI single by Lovato. Sunday's second game was more of the same as SXU picked up an 8-0 win over Hannibal-LaGrange in five innings. Lovato went 2-for-3 with a double and three RBI, while Ruettiger was 1-for-3 with two runs scored and a RBI. Bartels notched the win (7-4) going all five innings and allowing just two hits with three strikeouts.

SXU Athletics Well Represented At Annual Service Day

On Saturday, April 14th, a host of St. Xavier University's 263 student-athletes took time out of their schedules to give back to the local community by volunteering to participate in the seventh annual Service day sponsored by the SXU Student Activities Board. Participants were broken up into small "teams" of 8-12 individuals and sent to different sites, including a retirement home, an animal shelter, and park beautification. Each team worked at its respective site around the Chicago area until 2 p.m. and then returned to the SXU campus for a celebration and refreshments.

"Having a good representation of student-athletes volunteering at an event like Service Day embodies the ideals that the NAIA and their Champions of Character program are promoting," said SXU Athletics Director Bob Hallberg. "Our student-athletes realize the importance of giving back to a community that has supported many of them over the years. I am extremely proud of all of the representatives of the St. Xavier Athletics Dept. who sacrificed a Saturday to aid a worthwhile cause."

The Cougars football team was extremely well represented at Saturday's Service Day activities with 46 of its 65 active players (71 percent) in attendance. In addition, many members of the other SXU varsity teams volunteered their time to this worthwhile endeavor.

SXU was recently one of approximately 100 colleges and universities named to the 2006 list of Champions of Character institutions by the NAIA. Winners promote and implement activities related to the association's five core values: respect, responsibility, integrity, servant leadership and sportsmanship.

Marist Baseball Program

Marist High School Baseball Program is looking for one more team for their 13-year-old boy's baseball tournament held on June 8th, 9th and 10th at the Marist High School baseball fields. This will be a 60 ft.-90 ft. tournament. All players will receive a Marist High School Baseball T-shirt for their participation. For information regarding the tournament, contact Rob Pyznarski at (708) 424-8379.

Bulls And Pitney Bowes Launch Commemorative Stamp Collection

The Chicago Bulls recently announced the launch of a commemorative Chicago Bulls Postage Collection. The new postage will feature a Bulls logo designed sheet, as well as sheets for individual players. The Chicago Bulls Postage Collection is available for purchase exclusively at bulls.com.

The Chicago Bulls are working with mailstream technology leader, Pitney Bowes, to make the postage collection available. Individual players who will be featured on the premium postage include team captain Kirk Hinrich, guard Ben Gordon and forward Luol Deng.

The Bulls logo design in the Chicago Bulls Postage Collection will be offered in sheets of 20 while the individual players' postage will be available in sheets of 10. In addition, a framed collection of the entire limited edition collection will also be available for purchase.

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Prom Night Safety

Prom night is probably the most anticipated night of the year for teens and can be the most dreaded by their parents. Although most teens think they know everything about how to stay safe, parents know otherwise. And according to safety experts, it will take more than just talk to ensure a safe evening for all.

"No matter how strong the family relationship, many parents are still unaware of the choices teens face every day," said Ray Palermo, director of public information for Teachers' Insurance Plan. "For parents to successfully reach their kids, they'll have to approach safety issues in new, often more direct ways." He offered several tips that go beyond "don't drink and drive."

Parents:

- Get involved in planning prom night.
- Talk specifically about what they should say or do in certain high-risk situations.
- Consider having a mutually agreed on "contract" for the night. Set out rules regarding post-prom parties or other activities – with whom they will be, where, for how long and what they will be doing.
- Get the names of other prom-goers and phone numbers of their parents.
- Set a curfew based on past behavior, but be reasonable. This is a special night. Have your teen call if there is a delay.
- Send your teen a text message during prom night telling them to have fun, but reminding them not to do anything that could ruin a great time.
- Limit the number of passengers in a car.
- Be on call for a ride home or other emergency.
- Have a "no question asked" policy on getting home safely.
- Join with other parents and rent a limo for them.
- Be the chauffeur for the night, but don't meddle. Rent a vintage car to make it more special.

Teens:

- Make an agreement with parents to not drink and drive, and not to ride with anyone else who is drinking.
- Resist high-risk activities of all types.
- To avoid tampering, do not leave your beverage unattended.
- Check in with your parents during the night. It will go a long way toward reassuring them about how you are doing.
- Always buckle up.
- In short, follow your parents' rules.

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Illinois Lottery E-Mail Scam Alert

Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan is warning consumers about an unsolicited e-mail currently circulating claiming that the recipient has won the Illinois Lottery. The e-mail is part of a scam designed to defraud money and gain personal information from consumers. It is not authorized by the Illinois Lottery, which never notifies winners by e-mail.

In this Illinois Lottery scam, e-mail recipients are asked to respond by sending an e-mail to an agent in which they quote a reference, batch and winning number found in the original e-mail and provide their full name, address and telephone number. After sending the response e-mail containing this personal information, the winners are directed to a bank in Nigeria where their winnings are allegedly located, claiming that the Lottery is expanding globally. Contrary to these assertions, the Illinois Lottery does not conduct any business in Nigeria or any other foreign country.

This scam involves a common form of check cashing fraud that requires the recipient to wire money based on the false premise that the money is needed to cover the courier costs allegedly incurred for sending a prize-winning certified check to the recipient's doorstep. The people conducting the scam ask the recipients to keep the information confidential until their claim is processed, alleging that the security measures are important to avoid fraud. However, the Illinois Lottery does not ask their players to pay for courier costs or any other costs when claiming their winnings.

Madigan is urging consumers not to respond to these fake Illinois Lottery e-mails.

Illinois consumers who have sent money or divulged personal information in response to this fraud should contact the Attorney General Office's Consumer Fraud Hotline at 1(800) 386-5438, TTY 1(800) 964-3013.

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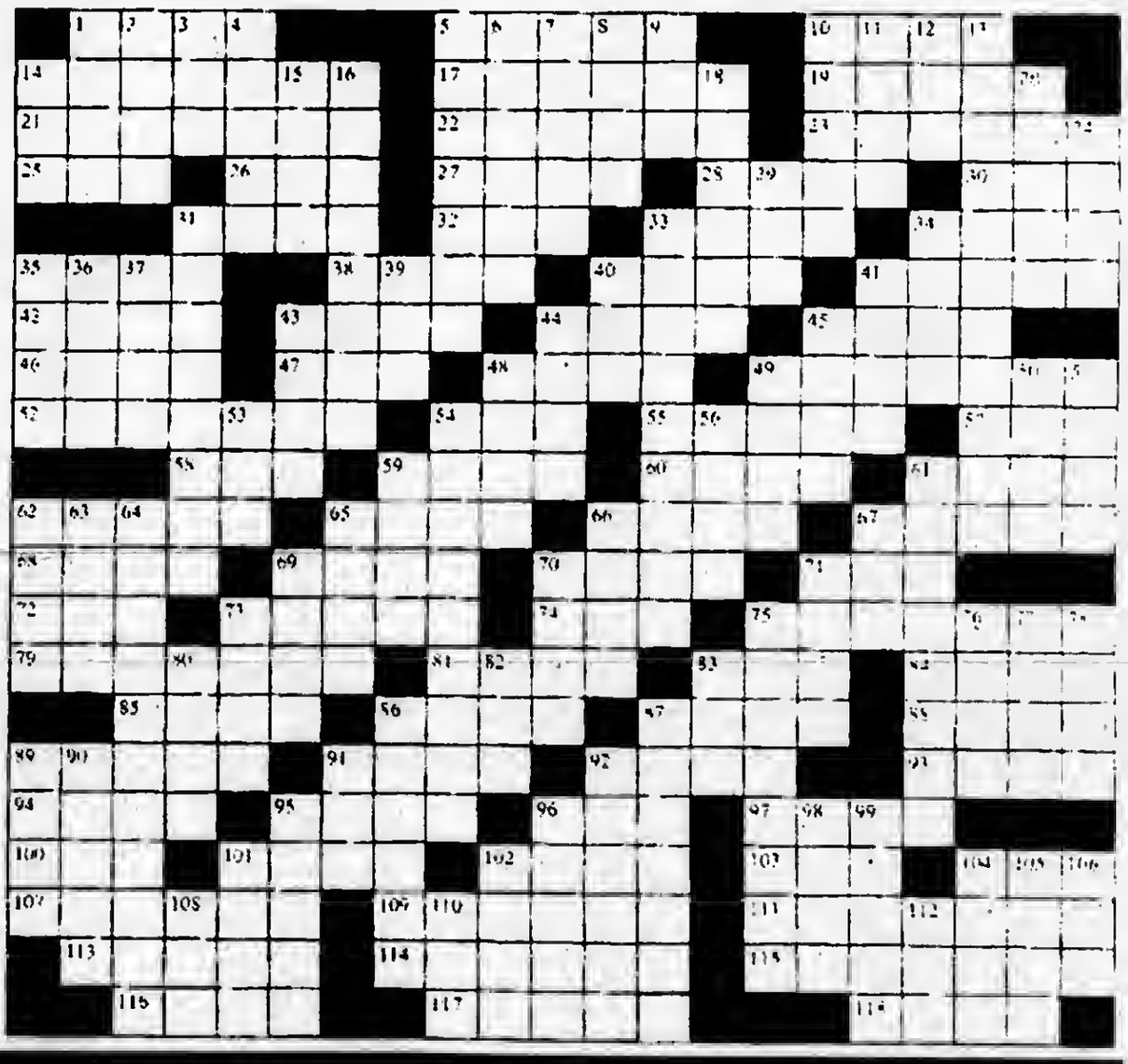

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Thoughts On Health & Nutrition

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HATS AND SKIN CANCER

Now that it's spring in the North, we are starting to feel the rays of the sun beat down on our skin. For most the sensation is wonderful, but it is not without its hazards if we go unprotected! Skin cancers are on the rise, and it is those of us without year-round sunshine that suffer the most, by spending the most time we can outdoors and squeezing in every bit of good weather possible all summer. Statistics show that almost all skin cancers are caused by sun exposure, yet less than a third of all Americans wear protective sun screen or gear. Even fewer wear hats.

When I practiced as a dermatology nurse in South Florida, it was the "snowbirds" (people from the North like us) who came to our clinic most often for skin cancer treatment. You could always tell where someone was from, by their skin damage! It was unusual for a Floridian to have parched or worn skin, unless he was a rancher! Even the ranchers however, wore hats—mostly broad-rimmed and light-weight, and light-colored to deflect the sun.

HATS AS IMPORTANT SHIELD

Wearing a hat can not only be trendy and stylish, but also can provide an excellent means for protective sun protection. And with people traveling to sunny climates year-round now, protection from the sun must just about always be considered.

Because of this, the Headwear Association, in partnership with The Skin Cancer Foundation, has in the past few years, created a special Hat Hangtag program, which ensures you are purchasing a hat that protects your face, ears, and neck from the risk of sun damage and skin cancer. "Wearing protective clothing, including a broad-brimmed hat, is an essential part of a complete sun protection regimen," said Perry Robbins, MD, former President of the Skin Cancer Foundation. (Of course, it goes without saying that sunscreen is a "must" as well.)

"There are several million Skin Cancer Foundation hat hangtags in circulation in the US," said Art Gardner, past President of The Headwear Association. To be certain you are purchasing a sun-protective hat, look for this hang tag, and follow these tips:

Size—a hat with a minimum of 2-inch brim can provide adequate sun protection for the neck, face and ears.

Shape—hat shapes that protect better against ultraviolet radiation (UV)are the ones that curve down to follow the contours of the head and neck.

Color—hats should have a dark color under brims. The dark color absorbs more of the reflected UV light and adds better protection.

Material—the material of a hat should be durable and cool. Fabrics should be tightly woven or lined with a fabric that has been sun-protection tested.

Although hats block almost all direct UV radiation, they cannot provide full protection against indirect or reflected UV rays. So it is important to shield the rest of your skin from sun exposure. The Skin Cancer Foundation recommends the following:

Seek the shade between 10 AM and 4 PM when the sun is strongest.

Apply at least a broad-spectrum SPF 15 sunscreen lotion daily.

Apply 2 tablespoons of sunscreen to your entire body 30 minutes before going outside and reapply every 2 hours.

Cover up with clothing and UV-blocking sunglasses.

For more information on the hazards of the sun, visit www.skincancerorg, or call 1-800-SKIN-490. And don't forget to have annual check-ups with a board-certified dermatologist in your area.

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Urgent Call For Attention To Oral Health

As lawmakers grapple with the challenge of transforming the nation's healthcare system, Delta Dental is urging them to consider oral health in the discussion. The organization released today a set of principles that articulate its perspective and outline specific policy implications.

"Dental benefits should not be neglected in the debate over fixing the healthcare system," said Kim Volk, president and CEO of Delta Dental Plans Association. "These principles reflect our commitment to making certain that all Americans enjoy the oral health they deserve."

Without offering specific recommendations, the principles inform policymakers and public health officials about dental benefits and the market conditions required to preserve and advance their role in creating access to affordable dental care.

The document first sets forth a series of fundamental observations that frame the issue, which are as follows:

Dental is an inseparable part of health and overall wellness. Dental benefits promote not just dental health but systemic health. According to the Academy of General Dentistry, more than 90 percent of systemic disease including diabetes, cancer and stroke has oral manifestations that are detectable during oral exams. A growing body of evidence also suggests control of caries and periodontitis can improve health outcomes.

Dental is different; third party dental carriers add value. While dental health is integral to overall health, the dental delivery system remains vastly different than medical. A quality dental carrier can deliver more appropriate dental services, more cost effectively, with more protection for consumers than is generally available to those who finance their own care.

Dental coverage creates affordable access for millions of Americans. 164 million Americans currently enjoy the benefits of cost-efficient, consumer-oriented and effectively administered dental benefits with stable and predictable premiums.

Everyone deserves dental coverage. Not everyone has it. Despite the success of dental benefits in promoting oral health and overall health, nearly half of all Americans still lack dental coverage. Soaring medical costs threaten to exacerbate the problem.

The policy implications that follow these observations include:

Policy Implication I: Any legislative and/or regulatory approach that adds to the cost of administering or obtaining dental benefits and/or hinders the development of lower cost alternative plan designs will have the unintended effect of reducing the number of Americans with access to affordable dental coverage.

Policy Implication II: Dental carriers should be encouraged in their efforts to develop and enforce competitive fee arrangements, equitable reimbursement and dental policies, and innovative plan design to ensure necessary and appropriate care.

Policy Implication III: Dental coverage should not be neglected in the debate over how to fix healthcare.

Policy Implication IV: Dental benefits should be included as part of any reform proposal that: strives to increase access to affordable care for those not already covered; expands or builds upon existing programs that successfully provide dental benefits; relies on qualified, experienced dental administration (including stand-alone dental carriers) to deliver appropriate, necessary services; does not undermine healthy competition in the dental benefits marketplace; does not reduce employers' and/or individuals' capacity to continue sponsorship of existing dental benefits; does not jeopardize the tax-advantaged status for those who sponsor and/or pay the cost of their own dental coverage; and preserves at least the current portion of healthcare expenditures committed to dental treatment and coverage.

Policy Implication V: Reform proposals should not: erode existing, comprehensive dental benefit programs currently prevalent in the group benefits marketplace; be administered by a single-payer, government-sponsored agency that eliminates the important role of third party administration; exclude stand-alone dental carriers from competing with full service health for government and/or publicly sponsored contracts; erect higher, more costly barriers to the development and offering of cost-effective program administration; or reduce the current portion of healthcare expenditures committed to dental treatment and coverage.

"Policymakers have a tremendous opportunity to change our healthcare system for the better," said Volk. "These oral health principles can guide them toward good public policy that considers the full equation."

Delta Dental Plans Association is a national network of independent not-for-profit dental service corporations specializing in providing dental benefits programs to 47 million Americans in more than 81,000 employee groups nationwide.

Nutrition Expert To Speak At Cancer Support Center

"Beat Cancer with a Fork" may sound silly, but to Kim Dalzell, PhD, RD, LD, an expert in holistic and oncology nutrition, what you eat has a direct effect on your health.

Meet Dalzell and hear her 90-minute presentation at the Jennifer S. Fallick Cancer Support Center, 2028 Elm Road in Homewood, at 7 p.m. on Monday, April 30th. Learn what foods pack a powerful, cancer-fighting punch, and how to make small dietary changes today that add up to a big difference in the journey ahead. Healthy refreshments will be provided during this high-energy talk she describes as "one part fact, one part fun and one part motivation."

Dalzell has over 11 years of extensive oncology experience and holds advanced degrees in clinical and holistic nutrition. She currently serves as Director, Holistic Nutrition Services at Cancer Resource Center for Cancer Treatment Centers of America and is a nutrition consultant for Cancer Nutrition Centers of America and Asahi Elles in Japan. She also serves on the advisory board for a number of nonprofit cancer organizations and has taught whole foods nutrition to medical residents.

On her web site, ChallengeCancer.com, Dalzell outlines eating hints, facts and recipes to get the most nutrition out of each meal. She offers tips for curbing "carbohydrate cravings" and what to eat for particular types of cancers ...information her patients credit with extending their quality of life. One of her favorite pieces of advice is: "Go ahead and indulge every once in a while. Just remember that the foods you eat most often will shape your overall health."

Like all programs at the Jennifer S. Fallick Cancer Support Center, this program is FREE and designed to benefit anyone affected by cancer – patients, caregivers, loved ones, family, friends or the bereaved. For more information or to register for this program, call (708) 798-9171.

Cancer Resource Center Open House

Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care Centers has partnered with the American Cancer Society to add additional services to the existing Cancer Resource Center. An open house in the Cancer Resource Center will be held on May 1st from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. This partnership will make American Cancer Society cancer education and complimentary services readily available to patients, families and area residents.

Through the Center, area residents will have access to cancer information, education, support services, transportation and other resources. A Web-based and telephone-based Patient Navigation Services system also is available to assist cancer patients and their families in addressing a wide range of needs.

Among the complimentary services: Road to Recovery, a program that provides cancer patients with transportation to and from treatments; Look Good...Feel Better, which focuses on the inner and outer beauty of women going through chemotherapy and radiation treatments; and Reach to Recovery, matching breast cancer survivors with newly diagnosed patients to provide constant encouragement and support.

In addition to offering access to these patient services, the new Center also will enable patients to sit down with a patient advocate and discuss diagnoses, treatment options and financial services. There is no charge to patients.

The Cancer Resource Center is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. It is staffed by a hospital patient advocate and volunteers trained by the American Cancer Society. For more information, call (708) 229-4142.

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New Report Finds That "Illinois Covered" Would Cut Consumers' Healthcare Costs

Governor Rod R. Blagojevich recently announced that his Illinois Covered plan will mean $1.1 billion in new funding for Chicagoland healthcare providers. The Governor's plan, which will provide access to health insurance to the 1.4 million uninsured adults in Illinois and more affordable coverage for those who are currently insured, and will mean millions of new dollars for doctors and hospitals who currently receive little compensation for treating the uninsured. In addition, Illinois Covered includes rate increases for doctors, specialty practitioners, and hospitals around the state. The Governor's plan has been endorsed by the Illinois Hospital Association and numerous other medical provider organizations.

Medical providers around Illinois will receive a boost of nearly $1.7 billion from the Governor's Illinois Covered plan through new coverage for the uninsured and increased rates for providers.

Under Gov. Blagojevich, Illinois has expanded access to healthcare to over 560,000 more people, and became the first state in the nation to provide access to comprehensive health insurance to every uninsured child in the state through "All Kids." As a result, the Kaiser Family Foundation ranked Illinois #1 in the nation for adding working parents to healthcare for three years in a row, and credited Illinois for sparking a national movement to provide healthcare to all children.

While the Governor's "All Kids" plan, which took effect last year, extended coverage to all children in the state, approximately 1.4 million adults in Illinois are currently uninsured. A majority, roughly 75 percent, are from families with moderate incomes. The Governor's "Illinois Covered" plan will provide affordable coverage to the uninsured and will also help many middle-income families and small businesses that are currently enrolled in health insurance plans save thousands a year on healthcare costs. The plan will also reform the existing healthcare system to improve quality and require more accountability.

A new report authored by a nationally renowned health economist Dr. Kenneth Thorpe suggests that without Governor Blagojevich's healthcare reforms, healthcare spending in Illinois will almost double within 10 years, growing one and a half times faster than the economy and more than twice as fast as wages. In the absence of the Illinois Covered reforms, employers will spend $26 billion on healthcare in 2011, or about 10.2% of payroll, and households will spend nearly $32 billion in out of pocket costs and health insurance premiums. Dr. Thorpe's analysis suggests that the Illinois Covered legislation can save over $15 billion in healthcare costs by 2011, making the return on investment for the state over 2:1.

Hospitals in Chicagoland will see increased revenue from expanded healthcare coverage and increased reimbursement rates. In addition, physicians, clinics, and other non-hospital medical providers in Chicagoland will receive an estimated $757 million in new funding.

Merrillville Child In Need Of Life-Saving Transplant

With the cost of a transplant often exceeding $500,000, many transplant patients are unable to shoulder the financial burden of such a procedure. The Children's Organ Transplant Association (COTA) is a national charity dedicated to organizing and guiding communities in raising funds for transplant-needy patients. In Merrillville, volunteers are raising funds for transplant patients like local child Amber Jefferson.

Born on Dec. 12, 1996, Amber was diagnosed with Pulmonary Fibrosis and Pulmonary Hypertension, and doctors at Children's Hospital of Wisconsin in Milwaukee recommended a life-saving double lung transplant. An estimated $80,000 is being raised by Merrillville volunteers.

Amber is the daughter of Alan and Charonda Jordon and the sister of Alan, Aaron and Alanna Jordon. Her grandparents are Stephanie Duncan and Elsie Fields.

Volunteers are needed to assist with fundraising activities. Individuals and groups interested in more information can contact Campaign Coordinator Ronda Payne at (219) 736-7403 or rtpchildcare@hotmail.com.

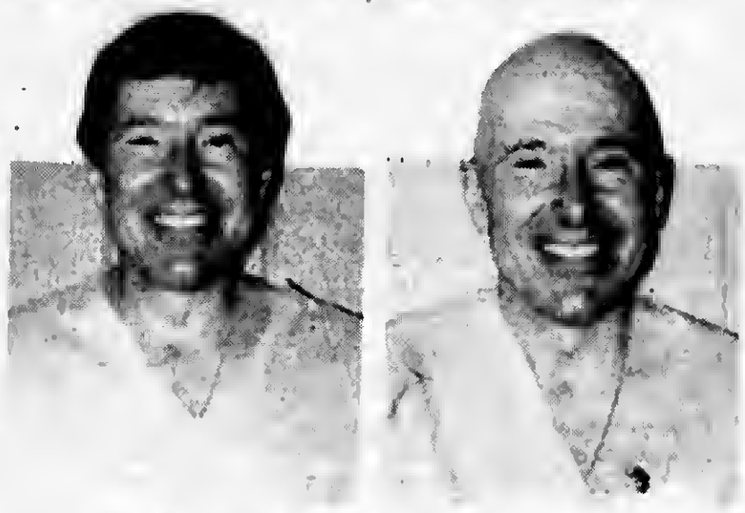
Donations may be made in person at any Chase Brand/Bank One System branch location using account number 2730782766 or mailed to the Children's Organ Transplant Association, 2501 COTA Drive, Bloomington, Indiana, 47403. Checks or money orders should be made payable to COTA, with "In Honor of Amber Jefferson" written on the memo line of the check. Secure credit card donations are also accepted online at www.cota.org.

Amber's family has asked for assistance from the Children's Organ Transplant Association. The organization's priority is to assure that no child is denied a transplant or excluded from a transplant waiting list due to lack of funds. One hundred percent of all funds raised are used for patients' transplant-related expenses.

Physician And Brother Rice Alum, Shaves Head For St. Balderick's Event

Little Company of Mary Professional Staff President Brian Farrell, M.D., recently shaved his head at the St. Balderick's Foundation event held at Brother Rice High School. Dr. Farrell, a Brother Rice High School alum, jumped at the chance to raise funds and awareness for this great cause.

At Brother Rice, 373 adults and students shaved their heads for St. Baldericks collecting more than $37,000 on-line and much more in cash and check donations.



With his new appearance, Dr. Farrell now encourages others to raise funds for St. Balderick's challenging his fellow physicians at Little Company of Mary and other area physicians to donate to St. Baldericks. Dr. Farrell is grateful of the generous $1,000 donation from the Little Company of Mary Medical Staff and that he met his personal goal of raising $5,000, but he hopes that more will be raised.

"I'm very proud to be able to shave my ugly head for such a great cause. In my 20 years as a practicing ear, nose and throat physician, I have treated a number of children with cancer. These children and their families have truly inspired me," Dr. Farrell said.

St. Balderick's Day began about eight years ago by a few insurance executives of Irish descent in New York City. They wanted to celebrate their heritage in a positive way. Thus, they came up with the idea of supporting kids who have cancer. St. Balderick's is now the world's biggest volunteer-driven fundraising program for childhood cancer. Events had taken place in 10 counties and 42 U.S. states raising over $20 million and shaving more than 26,000 heads. Those who would like to join Dr. Farrell's St. Balderick's crusade can give online at www.St.Baldericks.org.

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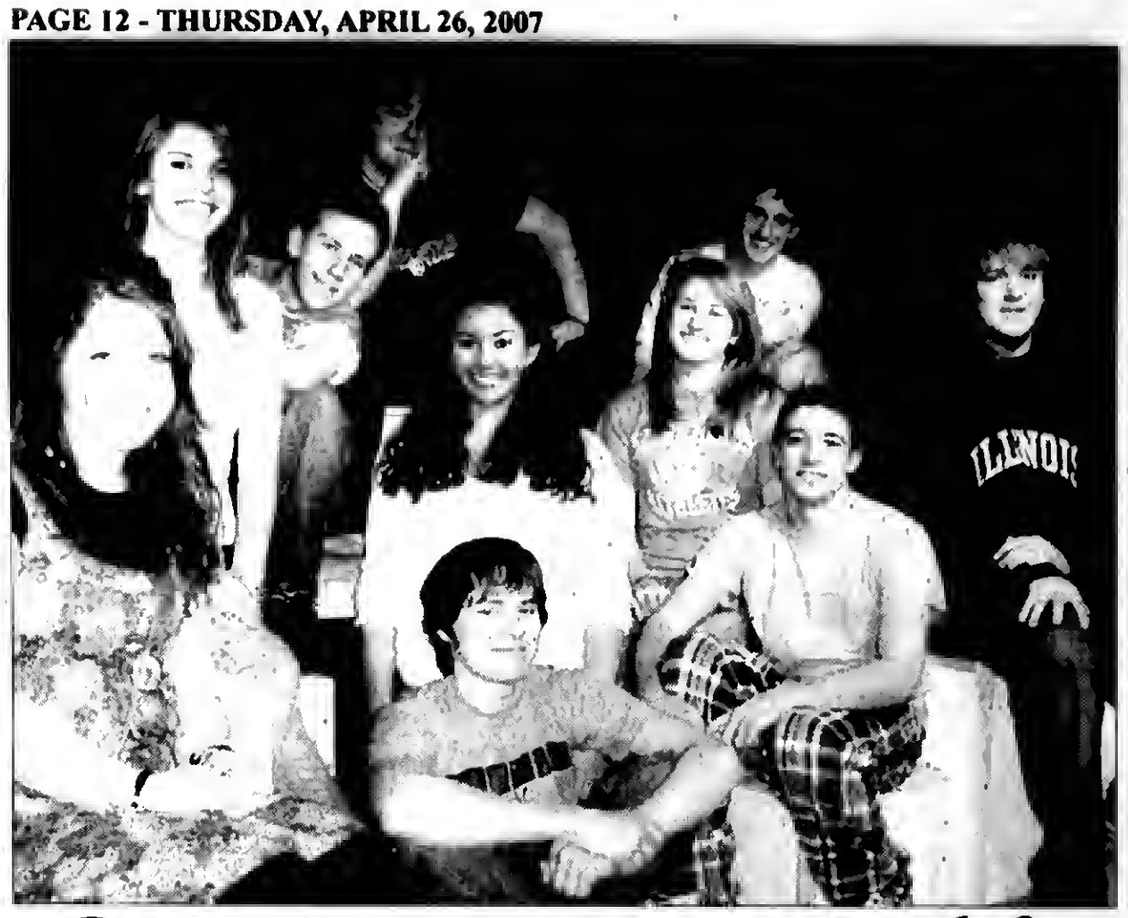

Group Interpretation Qualifies For State For 2nd Straight Year

The Group Interpretation cast from Richards High School qualified with 16 other dramatic productions for the Illinois state finals. It was the second straight year Richards earned a place among the Illinois High School Association's best.

The cast of "Toy Story" placed ninth out of the 18 finalists. Cast members Mike Keeney, Nik Koulogeorge, Molly Ruthenberg and Matt Weibel earned places on the IHSA all-state cast. At the IHSA sectional, the Richards cast placed third to qualify for the state finals.

Other individual awards this season included Mike Keeney, Nik Koulogeorge and Matt Weibel earning both All-South Suburban Conference and IHSA All-Sectional cast honors. The cast also included Becca Calvillo, Dan Flood Carly Heiser, Aurora Melnyk, and Molly Ruthenberg.

"Over the last two seasons, it has been wonderful to see both the speech and drama programs continue to develop and maintain high expectations as well as watch the students achieve goals that they have set for themselves. It is my hope that they continue to set the bar even higher and pass on these valuable traditions to the underclassmen," said teacher and drama director Michael Badger.

Group Interpretation involves a cast of three or more students presenting a dramatic interpretation of a piece of literature in 30 minutes or less.

Like interscholastic athletics, Group Interpretation casts compete through a playoff-like sequence to qualify for the IHSA state finals. Judges grade performances at sectional tournaments to select the productions that earn bids to the IHSA finals at the University of Illinois at Springfield.

Pictured, left to right, are cast members of "Toy Story" Carly Helser, Aurora Melnyk, Becca Calvillo, Matt Weibel, Molly Ruthenberg, Dan Flood, Nik Koulogeorge, and Mike Keeney.

Pregnancy Center's Walk For Life

Southside Pregnancy Center's Walk for Life takes place on Saturday, May 12th. Southside Pregnancy Center is a not-for-profit organization helping women and families in unplanned pregnancy situations. The Walk will take place at Centennial Park (93rd & Oak Park) in Oak Lawn.

Registration begins at 8:15 a.m., Balloon Lift Kick-Off at 9:00 a.m., event ends at 10:30 a.m. For a sponsor sheet or more information call Southside Pregnancy Center at (708) 346-9070 or email info@southsidepregnancy.org. (Enter "Walk 2007" in the subject line.)

Ask A Lawyer

Anyone in Illinois with a question about a legal matter can call and talk to a lawyer – at no cost – on Ask a Lawyer Day, Saturday, April 28th.

Lawyer volunteers will answer phones at 7 locations around the state from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Any Illinois resident can call 1(800) 252-8908 toll-free, or a local number in some areas, for a free phone consultation with a lawyer.

The 26th Ask A Lawyer Day, part of Law Day activities in Illinois, is a public service sponsored by the Illinois State Bar Assn. (ISBA) in cooperation with bar associations in Chicago and DuPage, Kane, Lake & Will Counties.

Lawyer volunteers will be able to answer questions about consumer problems, family law, estate planning, personal injury, or any other legal situations affecting individuals.

Callers will be advised of steps they can take to resolve their legal problems and if they need additional legal services, they will be advised to see their lawyer. If they don't have a lawyer, they will receive a referral through a referral service in their area.

"We find that many people are hesitant to see a lawyer, even when they know they have a legal problem," said Irene Bahr of Wheaton, president of the Illinois State Bar Assn. "Ask A Lawyer Day is a chance to obtain important information about a legal situation or learn how best to address a legal problem."

Phone numbers to talk to a lawyer on April 28th are: the Chicago Bar Assn. - (312) 554-2001 or in Illinois - ISBA - (800) 252-8908 (toll-free) or (217) 525-1760.

Each of the bar associations operates a lawyer referral service for people who need legal services but do not have a lawyer. Participating lawyers provide an initial consultation at a nominal cost to determine the client's legal needs. Also, lawyers can be found online at one of these bar association sites: www.IllinoisLawyerFinder.com (statewide), www.chicagobar.org/public/referral/referral.asp (Chicago), www.dcba.org/public/locate.htm (DuPage County), www.kanebar.org (Kane County), www.willcountybar.com/referral.html (Will County) & www.lakebar.org/html/referralSearch.asp (Lake County).

Student Panel To Discuss "This Is Who I Am"

The next "diversity dinner" in Oak Lawn is especially for high school students, featuring a panel of area students discussing "This Is Who I Am." It will begin at 6:30 p.m. on April 27th at Pilgrim Faith United Church of Christ, 9411 S. 51st Ave.

Sponsored by Neighbors United of Oak Lawn, diversity dinners bring together for a meal and conversation persons who live, work or attend school or worship in Oak Lawn. Three diversity dinners were held in 2006. The upcoming dinner is the first which seeks to bring together a cross section of youth. Several students from Oak Lawn Community High School and Richards High School will reflect on how their cultural experiences have shaped them into the people they are today.

To make a free dinner reservation or for more information, call Ron Taylor at (708) 423-2331 or Nancy Goede at (708) 424-6195.

Summer Registration For Driver Education

District 218 will hold summer driver education registration for district residents on Saturday, April 30 from 8 a.m. to noon. Students are asked to register at one of these two locations: Richards High School, 10601 S. Central, Oak Lawn, or Shepard High School, 13049 S. Ridgeland Ave., Palos Heights.

All private school students who live in District 218 boundaries and are between the ages of 15 and 21 are eligible for driver education. Students who are freshmen during the 2004-2005 school year are not eligible, regardless of age. Students must bring a high school identification card to registration.

At registration, students must pay a $120 fee for the behind-the-wheel phase. All payments must be made by check or money order and made payable to Community High School District 218.

Driving permit testing will be done at the two schools on May 7 and 14 from 8 to 11 a.m. The driving permit fee of $20 must be paid at this time (checks or money orders made payable to Secretary of State.)

Starting dates of driver education classes will be determined after registration. For more information on driver education, call Curriculum Director for Physical Education, Driver Education and Health Ron Kyler at 708-424-2000, ext. 2411.

Jewel-Osco "Shop & Share" Campaign

The Oak Lawn Community Library Foundation will hold a Jewel-Osco "Shop & Share" campaign Monday through Wednesday, May 7, 8 and 9 to raise funds for the library's new Local History Room. Shop at any Jewel-Osco store on one of those three dates and present a "Shop & Share" Identification Slip to the cashier. Five percent of one's total purchase, excluding tax, will be donated by Jewel-Osco to the Oak Lawn Community Library Foundation. Shop & Share Identification Slips are now available in the library's lobby. For more information, call (708) 422-4990.

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Scholarship Awards

Ten local women have been awarded scholarships by Saint Xavier University's School of Education.

Beverly Gulley, dean of Saint Xavier University's School of Education, recently announced the winners of the 2007 Binder, Davis, Gallagher, Leake and Malin Scholarships. These five scholarships were funded by donors who wanted to recognize the qualities exemplified by the people for whom the scholarships are named: Dr. Dorothy Binder; Dorothy Davis; Elaine Gallagher; Dr. Lloyd Leake; and Julius and Catherine Malin.

"I am very impressed with the caliber of the students who apply for our scholarships. Thanks to the generosity of our donors, we can assist students who embody the themes of our School of Education conceptual framework – scholars, leaders, lifelong learners and reflective professionals. We hope to expand the scholarship program to benefit even more students in the future," Gulley said.

Jennifer Anderson, of Hazel Crest, was awarded the Dr. Dorothy Binder Endowed Graduate Scholarship, which provides tuition for one course at Saint Xavier University. Anderson, a graduate student in the counseling program, was recognized by the scholarship committee for her commitment to excellence, hospitality, compassion and service to others.

Ghada Ali and Jennifer Volpe were recognized as Binder Scholars for the 2007 award. Ali, of Palos Hills, is a graduate student in the secondary education mathematics program and was recognized for her service and willingness to share experiences of multiculturalism. Volpe, of Monee, is a graduate student in the reading program and was described by the scholarship committee as exhibiting integrity, compassion and hospitality.

Shorewood resident Sara Koncel was awarded the Dorothy Ritter Davis Scholarship, a $6,600 tuition grant funded by the estate of alumna Dorothy Davis. Koncel is an early childhood education major and active in the University Concert Band and Flute Choir. Her work in a preschool demonstrates her appreciation for diversity and the uniqueness of every child.

Reem Sayes, a resident of Oak Lawn, was awarded the Elaine Gallagher Scholarship, a $2,700 tuition grant funded by the estate of alumna Elaine Gallagher and donations made in her memory. Sayes is a secondary education and biology major and volunteers in the community packaging and distributing food and school bags to needy families. The scholarship committee recognized her enthusiasm for teaching science, love of learning and demonstration of service.

Tiffany Durham, of Chicago's West Pullman neighborhood, was awarded the Dr. Lloyd Leake Scholarshp, a $4,000 tuition grant funded by the family and friends of the late Dr. Leake for an African-American undergraduate student. This is the second year that Durham, an elementary education major, has received the Leake Scholarship. She volunteers in her community, including establishing a youth book club in her church community and working on breast cancer and adopt-a-child fundraising activities. The scholarship committee recognized her commitment to excellence, hospitality, determination and compassion.

Jamea Elzy and Rachelle M. Ashford were recognized as Leake Scholars. Elzy, of Hazel Crest, a secondary education and English major, developed an informal after-school tutoring program. Ashford, of Chicago's Beverly neighborhood, an elementary education major, was described as enthusiastic, energetic and compassionate.

Kelly Briscoe, of Chicago's Mount Greenwood neighborhood, was awarded the Julius and Catherine Heerey Malin Scholarship, a $2,600 tuition grant funded by the estate of Helen Heerey. A graduate student in the counseling program, Briscoe works as a high school teacher, counselor and mentor to freshman students, and as a graduate assistant in the SXU STAR Learning

Academy and School of Education office. Her volunteer service to the Avon Foundation for breast cancer research, Make-A-Wish Foundation and the Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership Seminars exemplify the qualities of excellence, service and integrity.

Joy Martin, of Midlothian, was recognized as a Malin Scholar. Martin, a student in the individualized graduate education program, was described as exhibiting a high standard of character and integrity.

Students are encouraged to submit entries for next year's scholarships. Applications will be available in October 2007. For more information about Saint Xavier's School of Education or the scholarships, please call (773) 298-3177 or visit the School of Education Web site at www.sxu.edu/soe/.

New Program Encourages Safe Environment For Kids

Illinois Dept. of Transportation (IDOT) Acting Secretary Milton R. Sees announced $23 million is available to fund projects that encourage and enable students to safely walk and bike to school. The new Safe Routes to School Program (SRTS) is a federally funded initiative that will fund projects in Illinois schools and communities over the next three years.

This international movement works to increase student physical activity and safety, reduce traffic congestion around schools and enhance air quality. The National Centers for Safe Routes to School says the most successful programs are accomplished by implementing the five "E's."

- Education
- Enforcement
- Evaluation
- Engineering
- Encouragement

Safe Routes to School is a program of the U.S. Dept. of Transportation Federal Highway Administration, administered by the State Dept. of Transportation. The program is designed to help communities develop and implement projects and programs to:

- Enable and encourage children, including those with disabilities, to walk and bicycle to school.
- Make bicycling and walking to school a safer and more appealing transportation alternative, thereby encouraging a healthy and active lifestyle from an early age.
- Facilitate the planning, development & implementation of projects and activities that will improve safety and reduce traffic, fuel consumption and air pollution in the vicinity or primary and middle schools (grades K-8).

Schools serving grades K through eight are eligible for funding. Program funds may be used for infrastructure or non-infrastructure projects and are 100% funded, requiring no local match. Infrastructure projects must be within two miles of the school, while non-infrastructure projects have no boundary limitations.

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Loyalty Day

Hometown-Murray VFW and Ladies Auxiliary Post #9773 will hold a Loyalty Day ceremony on Saturday, April 28th at 10 a.m. at the memorial marker at Hammond Hall, 4343 Southwest Hwy., Hometown. Renew and re-dedicate your patriotism and remember those whose loyalty has never wavered.

German Festival

Enjoy great German food, a variety of beverages, and dance to the lively music of Eddie's Jolly Gang Band playing traditional and popular German music on Saturday evening, April 28th at St. Paul Lutheran Church of Oak Lawn, 4660 W. 94th St. (one block east of Cicero Ave.). The doors will open at 4:30 to 9 p.m.

This fun-filled, family event will be held in Fellowship Hall. Dinner will be served from 5 to 7 p.m. The menu includes bratwurst, thuringerwurst, hot dogs, BBQ pork ribs, German potato salad, sauerkraut, bread, dessert and much more, at very reasonable prices.

Admission at the door is only $4. This year we will once again offer a pre-sale ticket for $10, which includes the price of admission and $9 in food and refreshment tickets (savings of $3). Buy your tickets in advance at the church office. If you would like more information, call (708) 423-1040.

Free Health Screenings

The Oak Lawn Community Partnership will offer free health screenings from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, May 9th at the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St. Blood pressure screenings will be performed by personnel from the Oak Lawn Fire Department. Glaucoma screenings will be offered by Dr. Sandra Bury of Complete Vision Care in Oak Lawn.

The Oak Lawn Community Partnership is a cooperative alliance between the Village of Oak Lawn and Advocate Christ Medical Center. Their mission is to maintain the highest quality of life for all residents by encouraging collaboration among local government, businesses, schools and the community. The partnership strives to stimulate citizens to take an active and responsible role in making their community vibrant and healthy.

For additional information, call the library, (708) 422-4990, or visit the Partnership web site at www.oaklawncommunitypartnership.org.

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The authors of this 2007 Local Business Update suggest that you call Sertoma Speech & Hearing Centers today at (708) 599-9500 and make an appointment for an evaluation.

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Veterans And Soldiers News

By Lori Taylor Ph: 708.388.2425

Army Pvt. Sean P. Murray has graduated from basic infantry training at Fort Benning, Columbus, Georgia. Murray is the son of Chris Murray of Midlothian. The private is a 2006 graduate of Bremen High School in Midlothian.

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On May 20th, the US Coast Guard Auxiliary will hold a 9-hole Golf Outing at South Shore Golf Course, 71st and Lake Michigan (7059 South Lake Shore Drive). Part of the fee will go toward the Coast Guard Mutual Assistance Charity. The charity has been established over 80 years.

There will be a free beginner's clinic at 7 a.m. for those new to golf. The first tee-off will be at 8:30 a.m.

Prizes will be available for Closest-to-the-Pin Men, Closest-to-the-Pin Women, etc. as well as $3,000 for anyone who gets a hole-in-one on the short 9th hole. After golfing there will be a cookout near the Clubhouse.

The cost is $35. The last day to reserve a spot with your payment is Friday, May 4th. All are eligible to play; this golf outing is not restricted. Make checks payable to US Coast Guard Chicagoland Golf Outing. Call Charles Norvil at (630) 568-7591 to sign up.

The US Coast Guard Auxiliary is a volunteer organization that is dedicated to boating education and safety. The purpose of the golf outing is, in part, to help the organization get the story out about what the US Coast Guard Auxiliary is about. Perhaps some of you may be interested in joining. Past military experience is not a requirement, and it is open for all to participate.

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On Saturday, May 5th, the Lansing Chamber of Commerce will be holding its 40th annual Lansing Good Neighbor Day Parade. This is a major annual event and should attract over 125 entries.

The parade will stage at 176th and Wentworth Ave. Wentworth will be closed to non-parade traffic from 176th St. to Ridge Rd. from 11:30 a.m. until approximately 3:30 p.m.

The parade will start at 2 p.m. and is expected to last until 4 p.m. During the parade the entire parade route will be closed to all traffic. Motorists are encouraged to seek alternate routes west of Torrence Ave. or east of Wentworth Ave.

I remember back when I was 16th District VFW Auxiliary President, and all of the years prior while I was president of Midlothian VFW Auxiliary 2580 and through the chairs of the district, we marched in this parade as our Loyalty Day Parade. It was a very long but exciting day for us. We also marched in about 9 parades each year that took place in our 16th VFW District. Those were the days of fond memories, before arthritis took over. Now we're lucky to walk around town or through the grocery store unaided.

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Wear Red on Fridays! As part of an intercontinental movement to support troops, Manhattanville My Soldier, a program that puts politics aside and lets U.S. soldiers know that someone back home cares, announced it will join thousands of Americans and Canadians in celebrating Wear Red on Fridays by offering participants a free, red 'My Soldier' awareness bracelet.

Red Fridays Foundation of Canada created Wear Red Fridays as a nonpartisan program to show deployed troops that they are cared for and honored. The My Soldier bracelet initiative is reminiscent of the POW/MIA bracelet program that was launched on Veterans Day in 1970. The campaign was the brainchild of two college students in Los Angeles, who were looking for ways young people could support soldiers overseas without becoming involved in the controversy surrounding the war.

"For some young people, the POW bracelets represented a political awakening," said Richard Berman, Manhattanville College President who was a student at the University of Michigan during the Vietnam War. "Wearing the My Soldier bracelet will be a reminder that servicemen are making sacrifices for democracy right now."

To receive a free "My Soldier' bracelet send a self-addressed, stamped envelope with two stamps (required for thickness) to: My Soldier Bracelet Office, Manhattanville College, 2900 Purchase St., Purchase, NY 10577.

For more information about Manhattanville My Soldier visit the web site at www.mysoldier.com.

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A quote: "Middle age is when you've met so many people that every new person you meet reminds you of someone else." Ogden Nash.

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Good-bye until next week. God bless you and your family and God bless America.

Catholic Charities Celebrates 9th Annual Benefit Dinner

Great people. Outstanding auction items. Noble tradition. At the ninth annual "Helping Hands" dinner benefit, sponsored by Catholic Charities Southwest Suburban Services, more than 350 guests enjoyed a full evening of camaraderie, music and fellowship.

Held at the Double Tree Hotel in Alsip, the evening's theme was "Sweet Home Chicago," and the master of ceremonies, was Chicago Tribune writer, Rick Kogan.

"I am surprised and heartened by this great turnout," Kogan said. "When you think about charitable organizations such as Catholic Charities, (and what their staff does) it comes down to a grassroots effort."

With good humor and a quick wit, Kogan entertained the crowd with stories about his young daughter as well as inner city children that touched his life.

Father Michael Boland, administrator, president and chief executive officer for Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago, then took the podium and began the awards portion of the evening.

"Through the work of Catholic Charities, I have the privilege every day of seeing children that have been helped by our various programs," Boland said. "We are blessed tonight."

Boland thanked Bill Carroll, Advisory Board Chairman and members of the Southwest Suburban Regional Advisory Board for the dedicated efforts and work to help the organization and those it serves.

Boland thanked all the volunteers who support programs that benefit senior citizens, children and struggling families.

"Volunteers are important to our organization," he said, noting that without them many more families would be dealing with homelessness and lack of food.

Boland also thanked Matt Brejcha, regional services representative for the southwest suburban region of Catholic Charities for assisting people each day at the new offices in Worth.

"These funds we raise will help find apartments for the homeless," he said. "People want to be self sufficient, but when they don't have enough to provide for their families, we have committees who help support them in times of need," Boland said. "We are grateful for the help and support of our staff and volunteers who treat each client with respect and dignity."

As part of the gala celebration, two awards were bestowed on deserving employees of Catholic Charities.

Roberta "Bobbi" Magurany, administrator of the Holy Family Villa Nursing Home in Palos Park, received the "Helping Hands" award for her leadership and dedication to the elderly and the ill.

An emotional Magurany accepted the award and said many others are equally deserving of the honor.

A second honor, the "Vincentian Award" was given to Paul Asselin, an intake specialist at the Worth office.

The award, named for St. Vincent de Paul, was given to Asselin who fields approximately 100 phone calls each week for a variety of requests. Boland commended Asselin for his thoughtful and patient demeanor with all his clients.

"I'm thankful for this award -- I see it as a blend of my work for Catholic Charities and the St. Vincent de Paul Society," Asselin said.

Now in its 90th year, Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago is the largest private, not-for-profit social service agency in the Midwest, annually assisting more than 895,000 families and individuals in Cook and Lake counties without regard to religious, ethnic or economic background. Catholic Charities fulfills the Church's role in the mission of charity by providing compassionate, competent, professional services that strengthen and support individuals, families and communities.

Legislation To Charge People Falsely Claiming Military Service

Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White's legislation making it a crime to falsify one's military service in order to receive special license plates was approved by the House of Representatives.

Under White's proposal (HB-362) people who falsely claim to be military service personnel or falsely claim to have received military honors in order to receive a military license plate will face a Class A misdemeanor – punishable by up to one year in jail and up to $2,500 in fines – the minimum fine being $1,000.

The funds collected from the fines will be deposited into the Illinois Military Family Relief Fund.

Currently the license plates that are available to service personnel include Disabled Veterans, POW, National Guard, Armed Forces Reserves, Purple Heart, Retired Armed Forces, Pearl Harbor and Gold Star. There is no extra charge for a vanity or personalized plate in these categories.

In addition, people who provide false information on their vehicle title or registration in order to obtain a license plate will also face a Class A misdemeanor with a minimum $500 fine.

The measure will now move to the full Illinois Senate for its consideration.

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2007 Annual Meeting & MuseumExpo™

America's museums are trusted sources of knowledge and inspiration, safe places for the exploration of ideas and experiences, and vital economic and civic community partners. In short, museums matter very much to the communities they serve.

But what will the museum of tomorrow look like? What changes must museums make to engage visitors, donors and public policy makers? How do museums remain relevant in an era of rapid technological evolution? These and other questions will be discussed and debated at AAM's 101st Annual Meeting & MuseumExpo™, May 12-17, 2007, at McCormick Place Convention Center in Chicago.

"Chicago is recognized as the geographic heart and soul of America – the perfect setting to examine the essential questions about how museums matter to the heart and soul of people and communities across the country," said Kim Igoe, AAM's interim President and CEO. "Over 50 museums and cultural organizations have welcomed AAM to the city. We greatly appreciate the enthusiasm of the local host committee in sharing this moment with their museum colleagues around the world."

The AAM Annual Meeting explores the latest trends in museum management, collections stewardship, museum education, marketing, public relations, technology, and development. Program sessions, workshops, and keynote speakers designed around this year's theme, " HYPERLINK Why Museums Matter", will explore museums--as catalysts for social change, vital community partners, stewards of heritage, and much more--and the most effective ways museums can communicate their value.

Attendees also learn about the latest products and services from the hundreds of companies exhibiting at the meeting's exhibit hall, museumexpo MuseumExpo™. Over 300 suppliers representing many of the museum industry's leading national and regional companies will fill the exhibit floor, bringing together the largest showcase of museum products and services at the largest gathering of museum professionals in the world.

Two internationally-recognized overview/k keynote speakers will address attendees at the 2007 meeting during the General Sessions.

Salman Rushdie A writer like no other, Rushdie has composed 14 novels—including the Booker Prize-winning *Midnight's Children* and the controversial Satanic Verses—that illuminate the essential place of storytelling in our world. His latest novel, *Shalimar the Clown*, explores the roots of terrorism and the turmoil generated by different faiths and cultures attempting to co-exist. Rushdie is an honorary professor in the humanities at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Fellow of the Royal Society of Literature. He has been awarded the Austrian State Prize for European Literature (1993), the Aristeion Literary Prize (1996) and has received eight honorary doctorates.

Doris Kearns Goodwin A world-renowned historian and winner of the Pulitzer Prize, Goodwin also is an authoritative speaker on leadership. Her bestselling books include *Wait Till Next Year: A Memoir, Lyndon Johnson* and the *American Dream and Team of Rivals: The Political Genius of Abraham Lincoln*, which reached the top of the New York Times bestseller list and is the basis of an upcoming film by Steven Spielberg. Goodwin is a commentator for NBC and was a consultant and on-air speaker for PBS documentaries on Lyndon Johnson, the Kennedy family and Franklin Roosevelt, as well as Ken Burns's History of Baseball. She received her doctorate in government from Harvard University.

All registration for the AAM Annual Meeting, including tickets for evening events, must be arranged on-site at McCormick Place, May 13-17. Detailed information about the 2007 AAM Annual Meeting is available online at www.aam-us.org/am07/.

Volunteers Of The Year

The Illinois Departments of Corrections (IDOC) and Juvenile Justice (IDJJ) announced the recipients of the 2007 Volunteer of the Year awards at a recognition ceremony held recently in Springfield. Phillip L. McLaurin was named IDOC 2007 Volunteer of the Year and Tim Tomlinson at Illinois Youth Center – Pere Marquette was named as the 2007 Volunteer of the Year for IDJJ. McLaurin and Tomlinson were among volunteers of the state's 28 adult correctional centers, eight adult transition centers and eight youth facilities who were being honored for their outstanding leadership and their efforts in providing positive change in the lives of inmates and youths.

Phillip L. McLaurin, a college counselor for SIU-Edwardsville, has provided volunteer services at Southwestern Illinois Correctional Center in East St. Louis since 2004. He assists offenders to achieve educational goals and develop self-esteem and vocational skills through various programs. During this past year, he has given offenders the opportunity to become a positive asset to the communities they return to and has also increased their awareness of continued substance rehabilitation. His professionalism and motivating attitude brings an enhancement to the programs established to help offenders become productive citizens upon their return to the community.

Tim Tomlinson is an Ivy League Emeritus Associate Director of the Morris Arboretum of the University of Pennsylvania. He began dedicating his time to IYC-Pere Marquette in March 2005 as an educational tutor. Since then, a number of youths have graduated from eighth grade, high school or obtained their GED. During graduation ceremonies, Tomlinson served as the center's guest speaker and encouraged youth to strive to be the best they can.

If you are interested in the Volunteer Services Program at IDOC, contact Marcy Nolan, volunteer services manager, at (217) 522-2666, ext. 6101.

State Employees Donate More Than $3 Million To Meet Social Service Needs

The generosity of State employees was recognized at a luncheon at the Executive Mansion on April 19th as SECA Chair Maureen O'Donnell announced that the State and University Employees Combined Appeal (SECA) campaign raised more than $3 million in 2006 for the second year in a row. The funds will be disbursed through member charities to provide health and human services to hundreds of thousands of people around the world.

"As public servants, State employees can take pride in knowing that their work makes a profound difference in people's lives," said O'Donnell, Acting Director of the Dept. of Central Management Services. "Participation in SECA provides an even more tangible way to help others. State and university employees can feel good knowing that their SECA contributions go to efforts that help our neighbors in need – in Illinois and around the globe."

Since its inception in 1983, the statewide charity campaign has raised more than $53 million.

Tammy Duckworth, Director of the Dept. of Veterans' Affairs, has agreed to be the Honorary Chairperson for the 2007 SECA Campaign. In 2006, the department's staff donated $18,000 and received an award for outstanding achievement at the event.

At the luncheon, 40 state agencies were recognized for exceptional participation, including the Dept. of Corrections (IDOC), which was awarded the Capitol Cup for the highest percentage of employee participants of a large agency – for the sixth year in a row.

The University of Illinois at Springfield was awarded the Chancellor's Cup for highest percentage of participation for a university, for the second year in a row. Also, the Civil Service Commission was awarded the Governor's Cup for the highest percentage of participation for smaller agencies (those with less than 1,000 employees). And SECA Advisory Board member Barb Rice of Northern Illinois University was awarded the Lee Frost-Kumpf Award – an honor named for a former SECA board member to recognize outstanding dedication, leadership and enthusiasm for volunteerism.

The SECA campaign is a once-a-year fundraising drive that allows state and university employees and retirees to contribute to participating charities through either payroll deductions or a one-time donation.

Warning On Home Improvement Scams

With the spring season finally here, the Better Business Bureau of Chicago is warning homeowners to be on the lookout for home-improvement scams.

This is the time of year when less-than-reputable or unqualified contractors offer promising services at extremely low prices. They usually show up at your door or deliver fliers to your home.

Contractor complaints to the BBB concern many problems, including high-pressure sales tactics, confusion over contract terms, poor workmanship, incomplete job performance, and overcharging the agreed upon price. These complaints against home-improvement and home repair contractors are among the most common consumer complaints received by the Better Business Bureau.

"The salesperson may claim he has materials left over from a recent job at nearby location. This is a common ploy of shady contractors who are just out to make a quick buck and disappear," said Steve J. Bernas, president & CEO of the Better Business Bureau of Chicago and Northern Illinois.

There are thousands of reputable contractors who will deliver quality work on time and within budget. Consumers can avoid costly mistakes and scams by doing some research before opening their wallets.

The BBB offers the following consumer tips:

Deal only with licensed and insured contractors. Investigate the track record of any builder or contractor you may hire. Get a list of recent satisfied customers in your area and for similar types of work from all prospective contractors.

Ask friends, relatives, neighbors, co-workers for recommendations, then check with your Better Business Bureau, www.chicago.bbb.org to see if complaints have been lodged against any contractor you're considering hiring.

A list of all BBB members is available online at www.chicago.bbb.org along with eQuote, a useful tool that allows consumers to get multiple bids from approved BBB companies.

Don't let anyone rush you into signing a contract. Get written estimates from at least three firms. Ask contractors if there's any charge for an estimate before allowing them in your home. Ask for explanations of price variations. Don't automatically choose the lowest bidder and get a copy of the final, signed contract.

Beware of contractors who ask you to pay for the entire job up-front. Never give a deposit until you've researched the contractor you're considering. When you make a down payment, it should not be more than one-third of the total price. Pay only by check or credit card -- and pay the final amount only after the work is completed to your satisfaction. Don't ever pay cash.

Do not permit work to start without a signed written contract that includes all verbal promises that were made by the contractor. Be sure that the written contract includes a start and completion date, a breakdown of the cost and information about the contractor, including proof of insurance, necessary permits from your city, competency license number, street address, city and phone number.

It is also important to look into the contractor's standard of work and his professional affiliations; verify his insurance; check to see if he needs to be licensed. Check with the BBB for a report on the contractor.

To check out a company, contact the Better Business Bureau at (312) 832-0500 or log on to www.chicago.bbb.org

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14000 WATERBURY DR	CRESTWOOD	$100,000.00	WIECHEC SUSAN A	WIECHEC JAMES
13316 HIGHLAND CT	CRESTWOOD	$197,000.00	DERKACY MICHAEL J	HANIACEK KEITH
14720 KEELER AVE	MIDLOTHIAN	$13,500.00	CRINION JOHN C	MARLIN LOUIS A
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3626 147TH PL	MIDLOTHIAN	$340,000.00	MIDLAND SAV & LOAN TRUST TR	JMC PS
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15758 LA PAZ CT	OAK FOREST	$315,000.00	DIAZ CATALINA	FLORES ANTHONY T
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16418 EVERGREEN DR	TINLEY PARK	$318,000.00	MAUS MICHAEL J	DONNELLY THOMAS J JR
9308 LOCHWOOD PL	TINLEY PARK	$270,000.00	ROSCIANI MARK	SHEBAN ZIAD
6313 ARCADIA DR	TINLEY PARK	UNKNOWN	LUTCHEN CHRISTOPHER J	LUTCHEN CHRISTOPHER J
18401 CONVENTION CENTER	TINLEY PARK	$4,157,500.00	US BK TR	183RD & TINLEY LLC
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8512 CARRIAGE LN	TINLEY PARK	$250,000.00	HOME LOAN SERV INC	BOBERG RYNE-ERIK
7916 164TH CT	TINLEY PARK	UNKNOWN	MARES MARCIANO	MARES MARCIANO
6342 CARLSBAD DR	TINLEY PARK	UNKNOWN	PURIENE DAIVA	PURIENE DAIVA
7748 167TH ST	TINLEY PARK	$234,000.00	MELNIK LISA	SMITH DON J
6624 MARTIN FRANCE CIR	TINLEY PARK	UNKNOWN	ANDRESEN JAMES	ANDRESEN JAMES TR
7927 DOONEEN DR	TINLEY PARK	UNKNOWN	BARNES GREGORY A	BARNES JEANNETTE
8040 POTTAWATTOMI TRAIL	TINLEY PARK	UNKNOWN	DEBUS KARL L TR	DEBUS KARL L
16712 BEVERLY DR	TINLEY PARK	UNKNOWN	BRUCKEN JEANETTE	GREAT LAKES TRUST CO TR
16825 CHERRY CREEK AVE	TINLEY PARK	UNKNOWN	TENCZA STANLEY J	TENCZA STANLEY J
16337 65TH CT	TINLEY PARK	$237,500.00	SZUMACHER KAREN	RIVERA JOHN P JR
17502 DUVAN DR	TINLEY PARK	$288,000.00	SUPER 175 CORP	SCHNEEWEISS JOHN
6648 171ST ST	TINLEY PARK	$275,000.00	CLIFFORD CARRIE A	HUBBARD NICHOLAS C
6500 163RD PL	TINLEY PARK	$285,000.00	GUTSCH JOHN	ALBRECHT KEVIN M
7050 183RD ST	TINLEY PARK	UNKNOWN	HARRIS	TINLEY POINTE CTR LLC
6736 W WHITE TAILED LN	TINLEY PARK	$234,000.00	MACDONALD MARCY H	BABALIS LOUIS J
7140 166TH ST	TINLEY PARK	UNKNOWN	INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORP	FANNIE MAE
9510 PERTH CIR	TINLEY PARK	UNKNOWN	GODLEWSKI THOMAS G	CHICAGO TITLE LAND TRUST (
8519 CHERRY CREEK AVE	TINLEY PARK	UNKNOWN	YANAHAN MARY A	YANAHAN MARY A TR
17615 WINDSOR PKWY	TINLEY PARK	$212,000.00	CLEMENTS JESSE TR	SCHULDT CHERYL L
7966 163RD CT	TINLEY PARK	$147,000.00	MILLER GAIL	BILLING NANCY M
8566 STEVEN PL	TINLEY PARK	$140,000.00	BANK NY	DICKSON COLLEEN M
16954 GRISSOM DR	TINLEY PARK	UNKNOWN	BARTUCCI FRED L TR	BARTUCCI FRED L
6642 RAVINIA DR	TINLEY PARK	$245,000.00	COE STEVEN E	KERRIGAN MICHAEL R
17323 CARLYLE CT	TINLEY PARK	UNKNOWN	OCONNELL SYLVIA J	OCONNELL SYLVIA J TR
7849 167TH ST	TINLEY PARK	$288,500.00	PERSONS CHRISTOPHER L	MIX WILLIAM A
17634 66TH AVE	TINLEY PARK	UNKNOWN	REIMER KEITH	REIMER KEITH
16631 KILDARE CT	TINLEY PARK	UNKNOWN	ERICKSON ARTHUR M	ERICKSON ARTHUR TR
7734 BRISTOL PARK DR	TINLEY PARK	UNKNOWN	RAJCA MARGARET M TR	RAJCA MARGARET M TR
6820 CHELSEA DR	TINLEY PARK	$200,000.00	DZWONKIEWICZ GERALD	BREGIN ROBERT
17941 ROYAL OAK CT	TINLEY PARK	UNKNOWN	BURGESS SUSAN M	BURGESS JOSEPH B III
8049 DELAND CT	TINLEY PARK	$370,000.00	TESSARI EZIO	PILIPAUSKAS SUSAN TR
18401 RIDGELAND AVE	TINLEY PARK	$200,500.00	KARI PINES LAND CO LTD	ADAMS JARRETT VALLERIE L
16610 THERESA LN	TINLEY PARK	$120,000.00	GOVEN MICAHEL A	VALLINNATDS KATERINA
16408 67TH CT	TINLEY PARK	$227,500.00	WAGGE TODD R	PELLEGRINI JAMIE
16402 NOTTINGHAM CT	TINLEY PARK	UNKNOWN	VOLZ ANTHONY E	VOLZ ANTHONY E

Utility Lines Pose Dangers After Storms

Spring storm season is upon us again, and that spells danger to our urban forest. High winds, sometimes with ice mixed in, put tremendous pressures on trees growing near houses or power lines. In their wake, property owners face the task of clearing trees and downed limbs.

"Storm cleanup is often when many property owners crank up their first chain saw," notes Tchukki Andersen, staff arborist for the Tree Care Industry Association. "And, not surprisingly, they injure themselves. It is also the time when 'ambulance chasing' tree care operators arrive in town looking for work. Some of these people charge exorbitant amounts for their work," Andersen warns.

The Tree Care Industry Association, the trade organization for owners and operators of tree care businesses, offers these safety tips to help avoid personal injury or damage to property during storm clean-up, and to assure that you hire an ethical tree service professional. Trees or large limbs that have fallen into power lines can be deadly.

If a utility line is down:

- Call the utility company immediately.
- Assume any downed line is energized.
- Don't touch the tree or anything touching the downed line.
- If a tree falls onto the lines and pulls them down on a cyclone or metal fence, it is possible that the entire fence is energized and therefore dangerous.
- Keep pedestrians, children and pets away from the area.
- Contact with energized lines can result in electrocution.

Do not use a chain saw for tree removal unless you have years of experience in handling one. Even professional tree care personnel face risk of injury using chain saws. Tree removals are very unpredictable – don't take unnecessary chances!

Homeowners who would like a professional arborist to assess their trees should contact the Tree Care Industry Association (TCIA), a 69-year-old public and professional resource on trees and arboriculture. It has more than 2,000 member companies who recognize stringent safety and performance standards and who are required to carry liability insurance. TCIA has the nation's only Accreditation program that helps consumers find tree care companies that have been inspected and accredited based on: adherence to industry standards for quality and safety; maintenance of trained, professional staff; and dedication to ethics and quality in business practices. An easy way to find a tree care service provider in your area is to use the "Locate Your Local TCIA Member Companies" program. You can use this service by calling 1-800-733-2622 or by doing a ZIP code search at www.tcia.org.

105th Annual Illinois PTA Convention

The Illinois PTA will hold their 105th Annual PTA Convention from April 26th to 29th at the Hilton Garden Inn in Champaign, Illinois. Hundreds of PTA delegates are expected to focus on priority issues that include keeping kids safe on the roads as well as the electronic highway and the recent health issues facing our children. More than 30 workshops are scheduled to cover leadership development; federal legislation; children's health; parent involvement, bullying, school readiness, a music masters class, and much more.

Hometown Astronaut Joe Tanner will be sharing his experiences from his recent shuttle mission and share information about the upcoming mission in June. In addition to the speakers and workshops, there will be an exhibition of nonprofit organizations and commercial businesses.

Children's original artwork, photography, literature and music will be displayed throughout the convention. The participants in the National PTA Reflections program will be honored at a Student Awards Luncheon and Ceremony on Sunday, April 29th. College scholarships will be awarded to those students throughout the state that have excelled and chosen to continue in the education or education-related fields of study.

New this year will be a Healthy Kids Walk sponsored by the Health Alliance. Delegates will walk to raise awareness of childhood obesity and children's overall health. The delegates will have the opportunity to determine the legislative priorities for the organization. A grassroots organization, the Illinois PTA delegates and members meet annually to adopt resolutions, implement the legislative platform and adopt the annual budget, and learn how to be advocates for all children. For further information, contact the Illinois PTA at (217) 528-9617 or visit www.illinoispta.org.

Beverly Area Planning Association's 37th Annual Home Tour

The Beverly Area Planning Association's 37th annual Beverly Hills/Morgan Park Home Tour showcases five private residences – including a rare Frank Lloyd Wright American System Built home -- and a church that are among the Village in the City's best in variety, design and style on Sunday, May 20. Marquette Bank is the Presenting Sponsor.

Tours leave from the Beverly Arts Center, 2407 W. 111th St. (111th and south Western Ave.), Chicago, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Participants can choose to self-guide in their own vehicles or, for a small additional cost, take the guided tour of the historic districts by trolley. The church is open from 12:30 to 5 p.m. Homes are open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

A rare example of Frank Lloyd Wright's American System Built homes is celebrating its 90th birthday on the 37th Annual Beverly Hills/Morgan Park Home Tour. Designated a Chicago Landmark in 1994, this home was Wright's concept for affordable and beautiful "pre fabricated" housing. American System Built houses were designed, according to the marketing materials, as a resource for "city dwellers seeking to follow the American Dream." The idea was to reduce the cost of building a quality house by standardizing construction elements and precutting lumber.

This example, built in 1917 as a model house, was one of just a few completed before limited construction resources during World War I forced building to stop. After the War, America's taste in architecture reverted to more traditional styles and the project was not resumed.

Current and past owners of the house have done extensive work in returning the it to almost the original state. Outside, the cypress trim has been stripped, restained and repaired, and the stucco has been reapplied to match the original style and color. A planter box was installed over the front doorway, and the one-car garage was restored to meet Wright's plan.

Inside, birch trim has been replaced and repaired – much of it custom-milled; and the home has been furnished with high quality reproductions of Wright-designed furniture, light fixtures and accessories, as well as period antiques.

Also on the Home Tour is an outstanding Tudor Revival style home designed by noted local architect John Todd Hetherington and built in 1926. Hetherington, who designed many Chicago buildings including the Driscoll House (headquarters for the Ridge Historical Society) and the Ridge Park Fieldhouse, both in Beverlty/Morgan Park, was the first of three generations of Hetheringtons whose architectural designs helped form the character of the historical Beverly Hills/Morgan Park neighborhood.

Throughout house leaded glass windows, hardwood floors, handsome trim and ornate plaster moldings call back to a time when craftsmanship was king. The house is beautifully appointed with faux painting in natural colors, and original details such as the outstanding crystal chandelier and matching wall sconces in the dining room, and stone mantle fireplace with the original screen and andirons.

Also on the Home Tour are:

A modified Colonial Revival style home that has been transformed into a beautiful model of contemporary family living. Rehab and addition construction took nearly 10 months. The once a cramped house, built in the 1930s with small, tired rooms, has been doubled in size and reconfigured into spacious open living areas with high ceilings and all the amenities, including wood burning fireplace, beautiful oak trim, and a spectacular kitchen.

A Dutch Colonial style home, built in the late 1920s that has been decorated in an eclectic mix of vintage and contemporary furnishing, with many original and new details to enjoy. Preserved throughout the house are window cornices that enhance decorating and add dimension to the lovely but simple window treatments designed to let in plenty of natural light. The recently remodeled kitchen features an oven so high tech, it practically thinks foritself!

A luxury four bedroom/three bath condo that was used as the developer's model to market the building to its first tenants in 1929. The formidable three-building complex was designed using classic Tudor style elements such as half-timbering, stone towers, wooden doors with stone surrounds and a crenelated roofline. Originally built as deluxe apartments, building units range from one to four bedrooms. During the conversion to condos, vintage detailing was carefully preserved while amenities were added.

The Gothic style church featured on the tour has a fascinating history in the Beverly/Morgan Park community that began in1893 when a group of people representing a variety of denominations began worshipping together in the Rock Island train station on 95th Street. In 1894, they built a modest frame church which was moved to another location and is still used as a private residence. In 1902, the congregation built a handsome gothic style church which was destroyed by fire in 1942. Undaunted, efforts began almost immediately to rebuild. Because of World War II, certain building materials were in short demand, inspiring the creative use of plaster, stucco and similar materials for architecture details in the sanctuary that were more commonly constructed in wood or built from stone. The results are impressive!

Joining Marquette Bank as 2007 Home Tour Sponsors are: Transportation Sponsors -- Sherwin Williams Paint and The Maids Home Services; Community Builders – Prudential Biros Real Estate, PRS Realtors, and The Care of Trees; Community Support Sponsors – Molloy & Associates, Belhaven Nursing & Rehabilitation Center, Touches of Illusion, Fitzgerald Real Estate, Standard Bank & Trust, Scott Broderick Insurance Services, MidAmerica Bank, Maxim Mortgage Corp., Pacor Mortgage Corp., Beverly's Pantry, BancFirst Mortgage Co., and The Beverly Review.

Tickets for the 37th annual Beverly Hills/Morgan Park Home Tour are $25 in advance or $30 at the door, and are available by calling the Beverly Area Planning Association at (773) 233-3100 or online at www.bapa.org Beverly Area Planning Association is a not-for-profit civic organization that has been serving the Beverly Hills/Morgan Park neighborhood of Chicago since 1947.

Moraine Valley Committee Meeting

The Moraine Valley Community College Board of Trustees will hold its committee meeting on Tuesday, May 1 at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room, D219, on campus, 9000 W. College Parkway, Palos Hills.

For more information, phone mark Horstmeyer, director of College and Community Relations, at (708) 974-5275 or email horstmeyer@morainevalley.edu.

Libraries Closed

All branches of the Chicago Public Library, including the Harold Washington Library Center, Woodson Regional and Sulzer Regional Libraries, will be closed on Wednesday, May 2nd, due to system wide staff training.

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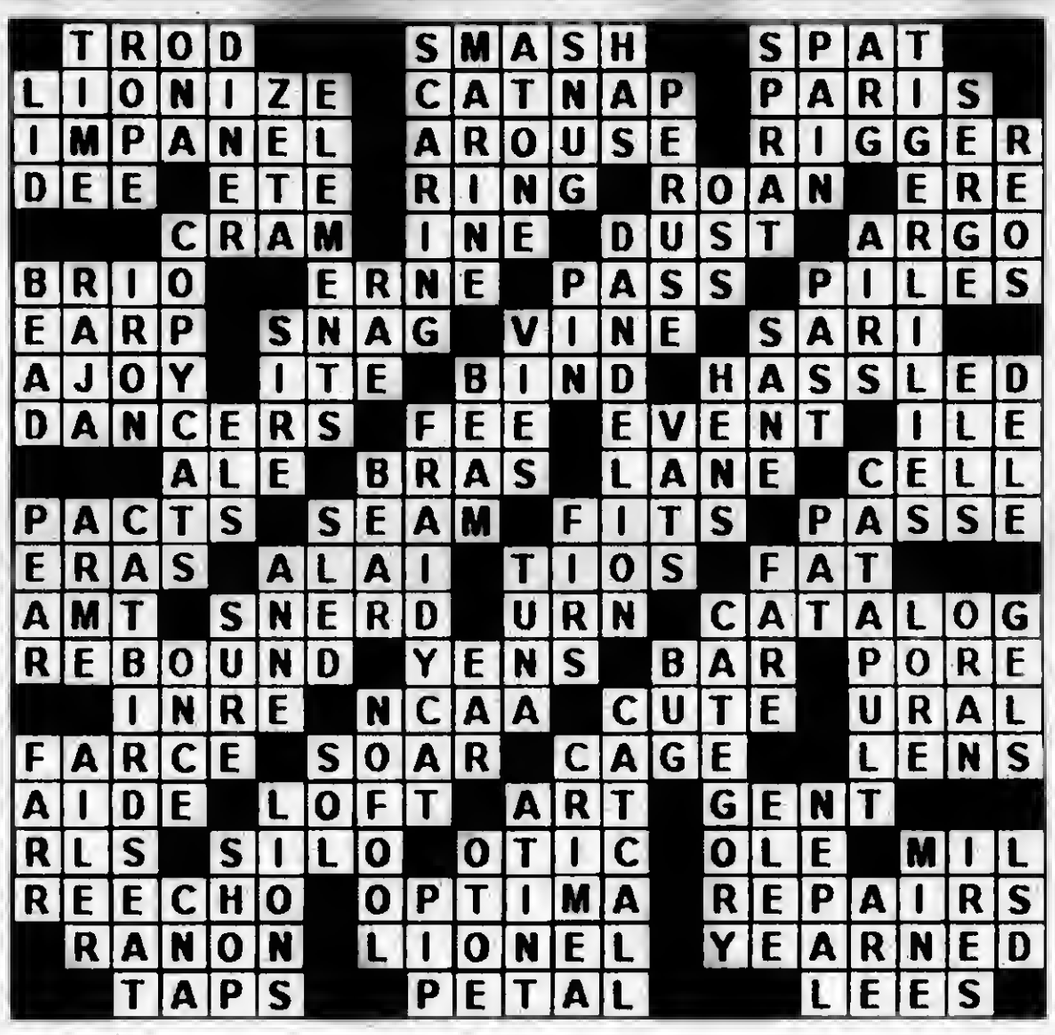

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F.O.P. Chicago Lodge #7 Distinguished Service Awards

Mark Donahue, President of the Fraternal Order of Police, Chicago Lodge #7, recently presented the Distinguished Service Award to Chicago Police Officers Thomas Dorng, Frederick Hasenfang, Joel Mills, Robert Hauser, Marco Campos and Michael Jakob.

The Officers were conducting an investigation on a narcotics shipment in the 008th District. When Officers Hasenfang and Dorng observed a suspicious U Haul truck parked between two semi-trucks in the extreme rear of a parking lot they decided to investigate. Numerous plastic wrapped bundles of cannabis and cocaine were discovered. The estimated total value of the seizure was $23 million. This is the largest amount of narcotics ever recovered by members of the 008th.

President Donahue stated "It is with great appreciation that the Fraternal Order of Police, Chicago Lodge #7, award these Officers with the Distinguished Service Award."

Pictured left to right is President Mark Donahue, Officers Frederick Hasenfang, Thomas Dorng, Marco Campos and Joel Mills.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing is being held on Monday, May 14, 2007 the Crestwood Village Hall, 13840 South Cicero Avenue, Crestwood, Illinois at 7:30 P.M.

The purpose of this meeting is to consider a request to permit:
a building setback of 55.4 feet

Said property is commonly known as: 13101 So. Cicero Avenue

The said property is legally described as:

EXHIBIT A

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

PARCEL 1

That part of Lot 23 in Mathieu's Subdivision in the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 34, Township 37 North, Range 13, East of the Third Principal Meridian, according to the plat thereof recorded October 22, 1957, as Document Number 14173824, in Cook County, Illinois, described as follows: Commencing at a point on the Northerly line of said Lot 23, 194.26 feet Southeasterly of the Northwest corner thereof; thence continuing Southeasterly along the Northerly line of said Lot 23, 278.35 feet; thence Southwesterly along a line which forms an angle of 100 degrees, as measured from Northwest to the West to Southwest from the last described course, 269.75 feet to the Northerly line of Route 83, also being the Southerly line of Lot 23, aforesaid; thence Northwesterly along the Northern line of Route 83, 225.78 feet; thence Northeasterly along a line which forms an angle of 83 degrees, 11 minutes 29 seconds as measured from Northwest to Northeast from the last described course, 143.39 feet; thence Northwesterly along a line which forms an angle of 120 degrees, 08 minutes, 58 seconds, as measured from Southwest to West to Northwest from the last course, 100 feet; thence North along a line parallel to the West line of said Lot 23, 41.40 feet to the point of beginning, East of the Third Principal Meridian, in Cook County, Illinois.

PARCEL 2

A tract of land described as follows: Beginning at point marked by an iron rod located 298.41 feet South of the East and West center line of Section 34, Township 37 North, Range 13, East of the Third Principal Meridian (known as Worth Township, Cook County, Illinois) and 33 feet East of the West line of said Section (which is the center line of Cicero Avenue) on the Easterly right of way line of Cicero Avenue; thence 17 feet Easterly at 90 degrees to said right of way line to a point marked by an iron rod; thence 12 degrees, 22 minutes, 25 seconds to the right from the prolongation of the last described course 152 feet to a point marked by an iron rod; thence 49 degrees, 39 minutes, 30 seconds to the right from the prolongation of the last described course, 100 feet to a point marked by an iron rod; thence 59 degrees, 51 minutes, 02 seconds to the right from the prolongation of the last course, 143.39 feet to a point marked by an iron rod which point is the Northerly right of way line of and 50 feet at right angles to the center line of Calumet Sag Road (Illinois State Route 83); thence 96 degrees, 40 minutes, 31 seconds to the right from the prolongation of the last described course along said right of way, 79.03 feet to a point marked by a cross at which point the last described course becomes tangent to a curve to the right having a radius of 200 feet; thence Northwesterly along the arc of the curve, 178.57 feet to a point marked by a cross at which point the curve becomes tangent to the Easterly right of way line of Chicago Avenue and 33 feet at right angles from the center line of said Cicero Avenue; thence Northerly parallel to the center line of Cicero Avenue, 37.16 feet to the place of beginning, the above part of Lot 23 in Mathieu's Subdivision in Section 34, Township 37 North, Range 13, East of the Third Principal Meridian, (except that part within the West 50 feet of Section 34), in Cook County, Illinois.

PARCEL 3

That part of Lot 23 in Mathieu's Subdivision in the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 34, Township 37 North, Range 13, East of the Third Principal Meridian, according to the plat thereof recorded October 22, 1957, as Document 14173824, in Cook County, Illinois, described as follows: Commencing at the Northwest Corner of said Lot 23; aforesaid; thence Southeasterly along the Northerly line of said Lot 23, 194.26 feet; thence South along a line parallel with the West line of said Lot 23, 41.40 feet; thence Northwesterly to a point on the West line of said Lot 23, 97.29 feet South of the Northwest corner thereof; thence North along the West line of said Lot 23, 97.29 feet to a point of beginning (except the West 17.0 feet thereof taken for widening of Cicero Avenue, in Cook County, Illinois.

PARCEL 4 (GAP PARCEL)

That part of Lot 23 in Mathieu's Subdivision in the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 34, Township 37, Range 13 East of the Third Principal Meridian, according to the plat thereof recorded October 22, 1957, as Document No. 14173824, in Cook County, Illinois, described as follows: Commencing at the Northwesterly corner of Lot 2 in Thunder Mountain Rapids, a resubdivision, as recorded per Document No. 26395620, of part of Lot 23 in Mathieu's Subdivision aforesaid; thence Northwesterly along the North line of said Lot 23, a distance of 278.35 feet; thence South, along a line parallel with the West line of said Lot 23, being a line forming as angle of 59 degrees 40 minutes 31 seconds as measured Southeast to South with the North line of said Lot 23, a distance of 41.40 feet to the point of beginning; thence Northwesterly along a line forming an angle of 76 degrees 10 minutes 02 seconds as measured North to Northwest with the last described line, a distance of 152.43 feet, more or less, to a point on the West line of said Lot 23, being a line 33.0 feet east of and parallel to the West line of said Section 34, said point being 97.29 feet south of the Northwest corner of said Lot 23; thence South along said West line of said Lot 23 a distance of 8.09 feet, more or less, to a point which is 298.41 feet South of the East and West center line of said Section 34; thence East, at 90 degrees to said West line of Lot 23, a distance of 17.0 feet; thence Southeasterly a distance of 151.55, more or less, to the point of beginning (except that part within the West 50.0 feet of said Section 34), in Cook County, Illinois.

The request for variation is being made by Graham Palmer, agent for Centrum Crestwood, L.C.C., 225 W. Hubbard Street, 4th Floor, Chicago, Illinois 60610.

All interested parties or persons are invited to attend and will be heard.

Respectfully,

Daniel J. Taczy
Chairman
Zoning Board of Appeals

Letter To The Editor

Toxic Exposure from High-VOC Cleaning Products

Editor:

The U.S. EPA estimates that businesses spend $75 million a year on health costs for employees directly attributable to toxic exposure from high-VOC (volatile organic compounds) cleaning products.

High-VOC products not only pose a threat to the health of workers but to everyone who suffers from breathing and heart problems triggered by air pollution. Volatile organic compounds are primary ingredients in air pollution. The lower the VOC emissions, the better the air we breathe. We can all play a part in making our air cleaner to breathe.

Merchandise Mart Properties, Inc. took action to reduce the VOCs they contribute to the environment. In the last year, the Merchandise Mart has reduced air pollution by over 200,000 pounds, just by switching from "high-VOC" to "low-VOC" cleaning products, a strategy recommended by Clean Air Counts, a voluntary, pollution reduction program of the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus.

This spring, the Merchandise Mart and Clean Air Counts urges consumers and businesses to 'Clean Green this Spring.' Homeowners can protect their families and reduce pollution by switching from high-VOC over-the-counter household cleaners to environmentally safe low-VOC products or safer alternatives, such as vinegar, baking soda and lemons.

For businesses, the switch can be as easy as asking your cleaning supplier to recommend the low-VOC alternative to your current cleaning supplies. Most commercial and industrial cleaning supply companies have an environmentally friendly, low-VOC product line.

From glass cleaner to floor stripper, companies use vast

quantities of cleaning supplies. Replace your high-VOC product with a low-VOC or no-VOC product that can reduce indoor pollution in a building by thousands of pounds. Find information on implementing a low-VOC cleaning program complete with a list of low-VOC product suppliers in the Low-VOC Cleaning Fact Sheet at www.CleanAirCounts.org

In the six-county Chicago region, we are fortunate that consumers and businesses have a great resource to reduce pollution, Clean Air Counts, a free, voluntary program of the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus. I urge you to do your part. Visit www.CleanAirCounts.org today for everything you need to know. And remember, "Clean Green this Spring."

Thomas J. Murawski
President, Village of Midlothian
Chair, Metropolitan Mayors Caucus
Environmental Committee
312-201-4506 (Contact: Eve Pytel)

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SCOPE Spring Dinner

The South Cooperative Organization for Public Education (SCOPE) will hear from a brand new partnership called the Illinois Education Roundtable at the SCOPE annual Spring Dinner on April 30th. This new Roundtable consists of representatives from 19 school leadership associations representing more than 6000 school board members, over 7000 school leaders and in excess of 230,000 teachers and other school personnel. The mission of the new Illinois Education Roundtable is to provide a unified voice for educational organizations advocating for excellence in Illinois public schools. A panel of officers from the Roundtable will discuss their priorities and positions at the dinner.

Founding members of the Roundtable include: Illinois Assn. of School Boards; Illinois Assn. of School Administrators; Illinois Assn. of School Business Officials; Illinois Principals Assn.; Illinois Education Assn.; Large Unit District Assn.; Education, Research, Development; Legislative Education Network of DuPage; South Cooperative Organization for Public Education; Illinois Federation of Teachers; Illinois Assn. of Regional Superintendents of Schools, and others.

The dinner will be held at the Doubletree Hotel in Alsip and starts with registration at 6:30 p.m. For more information, contact Chris Slowik in the SCOPE office at (708) 424-3715.

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The judgment amount was $195,461.41. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR HOME EQUITY LOAN TRUST 2004-HE5, BY SAXON MORTGAGE SERVICES INC., AS ITS ATTORNEY-IN- FACT Plaintiff, vs. HECTOR RODRIGUEZ; XOCHITL NADIA RODRIGUEZ; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF HECTOR RODRIGUEZ, IF ANY; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants, 06 CH 21251 NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on 11/28/2006, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Wednesday, May 16, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property: Commonly known as 14324 South McKinley Avenue, Posen, Illinois 60469. The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence with detached two car garage. Sale terms: 25% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE REGISTERED HOLDERS OF MASTR ASSET BACKED SECURITIES TRUST 2003-NC1, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2003-NC1 Plaintiff, -v.- LYNN M. LAYCHAK, et al Defendant 05 CH 5971 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on June 29, 2005, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on May 14, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 14310 DIVISION STREET, Posen, IL 60469 Property Index No. 28-12-207-027-0000 The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was $123,784.47. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR LONG BEACH MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2005-1 Plaintiff, -v.- JOMARA JAMISON A/K/A JOMARA L. JAMISON, et al Defendant 06 CH 20004 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on November 27, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on May 15, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 3450 W. 83RD STREET, Chicago, IL 60652 Property Index No. 19-35-223-041 The real estate is improved with a single family residence.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION ACCREDITED HOME LENDERS, INC. Plaintiff, -v.- JOSEPH WRIGHT, et al Defendants 06 CH 21488 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on December 6, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on June 1, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate. Commonly known as 8858 SOUTH MOZART AVENUE, Evergreen Park, IL 60805 Property Index No. 24-01-114-058-0000/060-0000 The real estate is improved with a brick 1 story house with a 2 car detached garage.
The judgment amount was $190,661.87. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF SOUNDVIEW HOME LOAN TRUST 2005-OPT2, ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-OPT2 Plaintiff, vs. VICKI S. KAPSALIS, CURRENT SPOUSE, IF ANY, OF VICKI S. KAPSALIS, UNKNOWN OWNERS, GENERALLY, AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS. Defendants, 06 CH 22633 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on December 13, 2006, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Wednesday, May 30, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 16034 Lorel Avenue, Oak Forest, IL 60452. P.I.N. 28-21-105-018.
The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashiers or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
For information call Mr. David C. Kluever at Plaintiff's Attorney, Kluever & Platt, L.L.C. 65 East Wacker Place, Chicago, Illinois 60601. (312) 236-0077. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I34255

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION MAC MORTGAGE LLC Plaintiff -v.- JOSE LOPEZ, et al Defendants 06 CH 22798 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 4, 2007, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on June 6, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 8135 NEWLAND AVENUE, Burbank, IL 60459 Property Index No. 19-31-117-020 The real estate is improved with a single family residence.
The judgment amount was $28,856.05. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.
If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department. Please refer to file number 14-06-D591. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE, IL 60527 (630) 794-9876 Attorney File No. 14-06-D591 ARDC# 00468002 Attorney Code. 21762 NOTE Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I34939

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION PHH MORTGAGE CORP (FKA CENDANT MORTGAGE CORP.), Plaintiff V. LANARD RUCKER; NANETTE MADISON-RUCKER, Defendants 06 CH 15701 NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE Fisher and Shapiro file #06-7606D (It is advised that interested parties consult with their own attorneys before bidding at mortgage foreclosure sales.)
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered on February 20, 2007, Kallen Realty Services, Inc., as Selling Official will at 12:30 p.m. on May 22, 2007, at 205 W. Randolph Street, Suite 1200, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real property: C/K/A 8145 SOUTH SACRAMENTO STREET, CHICAGO, IL 60652. TAX ID# 19-36-120-075 The mortgaged real estate is improved with a dwelling. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
The judgment amount was $267,738.10 Sale terms: 10% of successful bid immediately at conclusion of auction, balance by noon the next business day, both by cashier's checks; and no refunds. The sale shall be subject to general real estate taxes, special taxes, special assessments, special taxes levied, and superior liens, if any. The property is offered "as is," with no express or implied warranties and without any representation as to the quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to review the court file to verify all information.
For information: Sale Clerk, Fisher and Shapiro, 4201 Lake Cook Rd., 1st floor, Northbrook, Illinois 60062, (847) 498-9990, between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. weekdays only I28536

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A. SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO BANK ONE, N.A. Plaintiff, -v.- EDWARD F. WILKINSON A/K/A EDWARD WILKINSON, et al Defendant 06 CH 17253 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 8, 2007, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on May 10, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 3731 W. 79TH PLACE, Chicago, IL 60652 Property Index No. 19-35-103-073 The real estate is improved with a single family residence.
The judgment amount was $163,638.37. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction, the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4)
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department. Please refer to file number 14-06-8597. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I32587

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, F/K/A WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, FA Plaintiff, -v.- JEFFERY CHURCH, et al Defendant 06 CH 17076 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 6, 2007, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on May 10, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate. Commonly known as 12817 CARRIAGE LANE UNIT 3, Crestwood, IL 60445 Property Index No. 24-32-211-018-1003 The real estate is improved with a white brick 4 or more unit complex (3 stories) with no garage.
The judgment amount was $91,060.07. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information: Visit our website at http:\\service.atty-pierce.com. between the hours of 3 and 5 pm. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602 Tel No. (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number PA0609452. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE I32206

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION IRWIN MORTGAGE CORPORATION Plaintiff, -v.- RADOSLAW KUMOR, et al Defendant 06 CH 18595 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 24, 2007, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on June 6, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 10510 PARKSIDE AVENUE APT 7, Chicago Ridge, IL 60415 Property Index No. 24-17-206-002-0000 The real estate is improved with a brick multi unit house with no garage.
The judgment amount was $124,569.90. Sale terms, 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4)
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information: Visit our website at http:\\service.atty-pierce.com. between the hours of 3 and 5 pm. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602 Tel No. (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number PA0609322. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE I34819

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE OF ARGENT SECURITIES, INC., ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2003-W2 UNDER THE POOLING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT DATED AS OF AUGUST 1, 2003. W/O RECOURSE, ASSIGNEE OF ARGENT MORTGAGE CO. L.L.C. Plaintiff, -v.- SAM ALRAMAHI A/K/A SAM RAMAHI Defendant 06 CH 22223 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 21, 2007, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on May 22, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 16224 GROVE AVENUE, Oak Forest, IL 60452 Property Index No. 28-21-216-018, Property Index No 28-21-216-019
The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was $334,738.11 Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.
The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: LAW OFFICES OF IRA T. NEVEL, 175 N. Franklin Street, Suite 201 CHICAGO, IL 60606, (312) 357-1125 Please refer calls to the sales department. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE NOTE. Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose, I33614

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS, INC Plaintiff, vs ELIZABETH NORDEN; CRESTLINE ARMS CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF ELIZABETH NORDEN, IF ANY; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants, 02 CH 18793 NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on 1/8/2004, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, May 22, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property: P.I.N. 24-10-225-036-1200 Commonly known as 9723 South Koeler Avenue Unit 308, Oak Lawn, IL 60453.
The improvement on the property consists of a condominium residence. The purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by subdivisions (g)(1) and (g)(4) of Section 9 of the Condominium Property Act. Sale terms: 25% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.
For Information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com. Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602 Tel No (312) 476-5500. Refer to File Number PA0208774. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I33342

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION BANK ONE, N.A., AS TRUSTEE Plaintiff, -v.- JOHN M. WOLFE, et al Defendant 01 CH 19459 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on April 20, 2004, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on May 18, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 4915 W 138TH CT., Crestwood, IL 60445 Property Index No 28-04-213-005-0000
The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was $79,975.46. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction, the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information contact Plaintiff's attorney KROPIK, PAPUGA & SHAW, 120 South LaSalle Street, Suite 1327 CHICAGO, IL 60603, (312) 236-6405 Please refer to file number 31459. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE NOTE. Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I33618

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY Plaintiff, -v.- JAMES BARKER A/K/A JAMES O. BARKER, et al Defendant 05 CH 22443 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 28, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on May 15, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 15132 LACROSSE AVENUE, Oak Forest, IL 60452 Property Index No. 28-16-214-034 The real estate is improved with a single family residence.
The judgment amount was $196,396.06. Sale terms, 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4)
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department. Please refer to file number 14-05-F221 THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I33728

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION INLAND BANK AND TRUST, FORMERLY KNOWN AS WESTBANK, Plaintiff, vs. FILIBERTO DAVILA, IRMA DAVILA; HACIENDA JALAPENOS, INC., THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FOR AND ON BEHALF OF THE SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION, AN AGENCY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, AS ASSIGNEE OF SOMECOR 504 INC.; CHICAGO TITLE LAND TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE UNDER TRUST DEED DATED 07/31/02; PETER CIACCIO; JOYCE CIACCIO; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants, 05 CH 15082 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on January 17, 2007, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, May 21, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate. Commonly known as 15426 South Cicero, Oak Forest, IL 60452. P.I.N. 28-16-212-017/018/019
The improvement on the property consists of a commercial restaurant building which may be made available for inspection during the week prior to sale by arrangement with Ms Kim Fearing at (312) 327-1052. Sale terms. Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds.
For information call Ms. Kimberly D. Fearing at Plaintiff's Attorney, Scott & Kraus, LLC, 150 South Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60606. (312) 327-1050. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I33304

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION MIDAMERICA BANK, FSB; Plaintiff, vs. SAULIUS STIRBYS; BANCO POPULAR; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants, 06 CH 15869 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on December 27, 2006, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Thursday, May 31, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate. Commonly known as 9211 S. 88th Ave., Hickory Hills, IL 60457, P.I.N. 23-02-310-006.
The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
For information call Mr. Patrick J. Williams at Plaintiff's Attorney, Ehl Williams PLLC, 115 West 55th Street, Clarendon Hills, Illinois 60514 (630) 654-0045. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I34274

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION WACHOVIA BANK, N.A. AS TRUSTEE POOLING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT DATED AS OF NOVEMBER 1, 2004 ASSET BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 2004-WWF1 Plaintiff, -v.- HARALAMBOS KYRIAKOPOULOS, et al Defendants 06 CH 24446 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 13, 2007, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on May 30, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate. Commonly known as 8900 SANDRA LANE, Hickory Hills, IL 60457 Property Index No. 23-03-408-032 The real estate is improved with a single family residence.
The judgment amount was $223,466.93. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4)
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department. Please refer to file number 14-06-E732 THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE, IL 60527 (630) 794-9876 Attorney File No. 14-06-E732 ARDC# 00468002 Attorney Code. 21762 NOTE Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose I34664

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION HSBC BANK, USA Plaintiff, -v.- DERRICK METCALFE A/K/A DERRICK L. METCALFE, et al Defendant 06 CH 21262 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 27, 2007, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on May 29, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 8216 SOUTH ARTESIAN AVENUE, Chicago, IL 60652 Property Index No. 19-36-230-058-0000
The real estate is improved with a 2 story single family grey frame/vinyl home with no garage. The judgment amount was $56,267.16 Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4)
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For Information: Visit our website at http:\\service.atty-pierce.com. between the hours of 3 and 5 pm. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602 Tel No. (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number PA0611015. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE I33592

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Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION UNIVERSAL MORTGAGE CORPORATION Plaintiff, -v- MARGARET M WALSH, et al Defendants 04 CH 19823 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 27, 2005, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10 30 AM on May 11, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate Commonly known as 14535 KARLOV AVENUE, Midlothian, IL 60445 Property Index No 28-10-221-027
The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was $129,131.24 Sale terms 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction, the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4)
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information
For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department. Please refer to file number 14-04-C492 THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE, IL 60527 (630) 794-9676 Attorney File No.- 14-04-C492 ARDC# 00468002 Attorney Code. 21762
NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION PROVIDENT FUNDING ASSOCIATES, LP: Plaintiff, vs. SERGIO VICENTENO; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR
PROVIDENT FUNDING GROUP, INC.; OR ITS SUCCESSORS OR ASSIGNS; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF SERGIO VICENTENO, IF ANY; UNKOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS CLOISTER CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; Defendants. 06 CH 21862
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on 1/8/2007, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Wednesday, May 30, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 716A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property: P.I.N 24-16-409-051-1195 Commonly known as 4925 W 109th St, Unit #103, Oak Lawn, IL 60453
The improvement on the property consists of a condominium residence The purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by subdivisions (g)(1) and (g)(4) of Section 9 of the Condominium Property Act THE SALE SHALL BE SUBJECT TO GENERAL TAXES SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS AND TO A PRIOR RECORDED FIRST MORTGAGE Sale terms 25% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds No refunds The property will NOT be open for inspection Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.
For information Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 North Dearborn Street, Chicago Illinois 60602 Tel No (312) 476-5500 Refer to File Number 0611642 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer (312) 444-1122 I34183

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR THE STRUCTURED ASSET INVESTMENT LOAN TRUST, 2006-BNC3
Plaintiff, vs JOSE LUIS VENEGAS, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF JOSE LUIS VENEGAS IF ANY, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants 06 CH 20550
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on 1/17/2007, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, May 29, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 716A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash the following described property P.I.N 29-07-112-010 Commonly known as 14523 South Short Street Posen, IL 60469
The improvement on the property consists of a 1 story single family residence with no garage Sale terms 25% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours by certified funds No refunds The property will NOT be open for inspection Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale
For information Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 North Dearborn Street, Chicago Illinois 60602 Tel No (312) 476-5500 Refer to File Number 0611642 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer (312) 444-1122 I34229

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION WELLS FAROO BANK, N A Plaintiff, -v- KIMBERLY L. LAKOSKEY, et al Defendant 06 CH 19170 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on December 13, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on May 10, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 14739 PARK AVENUE, Oak Forest, IL 60452 Property Index No 28-09-317-004-0000 The real estate is improved with a 1 story red brick single family home w/brown siding and attached garage.
The judgment amount was $216,807.82 Sale terms 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information: Visit our website at http \\service atty-pierce.com between the hours of 3 and 5 pm. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602 Tel No. (312) 476-5500 Please refer to file number PA0609915. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE I32218

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, AS TRUSTEE UNDER THE POOLING AND SERVICING, DATED AS OF MARCH 1, 2004, AMONG ASSET-BACKED FUNDING CORPORATION, LITTON LOAN SERVICING LP AND JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, ABFC ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2004-AHL1 Plaintiff, -v.- JOHN P. DEUTSCH, et al Defendants 06 CH 20796 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 20, 2007, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on May 22, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 14521 S. AVERS AVENUE, Midlothian, IL 60445 Property Index No 28-11-117-004 The real estate is improved with a single family residence.
The judgment amount was $104,989.00. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information, contact Plaintiffs attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department. Please refer to file number 14-06-C240. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE, IL 60527 (630) 794-9876 Attorney File No 14-06-C240 ARDC# 00468002 Attorney Code. 21762
NOTE Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I33902

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT CHANCERY DIVISION DEUTSCHE BANK TRUST COMPANY AMERICAS FORMERLY KNOWN AS BANKERS TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE AND CUSTODIAN FOR IXIS REAL ESTATE CAPITAL INC., BY: SAXON MORTGAGE SERVICES, INC., AS ITS ATTORNEY-IN-FACT Plaintiff, vs ADEYINKA DADA; ET. AL., Defendants, 06 CH 22212 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on December 14, 2006, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Wednesday, May 23, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate. Commonly known as 9650 S California Ave., Evergreen Park, IL 60805 P.I.N. 24-12-109-074
The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence /Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds The property will NOT be open for inspection
For information call Ms. Diane Thomas at Plaintiff's Attorney, Freedman Anselmo Lindberg & Rappe, LLC, 1807 West Diehl Road, Naperville Illinois 60563-1890 (877) 729-6734 X0610062 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I33407

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION CITIFINANCIAL MORTGAGE COMPANY, INC., Plaintiff V. PATRICK MICHAEL MUCHA, Defendant 06 CH 3241 NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE Fisher and Shapiro file #06-4384D (It is advised that interested parties consult with their own attorneys before bidding at mortgage foreclosure sales.)
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered on May 3, 2006, Kaiten Realty Services, Inc. as Selling Official will at 12:30 p.m. on May 6, 2007, at 205 W. Randolph Street, Suite 1200, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real property: COMMONLY KNOWN AS 14327 RIDGEWAY AVENUE, MIDLOTHIAN, ILLINOIS 60445. TAX ID# 28-11-105-006 The mortgaged real estate is improved with a dwelling. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
The judgment amount was $129,740.94. Sale terms: 10% of successful bid immediately at conclusion of auction, balance by noon the next business day, both by cashier's checks; and no refunds. The sale shall be subject to general real estate taxes, special taxes, special assessments, special taxes levied, and superior liens, if any. The property is offered "as is," with no express or implied warranties and without any representation as to the quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to review the court file to verify all information.
For information. Sale Clerk, Fisher and Shapiro, 4201 Lake Cook Rd., 1st floor, Northbrook, Illinois 60062, (847) 498-9990, between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. weekdays only. I32860

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION US BANK N.A. Plaintiff, -v.- TERRANCE J. LINK, et al Defendants 06 CH 23416 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 6, 2007, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on June 5, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 9513 MINNICK AVENUE, Oak Lawn, IL 60453 Property Index No. 24-09-106-044-0000
The real estate is improved with a brick 2 story house with no garage. The judgment amount was $121,952.30. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4)..
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information: Visit our website at http:\\service.atty-pierce.com. between the hours of 3 and 5 pm. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602. Tel No. (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number PA0612513. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE PIERCE & ASSOCIATES One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300 CHICAGO, IL 60602 (312) 476-5500 Attorney File No.: PA0612513 Attorney Code. 91220 I34470

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION CHASE HOME FINANCE LLC Plaintiff, -v- PETER M. JURKASH, et al Defendant 06 CH 18346 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 9, 2007, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on May 29, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 6 BILLY CASPER LANE, Midlothian, IL 60445 Property Index No. 28-09-211-034 The real estate is improved with a single family residence.
The judgment amount was $301,868.47 Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information: Visit our website at http:\\service.atty-pierce.com. between the hours of 3 and 5 pm. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602. Tel No. (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number PA0612604 THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE I34031

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION THE PROVIDENT BANK; Plaintiff, vs. DAVID J. KATSIBUBAS; DIANE L. KATSIBUBAS; KENNETH KOCHAN; VILLAGE OF WORTH; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants, 03 CH 5464 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on May 24, 2005, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, May 21, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate. Commonly known as 11426 S. Normandy Ave., Worth, IL 60482.
P.I.N. 24-19-220-006. The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence.
Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
For information call Mr. Peter Vucha at Plaintiff's Attorney, Roeser & Vucha, 920 Davis Road, Elgin, Illinois 60123. (847) 888-1620. 1161.11685 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I33302

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 2006-EQ1 Plaintiff, -v.- PATRICK J. RUDNICK A/K/A PATRICK RUDNICK, et al Defendant 06 CH 21188 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on December 5, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on May 23, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 7006 GARDEN LANE, Bridgeview, IL 60455 Property Index No 18-24-305-017
The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was $186,871.64. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department. Please refer to file number 14-06-C559. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I34428

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE MLMI SURG TRUST SERIES 2006-BC3 Plaintiff, -v.- ERIKA BACON, et al Defendant 06 CH 22245 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 26, 2007, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on June 1, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 3352 WEST 84TH STREET, Chicago, IL 60652 Property Index No. 16-35-406-055-0000
The real estate is improved with a 2 story single family brown brick home with detached 2 car garage. The judgment amount was $209,301.90. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and SUBJECT TO A PRIOR RECORDED 1st Mortgage and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information: Visit our website at http:\\service.atty-pierce.com. between the hours of 3 and 5 pm. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602. Tel No. (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number PA0606447. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE I33917

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS EASTERN DIVISION U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE Plaintiff, ROBERT L. MILES, et al Defendant 02 C 3704 NOTICE OF SPECIAL COMMISSIONER'S SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on June 24, 2003, Nancy R. Vallone, Special Commissioner appointed herein will at 11:30 AM on May 29, 2007, at the 23rd floor - center lobby of the Dirksen Center, 50 W. Washington St., Chicago, IL sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 8009 S. ST. LOUIS AVE, Chicago, IL 60652 Property Index No. 19-35-209-003
The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was $140,087.33. Sale terms: 10% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close at the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale
The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The sales clerk, FISHER AND SHAPIRO, LLC, 4201 Lake Cook Road, NORTHBROOK, IL 60062, (847) 498-9990 between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. only. I33654

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION AURORA LOAN SERVICES, INC. SUCCESSOR TO ARGENT MORTGAGE COMPANY, LLC; Plaintiff, vs. PRISCILLA JACKSON; ET. AL.; Defendants, 06 CH 20616 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on February 26, 2007 Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Wednesday, May 30, 2007 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 716A, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate: P.I.N. 19-36-324-006. Commonly known as: 3029 W. 84th Place, Chicago, IL 60652.
The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence. This information is considered reliable but is not warranted. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. This sale is subject to unpaid real estate taxes, assessments, covenants, conditions, easements and restrictions of record. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
This pleading is a communication for the purpose of collecting the mortgage debt, under the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act. If you fail to dispute, in writing, the validity of this debt within thirty days, it will be assumed to be valid. Finally, any information you provide will be used for the purpose of collection.
Upon payment, of each portion of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Receipt of Sale. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the mortgaged real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection, except by the arrangement and agreement of the current owner or occupant.
For information: JAROS, TITTLE & O'TOOLE, LIMITED, Plaintiff's Attorney, 20 North Clark Street, Suite 510, Chicago, Illinois 60602. (312) 750-1000. Phone calls will be taken only between the hours of 9:00 thru 11:00 A.M. When calling, please refer to file number 06-31154. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I34215

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION NATIONAL CITY MORTGAGE COMPANY Plaintiff, -v.- RAYMOND PATERNITI, et al Defendant 06 CH 13714 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 21, 2007, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on May 25, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 14610 66TH COURT, Oak Forest, IL 60452 Property Index No. 28-07-200-036-0000
The real estate is improved with a brick 2 story house with a 2 car attached garage. The judgment amount was $210,830.08. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
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Southwest Area Obituaries

Mark P. Ahern

Mass was said at St. Alexander Church, Palos Heights, on Monday, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Mark P. Ahern DDS.

He is survived by his parents Christopher and Mary Ahern, his brothers Michael C. (Therese), Daniel J. (Kimberly) and his sisters Maggie (Dan) Gaffney and Mary B. (Michael) Colaizzi.

Olaf M. Beith

Services were held at the Palos-Gaidas Funeral Home, Palos Hills, on Wednesday, for Olaf M. Beith, a veteran of WWII serving with the Army Air Corps. He was a member of the Johnson-Phelps VFW Post 5220.

There are no immediate survivors.

Anna Bereznak

Mass was said at St. Albert the Great Church, Burbank, on Monday, with interment at Resurrection Cemetery, for Anna Bereznak, 95.

She is survived by her children Helen (Rich) Strezo, Betty (Alan) Rodriquez; eight grandchildren; twelve great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren and her sister Anna Cobirkova.

E. Jean Bilich

Services were held at the Hann Funeral Home, Bridgeview, on Saturday, with interment at Resurrection Cemetery, for E. Jean Bilich, 75, a resident of Bridgeview. She was a former Driver's License Examiner with the Secretary of State.

She is survived by her husband Frank; her children Pam (Joseph) Madonia, Sandy (Anthony), Morris and Greg Bilich; six grandchildren; her brother Robert (Dorothy Homan and her sister Margaret Mancari.

Irvin H. Brown

Mass was said at St. Benedict Church, Blue Island, on Saturday, with interment at the First Evangelical Lutheran Cemetery, f or Irvin H. Brown, 91, of St. John, IN, formerly of Blue Island.

He is survived by his wife Anne M., his children Wayne I., Norbert and Barbara (Vern) Kunstman; four grandchildren; and great-grandchildren/

Robert F. Burgess

Mass was said at St. Benedict Church, Blue Island, on Tuesday, with interment at St. Mary Cemetery, for Robert F. Burgess.

He is survived by his wife Linda; his daughter Patricia (Jim) Tibbs; on grandchild; his sisters Katherine (John) Halinski and Mary Barrer.

Raymond R. Christian

Mass was said at St. Catherine of Alexandria Church, Oak Lawn, on Tuesday, with interment at St. Casimir Cemetery, for Raymond R. Christian, 83.

He is survived by his wife Emily; his children Raymond Jr., Diana (Jim) Shields, Carol (Ed) Maslowski, Deborah (Bob) Gunther, Judith (Dan) Rubik, Theresa and William (Margaret); fourteen grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and his brother Edward.

Jerry F. Dowling

Mass was said at St. Cajetan Church, Chicago, on Saturday, with interment at St. Mary church, for Jerry F. Dowling, 79, a veteran of the US Army. He was also an electrician with Local 134 CFD, and a 1999 inductee in the softball Hall of Fame.

He is survived by his wife Mary Dowling; his children David (Janice), Bill (Barbara), Mary (Marty) Simon; five grandchildren; one great-grandchild and his brother Jack Dowling.

Robert J. Driscoll

Mass was said at St. John Fisher Church, Chicago, on Saturday, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Robert J. Driscoll, 83, a veteran of WWII.

He is survived by wife Lorraine; his children Bob (Anne), Denny (Pat), Marita (Kevin Toner), Jerry (Jen), Jim (Catherine) and Michael (Theresa); twenty-three grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and his sister Mary Joan Schuch.

Allan E. Gilmour

Mass was said at St. Bernadette Church, Evergreen Park, on Monday, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Allan E. Gilmour, 94.

He is survived by his children Joan (Paul Mullen), Margaret (Marshall) Lorenzen, Allan and Patricia (Donald Shantz) Gilmour; six grandchildren; three great-grandchildren and his sister Florence.

Esther V. Gritton

Services were held at the Beverly Ridge Funeral Home, Chicago, on Saturday, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Esther V. Gritton.

She is survived by her children Ronald and Mark (Roberta), her sisters Alice (Frank) Karpowica and Dorothy Roeder and her brother Richard.

Betty J. Johnson

Mass was said at Incarnation Church, Palos Heights, on Saturday, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Bettie J. Johnson.

She is survived by her children Annette "Tori" (Richard J.) Dilg, James O. (Juanita CPD) Johnson, Yolanda "Lynn" Tyree, Robert C. Johnson, Kenneth M. Tyree, James C. (Eve); seven grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Betty J. Kasper

Services were held at the Schmaedeke Funeral Home, Worth, on Saturday, with interment at Beverly Cemetery, for Betty J. Kasper.

She is survived by her children Gene (Judy), Gary (Jackie) Kasper and Shelly (Tom) Smith, twelve grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Irene Lambert

Services were held at the Lawn Funeral Home, Burbank, on Wednesday, with interment at Cedar Park Cemetery, for Irene Lambert

She is survived by her children Joanne (George), William (Valerie), Carolyn (Joseph) and John (Jean): nine grandchildren

Diane M. Marino

Mass was said at St. Julie Billiart Church, Tinley Park, on Wednesday, with interment at St. Casimir Cemetery, for Diane M. Marino, 67.

She is survived by her husband Salvatore "Sam"; her children Rickey Marino, Gregory (Kim) Marino and Nichole (Chris) Radgowski; five grandchildren; her brother Jim (Lynn) Fuller and her sister Jean Wilson.

Virginia C. Martin

Mass was said at St. Bernadette Church, Evergreen Park, on Wednesday, with interment at St. Mary Cemetery, for Virginia C. Martin, 58.

She is survived by her husband John R. Martin; her children Shelley, Laura (Mark), Bobby, Patrick (Janell), Tommy (Agnes) and Joey (Dorothy) and seven grandchildren.

Therese M. O'Brien-Caffrey

Mass was said at St. Elizabeth Seton Church, Orland Park, on Monday, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Therese M. O'Brien-Caffrey, 49.

She is survived by her husband Brendan P.; her stepchildren Erin (Mitchell) Caffrey-Dawkins and Sean Caffrey; and her sisters Sharon Anderson and Susan O'Brien.

Edward D. Schultz Jr.

Services were held at the Palos-Gaidas Funeral Home, Palos Hills, on Wednesday, with interment at Chapel Hill South Cemetery, for Edward D. Schultz Jr., 78, formerly of the Palos area.

He is survived by his children Edward D., John (Sunny) and Kenneth Schultz; two grandchildren; and his sister Betty Larson.

Helen Marie and Robert T. Walter

Visitation will be held Thursday, April 26th, at the Hickey Memorial Chapel 147th and Keeler in Midlothian from 2 to 8 p.m. and. Mass will be said at St. Christopher Church, Midlothian, 146th and Keeler, on Friday, April 27th, at 12:30 p.m. A private interment will be held at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Helen Marie was a retired schoolteacher for School Dist. 111. Robert was a retired accountant and a veteran of the Korean War, serving with the US Army.

They are survived by their children Marie Samson, Maureen Wilson and the Rev. Mark Walter, Pastor of St. Christopher Church, two grandchildren. Helen Marie is also survived by her brother James Todd; Robert is also survived by his brothers Paul and David Walter.

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Richards Jazz Band Wins Honors

The jazz band from Richards High School won awards at several Chicago-area competitions over the past two months. Their achievements included placing first at the Pekin Jazz Festival; earning an 'excellent' rating at the Rolling Meadows Jazz Festival; placing first at the Mundelein Jazz Festival; and placing first in Class II and totaling the third highest point total among all groups competing at the Chicago Jazz Festival.

At the Chicago Jazz Festival, several students won awards including Combo Division I rating (Best solo award, Mike Machen/guitar; Best section player Ashley Taylor/ Bass) and Jazz Ensemble I rating (Best Solo award, Robert Hoppenrath/Alto Saxophone and Best section player, Matt Mudon/Bass Trombone).

Music teacher Charles Martin directs the instrumental band program at Richards. Pictured, left to right, are members of the jazz band from Richards High School (front row) Mike Machen, Ben Szafoni, Rebecca Calvillo, Sarah Quintos, Victor Ojeda, Ashley Taylor; (row two) Erin Moeller, Bob Hoppenrath, Matt Mudon; (row three) Katherine Brett, Jeff Wyeislak, Michelle Summers, Ryan McMillin; (row four) Sarah Brett, Mike Piane, Amanda Hankes; (row five) Kaitlyn O'Deklrk, Elizabeth Hudson, Gerrick Birt, Kyle Renken; and (row six) Scott Hankes and Nate Martin. Not pictured, Aaron Lopez.

Senior Outing To Eli's

The Senior Fellowship Group in Oak Lawn is planning an outing to Eli's Cheesecake World for a luncheon tour on Thursday, May 24th to watch cheesecake being made from scratch to the finished product. The group will dine at Eli's Cheesecake Café which includes a gourmet boxed lunch of seasonal fruit cup, potato chips, beverage, and your choice of either Breast of Turkey, Shaved Honey Ham or Grilled Vegetables on freshly prepared artisan bread. Dessert will be different varieties of Eli's Cheesecakes. The package price for this whole event is $22 per person, tax, tip and transportation. The Trinity Bus will be leaving promptly from Trinity Lutheran Church, 9701 S. Brandt, at 8:45 a.m. The final deadline to register is Monday, May 7th. Call Mickey VonAsten at (708) 422-2355 or Noreen Witt at (708) 499-5990.

Technology Demonstration

Hazelgreen Elementary School is among nearly 100 schools statewide that will participate in the 16th annual *TECH 2007 Students for the Information Age* event on Tuesday, May 8th at the Illinois State Capitol Building in Springfield.

Students will show the public, and elected members of the Illinois State Senate and the House of Representatives, how technology is being used in the classroom to improve achievement. Computer workstations will be set up in the Capitol Building Rotunda so students can show how technology has helped them with their schoolwork.

Taking part in the demonstrations are two of Mrs. Strale's third grade students. Students researched different ethnic holiday traditions and incorporated the information learned into a technological presentation.

The purpose of *TECH 2007* is to show how Illinois is preparing students to succeed in the Information Age. Students will demonstrate for lawmakers and the public creative ways technology is being used to enhance and accelerate student achievement in Illinois schools today. The importance of this event lies in making the public aware of the central role technology has come to play in our schools and generating support for its adequate funding.

TECH 2007 is a not-for-profit initiative presented by Illinois Computing Educators. Hazelgreen is pleased to support and be a part of *TECH 2007*.

Free Computer Class

College students and others seeking trustworthy and credible sources for writing research papers can become skilled at using two specialized electronic resources available at the Oak Lawn Public Library by attending a free computer class offered from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Thursday, May 10. Register in advance by phone at (708) 422-4990, or in-person at the library's Computer Center starting Saturday, May 5. There is a limit of 15.

FirstSearch provides access to 15 online databases which Illinois residents can search free of charge to find books, periodical articles and other media in subject areas ranging from the arts and business to medicine and technology. Instruction will focus on the WilsonSelect and WorldCat databases.

EBSCOhost provides full text articles for more than 1,860 general reference, business, consumer health, general science and social science periodicals. This database also offers indexing and abstracts for over 2,800 additional periodicals.

Class participants must be skilled with using a mouse and keyboard.

For more information, call (708) 422-4990. The library is located at 5300 W. 95th St.

Spaghetti Dinner At Church

The United Methodist Men at the First United Methodist Church of Oak Lawn, 100th St. & Central Ave., are having a Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, April 28th from 5 till 8 p.m. Adults are $7, children 6-12 are $3.50, and children under 6 are free. Tickets are on sale now. For more information and tickets, call (708) 423-1170.

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The funding for this service was provided by The Friends of the Oak Lawn Library.

For additional information, call (708) 422-4990.

Knitting Class

The Worth Township Senior Knitting Class will be starting again on May 3rd. Classes are held in the Worth Township Center, 11601 S. Pulaski in Alsip. This is a 12-week course. Call (708) 371-2900, ext. 28, to register or if you have any questions.

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SADD Collects $250 In Pennies

Members of the Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) chapter at Richards High School in Oak Lawn collected more than $250 in change from classmates recently to support the Pennies for Patients fund raiser.

Pennies for Patients raises money to support research on finding cures for leukemia, lymphoma, and myeloma. Sponsored by the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, the fund raiser also supports patient services.

Since 1993, more than 10 million American students have volunteered for Pennies for Patients. English teacher Nancy Frothingham sponsors the SADD chapter at Richards.

Pictured are left to right Richards High School members of Students Against Destructive Decisions who volunteered for Pennies for Patients (seated) Nik Koulogeorge and Ashley Szykowny; (standing) Daphne Vargas, Priya Patel, Samantha Garcia, and Samantha Gierut.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MAY 4 – Friday – Worth Township Senior Citizens Spring Luncheon, Worth Township Center, 11601 Pulaski Rd., 12 noon.

MAY 5 – Saturday – Plant Sale, Oak Lawn Garden Club, 10705 Kilbourn, 9 a.m. until all plants are sold.

MAY 5 – Saturday – District II "Trustee Is In," Municipal Center, 9446 Raymond, 9 a.m. to noon.

MAY 7 – Monday – Planning & Development Commission Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 8 p.m.

MAY 7 – Monday – Fire Department Club Meeting, VFW, 9514 S. 52nd Ave., 8 p.m.

MAY 8 – Tuesday – Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting and Luncheon, Stony Creek Golf Course, 5850 W. 103rd St.: Meeting 11 a.m.; Social 11:30 a.m. and Lunch 12 noon.

MAY 8 – Tuesday – Worth Township Board Committee Meeting, 11601 S. Pulaski, 7:30 p.m.

MAY 8 – Tuesday – OL Village Board Meeting, Municipal Building, 9446 Raymond, 8 p.m.

MAY 8 – Tuesday – Village Hall open to 8 p.m.

MAY 8 – Tuesday – VFW 5220 Meeting, 9514 S. 52nd Ave., 8 p.m.

MAY 9 – Wednesday – Free Blood Pressure Test, Oak Lawn Library, Lower Level, 5300 W. 95th St., 10 to 11:30 a.m.

MAY 9 – Wednesday – Fire & Police Commission Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, Conference Room B, 6:30 p.m.

MAY 10 – Thursday – Quality Control Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 7:30 p.m.

MAY 10 – Thursday – Athletic 'ıb Auxiliary Meeting, VFW Hall, 9514 S. 52nd Ave p.m.

Installation Of Officers

Hometown-Murray VFW and its Ladies Auxiliary to Post #9773 will hold its Installation of Officers for the 2007-2008 term on Saturday, May 12th at 7 p.m. at the post home, 9092 Main St., Hometown.

Annual membership drive is going on now. Membership discounts and benefits. For information, call (708) 422-9800 after 3 p.m. daily.

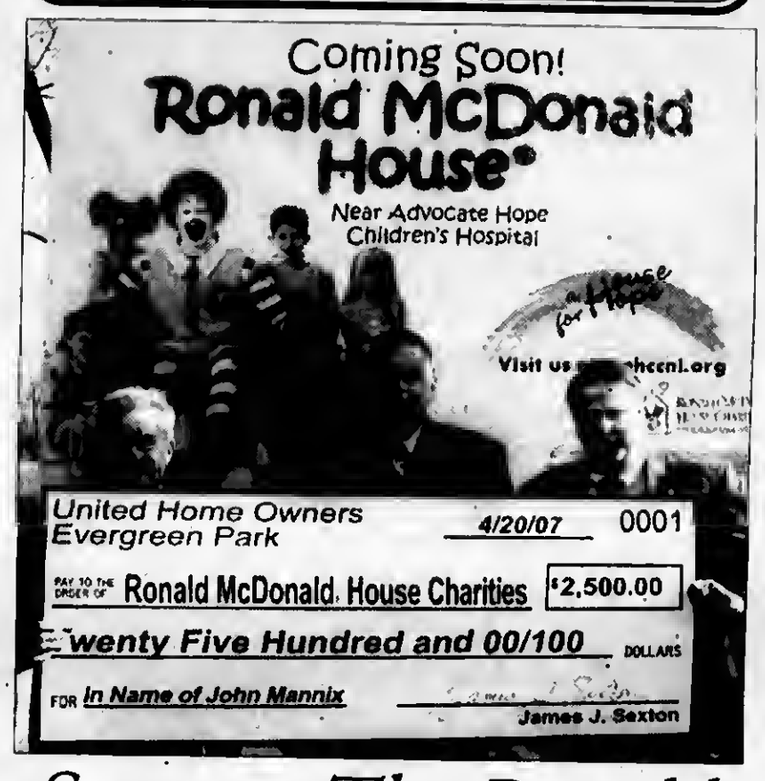
Safety On College Campuses

Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich recently announced three initiatives to enhance safety for students, faculty, staff and visitors at Illinois institutions of higher education. The governor's initiatives, which build upon his K-12 school security initiatives instituted in 2005, include creation of a task force charged with developing training to help colleges prepare for, respond to and recover from emergencies; over $300,000 in grants to improve interoperable communications capabilities on campuses; and the addition of college officials and campus security representatives to the multi-agency Illinois Terrorism Task Force (ITTF), which develops and implements the state's homeland security strategy.

The governor's college security initiatives announced on April 29th expand upon his earlier school security initiatives for grades K-12 contained in the School Safety Drill Act. Signed into law in August 2005, the Act includes:

- Creation of a School Security Training Project to enhance school safety and emergency operations planning.
- Creation of an "All-Hazards" school emergency drill statute to replace existing fire, bus and tornado drill statutes with streamlined rules.
- Creation of a comprehensive new state model emergency planning guide for schools, which included merging and updating two existing guides.

In addition to his other requests, the governor has directed the Illinois Campus Security Task Force to reexamine the state's School Safety Drill Act to determine if some provisions should be amended to include colleges.



Support The Ronald McDonald House

The Ronald McDonald House Charities is due to open a new facility Spring of 2008. The House will be built across from Hope Children's Hospital in Oak Lawn providing temporary accommodations for families of sick children staying at Hope Children's Hospital. The United Homeowner's Association of Evergreen Park was more than pleased to present the organization with a check in honor of long time member and Evergreen Park resident John Mannix and family. The facility will be three stories, 24,000 square feet with 16 bedrooms and 4 suites for guests located at 93rd and Kostner Ave. in Oak Lawn. The groundbreaking is scheduled for June 1, at 4 p.m.

Pictured left to right: Bill Keyser, Florida Plastics; James Sexton, Mayor of Evergreen Park; Doug Porter, CEO Ronald McDonald House Charities, Chicago.

Box Lunch Day

The Oak Lawn Senior Center has started a new event called "Box Lunch Day." It is a day which includes a hot lunch with refreshments, bingo, an informational program and social time. In order to make this affordable to village seniors local businesses help by sponsoring the day.

May's sponsor will be Thompson & Kuenster Funeral Home, 5570 W. 95th St. As a sponsor they will be given an opportunity to explain what they have to offer the seniors. Mr. Kuenster will be discussing funeral preplanning on Thursday, May 31st. The subject of funerals is never easy to discuss but by doing so in advance it can be a worthwhile experience in light of the impact one's own death will have on loved ones. A well planned service warms the soul and illuminates the memory. With a well planned funeral, the options for a more meaningful tribute are limited only by the imagination.

The presentation begins at 10:30 a.m. and attendance at the presentation is necessary to receive a lunch. The cost to the senior is $3 and tickets may be purchased at the Center, 5330 W. 95th St. Seating is limited.

If you would like information, call 499-0240.

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New Police Station Tours

The Village of Orland Park Police Department's new 63,000 square foot, state-of-the-art police headquarters is close to completion. Tours of the new facility at 15100 S. Ravinia Ave. will open to the public on Thursday, May 3rd and Tuesday, May 8th from 6 to 8 p.m.

"We wanted to conduct public tours before the department moves in to avoid interfering with police operations," said Chief Tim McCarthy. "This way the public will be able to see the entire facility."

The completely redesigned building, which formerly housed a tile and carpet warehouse, includes an alternative lighting system and an energy-saving heating system, as well as a cistern that is underground in front of the station to collect rainwater for irrigating lawns and landscaping. The new headquarters will provide enough space to meet the department's needs for the next 40 years.

The department is scheduled to move into the new headquarters in May.

For more information, contact the Orland Park Police Department at (708) 349-4111.

Maria High School Reunions

On Saturday, May 5, celebrate the Maria High School reunion for graduating classes ending in '02 and '07 at Maria High School, 6727 S. California Ave. Alumnae are invited to bring spouses and friends for an evening of celebration that will begin with Mass in the MHS Chapel, followed by a wine and cheese social hour and dinner. Celebrate the past, share laughter and memories with fellow Maria classmates. For tickets contact Vakarie Roberts at (773) 925-8686 ext. 116.

Socorro Sandoval '86 will be inducted posthumously into Maria High School's Alumnae Hall of Fame during the 4 p.m. Mass for her outstanding work with the immigrant community. Rev. Thomas McCarthy, OSA, will be celebrant of the Mass.

Also on Saturday, May 5th, St. Casimir Academy alumnae and guests are invited to participate in a morning of celebration and fellowship at the Sisters of St. Casimir Motherhouse, 2601 W. Marquette Rd., Chicago. Graduating classes of 1927, 1932, 1937, 1942, 1947, and 1952 will join together in a day of special recognition beginning at 9:30 a.m. with Mass in the Motherhouse Chapel followed by a brunch and the opportunity to socialize with fellow St. Casimir classmates. For information and tickets call Vakarie Roberts at (773) 925-8686, ext. 116.

Pictured: Sister Vita Arcisauskas '31, Sister Teresita Miksas '37 and Sister Jean Girzaitis '38 will be welcoming other St. Casimir Academy alumnae, including those celebrating 70th, 65th and 60th anniversaries at the Motherhouse during the St. Casimir Academy Reunion. They are pictured with current Maria students Jelonda Singleton (Chicago Lawn) and Donesha Calhoun (Englewood) who are presently 9th graders at Maria.

There will be a Mother Daughter Mass and breakfast and National Honor Society Induction on May 6th.

House Passes Two Key Election Reforms

Cook County Clerk David Orr lauded the Illinois House for overwhelmingly passing HB 1685 to allow high school juniors to serve as election judges. This bill is part of Orr's legislative package for 2007.

The measure must now go to the Senate.

Other legislative measures passed the House. HB 1752 would increase pay for election judges throughout Illinois. The other, HB 1753, would create a commission to study voter registration on Election Day in Illinois. Rep. Lou Lang is the chief sponsor of both.

Other parts of Orr's legislative package are advancing through the legislative process. Illinois' current Motor Voter rules do not allow people who register by mail to vote absentee their first time. This caveat has disenfranchised college students as well as other voters who have been out of town on Election Day. A measure sponsored by Rep. Julie Hamos would rectify this problem.

For election results from the April 17th Consolidated Election, visit www.voterinfonet.com. For other information and services from the clerk's office, go to www.cookcityclerk.com.

PADS Tag Day Volunteers

South Suburban P.A.D.S. (Public Action to Deliver Shelter) will hold a tag day at a number of area stores on Saturday, May 12th from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Proceeds will provide shelter and other services for homeless families and individuals in the south and southwest suburbs.

To volunteer for tag day, call Donna Petrey at (708) 425-3303.

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Neat Repeats Resale has openings for some great volunteers. Those who enjoy meeting people and like to know they make a difference, Neat Repeats is the place to be.

Neat Repeats Resale is looking for volunteers at both of their locations, 9020 W. 159th St. in Orland Park, and 7026 W. 111th St. in Worth.

Visit on Friday, May 4th and enjoy a tour of the store and learn more about how Neat Repeats volunteers make a difference in the lives of the women and children who are served by the programs at the Crisis Center for South Suburbia. Volunteers are needed at both stores to cashier, arrange displays, accept donations and assist customers.

Neat Repeats operates primarily through the support of its generous volunteers and donors. For additional information call the store manager at (708) 364-7605 in Orland or (708) 361-6860 in Worth.

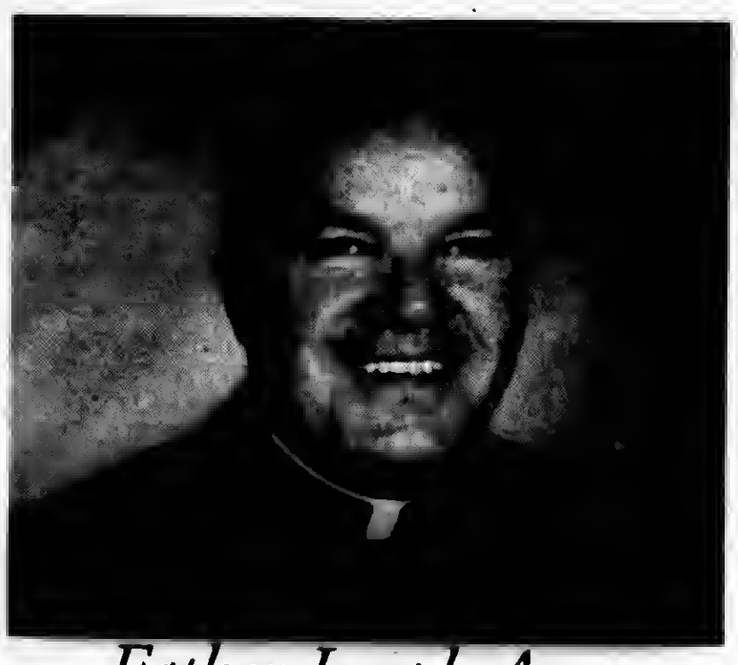
All sales benefit domestic violence services of the Crisis Center for South Suburbia. The Crisis Center for South Suburbia provides emergency shelter and essential services for victims of domestic violence. For additional information on the Crisis Center and their services contact (708) 429-7255 or visit www.crisisctr.org.

Pryme Tymers Meet

The Pryme Tymers, a very active fellowship that meets at Trinity Church, 9230 S. Pulaski Road in Oak Lawn, invites the entire community to its next meeting on Thursday, May 10th. Beginning at 10 a.m., Dr. Jonathan Buka and his staff from the Eye Specialists in Oak Lawn, will be offering free vision and glaucoma tests to everyone present. Then, at 11 a.m., Dr. Buka will give a power-point presentation about eye care, with special emphasis on cataracts, dry eye and age-related retinal conditions.

A meat loaf luncheon, prepared by Chef Pitluck, will be served at noon. The cost is $6 and requires reservations.

Call the church office (708) 422-5111 or Tom Panush (708) 636-7548 by Friday, May 4th. Transportation is provided upon request. A canned good is also collected for the Salvation Army Food Pantry.



Father Joseph Auer Celebrates Golden Jubilee

Father Joseph Auer, pastor emeritus of St. Linus Parish in Oak Lawn, celebrates his 50th anniversary as a priest Saturday, May 5th. The festivities begin at 4 p.m. with a Jubilee Mass of Thanksgiving at the church, 103rd and Lawler. Father's extended family and friends will celebrate at a reception in the parish center immediately following.

Father Auer served parishes throughout the Archdiocese of Chicago and worked for several years in southern Cook County. After his ordination by the late Samuel Cardinal Stritch, Father Auer was assigned to St. Thomas More, later Most Holy Redeemer in Evergreen Park. He also served at St. Bridget, St. Ferdinand, Queen of the Universe, St. Catherine LaBoure, and St. Theresa.

In addition to his parish work, Father Auer taught at Quigley Preparatory Seminary early in his priesthood.

In 1990, the late Joseph Cardinal Bernardin appointed Father Auer pastor of St. Linus Parish which he led until his retirement in 2001. Under his leadership, active lay ministries continued to thrive and the parish's "Jesus, Light of the World Chapel," (a 24 hour adoration center) was established. Known for his mild, cheerful manner, Father Auer related well to children and adults of all ages. A good steward, Father Auer, faithfully led his parish with both great compassion and resolve.

Although "retired" and residing at the Bishop Lyne Residence, Father Auer remains a very active member of St. Linus's clerical team.

Governor Proposes $10.9 Billion Multiyear Highway Improvement Program

Acting Illinois Dept. of Transportation Secretary Milt Sees recently unveiled Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich's $10.9 billion multiyear Highway Improvement Program (MYP) for the fiscal years 2008 through 2013. The multiyear plan focuses on maintenance of the current road system. The MYP compliments $3 billion in capital road projects included in Gov. Blagojevich's Tax Fairness Plan proposed in Senate Bill 1. The MYP and the bonded capital program would result in nearly $13.9 billion of highway investments over the next six years.

In the proposed MYP announced on April 19th, $7.67 billion will be used on the state's highway system, while $3.21 billion will be used on local roads. On the state system, $5.6 billion – or almost three-fourths – will be used for roadway maintenance, safety and bridge repair. Funding for urban area congestion relief totals $1.4 billion, while $640 million is targeted to expand the system with new roads to increase access and promote economic development.

The FY 2008-13 MYP is based upon conservative estimates of federal, state and local funding, including $7.037 billion in federal funds, $3.127 billion in state funds and $711 million in local funds. The federal portion of the MYP is based upon anticipated levels established in the federal transportation legislation known as SAFETEA-LU.

The following major projects in the area are tentatively scheduled during FY 2008-2013.

Northeastern Illinois

Interstate 55 at Arsenal Road in Will County – interchange reconstruction, bridge replacement, land acquisition, lighting and engineering are programmed at a cost of $59.5 million. This work is being done in conjunction with the development of the Joliet Arsenal facility which, when completed, will be the largest intermodal facility in the nation.

Interstate 55 at Illinois 59 (Cottage Street) in Will County – Bridge replacement, interchange reconstruction, auxiliary lanes, lighting, retaining wall and construction engineering at a cost of $22.3 million. Of this total, $2.7 million is programmed in FY 2008 for reconstruction of frontage roads and construction engineering.

Interstate 55 from Interstate 80 to Weber Road in Will County – Additional lanes and widening and resurfacing for 14.5 miles, commuter parking, bridge repair, police hire-backs and noise barriers at a cost of $104.1 million. Of this total, $81.9 million is programmed in FY 2008 for additional lanes, widening and resurfacing, bridge repair and commuter parking.

Interstate 94/90 (Dan Ryan Expressway) from 31st St. to south of the Interstate 57 Interchange in Cook County – Reconstruction of 8.5 miles of the existing local and express lanes, bridge repairs and replacement, additional ramps, landscaping and construction engineering are currently underway. Knee wall construction, fencing, landscaping, bridge replacement, construction engineering and police hire-backs at a cost of $47.7 million. Of this total, $7.5 million is programmed in FY 2008 for bridge replacement at Root Street, police hire-backs and construction engineering.

Interstate 94 (Bishop Ford Expressway) from west of Martin Luther King Drive to US 6 in Cook County – Resurfacing on 9.6 miles and engineering for contract plans at a cost of $20.4 million. Of this total, $625,000 is programmed in FY 2008 for engineering for contract plans.

US 6 (159th St.) from Interstate 294 to Illinois 1 (Halsted St.) – Reconstruction on 2.3 miles, bridge replacement, new structure, railroad relocation, railroad flagger, intersection improvement, construction engineering, utility adjustment and lighting at an estimated cost of $56.4 million.

The entire FY 2008-2013 MYP is available online at the Illinois Dept. of Transportation web site, www.dot.il.gov.

Senior Unity Mass

Seniors of all ages, walks of life, regardless of religion, race, sex or economic backgrounds will be welcomed at the 35th Annual Senior Unity Mass at Holy Name Cathedral, 735 N. State St. in Chicago, on Thursday, May 3rd at 10 a.m.

The Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Gustavo Garcia-Siller. Fr. Michael M. Boland, Administrator, and other priests and deacons from Catholic Charities will concelebrate the Mass with the Bishop.

Rita Seeks Answers On I-57/I-294 Interchange

State Rep. Bob Rita, D-Blue Island, (center) held a hearing in Blue Island recently to gather information on the status of the ongoing effort to connect I-57 and I-294 with an interchange and to show the state agencies involved the wide-ranging support for continuing the stalled project.

"With dozens of local mayors in attendance and a total of 72 mayors backing this plan, we spoke with a unified voice that this interchange needs to move forward," Rita said. "I can't remember a local construction project that has enjoyed this much support."

In addition to local mayors' presence, regional transportation planning officials and representatives from the offices of U.S. Reps. Jesse Jackson Jr. (D-Illinois) and Bobby Rush (D-Illinois) offices were on hand to hear a project update from the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority and the Illinois Department of Transportation.

Rita is chairman of the House Committee on Tollway Oversight.

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EDITORIAL/OPINION PAGE

Financial Report Shows Cook County Meeting Budget Targets Overall

Recently, Cook County Board President Todd Stroger released a four-month financial summary that shows all overall expenditures are running at 32.40% - just under the expected rate for the first third of the fiscal year.

The four-month report is part of a larger system of budget accountability that Stroger has put in place, including new monthly reports on targeted and actual spending that are now issued no later than 30 days after the end of the month. The monthly report was issued 18 days after the close of the month. The new reporting initiatives are part of the administration's commitment to provide the Cook County Board and the public with access to timely information about department budget expenditures. More broadly, the measures are designed to help County agencies meet current spending requirements and begin rebuilding the County's fund balance reserves, an approach that is expected to preserve and over the long term enhance the County's strong bond rating.

"For Cook County to fulfill its mission, every department must shoulder the burden of financial discipline – and transparency and accountability play a core role in that process," said Stroger.

The new reporting parameters are designed to foster budget discipline among agencies and the Board, emphasize the importance of the budget as both a management tool and a legal document, and encourage spending control.

Overall, departments in the corporate fund are at 26.58% of spending for the year and departments in the public safety fund are at 28.73% of expenditures for the year – both well under the target expenditure rate of 33.33%.

Expenditures in the health fund are at 38.62% for the year, a figure health officials believe can be reduced considerably by bringing expenditures on pharmaceuticals down via co-pays for prescriptions, and by recapturing funds from insurance companies and other third party payers to which the County is entitled.

"We have also centralized purchasing at the bureau level to take advantage of bulk purchasing," says Tom Glaser, Chief Financial Officer of the Bureau of Health Services. "This has the added benefit of making it easier to monitor inventory on hand throughout the Bureau. We're also moving patient registration under finance, which will significantly reduce the amount of time it takes to generate and distribute an accurate bill for services provided."

"This four-month report, coupled with our new monthly reporting structure, is designed to help departments get their arms around their expenditures more effectively and meet their bottom line," says County Comptroller Joe Fratto. "The point is not to be punitive, but to provide timely information that encourages a climate of fiscal discipline that will help us meet our core mission within our spending imperatives."

House Passage Of Ethics Reform Bill Signals "Beginning Of The End"

"This is the beginning of the end for pay-to-play politics in Illinois," Comptroller Dan Hynes said recently, after the Illinois House of Representatives approved an ethics reform bill that will reduce the corrupting influence of campaign contributions on the awarding of state contracts.

House Bill 1, drafted by Hynes and sponsored by Rep. John Fritchey (D-Chicago), prohibits business owners with more than $25,000 in state contracts from making campaign contributions to officeholders awarding those contracts, requires contractors to disclose previous contributions and prevents individuals with conflicts of interest from receiving fees from state bond sales.

"The House sent a very clear message today that Illinois government is not for sale and business-as-usual will not be tolerated," Hynes said. "These reforms will act as a strong deterrent to back-room deals and quid pro quo governance. It is my hope that they will also help restore public faith in government."

Fritchey said passage of the bill would allow the Legislature to focus on other important issues. "For too long, headlines have been dominated by corruption and pay-to-play politics, rather than key issues such as education funding reform, property taxes, and affordable health care. This legislation will not only put an end to this practice which has no place in state government, but will allow us to focus upon issues that are important to the people of Illinois."

Cindy Canary, Director of the Illinois Campaign for Political Reform, called on the Illinois Senate to follow suit and pass House Bill 1. "The House, by this solid vote, has recognized the concerns of Illinois voters and has stood up and done the right thing. It is now squarely in the hands of the Senate to respond in kind."

Jay Stewart, Executive Director of the Better Government Assn., applauded House passage of the reform bill. "This will help establish a separation between campaign contributions and lucrative state contracts. Given the contracting scandals that have beset the State of Illinois in recent years, the reform is long overdue."

All Points Southwest

By THOMAS E. GAVIN

Last week Governor Rod Blagojevich marked the fourth anniversary of signing into law of the Equal Pay Act in Illinois. The Governor sighted the state's progress in eliminating gender-based wage discrimination in the workplace and ensuring female workers receive equal pay for equal work. Since the Illinois Equal Pay Act went into effect in January 2004, the Illinois Department of Labor (IDOL) has responded to about 3,500 calls on the Equal Pay Hotline, handling 249 cases, negotiated 10 private settlements between employees and employers, and recovered almost $30,000 in back wages.

The Governor and IDOL launched an aggressive Equal Pay Act awareness campaign in 2004. They established a toll-free hotline: 1-866-EPA-IDOL, sent thousands of posters to the largest employers in the state as a required posting, used bus and train posters in the Chicagoland area, and aired and published public service announcements throughout the state of Illinois.

Illinois' Equal Pay Act prohibits employers with four or more employees from paying unequal wages to men and women doing the same or substantially similar working conditions. There are exceptions such as if the wage difference is based upon a seniority system, merit system, a system measuring earnings by quantity or quality of production or factors other than gender. The law protects both men and women from pay disparity and any individual who files an Equal Pay complaint is protected under the Act from harassment or retaliation. For more information on Illinois Equal Pay Act or to file a complaint, call the Illinois Department of Labor's Equal Pay hotline at 866-EPA-IDOL. Complaint forms can also be downloaded from the Depar tment's website: www.state.il .us/agency/idol.

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Last week over 800 teachers rallied in Springfield in support of legislative efforts to provide new state funding for the state's colleges and universities. At the rally, Judy Erwin, Chairman of the board of Higher Education, highlighted the Governor's "Investing in Families" plan that will provide $300 million in new support over the next four years for colleges and universities.

Representatives from the Illinois Education Assn., the Illinois Federation of Teachers, SEIU and AFSCME joined together to request lawmakers provide the much-needed support for Illinois higher education system. These investments would be made possible through the Governor's Tax Fairness Plan that intends to usher in a sweeping transformation of the state's tax system that would shift the tax burden away from individuals, who have been carrying an increasing share of the burden over the past thirty years, to large businesses, which have paid little or no income tax!

We will keep our readers apprised of this critical legislation's journey through Springfield's hallowed chambers.

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Good news! Cook County Board President Todd Stroger and Cook County Sheriff Tom Dart held a joint news conference recently to announce the rehiring of 40 janitors who were laid off as a result of $500 million in budget cuts for fiscal year 2007. The rehired employees worked for the Sheriff's Office and will be reassigned to clean the Cook County Building at 118 N. Clark St. and the Juvenile Court Complex.

By state statute, the Sheriff is the custodian of all County courthouses, hence Dart's inclusion. The funds to rehire the workers were made available by not renewing a contract with an outside vendor, saving 1.25 million dollars. The returning employees will be rehired based on seniority, under the terms of the labor contract between their union, SEIU Local 73, and Cook County.

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On Saturday, May 12th, the Animal Welfare League, located at 10305 Southwest Highway in Chicago Ridge, will host its annual Spring Open House. The hours will be from 1 until 5 p.m. Animal lovers of all ages are invited to enjoy behind the scenes shelter tours, refreshments, raffles, a bake sale, entertainment and professional pet photography. Additionally a pet blessing will be given at 2 p.m. For those pet owners who have not insured their pets recognition, an Avid Micro-Chipping Special, regularly $37, will be offered for just $15.

The Animal Welfare League is a non-for-profit humane organization which operates two shelters in the Chicagoland area, caring for over 30,000 homeless and abandoned animals each year. They receive no local, state or federal funding and rely on private donations. For more information, call (708) 636-8586, ext. 227.

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The 2007 Greater Chicago Epilepsy Walk will take place on Saturday, May 12th in Danada Forest Preserve in Wheaton and on Saturday, May 19th in Lincoln Park (Chicago). This is the Epilepsy Foundation of Greater Chicago's seventh annual 5k (3.1 mile) walk and fun run.

Both walks begin at 9:30 a.m. Participant check-in begins at 8 a.m. The registration fee is $25 for adults and teens ages 13 and older, and $15 for children ages 7-12. There is no registration fee for children 6 and under. All participants receive a free 2007 Greater Chicago Epilepsy Walk T-shirt. Participants can pre-register on the web at www.epilepsy-chicago.org, or in person on the day of each walk. Chicago-area Jewel-Osco locations also carry the registration forms.

All proceeds benefit the Epilepsy Foundation of Greater Chicago, which provides a full range of counseling, vocational assistance, education, and advocacy services for people with epilepsy and their families.

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Thompson & Kuenster Funeral Home in Oak Lawn will be hosting another "Senior Fitness Seminar" on Tuesday, May 15th, at 7 p.m. This month's topic, Financial Fitness, Careful Planning to Protect Your Assets, will include discussions of wills, living trusts, estate plans and prepaid burial plans. If you are interested or plan to attend call (708) 425-0502 for more information or to RSVP.

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On Friday, May 18th, the Second Annual Golf Outing of the Evergreen Park Community High School Foundation for Education Excellence will be held at Deer Creek Golf Club in University Park. The event will feature a scramble format with a 9 a.m. shotgun start. A $75 ticket includes 18 holes of golf, cart, prizes, and a buffet lunch (cash bar). All proceeds from this outing will provide scholarships and classroom enrichment experiences for students at Evergreen Park Community High School.

Sponsorships and raffle prizes will likewise be appreciated. For more information contact the EPCHS Foundation, Attn.: Jim Gustafson, 9901 S. Kedzie Ave., Evergreen Park, IL 60805 or call (708) 424-7400, ext. 232.

Tour Chicago Neighborhoods In June

Chicagoans and visitors can delve into warm weather with *Chicago Neighborhood Tours*, a division of the Chicago Office of Tourism. The half-day motor coach excursions invite visitors to explore the rich historic, artistic and cultural heritage of the city's neighborhood and communities.

Just in time for the outdoor season, *Chicago Neighborhood Tours* is offering an array of tours from which to choose. *Neighborhood Tours* include **Pilsen & Little Village, Devon Avenue** and **Hyde Park & Kenwood**. *Special Interest Tours* feature **The Great Chicago Fire** and **Great Cemeteries of Chicago** featuring Graceland Cemetery. Celebrate the warm weather on one of four Thursday morning *Summertime Sampler Tours* featuring **Greek Town, Chinatown & Little Italy, Uptown, Andersonville & Lincoln Square, or Little Italy, Pilsen & Little Village tours**.

On June 2nd, guests will be amazed while following the path of the 1871 infamous Great Chicago Fire, with historian Herman Schell. Visit the Chicago Fire Academy, the landmark Chicago Water Tower, and stop at the Chicago History Museum. Lunch is included at Orso's Italian Restaurant in the Old Town neighborhood.

Join cemetery historian Albert Walavich on June 9th for the **Great Cemeteries of Chicago** *Special Interest Tour* of **Graceland Cemetery**. Learn where some of Chicago's most famous social, political and business leaders have gone to their final resting place. View the magnificent tombs of Potter Palmer, Marshall Field and many others. A box lunch is included.

Also on June 9th, celebrate both Mexican and Mexican American heritage with the **Pilsen & Little Village Neighborhood Tour**. Take a short, guided walk in the East Pilsen arts district, and visit a few of the local art galleries. Continue to the vibrant Little Village neighborhood, with time to explore the shops along 26th Street. The final stop is at the nation's largest Latino arts institution, the National Museum of Mexican Art. Refreshments are included at a local Mexican restaurant.

Journey to the Far East without leaving Chicago on the **Devon Avenue Tour** taking place on June 16th. Begin with a traditional Indian welcome at the Indo-American Center. Continue learning about the Indian culture and its influences within this vibrant community on a guided walking tour along Devon Avenue. Also known as the 'International Marketplace,' Devon Avenue features many ethnic grocery stores, delis, jewelry and sari stores. Complete the afternoon with a traditional Indian dance demonstration, and enjoy samplings of traditional Indian food.

On June 30th, guests on the **Hyde Park & Kenwood Neighborhood Tour** learn about the architectural styles of these two neighboring lakefront communities. Drive through the lovely Kenwood neighborhood to view many of the historic mansions and homes. Tour the Oriental Institute Museum, a premier repository of Persian and Egyptian artifacts, and enjoy a short walking tour of the University of Chicago's main Quadrangle. Tour St. Thomas the Apostle Church designed by architect Barry Byrne in 1924. Refreshments are included.

The three-hour **Summertime Sampler Tours,** taking place every Thursday from Memorial Day through Labor Day, are an excellent way to visit three Chicago neighborhoods on one tour. June dates include:

June 7th & June 28th: **Greek Town, Chinatown & Little Italy** – Traverse Chicago's Near West Side neighborhoods, Greek Town and Little Italy, to see where early immigrants resided after arriving in America. Continue to nearby Chinatown for a short walking tour, with time allotted to browse shops on your own.

June 14th: Little Italy, Pilsen & Little Village – Learn about Little Italy, the charming home to generations of Italians. Hear about Pilsen's Bohemian roots and modern-day Mexican and Mexican American community shared with nearby Little Village. Browse Little Village's 26th Street shopping district on your own.

June 21st: Uptown, Andersonville & Lincoln Square – Uncover the multicultural legacies and intriguing histories of these Far North Side neighborhoods. Explore Clark Street in Andersonville, and browse the shops along Lincoln Avenue in Lincoln Square.

To make tour reservations, call (312) 742-1190 or book online at www.chicagoneighborhoodtours.com. Tours depart by motor coach from the Chicago Cultural Center, 77 E. Randolph St. at Michigan Ave., at 10 a.m. (check-in at 9:30). *Neighborhood Tours:* $25/$20 for seniors/ students, includes refreshments. *Special Interest Tours:* $50/$45 for seniors/students, includes lunch. *Summertime Sampler Tours:* $20 per person.

To receive a 2007 Chicago Neighborhood Tours calendar, call (312) 742-1190 or visit www.chicagoneighbor hoodtours.com. For group tour information, call (312) 742-1169. Gift certificates are also available.

"Walk For The Whisper"

The Illinois Chapter of the National Ovarian Cancer Coalition will hold its 10th Annual "Walk for the Whisper" on Saturday, May 5th. After nine years at Naperville's Riverwalk, this year's Walk will take place in the Chicago Park District's Grove 13 in Lincoln Park. Registration for the three-mile walk, held rain or shine, will begin at 9 a.m. followed by opening ceremonies, with the walk beginning at 10 a.m.

Advance registration is $30 for adults and $15 for children 12 and younger. Children in strollers are free. Participants are encouraged to provide additional support through pledges. Participants will receive T-shirts, refreshments and goodie bags.

It is estimated that one in 55 women will develop ovarian cancer in her lifetime. Every woman is at risk.

This year, it is estimated that 22,430 new cases of ovarian cancer will be diagnosed and 15,280 will die from this disease — making ovarian cancer the number one cause of death from all gynecological cancers and the fourth cause of cancer death in women.

The "Walk for the Whisper" takes its name from the nature of ovarian cancer's symptoms ... symptoms so vague, they whisper. "Ovarian cancer symptoms are vague. As a result, early diagnosis is key and can increase a woman's chance for survival," explains Luann Anderson, NOCC-IL Division Coordinator. "Because our event has grown steadily over the years, we outgrew our original site in Naperville. This year we expect more than 3,500 walkers. With such dedicated supporters, and the backing of our sponsors, we hope to raise over $200,000 for ovarian cancer awareness" stated Luann.

NOCC-IL is a state chapter of the National Ovarian Cancer Coalition, a not-for-profit corporation headquartered in Boca Raton, Florida. For more information about the "Walk for the Whisper" call (630) 769-1664 or e-mail il.nocc@ovarian.org. Registration is available at active.com/active (type in walk for the whisper in the search box). For more information on ovarian cancer, visit www.ovarian.org.

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ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

Chicago's "Birth Story"

Friends of the Chicago Portage will host a free premier showing of their new video documentary about the Chicago Portage National Historic Site on Saturday, May 5th at 1 p.m. at the Willow Springs Senior Center (the old Village Hall), 8156 Archer Ave. in Willow Springs.

The 30-minute video documentary titled "Connecting Worlds, The Story of the Chicago Portage" was produced by Friends member and experienced local video producer Mark MacLean. MacLean says: "I got involved with this site because it's right in our backyard and very few people know its amazing story. The Chicago Portage National Historic Site is the only place where you can stand on the same ground walked upon by all the explorers, early settlers and creators of Chicago."

The documentary features interviews with local historians, tour guides, site stewards and representatives from the Forest Preserve District (the site's owner) who illuminate the site's history, significance and present a vision for the future. Friends of the Chicago Portage plans to use the documentary to educate school groups and the general public. The DVD will not be for sale but is available to new and renewing members of the organization.

Free refreshments and a brief discussion about upcoming projects in Portage Woods will follow the showing. Author and Portage Historian Phil Vierling will be on hand to distribute free past issues of his "Portage Ledger," which present his methodical explorations and examination of the Portage's history.

Friends of the Chicago Portage promotes the historic interpretation, ecological restoration and appropriate development of the Chicago Portage National Historic Site through volunteer advocacy, public events and other projects that raise public awareness of its history and significance.

Beverly South Christian Women's Club Luncheon

Beverly South Christian Women's Club will host a "Fashions to Dream of" luncheon on Thursday, May 17th at noon. It will be held at the Lexington House banquet facility, 7717 W. 95th St. in Hickory Hills.

The special feature will be a presentation of spring fashions from the Dress Barn of Orland Park. Mae Robinson will share Words of Wisdom as she tells her "Dreams, Disappointment & Contentment" in life. Diane Beckman will share her musical talent with us.

The cost of the luncheon is $11, payable at the door. Reservations are required by May 14th. Call Helen at (708) 598-8191 or Judy at (773) 233-7949. Free babysitting is provided on site for toddler to kindergarten-age children. Advise how many children you will have, if any, when you make your reservation. Cancellations must be made by May 15th.

Curious Savage

The Palos Village Players will present John Patrick's classic comedy Curious Savage at 7:30 p.m. on May 4, 5, 11 and 12 and at 2 p.m. on May 6 in the Palos Park Recreation Center, 8901 W. 123rd St., Palos Park. The action takes place at "The Cloisters," a refuge for society's social misfits. Mrs. Savage, the title character, has been committed there by her avaricious stepchildren. Newly widowed and endowed with millions, she wants to use her money to help others, but the next generation has other ideas. As we meet her fellow inmates we realize that she is happy with her new surroundings and then the conflicts begin. Longtime Palos Park resident Lori Nussle is cast in the lead role. Others in the cast include "Rubiks" (Kevin Haines of Burbank), Justin Haak (Chicago Ridge), Ellen Micotto (Hinsdale), Ken Evans (Oak Forest), Lori Rubino (Orland Park), Joyce Eddy and Chris Sarlas (Palos Heights), Meghan Sterling (Palos Park), and Bruce Fredrick and Sandra Wagner (Tinley Park).Carol Kearney directs the show and her assistant director is Peg Crawford. They are both Palos Heights residents.

Tickets for the show are $12 ($10 for senior citizens and students) and can be reserved by calling (708) 479-3262. There is also a $22 brunch/theater package for the May 6 performance at Hackney's Restaurant, 123rd and LaGrange Road. For brunch reservations, call Hackney's at (708) 448-8300.

Pictured clockwise from top: Rubiks, Meghan Sterling, Sandra Wagner and Justin Haak.

Class Reunions

Bowen High School classes of 1942 will celebrate a 65th reunion on Sept. 26th at Glenwood Oaks Restaurant. Classmates from 1940, 1941, 1943 and 1944 are also invited. For more information, call John Scopelite at (773) 734-2467, Jack Meyer at (630) 834-8093 or Ruth Gustafson at (708) 333-5923.

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Loretto High School class of 1956 is looking for classmates for a 50th reunion. Call (773) 586-8404.

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Parker High School – Classes of 1932 to 1956. Call (708) 424-4009.

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Farragut High School, classes of 1952-1954, looking for classmates. Call Carolee (Fotka) Michalek at (815) 407-1934.

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Harrison High School, classes of 1965-1969, looking for classmates. Call (773) 507-4669 or (773) 600-8669.

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Hyde Park High School class of 1996 is looking for classmates. Call (773) 718-1507 or (773) 493-1051.

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Lourdes High School class of 1978 is looking for classmates. Call (708) 258-9096.

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Morton East High School class of 1987 is planning a 20th reunion. Contact Kathy Tokarczyk at imqueen mom@sbcglobal.net or Barb Biman at joyride7207@aol.com.

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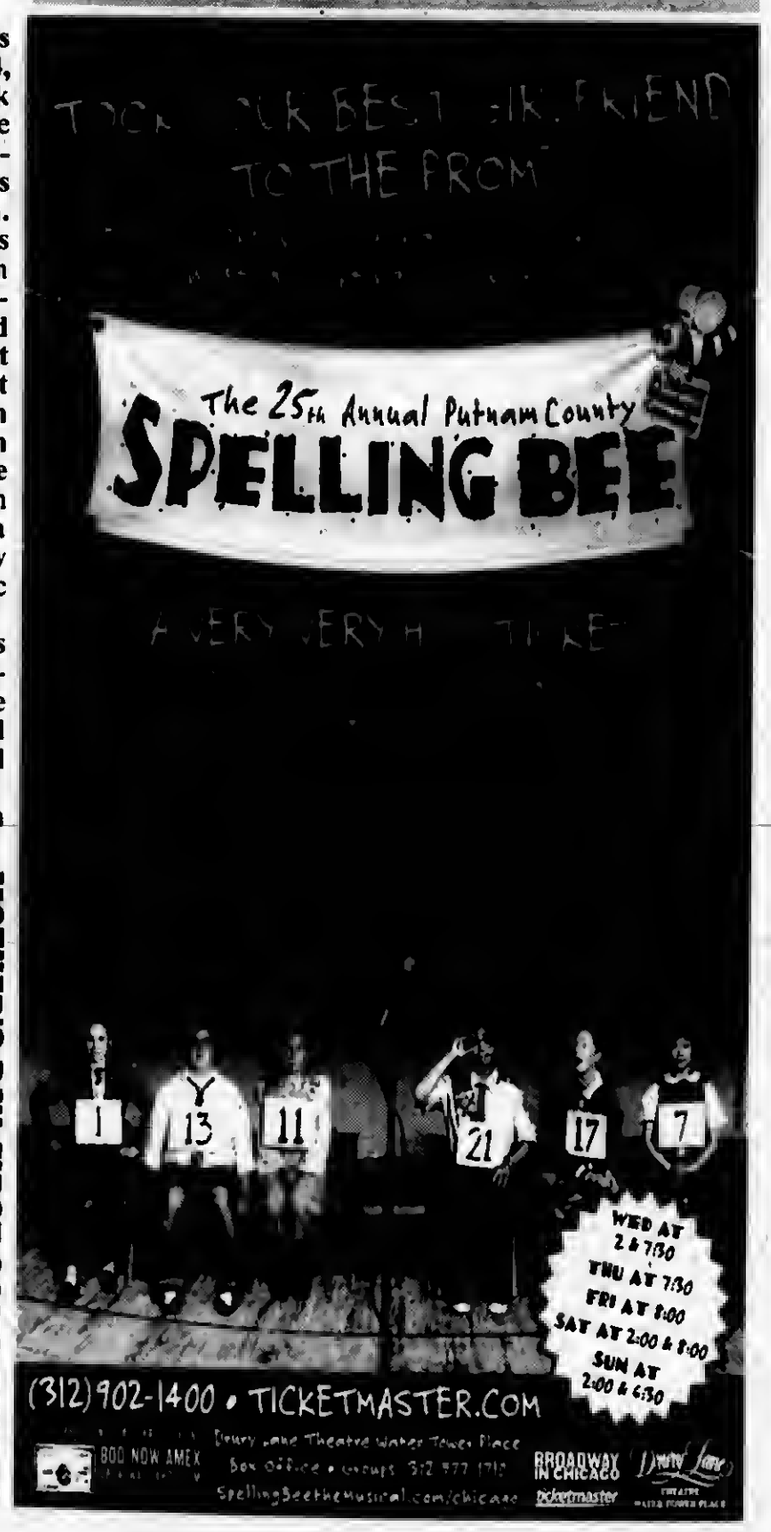

ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

Gaelic Park Irish Fest 2007

Gaelic Park, 6110 W. 147th St. in Oak Forest brings in more of the best Irish musicians from around the city, country and abroad to perform at its 21st Annual Irish Fest on Memorial Day Weekend. At Irish Fest this year are singer/songwriter Damien Dempsey and Celtic-folk band, Solas.

Damien Dempsey's first release in 1998 "Dublin Town," reached number 18 on the Irish music charts. His next EP release entitled "Negative Vibes" featured Sinead O'Connor and led to an invitation to support her on tour. Dempsey has also toured with the legendary Bob Dylan and Morrissey. Damien's second album "Seize the Day" went double platinum and his third album "Shots" entered the UK and Irish music charts at number 1. Damien's bold songwriting and liquid voice has earned him the Best Irish Male category two years in a row at the Meteor Awards. Damien Dempsey will certainly be a great addition to this year's Irish Fest.

Solas appearing at Gaelic Park's Irish Fest Memorial Day Weekend.

Solas, with Irish and Irish American band members, has been hailed as one of the best Irish bands to come out of America as well as one of the most popular, influential and exciting Celtic bands. The Los Angeles Times has said that Solas has a "compellingly original, strikingly contemporary view of traditional Celtic sounds." Solas' music is said to transcend into a realm of pure musical expression with a blend of folk, country, bluesy jazz and global sounds. Seamus Egan, founder of Solas, co-wrote Sarah McLaughlin's Grammy award winning hit "I will Remember You" and has also written music for movie soundtracks such as "Dead Man Walking" and the "Brothers McMullen." The fascinating sound of Solas will bring much to Irish Fest and will surely gain a few more fans.

Damien Dempsey appearing at Gaelic Park's Irish Fest Memorial Day Weekend.

Back again to Irish Fest are the renowned rebel rockers of Black 47, Gaelic Storm, and The Glengarry Bhoys. American English, hailed as the best Beatles tribute band and Elevation, the most authentic U2 cover band are also scheduled to play Irish Fest on Friday, May 25th.

Along with great music, Gaelic Park's Irish Fest will also include an Irish Dog Exhibition, Gaelic sports, a high school Tug of War Competition, a huge carnival midway, all kinds of food vendors, an Irish Tea Room, 20 Irish import stores and free parking.

The 21st Annual Irish Festival begins Friday, May 25th from 3 until 11 p.m. with half-price admission from 3 to 4 p.m., and continues Saturday, May 26 and Sunday, May 27th noon until 11 p.m. with a special Mass at 10:30 a.m., and Monday, May 28th noon until 8 p.m. Regular admission is $15 including unlimited carnival rides. Admission is $12 for adults 65 and over and kids 12 and under. For children three and under admission is free. Call Gaelic Park at (708) 687-9323 for more details or visit www.chicagogaeliepark.org.

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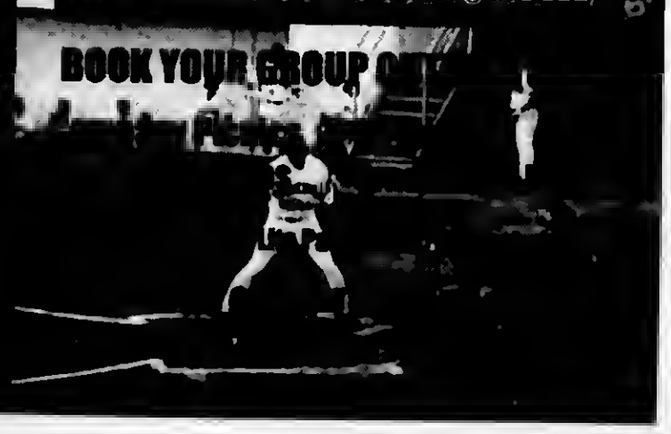

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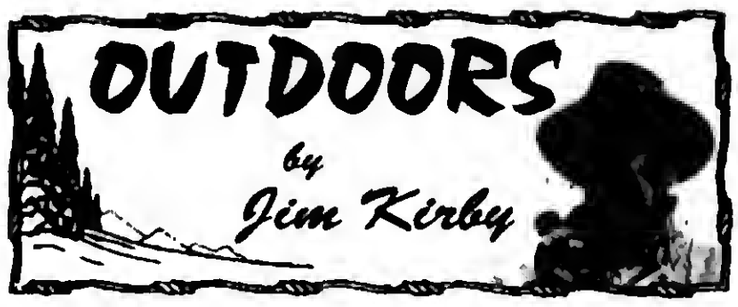

WISCONSIN FISHING OPENER: Spring's roller-coaster weather has been sending Wisconsin fish mixed signals, but it's clear that the Saturday, May 5th opening day of the regular inland fishing season should be another great time on the water, the state's top fisheries official says.

"There's a tradition to opening day that you just can't beat, even though you can find great fishing at any time of the year in Wisconsin," says **Mike Staggs,** Wisconsin's fisheries director. "Opening day is as much about being with friends and families and their traditions as it is about catching fish. This year's a good year to take someone fishing who's never been, or who hasn't been fishing for a long time."

More than 1.4 million people 16 and older are expected to buy fishing licenses in Wisconsin this year. Anglers venturing out on opening day will find lots of fish, based on fish population reports that biologists filed for individual waters in the 2007 Wisconsin fishing report.

Whether those fish bite depends a lot on weather conditions and water temperatures, but now that many game species have finished spawning, anglers are likely to find hungry fish ready to strike. Fish don't feed much when spawning – they're paying attention to the need to reproduce – and after that's done they're ready to strap on the feedbag. *(Wisconsin DNR News)*

As you read this, I'll be on my way to Cable, Wisconsin for my "traditional" trout fishing trip on the Namekagon and White rivers in Bayfield, Wisconsin. With any luck, we will catch enough 'brookies' for a fine meal, and then concentrate on the walleyes.

■ILLINOIS ANNUAL HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSES FOR DISABLED VETERANS: Illinois Department of Veteran's Affairs (IDVA) Director **Tammy Duckworth** announced that the annual free hunting and fishing licenses for disabled veterans issued by IDVA will now be a one-time permanent issue. The new policy will save disabled veterans throughout the state the inconvenience of a yearly trip to renew their license, which includes transportation costs and time.

"This new policy will make it easier for our veterans to be able to enjoy and experience the natural wonders of our country that they so bravely protected, without the hassle of having to go reissue it every year. I want to encourage our veterans to visit their local veteran office and apply for the free license. And remember, while visiting the veteran service office, veterans can learn about the other state programs and benefits that are available," IDVA Director Tammy Duckworth said.

■**TENS OF THOUSANDS SAFELY JOIN SPORTS MEN'S RANKS:** The Families Afield program led to an astounding jump in the number of new hunters in 2006. The spotless safety record of the freshmen underscores the fact that mentored youth are the safest in the field.

Families Afield is a campaign established by the U.S. Sportsmen's Alliance, National Shooting Sports Foundation, and National Wild Turkey Federation to urge states to eliminate unnecessary hunting age restrictions to ease hunter education mandates for first-time hunters.

On March 20th, the USSA and its partners announced that half of the twelve states that have approved Families Afield legislation and regulations have already measured from Florida, *Illinois,* Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi and Ohio reveals that apprentice hunting license programs brought nearly 34,000 new hunters to the field without a single hunting-related incident.

■**GREAT LAKES PLAN FUNDING QUESTIONED:** Ashland, Wis. (AP)-Federal officials, anglers and other conservation groups are hailing reauthorization of the Great Lakes Fish and Wildlife Restoration Act as proof of the high priority given to Great Lakes issues. But, while the act provides funding for a wide range of projects and promotes collaboration in restoration efforts, questions remain as to how much funding the federal government will actually put forth. *(Great Lakes Basin Report)*

■**NATURE PRESERVE, LAND AND WATER RESERVE ACTIONS:** The Illinois Nature Preserves Commission (INPC) has announced the dedication of six nature preserves, as well as the registration of a new land and water reserve, working with landowners to provide long-term protection for more than 670 acres of natural habitat to benefit rare plants and wildlife.

All activities and access at nature preserves and land and water are only allowed with permission of the landowner. Land parcels that are dedicated as nature preserves may be used for hiking, wildlife viewing, nature photography and approved scientific research. Areas registered as land and water reserves may be used for those activities as well as hunting, fishing and other activities that do not harm or change the natural features of the protected area. In some cases, tax incentives and other benefits are available to landowners participating in the program.

Applications For Habitat Restoration And Enhancement Projects

The Illinois Landowner Incentive Program (LIP) will be accepting applications for habitat restoration and enhancement projects in the Lower Sangamon River Watershed through June 1st. Applications will be accepted at 12 Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCDs) including Cass, Christian, DeWitt, Logan, Macon, Macoupin, Mason, Menard, McLean, Piatt, Sangamon and Tazewell.

The LIP program is a cooperative effort between the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Illinois Dept. of Natural Resources and local SWCDs to help landowners manage for wildlife on private lands. The program is focused on implementing the Illinois Fish and Wildlife Action Plan and must show benefits to threatened and endangered species or species listed as being in 'greatest need of conservation' in the plan. LIP is currently restoring over 300 acres with 13 projects in the Lower Sangamon River Watershed and has provided technical assistance to improve another 1,000 acres through other private land programs.

LIP provides a number of benefits for landowners including cost share for approved management practices to restore or improve habitat quality on private land, to increase awareness of Illinois' natural resources and the needs of rare species, and to improve hunting and recreational opportunities on their property.

LIP is a management-based program and pays for 75% of the costs associated with implementing a management plan. Landowners can pay the remaining 25% of costs in cash or by working on approved practices from the management plan.

Proposed projects are evaluated by several criteria, including whether or not the site is protected with a permanent easement, the number of listed species present on the site, and whether the proposed project is consistent with the Illinois Fish and Wildlife Action Plan.

Of particular interest are areas currently designated 'Illinois Natural Areas Inventory' sites, Illinois Nature Preserves, Illinois Land and Water Reserves, and land adjacent to sites where rare species or habitats exist. The Landowner Incentive Program does not offer annual payments and it is not a land acquisition program. While the program is not geared towards taking land out of production, cropland that does restore habitat near high quality sites will be considered for funding. Landowners of the Lower Sangamon River Watershed should contact their local Soil and Water Conservation District for more information and to submit an eligibility form for potential projects.

Outdoor Track & Field Championships

More than 2,500 athletes from across the country are expected to converge upon the Village of Lisle-Benedictine University Sports Complex from July 3rd to 8th to compete in the 2007 USA Youth Outdoor Track & Field Championships.

Last year's national outdoor competition was held in Greensboro, North Carolina and attracted more than 2,000 athletes. The event is a national competition with entry based upon qualifying standards. In addition to talented individuals, the USA Youth Outdoor Track & Field Championships also attracts some of the country's top youth track clubs.

Messenger Marsh Closed

Messenger Marsh, located on South Bell Road in Homer Township, will be closed for the remainder of 2007 and into 2008 for major site improvements to the preserve.

The new improvements will include a picnic shelter, vehicle parking lot, horse trailer parking lot, restrooms, a bridge over Spring Creek, and an expanded and resurfaced trail.

For information, call the District at (815) 727-8700

Regional Youth Basketball Tournament

North American Youth Sports announced they would hold their annual summer regional youth basketball tournament in the Chicago area at Currie High School and Garfield Park from June 29th to July 1st.

This tournament will feature ten different brackets: 5th-6th grade boys; 5th-6th grade girls; 7th grade boys; 7th grade girls; 8th grade boys; 8th grade girls; 9th-10th grade boys; 9th-10th grade girls; 11th-12th grade boys; and 11th-12th grade girls. All grades are based on the grade in which a student is currently enrolled.

The entry fee is $260 and guarantees each team a minimum of five games. There will be awards presented in each bracket.

The entry deadline is June 8th.

For additional information or an entry form, call the toll-free NAYS summer tournament hotline at 1(866) 352-5915 or tournament director Mike Oliver at (773) 301-7841.

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Bird Walk Series

A series of spring bird walks will be held at The Center, 12700 Southwest Highway in Palos Park, on three Saturday mornings beginning May 5th from 7 to 8:30 a.m.

Biologist John Staudinger will lead these leisurely mornings of bird watching at the height of the spring bird migration season. The Center woods serve as a great stopover site for migrating warblers and songbirds on their way north to their summer breeding grounds. In past springs, scarlet tanagers, orioles, grosbeaks, and a multitude of warblers have been spotted near the lodge at The Center. Staudinger is a retired biology professor from Daley College and always provides a wealth of information and direction to bird lovers who join him on these walks. Sturdy hiking shoes for spring mud are recommended.

The program fee is $15 per person. Advance registration is requested. For further information, call (708) 361-3650.

Introduced Legislation To Increase Campus Security

U.S. Senator Dick Durbin (D-IL) introduced legislation to strengthen the safety and security of college and university campuses. The Campus Law Enforcement Emergency Response Act of 2007 will ensure that all colleges and universities develop emergency response procedures and campus notification systems, and test them on at least an annual basis.

"The terrible tragedy at Virginia Tech has demonstrated the need for colleges and universities to be prepared for the worst type of emergencies," said Durbin. "Schools must develop and test procedures for responding to large-scale threats and dangerous incidents on their campuses. The legislation will help ensure that American colleges and universities have the ability and resources to protect the millions of students, faculty, staff and visitors they serve each year."

"Senator Durbin's bill effectively addresses concerns we have been raising for many years about how colleges are prepared to respond to threats to campus safety," said Catherine Bath, Executive Director of Security on Campus, Inc., a leading non-profit organization working to promote safer campuses. "We hope to see this bill quickly adopted for the sake of our nation's precious children."

The legislation would require colleges and universities to do the following:

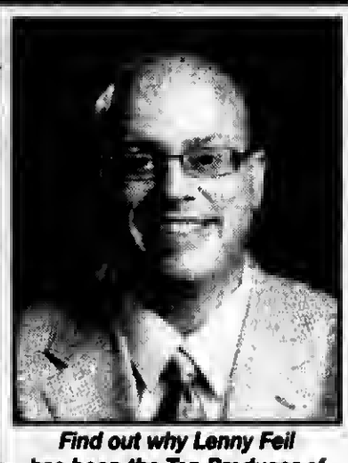
Develop and distribute policies for responding to law enforcement emergencies, including procedures for notifying students and employees about such emergencies. The term "law enforcement emergency" would include situations that occur on a college campus, that involve a law enforcement response and that pose a potential threat of continuing danger;

Report on statistics concerning the occurrence of such emergencies;

Test their law enforcement emergency response procedures at least annually; and

Provide notification to the campus community no later than 30 minutes after the discovery of a law enforcement emergency situation.

In addition, this legislation authorizes the Department of Education to administer a competitive grant program for colleges and universities to develop and improve their emergency response procedures. Five million dollars would be provided for the first year of operation. Senator Barack Obama (D-IL) is an original cosponsor of this legislation.



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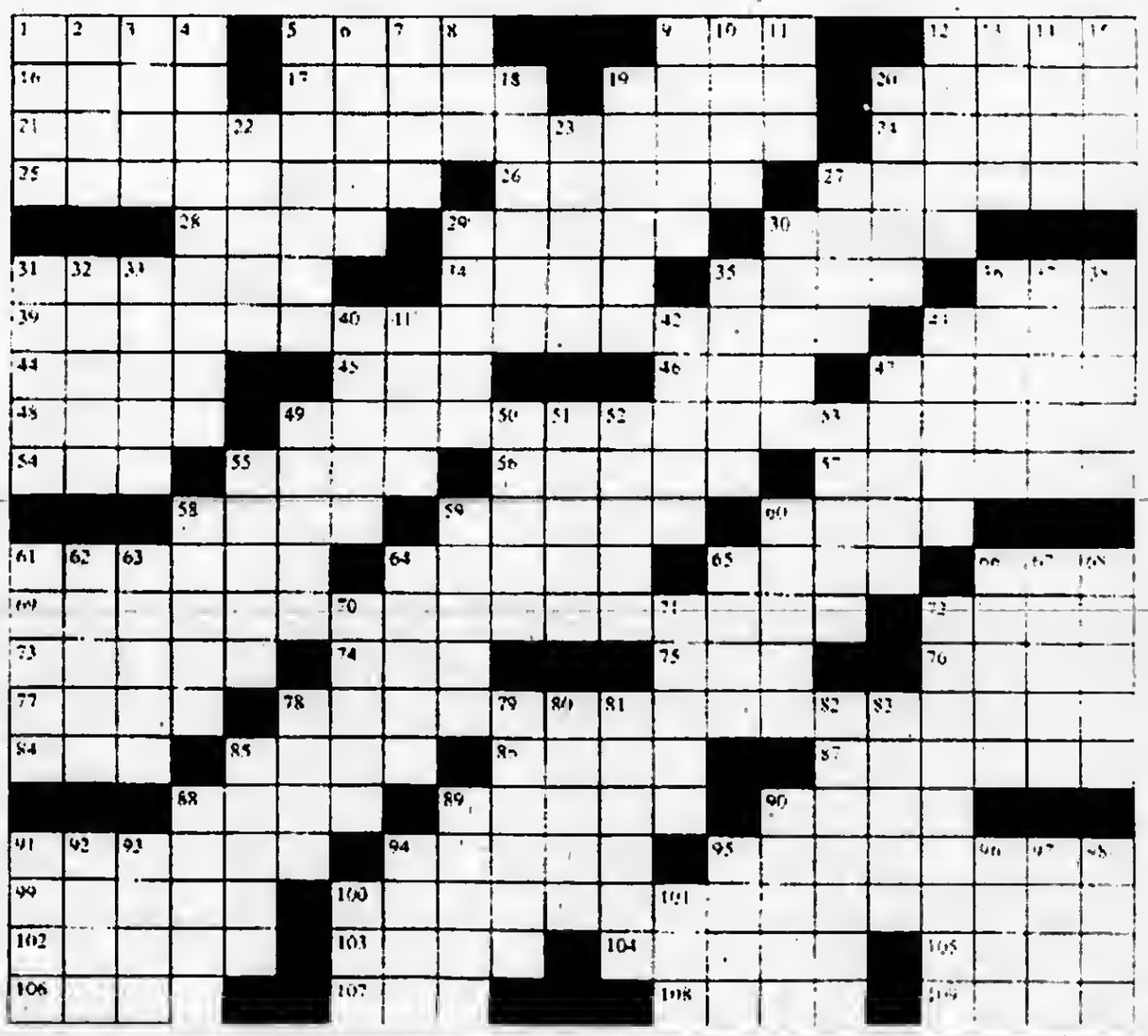

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Thoughts On Health & Nutrition

by
Lucinda K. Lysen, RD, RN, BSN

HAVE DIABETES. WILL TRAVEL

Heading out of town this summer? Off on an important business trip? Whenever and wherever you travel, if you are diabetic, your diabetes goes along with you! And while having diabetes shouldn't stop you from traveling "in style" in the warm weather ahead, you need to do some careful planning. To assist in your out-of-town adventures, I have listed some helpful tips from the National Diabetes Education Program, which should keep you enjoying your time away!

Plan ahead.

- Get all immunizations. Find out what is required for where you are traveling, and be certain to get the right injections.
- Control your ABCs: A1C, Blood pressure, and Cholesterol. See your health provider for a check-up to make certain you are within a healthy range.
- Ask your health provider for a prescription and a letter explaining your medications, supplies and any allergies. Carry this with you at all times in case of emergency.
- Wear an ID that explains you have diabetes. The identification should be written in the language of the countries you are visiting.
- Plan for time zone changes. Make certain you will always know when to take your diabetes medicine, no matter where you are. Remember; eastward travel means a shorter day. If you inject insulin, less may be needed. Westward travel means a longer day, so more insulin may be needed.
- Find out how long the flight will be and whether meals will be served. You should always carry enough food to cover the entire flight time in case of delays or unexpected schedule changes.

Pack Properly.

- Take twice the amount of diabetes medication and supplies that you would normally take—better to be safe than sorry.
- Keep your insulin cool. Use a refrigerated gel pack.
- Keep snacks, glucose gel, or tablets with you for low blood sugar.
- If you use insulin, be certain you also pack a glucagons emergency kit.
- Make certain you keep your medical insurance card and emergency phone numbers handy.
- Don't forget to pack first aid kit with all the essentials.

You may not be able to leave your diabetes behind, but you can control it and have an enjoyable time while traveling. To learn more, visit the National Diabetes Education Program at www.ndepl.nih.gov.

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Spring Walking Club

Fitness and health are the focus of a spring walking club at The Center, 12700 Southwest Highway in Palos Park.

Meeting on Monday and Friday of each week from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. throughout May, except Memorial Day, leaders Lois Lauer and Kathy Mical will lead participants on walks through the woods and fields.

The walking club dues are $20/month. For registration or further information, call (708) 361-3650.

Healthcare Officials Testify On Urgent Need For Illinois Covered Plan

The Senate Public Health and Human Services Committee on April 18th heard testimony from top healthcare officials from around the state on the urgent need for Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich's historic "Illinois Covered" plan to give every Illinoisan access to affordable and quality health coverage. The governor's plan will provide affordable coverage to the 1.4 million uninsured adults in Illinois and will also help many middle-income families and small businesses that are currently enrolled in health insurance plans save thousands of dollars a year on healthcare costs. It would also mean nearly $1.7 billion in new funding for hospitals and healthcare providers around the state. The governor's plan has been endorsed by the Illinois Hospital Assn. and numerous other medical provider organizations.

The cost of healthcare is rising dramatically nationwide, leaving more and more people uninsured, and forcing businesses to drop or significantly cut back coverage. As a result of faster-than-inflation rate increases, the number of uninsured nationally has increased by 6 million since 2000. The cost of providing health services to uninsured people puts significant pressure on families, the healthcare system and the state's economy:

- Lack of insurance is the sixth leading cause of death in the U.S.
- Medical-related bankruptcies have jumped 2,200% since 1981. The middle-class accounts for 90% of these cases. And in many of these cases, the families who suffered bankruptcies had health insurance. They just couldn't keep up with the rising costs.
- A FamiliesUSA study found that the health insurance premiums for families here in Illinois increased by $1059 due to costs incurred by the uninsured. As health insurance premiums increase and employers cut back on coverage, employers who continue offering benefits pay more.
- The HR Policy A[illegible]n. estimates the annual cost of reduced productivity due to uninsured workers in the nation's top 200 largest companies is between $87 billion and $126 billion.

Businesses are significantly impacted by skyrocketing healthcare costs. Over the past five years, health insurance premiums for businesses have increased nearly five times faster than inflation and four times faster than wage growth. While surveys show that employees consider health insurance to be the most important benefit and a leading reason to stay with an employer, the cost of health insurance premiums for employers increased nearly 87% between 2000 and 2006. In one startling example, General Motors now spends more money on a per-car basis on health insurance than it does on steel.

Viral Hepatitis Awareness

Despite the fact that HIV/AIDS gets the headlines, the most common blood-borne infection in Chicago and across the U.S. is hepatitis C. Hepatitis C is four times more common and more contagious than HIV, and if left undetected or untreated, the infection can pose serious and sometimes deadly health risks.

Hepatitis B and hepatitis C are most commonly transmitted through blood exposure and unprotected sex. Currently, there is a safe and effective vaccine for hepatitis B and numbers of acute infections are decreasing in the United States. No vaccine currently exists for hepatitis C, but treatments are available.

In light of these facts, the Chicago Dept. of Health joined together with hepatitis activists on May 2nd, Hepatitis Awareness Day, to increase awareness of hepatitis among residents and to urge State lawmakers to increase funding of hepatitis vaccination, screening and treatment programs for this disease that affects hundreds of thousands of Illinois residents. Funding would be used to increase the availability of vaccinations, screening and treatment of hepatitis at little or no cost to Illinois residents.

May 2nd began Hepatitis Awareness Month, which continues throughout May.

Most people who acquire acute infections of hepatitis B and hepatitis C do not develop symptoms, but some people experience jaundice or more commonly have flu-like symptoms such as fever, nausea, muscle aches, loss of appetite and fatigue. Long-term infections with hepatitis B and C can cause cirrhosis of the liver and can lead to life-threatening liver disease. It is very important for people at risk to find out if they have hepatitis B or C, see a doctor at lease once a year, and practice good health behaviors such as eating fruits and vegetables and drinking plenty of water.

"Anyone at risk of hepatitis C should be screened using a simple blood test and should consider vaccination to protect against hepatitis A and B," said Dr. Terry Mason, Commissioner of Chicago's Dept. of Public Health, who emphasized that the vaccinations are safe, effective and virtually pain-free.

Mason urged Chicagoans to go to their personal physician or one of the many clinics that provide free or low-cost services during Hepatitis Awareness Month and throughout the year.

For more information on hepatitis, including screening, vaccination and testing contact your health professional or local health clinic. For more assistance, call 1(800) 243-2437 to get more detailed information.

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May Is National Healthy Vision Month

In honor of "Healthy Vision Month," taking place in May, EyeCare America encourages people to call its Glaucoma EyeCare Program. Healthy Vision Month is an annual observance designed to raise awareness of the importance of eye care for those at risk of developing eye and vision problems. This year, NEI is encouraging individuals to get an eye exam and to spread the word about glaucoma. To keep vision in your future, know the facts and see an eye care professional for a dilated eye exam.

In a healthy eye, fluid is constantly being made and drained through a microscopic, drainage canal. When something blocks or prevents this natural drainage, the pressure inside the eye goes up. Glaucoma is often caused by increased pressure that can develop when the fluids in the eye are not draining properly. This condition eventually damages the nerve that connects the eye to the brain (the optic nerve) and leads to loss of vision.

In honor of Healthy Vision Month 2007, EyeCare America, the public service foundation of the American Academy of Ophthalmology, encourages those without insurance to take advantage of its national Glaucoma EyeCare Program. The program offers glaucoma eye exams for those at increased risk of glaucoma. To see if you, a loved one or a friend, is eligible to receive a referral for an eye exam and care, call 1-800-391-EYES (3937), 24 hours a day, every day, year round. All eligible callers receive a referral to one of EyeCare America's 7,200 volunteer ophthalmologists. *Those eligible for a referral through the glaucoma program receive a glaucoma eye exam and the initiation of treatment, if deemed necessary. Uninsured patients receive the above care at no charge.

"A dilated eye examination is essential to protecting the vision of those at higher risk for glaucoma," noted Anne L. Coleman, M.D., Ph.D., Frances and Ray Stark Professor of Ophthalmology at UCLA's Jules Stein Eye Institute and chair of the glaucoma subcommittee for NEI's National Eye Health Education Program. "If glaucoma is detected early, treatments such as medication, conventional surgery, or laser surgery can slow or stop vision loss. High pressure inside the eye, which may be associated with glaucoma, does not by itself mean that you have glaucoma. Only a dilated eye exam and evaluation of the optic nerve can tell you that."

While occasionally, the condition may come on suddenly; most cases progress so slowly there are often no warning signs before damage inside the eye has already occurred. In many cases, a person's side vision (peripheral vision) is affected.

While the causes for glaucoma are not completely known, we do know that risk factors for its development include family history, race and older age. Glaucoma may affect people of any age from newborns to the elderly but is more common in adults as they approach their senior years. African-Americans, Hispanics and people with diabetes are also at higher risk of getting the disease.

Glaucoma can be treated with any of the following: Eye drops that lower eye pressure; Laser therapy that allows for better drainage of fluids inside the eye; and Eye surgery to create a new drainage canal.

If not treated, glaucoma can and does lead to total blindness. Glaucoma is easily detected with a medical eye examination. Ophthalmologists (medical eye doctors) can measure the pressure inside the eye with a quick and painless, office test. Glaucoma doesn't have to interfere with leading a happy, sighted and fulfilling life. Detecting the disease early can save your sight!

The Glaucoma EyeCare Program promotes early detection and treatment of glaucoma. It raises awareness of glaucoma risk factors, provides free glaucoma educational materials and facilitates access to a glaucoma eye examination.

The Glaucoma EyeCare Program is designed for people who: Are US citizens or legal residents; have not had an eye exam in 12 months or more; and are deemed to be at increased risk for glaucoma (as determined by family history, race, age).

People may call the toll-free help line at 1-800-391-EYES (3937) anytime, for themselves and/or family members and friends, to see if they qualify for a glaucoma eye exam or to request free eye care information.

The National Eye Institute (NEI) is part of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and is the Federal government's lead agency for vision research that leads to sight-saving treatments and plays a key role in reducing visual impairment and blindness. For more information, visit the NEI Website at http://www.nei.nih.gov/ .

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) - The Nation's Medical Research Agency - includes 27 Institutes and Centers and is a component of the U. S. Department of Health and Human Services. It is the primary Federal agency responsible for conducting and supporting basic, clinical, and translational medical research, and it investigates the causes, treatments, and cures for both common and rare diseases. For more information about NIH and its programs, visit http://www.nih.gov/.

EyeCare America is a non-profit organization whose success is made possible through charitable contributions from individuals, foundations and corporations. More information can be found at: www.eyecareameri ca.org

VISION*WALK* Benefit

Chicagoland VISION*WALK* to benefit The Foundation Fighting Blindness (FFB) will be held at Soldier Field, Stadium Green (Gate 14), 1410 Museum Campus Dr. on Sunday, June 10th. Registration is at 9 a.m. with the walk at 10:30 a.m.

VISION*WALK* is FFB's national signature event. The 5K (3 mile) walk will raise money in support of cutting-edge research to find the preventions, treatments and cures for retinal degenerative disease.

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Letter To The Editor

Dear Oak Lawn Residents,

On Tuesday, April 17, you elected me to serve on the Oak Lawn Library Board. I want to thank all those who supported my candidacy with their time, effort and vote. My deep gratitude goes out also to those who supported our fundraiser for the Oak Lawn Library Foundation, during which we raised $2500 for local history programs.

Over the next six years, I pledge to represent all voters enthusiastically. Our library has long stood as a hallmark of our community. Together, we will work to maintain and heighten the levels of excellence that our library is known for.

I encourage residents to send the board comments and suggestions, and I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,
John J. Gonezy
Trustee-Oak Lawn Public Library

Call JULIE First

Spring has arrived, but before starting any outdoor projects which require digging, Nicor Gas urges their customers to call the new JULIE (Joint Utility Locating Information for Excavators) number, 811. Illinois law requires anyone digging, regardless of the depth of the project, to call JULIE.

811 is the new FCC designated national N-11 number created to eliminate confusion of multiple "call before you dig" numbers across the country. Callers can still also reach JULIE at the traditional toll-free number, 1(800) 892-0123; however, the new 811 free service number offers increased speed and convenience.

Whether planting a tree, installing a mailbox, building a fence or preparing a garden, Nicor Gas urges anyone doing the work to call JULIE before digging. Calling protects homeowners and contractors from the potential danger and legal responsibility of damaging underground gas pipes or other utilities.

JULIE serves as a message handling service for underground utilities, taking information about planned digging projects and distributing the information to the proper utility company. It is then the responsibility of each utility (natural gas, electric, water, sewer or communication) to mark the location of their underground pipes and wires at the excavation site. JULIE neither owns nor marks any underground utilities.

Homeowners and contractors are required by law to call JULIE in advance of any dig project. The call is free, and operators are available to receive and process calls 24 hours a day, seven days a week. If customers are unsure about whether to dig, Nicor Gas recommends they call in all cases – just to be sure.

Projects requiring a call to JULIE include, but are not limited to:

- Planting trees, shrubs or flowers.
- Installing a fence, swing set or mailbox post.
- Adding a pool, pond or fountain.
- Building a deck or room addition.

28th Annual Spelling Bee Winners

Worth Township Supervisor John "Jack" Murphy announced the winners of the 28th Annual Lenon Wisdom Memorial Spelling Bee held on Friday, April 20th. Participants were divided into two divisions. The Senior Division consisted of 7th and 8th graders and the Junior Division consisted of 5th and 6th Grades. The winners in the Senior Division were as follows: 1st Place, Jennifer Ferchau of Worth, age 14, Grade 8, Our Lady of the Ridge School; 2nd Place, Thomas Simmons of Evergreen Park, age 14, Grade 8, St Paul Lutheran School; and 3rd Place, Mariam Hamad of Oak Lawn, age 13, Grade 7, Simmons Middle School.

The winners in the Junior Division were as follows: 1st Place, Jenna Mahoney of Evergreen Park, age 12, Grade 6, Northwest Elementary School; 2nd Place, Jameson O'Reilly of Oak Lawn, age 10, Grade 5, Hannum School; and 3rd Place, Natalia Goryl of Worth, age 10, Grade 5, Worth Elementary School.

Winners were recipients of EE Savings Bonds which were donated by the Law Office of John Z Toscas. First place winners received a $100 Bond; second place winners received a $75 Bond and third place winners received a $50 Bond. This annual event is held under the direction of Worth Township Trustee John "Jack" Lind and the Youth Commission whose director is Sue Sortino. Following the competition refreshments were served.

Pictured: Senior Division (back row) John Z. Toscas, Worth Township Assessor; John "Jack" Murphy, Worth Township Supervisor; Thomas "Bud" Gavin, Worth Township Clerk; Steve Louiousis, Worth Township Highway Commissioner; (front row) Thomas Simmons, 2nd Place Winner; Jennifer Ferchau, 1st Place Winner; and Mariam Hamad, 3rd Place.

Pictured: Junior Division (back row) John Z. Toscas, Worth Township Assessor; Lorraine Wisdom; Thomas "Bud" Gavin, Worth Township Clerk; Steve Louiousis, Worth Township Highway Commissioner; (front row) Jameson O'Reilly, 2nd Place Winner; Jenna Mahoney, 1st Place Winner; and Nataiia Goryl, 3rd Place Winner.

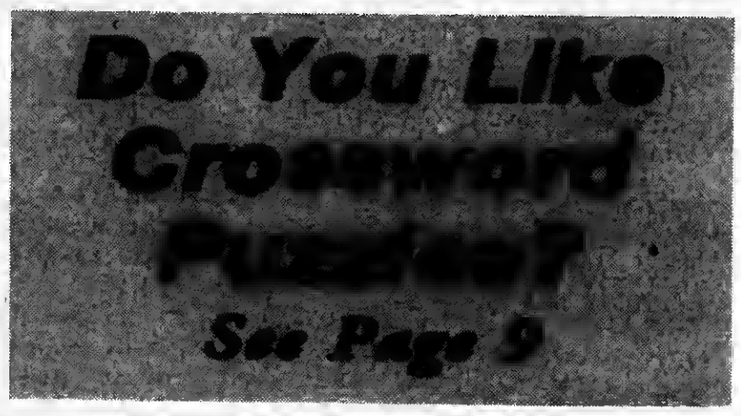
Millikin University Names Honors Scholar

In recognition of outstanding scholastic achievements, Matthew Weibel of Oak Lawn was recently accepted into the Honors Scholars Program at Millikin University. Millikin Honors Scholars receive a total of at least $40,000 ($10,000/year) in academic scholarship assistance.

To be eligible for the program, Weibel demonstrated high academic achievement on standardized tests and is ranked in the top 10 percent of his high school class. He attends H.L. Richards High School. Weibel's parents are William and Deborah Weibel.

Millikin's Honors Program introduces students to college-level scholarship, research, critical thinking, and writing during the freshman and sophomore years.

Hallmarks of the Millikin Honors Program include small and engaging seminars, innovative courses, interacting with campus leaders, independent scholarship, service contributions and an individualized plan of study. Honors Scholars receive special research training as freshmen and the opportunity to present their studies at Millikin's Honors Scholars Conference.



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Teachers And Staff Promote A Caring Atmosphere

Oak Lawn Community High School is well under way in establishing a Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) program. Imagine a school where all the teachers, administrators, staff and students know and greet each other by name; where teachers feel valued and are called upon to lead efforts; counselors, social workers, cafeteria workers, secretaries are involved in running the school and participate in community efforts. Parents and community members would always feel welcomed and encouraged to participate in school activities, students and staff trust one another and diversity is celebrated. In the hallways and cafeteria, students are calm and orderly, student artwork is displayed prominently, and referrals to the dean's office are rare.

"We believe that we have many of these wonderful things already in place, but we need to strive to offer our young people the environment in which they can develop positively," Lee Stanley, Division Chair for Pupil Personnel, Special Education, and English as a Second Language said. A caring environment may not cure all students' problems, but it can teach social skills and build resiliency in students. Students are somewhat protected from participating in high risk behaviors when they are surrounded by adults that truly care, according to Search Institute in Minneapolis.

Last spring all OLCHS students took the Search Institutes Behavior Youth Survey. Almost 75% of the student body reported feeling safe while attending school and almost the same percentage reported discussing career interests with their parents, both positive assets. According to Stanley, the survey also revealed that as a staff we had some work to do as far as creating a more positive climate and offering students opportunities to volunteer.

OLCHS offers programs for students, such as mentoring, clubs and sport activities, leadership positions, and counseling and social work groups, but recognized that they need a program that would systematically bring all the efforts together. They formulated an SEL Committee with students, staff, parents, and community members. "The group, along with the OLCHS staff has received training from the Collaborative for Academic, Social and Emotional Learning at UIC," Stanley said. "They have provided a framework for us to formulate our action plan."

Social and emotional learning is the process through which students learn to recognize and manage emotions. It allows them to understand and interact with others, to make good decisions and to behave ethically and responsibly.

The Illinois State Board of Education has blazed a new path in regards to social and emotional learning. Illinois is one of three states that have adopted social and emotional learning standards as part of their state standards. The goals that ISBE has set for the Social and Emotional Learning Standards are three-fold: 1) Develop self-awareness and self-management skills to achieve school and life success; 2) Use social-awareness and interpersonal skills to establish and maintain positive relationships; and 3) Demonstrate decision-making skills and responsible behaviors in personal, school, and community contexts.

There is research indicating that large numbers of children are contending with significant social, emotional, and mental health barriers impeding their success in school and in life. Competence in the use of SEL skills is promoted in the context of safe and supportive school, family, and community learning environments in which students feel valued and respected and connected to and engaged in health, ethical development, citizenship, motivation to achieve and academic success too.

OLCHS has established a 24-hour service learning graduation requirement for the incoming Class of 2011. Students will be required to complete that service during their next four years. To kick off this new requirement, the staff will also become involved. On April 23, the entire faculty of OLCHS participated in a partial day SEL activity. The staff not only gave back to the Oak Lawn community, but they checked out future volunteer sites for the students. "We want our students to develop caring and concern for others, establish positive relationships, make responsible decisions, and handle challenging situations effectively," Stanley said. "Many students will take this opportunity of volunteering and use it to explore career options."

Kelly Briscoe, the school's career facilitator, organized the staff effort for April 23, and she will also organize the student effort next year. "At the present time we have over 12 different sites committed. Staff will be volunteering in the village by helping senior citizens with lawn clean-up, set up through the village hall. Others will be working at the animal shelter, Oak Lawn Family Services will be contacting several families they serve to come in and have lunch with staff members. Other staff members will be working at PADS shelters and Sertoma.

Staff members will make contact and take photos of the day's efforts. These photos will be displayed for all OLCHS students to see. "We will also hold a volunteer fair next fall for all agencies and groups to come in and interview our students for potential volunteer sites. We are excited to be able to model, the behavior we would want in all our students," Stanley said.

OLCHS also offers a Parent University program for all our parents and feeder school parents. The focus for the 2007-08 school year will be on how families and community members can teach and support SEL in all aspects of students' lives.

"The SEL programming will provide a framework for preventing problems and promoting students' well-being and success way beyond the classroom," Stanley concluded.

Attempting To Charge For Free Emergency Device

Attorney General Lisa Madigan and Director of the Illinois Dept. on Aging Charles D. Johnson warned that some senior citizens have received phone calls asking for payment for an emergency home response device which is provided to qualified individuals free of charge.

Officials from the Illinois Dept. on Aging (IDoA) notified Madigan's Consumer Fraud Bureau of a recent incident in which a client of the Department's Community Care Program in Jacksonville reported that a man identifying himself as "Luke Grant" called from what appeared on Caller ID to be an Arizona phone exchange. He asked the person for a credit card number to charge $399.97 for what he termed was a "hook-up fee" for the emergency home device.

IDoA officials stress that the devices are provided free to clients through the department's Community Care Program.

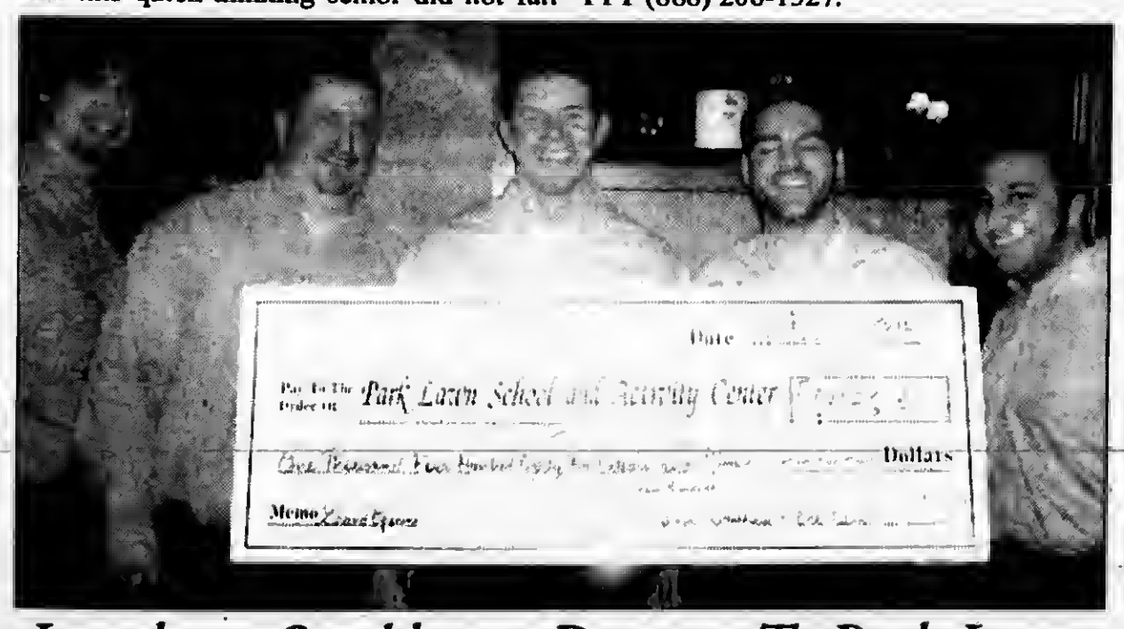
"Unfortunately, far too many scam artists try to target seniors. The good news here is that this quick-thinking senior did not fall for this scam and was even able to jot down a phone number that may help in locating the perpetrator," Madigan said.

Calls like the one involved in this scam are fraudulent attempts to obtain personal information that could be used to financially exploit senior citizens.

Madigan's Consumer Fraud Bureau and the IDoA noted that the best way for all consumers to avoid fraud is to ignore unsolicited requests and report them to family or other trusted individuals, local and area law enforcement and social service agencies.

Consumers also can visit Madigan's Web site for more consumer protection information and can download a consumer complaint form at www.IllinoisAttorneyGeneral.gov or by calling the Consumer Fraud Hotline, 1(800) 386-5438, TTY 1(800) 964-3013.

More information on qualifications for the Community Care Program can be obtained by calling the Illinois Dept. on Aging Senior HelpLine at 1(800) 252-8966, TTY (888) 206-1327.



Longhorn Steakhouse Donates To Park Lawn

Longhorn employees come together to donate grand opening percentage to Park Lawn Association. Pictured from left to right: Matt Regan, Christie Nichols, Bruce Shartlett, Ryan Riggs, Blake Limhaugh, Mohab Sohhi, Jenna Koehler (Bottom center) Chaya Grant.

Longhorn Steakhouse, famous for their "Flo's Filet," has served the finest quality beef, chicken, pork and seafood, grilling each item to order, for the last 25 years. It's taken the best of the West and created a place where you can relax and unwind in a comfortable, inviting atmosphere. The new Longhorn Steakhouse is located at 9530 S. Pulaski Road in Oak Lawn.

Park Lawn is a non-profit organization providing an array of services including adult developmental training, vocational services and nine residential facilities. The mission of Park Lawn is to provide comprehensive services for people with developmental disabilities and their families. The goal is to promote independence, choice and access to mainstream living. The money donated will benefit the Park Lawn Capital Campaign, "See the Future Through Our Eyes" to rebuild a 40-room residential facility for individuals with developmental disabilities.

Richards Athletes Sign With Colleges

Six athletes participating in spring sports from Richards High School in Oak Lawn recently signed with four-year and two-year colleges to continue their athletic careers.

Varsity athletes who will play in college include Brittany Arrington, softball, University of St. Francis; Nicole Costello, softball, St. Joseph College (Indiana); Jonathan Dove, baseball, Illinois State University; Scott Hankes, track and cross country, Trinity Christian College; Kevin Lee, baseball, University of Iowa; and, Brendan Styler, volleyball, Loyola University Chicago.

Pictured are left to right (seated) Brendan Styler and (standing) Nicole Costello, Scott Hankes, Kevin Lee, and Jonathan Dove.

24-Hour Health TV Channel

A new, 24-hour health education TV channel is now available to patients and their family members at St. Francis Hospital & Health Center in Blue Island.

On April 2, St. Francis began broadcasting "The Patient Channel" on Channel 17 on TVs in patient rooms and waiting rooms. The Patient Channel, a product of GE Healthcare and NBC, is designed to educate patients about common diseases, conditions and health care topics.

The channel delivers network-quality programming on topics such as: cancer, asthma, diabetes, heart disease, high blood pressure, smoking cessation, parenting, patient safety, taking medications, and nutrition. New programs will be added throughout the year.

The goal of the channel is to increase patient/family awareness of medical issues and encourage informed communication with health care providers.

"The Patient Channel will increase patient/family access to quality, up-to-date education content," said Allison Reid, RN, MS, CNS, clinical nurse specialist at St. Francis Hospital. "It also will improve the patient's ability to make informed decisions, and promotes a sense of empowerment during times when accurate information is most needed."

The educational content on The Patient Channel is reviewed and updated by independent advisory boards, consisting of experts in medicine, patient care, education and ethics, whose objective is to ensure the accuracy and appropriateness of programming.

Flower Sale

Pilgrim Faith United Church of Christ, 9411 S. 51st Ave., will hold its Annual Flower Sale on Friday, May 4th from 1 to 6 p.m.; Saturday, May 5th from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and Sunday, May 6th from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Come and buy all the plants you'll need for your garden and do some shopping for Mother's Day. For more information, contact the church office, (708) 422-4200.

Veterans And Soldiers News

By Lori Taylor Ph: 708.388.2425

Army Pvt. James W. Mazurek has graduated from Basic Combat training at Fort Sill, Lawton, Oklahoma. Mazurek is a 2005 graduate of Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences.

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Chicago South Elks Lodge #1596 in conjunction with Little League Baseball Illinois District 8 is collecting new or gently used baseballs, softballs, gloves, bats and bases for our troops in Iraq. They are also accepting cash donations to help defray the cost of postage. Any type of beef jerky, gum, hard candies or anything that docs not melt will also be taken for the troops. For more information, call the Elks Lodge at (708) 597-7465.

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It was recently announced by the Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs (IDVA) that the annual free hunting and fishing licenses for disabled veterans issued by IDVA will now be a one-time, permanent issue. The new policy will save disabled veterans throughout the state the inconvenience of a yearly trip to renew their license, which includes transportation costs and time.

Eligibility for the free hunting and fishing license remains the same: the veteran must have a service-connected disability; be in receipt of a total United States Department of Veterans Affairs (USDVA) disability pension; or be in receipt of military disability retirement pay and can present a letter from the USDVA showing the veteran would be entitled to VA compensation at a rate of 10 percent or greater if military pay was waived. Out-of-state disabled veterans are also eligible for the license. Those veterans drawing retirement pay only and have not applied to the USDVA for a service-connected rating will not be issued a license until after the USDVA has made a service-connected rating.

The veteran must provide disability documentation that is no more than one year old to IDVA during the initial request for the license. Only when the veteran provides proof of disability or pension benefits, the license will be issued.

An eligible veteran must visit one of the Veteran Service Offices for initial issuance. A full list of the state's Veteran Service Offices can be found on the IDVA web site at www.state.il.us/agency/dva or by calling 1-800-437-9824.

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The 416th ENCOM Association, an organization of former members of the 416th Engineer Command, a U.S. Army Reserve unit located in Darien, Ill., is sponsoring a seminar to benefit all military retirees in the general area regardless of your branch of service. This special seminar on Military Retirement Entitlements will be conducted in the Deer Creek Christian Church and School gym located at 425 W. Exchange St., University Park, Ill., on Saturday, May 12th starting with registration at 8:30 a.m. and ending at 12:30 p.m. The session is open to all military retirees, "gray area" reservists, and any interested military personnel along with their spouses. Retirees from all branches of service are welcome. There will be plenty of seats so other family members may join you to hear this latest benefit information. The session is free and coffee will be provided.

The Retiree Office at Ft. McCoy conducts a seminar program each year, but none of their sessions will be conducted in the South Suburban area. Don't pass up this opportunity to hear the latest information about your military benefits without traveling a long distance or driving for hours.

If you have any questions, call Jack Kotter at (815) 932-1022 or email a message to bgkotter@sbcgoval.net.

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The 16th District VFW and Ladies Auxiliary will hold their convention meeting Sunday, May 6th at 2 p.m. The VFW will meet at the Tinley Park VFW Post 2791, 172nd and Oak Park Ave. The ladies will meet at the Tinley Park Village Hall, 16250 Oak Park Ave. Following election of officers of both groups the meeting will continue at the post for installation of officers for the coming year.

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On the lighter side: The Sunday school teacher was describing how Lot's wife looked back and turned into a pillar of salt, when little Jason interrupted, "My mummy looked back once while she was driving," he announced triumphantly, "and she turned into a telephone pole!"

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Here is a serious quote from Thomas Jefferson: "In matters of principle, stand like a rock; in matters of taste, swim with the current."

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Good-bye until next week. May God bless you and your family and God bless America.

Letter To The Editor

What's Big Russ Going To Tell His Buddies At The Legion Hall?

Tim Russert's notoriety increased as a result of his books, *Big Russ & Me* and *Wisdom of Our Fathers*. Russert told a touching story of how his dad, of the greatest generation, worked hard, won the war, and raised a family with good values and decency. Like a lot of authors whose books reach the top of the New York Times best seller list, he could attribute some of his success to his Imus in The Morning appearances. Russert not only promoted his books on Imus, he did so tearfully at times. Russert was not just another guest on Imus. He was among the most frequent guests and judging from his own admission of sending gifts to Imus' son, he held himself out as a friend to Imus. Some friend.

In Russert's April 15 interview of Gwen Ifill on Meet The Press, after Imus had been fired, he asked her if it was necessary for Imus to be fired. Russert implied that a better solution might be for Imus to stay on the airwaves and to become a champion of the cause overcoming hate-speak as he has successfully championed so many other causes. It's a shame that in the preceding week when Russert could have used his own influence to add a sensible voice to the so-called dialogue to reach a fair solution, that he remained publicly invisible.

During a week when America's leading hypocrites Sharpton and Jackson were out for blood, and people like Ifill and Roker made sensible, heartfelt arguments, Russert could have uniquely made the argument in favor of Imus. An argument he was only willing to make in retrospect as a question to someone else. Russert is much better at asking the tough questions than he is with wrestling with them, let alone trying to answer them.

The shameless parade of limousine liberals who couldn't wait to go on Imus but later said they were only on for the substantive stuff or were unaware of the "darker" side of Imus remind me of people who say they read Playboy for the articles. Even Hillary Clinton wants to go to Rutgers to speak out when a week before Imus went off the air one of her lap dogs was on Imus trying to get him to invite her on the show.

Imus repaired his injury to the Rutgers women by meeting with them privately and apologizing. They accepted his apology in the wake of the tumult done to them not by Imus but by the media and Sharpton. When the incident happened, they dismissed it. Later, they would claim lives were ruined because of it. Imus has repaired his damaged reputation but there are plenty of others with blood on their hands.

Don Imus put pressure on to raise the active military death benefit from $12,000 to $250,000, get the Center for the Intrepid built, and provide needed and neglected care for children with autism and cancer. While his mouth should have been washed out with soap, he should not have been silenced. I believe most of America rolls their eyes and says, "There they go again," when the cowards at NBC and CBS caved to the mob mentality that carried the day. At least Imus can point to good he has actually accomplished and a living he has actually earned. Real threats to the black community continue to be ignored while the wagons circled around Imus, an easy scapegoat.

Tim Russert has often paid homage to his Catholic education and the noble efforts of the nuns who taught the faith: right from wrong, forming one's conscience, and standing up for what you believe. These were the lessons that Big Russ' generation got. It's a shame that when Little Russ had the chance to take a stand, he took a duck. Little Russ has never looked smaller.

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Carolyn Adams Ticket For The Cure Grant Fund

In memory of former Illinois lottery superintendent Carolyn Adams who recently lost her battle with breast cancer, Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich recently announced he will introduce legislation renaming the Ticket for the Cure Fund from which grants are awarded for breast cancer education efforts, research and supportive services for breast cancer victims, the Carolyn Adams Ticket for the Cure Grant Fund.

"Carolyn Adams' work at the Illinois Lottery included the extremely successful launch of Ticket for the Cure, which has raised more than $3 million for breast cancer patients. Those proceeds will help many women in Illinois in their fight against cancer and I want us to remember the person who worked so hard to make Ticket for the Cure a success, even while she was fighting her own battle against breast cancer," said Gov. Blagojevich.

State Sen. Mattie Hunter (D-Chicago), the original sponsor of the legislation that established the Ticket for the Cure Lottery game, said, "It's an honor to be part of this effort. Carolyn Adams was one of the main reasons the Ticket for the Cure was such a successful initiative. She brought creative ideas to the process and was great from the marketing aspect. I cannot think of a better tribute to a woman so devoted to a cause."

"I think Carolyn Adams would be proud and renaming the fund is a deserving tribute," said Adams' best-friend Melody Spann-Cooper. "She worked very hard and loved her job. She always said that we have to find a way in our jobs to do good things for other people, which is how she came up with the concept for Ticket for the Cure. While going through her own battle with breast cancer, Carolyn had good health insurance but knew others did not. She decided to use her energy to help those who are underserved and I think this is a great idea."

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Shepard To Host All-School Reunion May 12

Administrators from Shepard High School in Palos Heights will host an all-school alumni reunion on Saturday, May 12 at 115 Bourbon Street in Merrionette Park, located one-half block west of Kedzie Avenue on 115th Street.

Tickets are $35. The cost covers all appetizers, soda and liquor between 7 and 10 p.m. Proceeds will benefit the Shepard scholarship fund.

To purchase tickets, call Dean of Students Nick Bax at (708) 371-1111, ext. 3541 or mail a check payable to Shepard Alumni Association to: Shepard Alumni Association, Shepard High School, 13049 S. Ridgeland Ave., Palos Heights, IL 60439, Attention: Nick Bax.

Alumni also may pay by credit card by calling Bonnie Kay at (708) 371-1111, ext. 3590 and may purchase tickets at 115 Bourbon Street the day of the event.

Pictured, left to right, are Shepard High School administrators who will serve as hosts of the all-school reunion on May 12: (seated) Dean of Students Nick Bax and Assistant Principal Gawaine Perkins; (standing) Principal Ty Harting, Associate Principal Mike Ryan, Dean of Students Bryan Barham, and Assistant Principal Elizabeth Pawlowski.

Common Ground Meeting

The May Common Ground meeting will be at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, May 9th in the Flossmoor Village Hall, 2800 Flossmoor Road.

The program will be led by Ron Miller, Chairman of the Dept. of Religion at Lake Forest College, with the evening's topic "Sketching a Possible Christian Future."

"Despite the strong fundamentalist backlash occurring in America's Christianity today," says Miller, "a very different kind of Christianity is emerging from the writings of Joan Chittester, Bishop John Shelby Spong, Elaine Pagels, Marcus Borg, Philip Gulley, James Mulholland, and numerous other contemporary Christian thinkers."

The lecture/discussion will seek answers to the question: What does such Christianity look like and how does it differ from what we see in most churches today?"

Miller, co-founder of Common Ground, holds a doctorate in History and Literature of Religions from Northwestern University.

Common Ground lectures begin at 7 p.m. and end about 9 p.m. Admission is $10 per person. Free parking is available in the Flossmoor village lot or in the church lot immediately to the east. For further information, call (708) 799-4102.

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Animal Welfare Tag Day

The Animal Welfare League will be holding AVID Microchip Tag Day on Saturday, May 12th from 1 to 5 p.m. at its facility, 10305 Southwest Highway in Chicago Ridge. No appointment needed.

For only $15, pet owners can protect their pets by having an identifying microchip administered. This procedure, normally priced $30.75, is quick and harmless to the animal.

A.V.I.D. stands for American Veterinary Identification Devices. The AVID microchip is a tiny computer chip which has an identification number programmed into it. The chip is encased in a smooth, strong biocompatible glass, and is small enough to fit into a hypodermic needle. Once an animal is injected with the chip, he can be identified throughout his life by this one-of-a-kind number. His identification cannot be lost, altered or intentionally removed.

The microchip is generally injected deeply under the skin. It sits safely there, totally inert. A special scanner is used to send a radio signal through the skin of the animal to read the chip. The animal feels nothing as the scanner is passed over him. The microchip sends its number back to the scanner. It appears in the viewing window as, for example, AVID 220*609*321.

The microchip has no power supply, battery or moving parts. It is designed with an operating life of over 25 years and is guaranteed for the life of the animal. Once injected, the microchip is anchored in place as a thin layer of connective tissue forms around it. The chip requires no care. It does not pass through or out of the body.

For more information, contact Terri Sparks at (708) 636-8586, ext. 227.

Elvis Performance

On Saturday May 5th The Midwest #1 Elvis Tribute Artist, Bob West, will be performing at Barb's Guesthouse, 9848 Southwest Highway in Oak Lawn.

Showtime is at 8 p.m. There is no cover charge.

For reservations, call (708) 499-0510 or check out the web site at www.bobwestelvis.com.

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Urge Women To Focus On Health This Mother's Day

Flowers and breakfast in bed are nice, but if you really want to make a difference in a mother's life this Mother's Day, urge her to focus on her own health.

Women are often their family's caretakers, putting others' health and well-being before their own. But the American Cancer Society urges women to take stock of their health and recommends that all women get cancer-related checkups as part of their general health visits after age 20.

"Screenings can prevent or detect many cancers at their earliest, most treatable stages," said Mary Maryland, Ph.D., R.N., first vice president of the board of directors of the Illinois Division of the American Cancer Society, and chairwoman of the Division's research committee. "Women should find out which cancer screenings are right for them based on their age and family history, and discuss these with their health care providers."

The cancers that are most frequently diagnosed in Illinois women are breast, lung, and colon cancers, with lung cancer as the leading cause of cancer-related death. Cervical and ovarian cancers also remain among the top 15 cancers affecting women in Illinois.

In Illinois, breast cancer is the most frequently diagnosed cancer among women and the second leading cause of cancer-related death. Nearly 8,500 new cases of invasive breast cancer and 2,000 deaths due to breast cancer are expected to occur in Illinois this year.

As with any cancer, the best defense against breast cancer is to find the disease as early as possible when it is easier to treat. The American Cancer Society recommends annual mammograms for women starting at age 40, in addition to clinical breast exams about every three years for women in their 20s and 30s and every year for women 40 and older.

Many people mistakenly think of colon cancer as a "man's disease," but in fact it is the third most common cancer in both women and men. Unfortunately, nearly 7,500 new cases of colorectal cancer and 2,800 deaths are expected to occur in Illinois this year.

Most colon cancers are found in people over age 50. Testing for colon cancer can save lives by finding polyps before they become cancerous. If precancerous polyps are removed colon cancer can be prevented. The American Cancer Society therefore recommends that at age 50, women and men who are at average risk for colon cancer should begin screening. For those at moderate to high risk, with a personal or family history of cancer, screening may need to begin at age 40.

Cervical cancer was once the leading cause of death from cancer in women. Thanks to the Pap test, it is now much less common. In Illinois, approximately 580 women are expected to be diagnosed with cervical cancer this year, and 200 are expected to die from the disease.

The main cause of cervical cancer is human papilloma virus (HPV), a common virus that affects millions of people each year and is spread through sexual contact. Because of the recent availability of a new vaccine to protect against HPV, the American Cancer Society now recommends the HPV vaccine for girls aged 11 to 12 and as a "catch up" vaccine for females aged 9 to 29. The HPV vaccine has the potential to prevent up to 70 percent of cervical cancers. Since the vaccine does not prevent all cervical cancers, American Cancer Society guidelines urge the continued use of Pap tests as an annual screening tool for girls and women.

Ovarian cancer is more likely to occur as women get older. More than 900 new cases of ovarian cancer are expected to be diagnosed this year in Illinois, and approximately 650 women are expected to die from the disease.

While there are no effective and proven tests for finding ovarian cancer early (like mammography for breast cancer), women should consult their doctors if they experience persistent symptoms of abdominal swelling and/or pain or digestive problems including gas, bloating or loss of appetite. A pelvic exam should be part of a woman's regular health exam.

The American Cancer Society has developed a set of screening guidelines that are recommended for people at average risk for cancer and without any specific symptoms. The accompanying chart highlights those recommendations for women; additional details can be found at www.cancer.org. Those who are at increased risk for certain cancers may need to follow a different screening schedule, such as starting at an earlier age or being screened more often. Women with symptoms that could be related to cancer should see their doctor right away.

The American Cancer Society is dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by saving lives, diminishing suffering and preventing cancer through research, education, advocacy and service. The Illinois Division has more than 120,000 volunteers and staff fighting cancer in the state. For the most up-to-date cancer related information and to join the fight against cancer, call 800-ACS-2345 or visit www.cancer.org.

Girl Scout Volunteers Honored

Giving time and talent to others is an American tradition that helps many organizations carry out needed services. Girl Scouting is no exception. In fact, the constitution of Girl Scouts of the USA affirms that the strength of the Girl Scout Movement rests in the voluntary leadership of its adult members.

With that in mind, and to acknowledge the tremendous contribution volunteers make, the South Cook County Council has an annual STAR (Super Talents Achieve Results) dinner each April to recognize individuals whose efforts have been especially notable.

Every year council members are invited to nominate their peers for national Girl Scout awards. Those nominations are reviewed by a volunteer committee; then those selected are forwarded to the council's board of directors for final approval.

The highest honor a Girl Scout adult can receive is the Thanks Badge II. It is presented to individuals who have already received the Thanks Badge for extraordinary service, and who still continue to perform their duties at a superior level of commitment.

There are four 2007 Thanks Badge II recipients. They are Maureen Jamrock of Dolton, council president; Phil Walroth of Chicago, vice-president, and members of the board of directors June Randall of Tinley Park and Jennie Stevenson of Richton Park.

All four have had extensive involvement at multiple positions of responsibility in the council, have been recipients of other awards, and are currently involved in work related to the realignment of seven councils in the metropolitan area into a new council.

The Honor Pin recognizes dedicated service to Girl Scouting at several levels such as in an association or with a council-wide group, over a period of at least five years, that shows initiative and has helped the council achieve its goals.

The 2007 recipients are Dianne Gittings of Tinley Park, Winding Creek Assn. chair; Rosemary Hulett, Flossmoor, council treasurer; Kathy Kovanich of Burbank, Maple Assn. chair; and Frances Starks of Matteson, board member.

The Appreciation Pin is given to service beyond the level of the Girl Scout troop for at least three years.

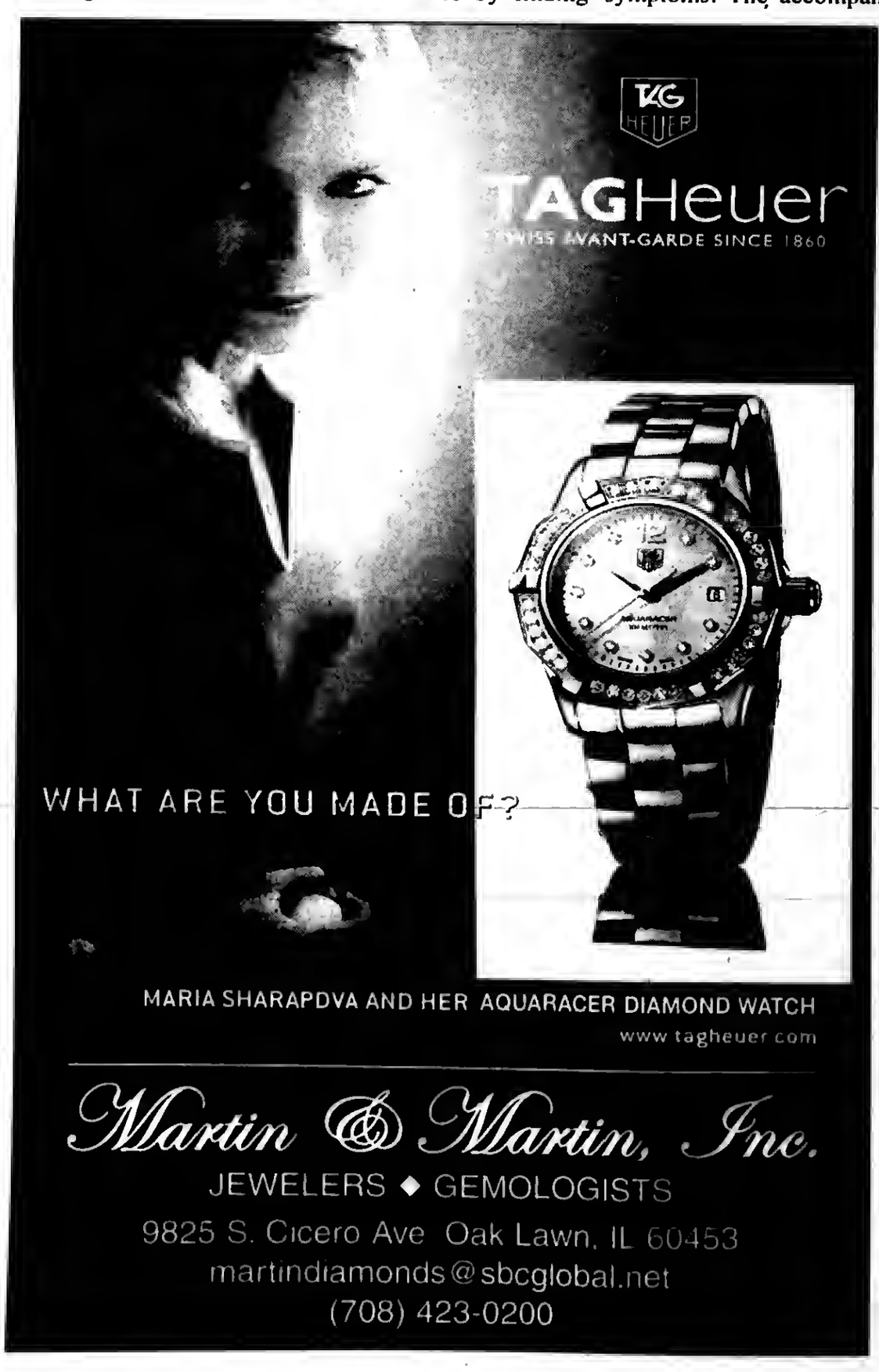
Among this year's recipients are Debbie Grady of Oak Lawn; George Hogan of Evergreen Park; Gail Bradshaw and Toiria Baker of Chicago; Darlene Kendricks, Calumet Park; Dr. Jane Brown and Twylia Bennett of Hazel Crest.

Also, Dennis Stachowiak, Palos Heights; Judy Alberts, Diane Galante and Debra Kozlowski of Tinley Park; and Lisa Maszak of Homewood.

Others were Cheryl Haworth, Laura Nichols, Karen Binkowski, Chris Donovan and Karen Nolan, all of Orland Park; Larissa Redfield of Matteson; and Jennifer Gasbarro of Monee.

In October, Girl Scouts of South Cook County will merge with six other area councils to become Girl Scouts of Greater Chicago and Northwest Indiana. The new council will cover a wide area from the Wisconsin border into Indiana, and will have a membership of close to 100,000.

More information about the South Cook County Council and opportunities for girls and adults is at (708) 957-8100.



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FCC To Be Commended For Pushing To Ban Violent Television Programming

Once in a while, government actually gets it right.

So it is with the recent FCC push to ban primetime broadcasting of violent programming.

On April 25, the FCC released a report recommending the "action should be taken" to protect children from excessively violent television programming.

Commenting on this matter is Morality in Media President, Robert Peters.

Said Peters, "The government has often been criticized for not doing more to curb children's exposure to violent entertainment. My answer was and is two-fold. First, we do often speak out against gratuitous depictions of imitable violence that can cause death or serious harm, especially where children are likely to view such 'entertainment.'

"Second, as far back as 1946, when the Supreme Court invalidated a New York law (and by implication similar laws in 19 other states) that prohibited distribution of publications containing certain types of violence, the courts have been invalidating every law intended to protect children from violent entertainment.

"Admittedly, drafting a law that isn't vague poses a challenge, but once upon a time the courts understood that 'the inability to define regulated materials with ultimate, god-like precision' was not a fatal flaw.

"Admittedly, drafting a law that will distinguish between materials that pose a serious risk of harm from those that don't also poses a challenge, but when it comes to protecting children from exposure to entertainment that can harm them, government must have leeway.

Peters shares with your audience that the current Supreme Court is applying 'strict scrutiny' to laws that restrict speech based on content, and as the Court has said, 'It is rare' that any such law 'will ever be permissible.'

Peters contends that the one way to overcome this Supreme Court-imposed roadblock is to see another Justice or two who have some common sense. "Failing that," said Peters, "the Constitution will have to be amended to clarify that the First Amendment does not prevent government from enacting reasonable legislation to protect children from entertainment that is harmful to them."

"The FCC Report states that Congress could mandate some form of consumer choice, which would certainly help. But violent programming isn't limited to cable and satellite TV, and wise consumer choice depends on wise parents, which not every child is fortunate to have," concluded Peters.

Headquartered in New York City, Morality In Media (MIM) works through constitutional means to curb traffic in illegal obscenity. MIM operates the www.obscenitycrimes.org website, where citizens can report possible violations of federal Internet obscenity laws.

Established in New York City in 1962 to combat pornography, now national in scope, Morality In Media works to inform citizens and public officials about the harms of pornography and about what they can do through law to protect their communities and children. MIM also works to maintain standards of decency on TV and in other media. Contributions are tax-exempt.

Launches 811 "Call Before You Dig" Number

JULIE, Inc., also known as the Illinois One-Call System, recently announced the launch of a new national 811 "Call Before You Dig" number to help prevent homeowners and professional excavators from damaging underground utility lines while digging and causing injury or service outages.

"Knowing where utility lines are buried before each digging project helps protect those who dig from injury, expense and penalties," said Mark Frost, executive director of JULIE, Inc. "One easy phone call to JULIE at 811 will get the approximate location of underground utility lines marked for free."

In addition to JULIE's existing telephone number, (800) 892-0123, 811 is a new FCC-designated national N-11 number that will assist excavators with reaching the one-call center. This quick and efficient one-call service will notify the appropriate member utilities, who then send locators or locate technicians to the requested site to mark underground lines for free.

"Safe digging is no accident. Regardless of the project size or depth, always call 811 before you dig," Frost continued. "Call center representatives at JULIE are available to receive and process calls 24 hours a day, seven days a week."

Today, more member utility companies that supply power, gas, water and telecommunications are delivering these services underground. Following are a few simple safety tips when planning outdoor projects:

Call JULIE (simply call 811 or (800) 892-0123) before you dig.

Wait the required amount of time (two working days).

Respect the marks.

Dig with care.

Releases Report On Carbon Footprint

U.S. Senator Dick Durbin (D-IL) applauded the release of a Government Accountability Office (GAO) report, which documents greenhouse gas emissions of the legislative branch and proposes concrete methods to reduce output of carbon dioxide. The report, issued at Senator Durbin's urging, investigated the output of carbon from the 36 buildings and over 300 cars that make up the legislative branch's operations. The legislative branch is comprised of 11 agencies, including the US Senate and House of Representatives, and employs over 28,000 people.

The GAO determined that in fiscal year 2006, carbon emissions from legislative branch operations was 316,000 metric tons, an amount equal to that of over 57,000 cars, marking a nearly 4 percent increase from the average emissions levels from 1998-2001. The largest single source of carbon emissions comes from electricity consumption, namely from the use of electricity created from the burning of fossil fuels by an outside provider. This alone accounts for over 60 percent of the carbon output of legislative branch operations. The remaining carbon output comes from natural gas, chilled water purchases, business travel in government owned and government leased vehicles and the Capitol Power Plant.

To accomplish the goals of reducing greenhouse gas emissions, the report recommends each agency conduct an audit of their individual energy consumption and carbon emissions. These audits will provide critical information on how to effectively implement energy efficiency measures that will save taxpayers money.

"The United States Congress and its related offices have the opportunity to lead by example," Durbin said. "By conducting audits on our energy consumption, we'll have the information necessary to make changes in how we consume energy. The path we're on now is not sustainable. The legislative branch should agree to regular audits so that we can reduce our carbon footprint and save the American taxpayer money."

As a member of the Senate Rules Committee and the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on the Legislative Branch, Durbin has consistently promoted energy efficiency within the Capitol complex. Durbin's own office was one of the first in the Senate to join a pilot program, through the Architect of the Capitol (AOC) to reduce his office's energy consumption. The AOC has already started the process to update his office by installing modernized, energy efficient lighting which, when combined with occupancy sensors will result in a decrease in the electricity used by his office.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION PROVIDENT FUNDING ASSOCIATES, LP, Plaintiff, vs. SERGIO VICENTENO; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC AS NOMINEE FOR PROVIDENT FUNDING GROUP INC., OR ITS SUCCESSORS OR ASSIGNS UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF SERGIO VICENTENO IF ANY; UNKOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS CLOISTER CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, Defendants 06 CH 21862

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION U S BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR THE STRUCTURED ASSET INVESTMENT LOAN TRUST, 2006-BNC3

Plaintiff, vs. JOSE LUIS VENEGAS, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF JOSE LUIS VENEGAS, IF ANY; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants. 06 CH 20550

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on 1/17/2007, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, May 29, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property: P.I.N. 29-07-112-010. Commonly known as 14523 South Short Street, Posen, IL 60469.

The improvement on the property consists of a 1 story, single family residence with no garage Sale terms: 25% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale

For information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com. Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602. Tel.No. (312) 476-5500. Refer to File Number 0611842. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I34183

REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION U S. BANK, N.A. AS TRUSTEE Plaintiff, -v.- JOSE D. GALENO, et al Defendant 06 CH 23233 NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 31, 2007, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on June 12, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 7918 NASHVILLE AVENUE, Burbank, IL 60459 Property Index No. 19-31-202-027-0000 The real estate is improved with a white vinyl frame single family 1 story home with no garage.

The judgment amount was $188,114.55. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

For information: Visit our website at http:\\service.atty-pierce.com. between the hours of 3 and 5 pm. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602. Tel No. (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number PA0613431. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE I35316

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, AS TRUSTEE UNDER THE POOLING AND SERVICING, DATED AS OF MARCH 1, 2004, AMONG ASSET-BACKED FUNDING CORPORATION, LITTON LOAN SERVICING LP AND JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, ABFC ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2004-AHL1 Plaintiff, -v.- JOHN P. DEUTSCH, et al Defendants 06 CH 20796 NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 20, 2007 an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on May 22, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606 sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate. Commonly known as 14521 S. AVERS AVENUE, Midlothian, IL 60445 Property Index No. 28-11-117-004 The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $104,989.00. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance in certified funds is due within twenty-four (24) hours The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 785 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

For information, contact Plaintiffs attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS 6 ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department.. Please refer to file number 14-06-C240. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE CODILIS 6 ASSOCIATES, P.C. 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE, IL 60527 (630) 794-9876 Attorney File No.: 14-06-C240 ARDC# 00468002 Attorney Code. 21762

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I33902

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION DEUTSCHE BANK TRUST COMPANY AMERICAS FORMERLY KNOWN AS BANKERS TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE AND CUSTODIAN FOR IXIS REAL ESTATE CAPITAL INC., BY: SAXON MORTGAGE SERVICES, INC., AS ITS ATTORNEY-IN-FACT; Plaintiff, vs. ADEYINKA DADA; ET AL.; Defendants, 06 CH 22212 NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on December 14, 2006, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Wednesday, May 23, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 9650 S. California Ave., Evergreen Park, IL 60805. P.I.N. 24-12-109-074.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call Ms. Diane Thomas at Plaintiff's Attorney, Freedman Anselmo Lindberg & Rappe, LLC, 1807 West Diehl Road, Naperville, Illinois 60563-1990. (877) 729-6734. X0610062 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I33407

REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION CITIMORTGAGE, INC., ASIGNEE OF MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. Plaintiff, vs. GERONIMO CUEVAS, LORI CUEVAS, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, UNDER HUD MORTGAGE RECORDED AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 0534319119, CACV OF COLORADO, L.L.C., SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO CHASE MANHATTAN BANK, UNDER MORTOAGE UNDER JUDGEMENT RECORDED AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 0625640252. Defendants, 06 CH 22592 NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on January 23, 2007, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, June 5, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 8620 S. Parkside Avenue, Burbank, Illinois 60459. P.I.N. 19-32-415-023/046.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call Sales Clerk at Plaintiff's Attorney, Law Offices of Ira T. Nevel, 175 North Franklin Street, Chicago, Illinois 60606. (312) 357-1125. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I35493

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION US BANK N.A. Plaintiff, -v.- TERRANCE J. LINK, et al Defendants 06 CH 23419 NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 6, 2007, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on June 5, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 9513 MINNICK AVENUE, Oak Lawn, IL 60453 Property Index No. 24-09-106-044-0000

The real estate is improved with a brick 2 story house with no garage. The judgment amount was $121,952.30. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

For information: Visit our website at http:\\service.atty-pierce.com. between the hours of 3 and 5 pm. PIERCE 6 ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602 Tel No. (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number PA0612513. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE PIERCE & ASSOCIATES One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300 CHICAGO, IL 60602 (312) 476-5500 Attorney File No.: PA0612513 Attorney Code. 91220 I34470

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION CHASE HOME FINANCE LLC Plaintiff, -v.- PETER M. JURKASH, et al Defendant 06 CH 18346 NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 9, 2007, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on May 29, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 8 BILLY CASPER LANE, Midlothian, IL 60445 Property Index No. 29-09-211-034 The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $301,868.47. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department.. Please refer to file number 14-06-A640. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I34542

REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 2006-EQ1 Plaintiff, -v.- PATRICK J. RUDNICK A/K/A PATRICK RUDNICK, et al Defendant 06 CH 21188 NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on December 5, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on May 23, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 7008 GARDEN LANE, Bridgeview, IL 60455 Property Index No. 18-24-305-017

The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was $186,971.64. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS 6 ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department.. Please refer to file number 14-06-C559. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I34428

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE MLMI SURG TRUST SERIES 2006-BC3 Plaintiff, -v.- ERIKA BACON, et al Defendant 06 CH 22245 NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 26, 2007, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on June 1, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 3362 WEST 84TH STREET, Chicago, IL 60652 Property Index No. 19-35-406-055-0000

The real estate is improved with a 2 story single family brown brick home with detached 2 car garage. The judgment amount was $209,301.90. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and SUBJECT TO A PRIOR RECORDED 1st Mortgage and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

For information: Visit our website at http:\\service.atty-pierce.com. between the hours of 3 and 5 pm. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602. Tel No. (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number PA0612604 THE JUDICIAL SALEB CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE I34031

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION THE PROVIDENT BANK; Plaintiff, vs. DAVID J. KATSIBUBAS; DIANE L. KATSIBUBAS; KENNETH KOCHAN; VILLAGE OF WORTH; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants, 03 CH 5464 NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on May 24, 2005, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, May 21, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 11429 S. Normandy Ave., Worth, IL 60482.

P.I.N. 24-19-220-008. The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence.

Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call Mr. Peter Vucha at Plaintiff's Attorney, Roeser & Vucha, 920 Davis Road, Elgin, Illinois 60123. (847) 888-1820. 1181.11885 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I33302

REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS EASTERN DIVISION U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE Plaintiff, ROBERT L. MILES, et al Defendant 02 C 3704 NOTICE OF SPECIAL COMMISSIONER'S SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on June 24, 2003, Nancy R. Vallone, Special Commissioner appointed herein will at 11:30 AM on May 29, 2007, at the 23rd floor - center lobby of the Daley Center, 50 W. Washington St., Chicago, IL sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 8009 S. ST. LOUIS AVE, Chicago, IL 60652 Property Index No. 19-35-209-003

The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was $140,067.33. Sale terms: 10% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale

The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The sales clerk, FISHER AND SHAPIRO, LLC, 4201 Lake Cook Road, NORTHBROOK, IL 60062, (847) 498-9990 between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. only. I33654

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION AURORA LOAN SERVICES, INC. SUCCESSOR TO AROENT MORTGAGE COMPANY, LLC; Plaintiff, vs. PRISCILLA JACKSON; ET. AL.; Defendants, 06 CH 20618 NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on February 26, 2007 Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Wednesday, May 30, 2007 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate: P.I.N. 19-36-324-006. Commonly known as: 3029 W. 84th Place, Chicago, IL 60652.

The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence. This information is considered reliable but is not warranted. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours This sale is subject to unpaid real estate taxes, assessments, covenants, conditions, easements and restrictions of record. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

This pleading is a communication for the purpose of collecting the mortgage debt, under the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act. If you fail to dispute, in writing, the validity of this debt within thirty days, it will be assumed to be valid. Finally, any information you provide will be used for the purpose of collection.

Upon payment, of each portion of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Receipt of Sale. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the mortgaged real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection, except by the arrangement and agreement of the current owner or occupant.

For information: JAROS, TITTLE & O'TOOLE, LIMITED, Plaintiff's Attorney, 20 North Clark Street, Suite 510, Chicago, Illinois 60602, (312) 750-1000. Phone calls will be taken only between the hours of 9:00 thru 11:00 A.M. When calling, please refer to file number 06-31154. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I34216

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION NATIONAL CITY MORTGAGE COMPANY Plaintiff, -v.- RAYMOND PATERNITI, et al Defendant 06 CH 13714 NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 21, 2007, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on May 25, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 14610 66TH COURT, Oak Forest, IL 60452 Property Index No. 28-07-200-036-0000

The real estate is improved with a brick 2 story house with a 2 car attached garage. The judgment amount was $210,830.08. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

For information: Visit our website at http:\\service.atty-pierce.com. between the hours of 3 and 5 pm. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602. Tel No. (312) 476-5500, Please refer to file number PA0606447. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE I33917

REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION Plaintiff, -v.- CHRISTOPHER A. COTILLO, et al Defendant 06 CH 21385 NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 16, 2007, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on May 16, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 15805 PEGGY LANE UNIT #10, Oak Forest, IL 60452 Property Index No. 28-17-416-009-1070 The real estate is improved with a condominium.

The judgment amount was $27,429.35. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS 6 ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department.. Please refer to file number 14-06-B637. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I33433

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE OF AMERIOUEST MORTGAGE SECURITIES, INC., ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-R11 UNDER THE POOLING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT DATED AS OF DECEMBER 1, 2005, WITHOUT RECOURSE, ASSIGNEE OF AMERIOUEST MORTOAGE COMPANY, Plaintiff, vs. RISHARD BOURNES, VILLAGE OF ROBBINS, UNDER LIEN RECORDED AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 0322417059, Defendants, 06 CH 22993 NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on January 23, 2007, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, June 5, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 3457 West 135th Street, Robbins, Illinois 60472. P.I.N. 28-02-201-003/004/005.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call Sales Clerk at Plaintiff's Attorney, Law Offices of Ira T. Nevel, 175 North Franklin Street, Chicago, Illinois 60606. (312) 357-1125. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I35495

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION CITIMORTGAGE MASTER SERVICINO ON BEHALF OF U.S. BANK, N.A., SUCCESSOR TO EAGLE HOME LOAN, INC.; Plaintiff, vs. CAROLYN LEE; ET AL; Defendants, 06 CH 18371 NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on January 9, 2007 Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, June 4, 2007 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 719A, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate: P.I.N. 24-01-206-059. Commonly known as: 8842 S. Talman, Evergreen Park, IL 60805.

The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence. This information is considered reliable but is not warranted. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. This sale is subject to unpaid real estate taxes, assessments, covenants, conditions, easements and restrictions of record. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. This pleading is a communication for the purpose of collecting the mortgage debt, under the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act. If you fail to dispute, in writing, the validity of this debt within thirty days, it will be assumed to be valid. Finally, any information you provide will be used for the purpose of collection.

Upon payment, of each portion of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Receipt of Sale. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the mortgaged real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection, except by the arrangement and agreement of the current owner or occupant.

For information: JAROS, TITTLE & O'TOOLE, LIMITED, Plaintiff's Attorney, 20 North Clark Street, Suite 510, Chicago, Illinois 60602, (312) 750-1000. Phone calls will be taken only between the hours of 9:00 thru 11:00 A.M. When calling, please refer to file number 06-31090. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I35454

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS, INC; Plaintiff, vs. JAMES J. JACHIM; TRACI L. SZCZECINA A/K/A TRACI L. JACHIM; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants, 05 CH 11886 PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on 8/8/2006, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, May 29, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property: P.I.N. 28-12-209-006 and 007. Commonly known as 14413 S. Harrison Ave., Posen, IL 60469.
The improvement on the property consists of a 2 story, single family residence with one car garage. Sale terms: 25% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.
For information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com. Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602. Tel.No. (312) 476-6500. Refer to File Number PA0505441. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I34184

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC AS NOMINEE FOR AND AS AUTHORIZED BY WELLS FARGO BANK, NA AS TRUSTEE SUCCESSOR TO FREMONT INVESTMENT AND LOAN; Plaintiff, vs BOBBY J. GOODMAN; ET. AL. Defendants, 06 CH 23116 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on January 8, 2007 Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, June 5, 2007 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate: P.I.N. 28-12-400-056. Commonly known as: 14802 S. Harrison St., Posen, IL 60469.
The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence. This information is considered reliable but is not warranted. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. This sale is subject to unpaid real estate taxes, assessments, covenants, conditions, easements and restrictions of record. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
This pleading is a communication for the purpose of collecting the mortgage debt, under the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act. If you fail to dispute, in writing, the validity of this debt within thirty days, it will be assumed to be valid. Finally, any information you provide will be used for the purpose of collection. Upon payment, of each portion of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Receipt of Sale. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the mortgaged real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection, except by the arrangement and agreement of the current owner or occupant.
For information: JAROS, TITTLE & O'TOOLE, LIMITED, Plaintiff's Attorney, 20 North Clark Street, Suite 510, Chicago, Illinois 60602, (312) 750-1000. Phone calls will be taken only between the hours of 9:00 thru 11:00 A.M. When calling, please refer to file number 06-31217. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I35498

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION LASALLE BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR CERTIFICATE HOLDERS OF BEAR STEARNS ASSET BACKED SECURITIES I LLC, ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-HE8 Plaintiff, -v.- GEORGE THOMAN, et al Defendent 06 CH 22232 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 23, 2007, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on May 31, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: THE WEST 162 FEET (EXCEPT THE EAST 30 FEET THEREOF OF LOT 7) IN ROBERTSON'S THIRD ADDITION TO MIDLOTHIAN, A SUBDIVISION OF THE EAST 1353 FEET OF THE SOUTH 1/2 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 11, TOWNSHIP 36 NORTH, RANGE 13, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS. Commonly known as 14941 SOUTH HAMLIN AVENUE, Midlothian, IL 60445 Property Index No. 28-11-316-023-0000 The real estate is improved with a grey vinyl frame single family 1 1/2 story home with a detached 2 car garage.
The judgment amount was $175,294.79. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information: Visit our website at http:\\service.atty-pierce.com. between the hours of 3 and 5 pm. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602. Tel No. (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number PA0612575. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE I35158

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION ACCREDITED HOME LENDERS, INC. Plaintiff, -v.- JOSEPH WRIGHT, et al Defendants 06 CH 21488 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on December 6, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on June 1, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 8658 SOUTH MOZART AVENUE, Evergreen Park, IL 60805 Property Index No. 24-01-114-058-0000/060-0000 The real estate is improved with a brick 1 story house with a 2 car detached garage.
The judgment amount was $190,661.87. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information: Visit our website at http:\\service.atty-pierce.com. between the hours of 3 and 5 pm. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602. Tel No. (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number PA0611202. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE I34523

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF SOUNDVIEW HOME LOAN TRUST 2005-OPT2, ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-OPT2 Plaintiff, vs. VICKI S. KAPSALIS, CURRENT SPOUSE, IF ANY, OF VICKI S. KAPSALIS, UNKNOWN OWNERS, GENERALLY, AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS. Defendants, 06 CH 22633 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on December 13, 2006, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Wednesday, May 30, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 18034 Loret Avenue, Oak Forest, IL 60452. P.I.N. 28-21-105-018.
The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashiers or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
For information call Mr. David C. Kluever at Plaintiff's Attorney, Kluever & Platt, L.L.C., 65 East Wacker Place, Chicago, Illinois 60601. (312) 236-0077. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer. (312) 444-1122 I34255

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION MAC MORTGAGE LLC Plaintiff -v.- JOSE LOPEZ, et al Defendants 06 CH 22798 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 4, 2007, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on June 6, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 8135 NEWLAND AVENUE, Burbank, IL 60459 Property Index No. 19-31-117-020 The real estate is improved with a single family residence.
The judgment amount was $28,956.05. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.
If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9870 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department.. Please refer to file number 14-06-D591. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE, IL 60527 (630) 794-9878 Attorney File No.: 14-06-D591 ARDC# 00468002 Attorney Code. 21702 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I34939

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION MIDAMERICA BANK, FSB; Plaintiff, vs. SAULIUS STIRBYS; BANCO POPULAR; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants, 06 CH 15869 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on December 27, 2006, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Thursday, May 31, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 9211 S. 88th Ave., Hickory Hills, IL 60457. P.I.N. 23-02-310-006.
The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
For information call Mr. Patrick J. Williams at Plaintiff's Attorney, Eid Williams PLLC, 116 West 55th Street, Clarendon Hills, Illinois 60514. (630) 654-0045. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I34274

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION WACHOVIA BANK, N.A. AS TRUSTEE, POOLING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT DATED AS OF NOVEMBER 1, 2004, ASSET BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 2004-WWF1 Plaintiff, -v.- HARALAMBOS KYRIAKOPOULOS, et al Defendants 06 CH 24446 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 13, 2007, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on May 30, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 8900 SANDRA LANE, Hickory Hills, IL 60457 Property Index No. 23-03-408-032 The real estate is improved with a single family residence.
The judgment amount was $223,466.93. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction, the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department.. Please refer to file number 14-06-E732. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE, IL 60527 (630) 794-9876 Attorney File No.: 14-06-E732 ARDC# 00468002 Attorney Code. 21762 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I34664

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION HSBC BANK, USA Plaintiff, -v.- DERRICK METCALFE A/K/A DERRICK L. METCALFE, et al Defendent 06 CH 21262 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 27, 2007, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on May 29, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 8216 SOUTH ARTESIAN AVENUE, Chicago, IL 60652 Property Index No. 19-36-230-058-0000
The real estate is improved with a 2 story single family grey frame/vinyl home with no garage. The judgment amount was $56,267.16. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information: Visit our website at http:\\service.atty-pierce.com. between the hours of 3 and 5 pm. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602. Tel No. (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number PA0611015. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE I33592

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION IRWIN MORTGAGE CORPORATION Plaintiff, -v.- RADOSLAW KUMOR, et al Defendant 06 CH 18595 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 24, 2007, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on June 6, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 10510 PARKSIDE AVENUE APT 7, Chicago Ridge, IL 60415 Property Index No. 24-17-206-002-0000 The real estate is improved with a brick multi unit house with no garage.
The judgment amount was $124,509.90. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in 'AS IS' condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information: Visit our website at http:\\service.atty-pierce.com between the hours of 3 and 5 pm PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602 Tel No (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number PA0609322. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE I34819

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE OF ARGENT SECURITIES, INC., ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2003-W2 UNDER THE POOLING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT DATED AS OF AUGUST 1, 2003, W/O RECOURSE, ASSIGNEE OF ARGENT MORTGAGE CO., L.L.C. Plaintiff, -v.- SAM ALRAMAHI A/K/A SAM RAMAHI Defendant 06 CH 22223 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 21, 2007, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on May 22, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 16224 GROVE AVENUE, Oak Forest, IL 60452 Property Index No. 28-21-218-018, Property Index No. 28-21-216-019
The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was $334,738.11. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale
The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: LAW OFFICES OF IRA T. NEVEL, 176 N. Franklin Street, Suite 201, CHICAGO, IL 60606, (312) 357-1125 Please refer calls to the sales department. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I33614

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS, INC. Plaintiff, vs ELIZABETH NORDEN; CRESTLINE ARMS CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF ELIZABETH NORDEN, IF ANY; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants, 02 CH 18793 NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW
PUBLID NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on 1/8/2004, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, May 22, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property: P.I.N. 24-10-225-036-1200. Commonly known as 9723 South Keeler Avenue Unit# 308, Oak Lawn, IL 60453.
The improvement on the property consists of a condominium residence. The purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by subdivisions (g)(1) and (g)(4) of Section 9 of the Condominium Property Act Sale terms: 25% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.
For information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com. Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602. Tel.No. (312) 476-5500. Refer to File Number PA0208774. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I33342

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION BANK ONE, N.A., AS TRUSTEE Plaintiff, -v.- JOHN M. WOLFE, et al Defendant 01 CH 19459 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on April 20, 2004, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on May 18, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 4915 W. 138TH CT., Crestwood, IL 60445 Property Index No. 28-04-213-005-0000
The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was $79,975.48. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: KROPIK, PAPUGA & SHAW, 120 South LaSalle Street, Suite 1327, CHICAGO, IL 60603, (312) 236-6405 . Please refer to file number 31459. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I33618

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY Plaintiff, -v.- JAMES BARKER A/K/A JAMES O. BARKER, et al Defendant 05 CH 22443 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 28, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on May 15, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 15132 LACROSSE AVENUE, Oak Forest, IL 60452 Property Index No 28-16-214-034 The real estate is improved with a single family residence.
The judgment amount was $196,396.06. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4)
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department.. Please refer to file number 14-05-F221 THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I33728

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION INLAND BANK AND TRUST, FORMERLY KNOWN AS WESTBANK, Plaintiff, vs. FILIBERTO DAVILA; IRMA DAVILA; HACIENDA JALAPENOS, INC.; THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FOR AND ON BEHALF OF THE SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION, AN AGENCY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, AS ASSIGNEE OF SOMECOR 504 INC.; CHICAGO TITLE LAND TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE UNDER TRUST DEED DATED 07/31/02, PETER CIACCIO; JOYCE CIACCIO; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants, 05 CH 15082 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on January 17, 2007, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, May 21, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 15426 South Cicero, Oak Forest, IL 60452. P.I.N. 28-16-212-017/018/019.
The improvement on the property consists of a commercial restaurant building which may be made available for inspection during the week prior to sale by arrangement with Ms. Kim Fearing at (312) 327-1052. Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds.
For information call Ms. Kimberly D. Fearing at Plaintiff's Attorney, Scott & Kraus, LLC, 150 South Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60606. (312) 327-1050. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I33304

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY AS TRUSTEE; Plaintiff, vs. MARK E. SZPARKOWSKI; NANCY A SZPARKOWSKI; Defendants, 06 CH 23196 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on January 29, 2007 Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, June 5, 2007 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 8153 Natoma Ave., Burbank, IL 60459. P.I.N. 19-31-211-050.
The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection
For information call William E. Dutton, Jr./Barbara J. Dutton at Plaintiff's Attorney, DUTTON & DUTTON, P.C., 10325 West Lincoln Highway, Frankfort, Illinois 60423. (815) 806-8200. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I35498

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION WELLS FARGO BANK, NA SUCCESSOR BY MERGER WITH) WELLS FARGO HOME MORTGAGE, INC.; Plaintiff, vs. JAMES BURGESON; ET. AL.; 08 CH 23005 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on February 1, 2007, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Thursday, June 7, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 8425 Oak Park Ave., Burbank, IL 60459 P.I.N. 19-31-415-011
The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
For information call Ms. Diane Thomas at Plaintiff's Attorney, Freedman Anselmo Lindberg & Rappe, LLC, 1807 West Diehl Road, Naperville, Illinois 60563-1890 (877) 729-6734 W0610086 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer. (312) 444-1122 I35528

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR MORGAN STANLEY ABS CAPITAL I, INC. TRUST 2006-WMC2; Plaintiff, vs SCOTT W OGLESBY; ET AL; Defendants, 06 CH 23318 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on March 6, 2007, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Thursday, June 7, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 4212 W. 90th Street, Hometown, IL 60456. P.I.N. 24-03-206-027.
The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
For information call Ms. Diane Thomas at Plaintiff's Attorney, Freedman Anselmo Lindberg & Rappe, LLC, 1807 West Diehl Road, Naperville, Illinois 60563-1890 (877) 729-6734. W0610036 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I35545

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION M & I BANK; Plaintiff, vs JAMIE C. JULIAN, ET AL; Defendants, 06 CH 23480 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on January 10, 2007, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Thursday, June 7, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 10742 Oak Ave., Chicago Ridge, IL 60415. P.I.N. 24-17-312-017.
The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. THE SALE SHALL BE SUBJECT TO GENERAL TAXES, SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS AND TO A PRIOR RECORDED FIRST MORTGAGE. Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
For information call Ms. Diane Thomas at Plaintiff's Attorney, Freedman Anselmo Lindberg & Rappe, LLC, 1807 West Diehl Road, Naperville, Illinois 60563-1890. (877) 729-6734. F0610029 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I35543

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Credit Score Confusion

If you're one of the millions of Americans who don't know their credit scores, you could be missing out on an opportunity to save money on your mortgage, cars, jewelry, electronics, vacations and anything else you may charge.

Your credit score is an estimate of your credit risk, which is based on your credit report. Lenders use this number to determine how likely you will be to repay a loan or line of credit in a timely manner. The higher the score, the more likely you'll receive a lower interest rate, and ultimately save money.

Only 27 percent of consumers understand that credit scores measure credit risk – not credit knowledge, amount of credit or attitude toward credit, according to the Consumer Federation of America.

"There are many misconceptions circulating about the function and purpose of credit scores," said Mike Sullivan, director of education for Take Charge America, a national non-profit credit counseling agency. "Yet, this three-digit number can impact you financially nearly every day of your life."

American consumers have an average of 13 credit obligations on record at a credit bureau, according to Fair Isaac Corporation, which pioneered the most common credit score, called the FICO score. These obligations include commonly-used credit cards, store cards, gas cards and installment loans, each of which has an impact on your credit score.

To help sort out the confusion, Sullivan answers six common questions about credit scores:

Do I have only one credit score? No, lenders are not required to report to each of the three major credit bureaus: Equifax, Experian and Trans Union. Each agency may have different information on your report, and therefore, a different score.

If I continually check my credit report, will that lower my credit score? You can check your report directly from the three credit bureaus as many times are you want, and it will not affect your credit score. To obtain a free credit report, visit www.annualcreditreport.com.

If I cancel a credit card, can that lower my credit score? Yes, canceling credit cards can actually decrease your score. For instance, if you have $50,000 in available credit and owe $10,000, then you owe 20 percent of your available credit. If you close an account with a $30,000 credit limit, you will then owe the same $10,000 but it will be 50 percent of your available credit. That lowers your credit score. It also affects the history part of your score, lowering it even further.

Does my salary affect my credit score? Your credit score is based on the amount of credit and debt you have, not how much money you make. If you receive a raise, and your credit and debt remain the same, your credit score will not improve. If you receive a raise and use that extra money to pay down your debt, then your credit score will improve.

Does shopping for a loan lower my credit score? While multiple inquiries do show up on your credit report, they do not necessarily damage your score. If the same types of inquiries are made within 14 days of each other, they only count as one inquiry on your credit report. Keep in mind that this applies to loans, not credit cards.

If I only use cash to make purchases, will I improve my credit score? Your credit score is determined by the amount of credit you use, not the amount of cash you use. A steady, responsible use of credit is the best way to build your credit score. You need to find a middle ground, as an absence of credit as well as an overuse of credit can work against you.

May Teen Events

Teens in 6th through 12th grade are invited to the Chicago Ridge Public Library, 10400 Oxford Ave., for some May fun. May events include: Sunday, May 6th at 2 p.m., Teen Babysitting Class. We will discuss topics of interest for teens that would like to enhance their babysitting skills. Tuesday, May 8th at 7 p.m., TAG meeting. Students who wish to accumulate service hours are invited, as well as any teen that wants to have a say about what happens in the library's Teen Café Read. Tuesday, May 22nd at 7 p.m., Teen Open Mike/ Karaoke Night. Contact the library at (708) 423-7753 for more information.

Homeschool Happenings

Homeschool Happenings will get together on Friday, May 11th at 1 p.m. at the Chicago Ridge Public Library, 10400 Oxford Ave. Call the library at (708) 423-7753 to register for this program.

Order Tomatoes & Herbs At The Center

The Children's Farm at The Center, 12700 Southwest Highway in Palos Park, is taking orders for tomato and herb garden plants.

The plant sale raises funds for an annual camp scholarship fund, which provides financial assistance to summer campers at the farm. Twenty varieties of herbs and three varieties of tomatoes are available for $4 per pot. The plants can be ordered by calling (708) 361-3650. The flowers will be available for pickup at The Center on May 18th and 19th.

Prepare For Spring And Summer Severe Weather

With the one-year anniversary of a major tornado in Central Illinois just days away, Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich recently encouraged people to prepare now for severe spring weather. The governor proclaimed March 4th to 10th as Severe Weather Preparedness Week in Illinois, and urged Illinois residents to learn more about the weather hazards that can threaten during the spring and summer months.

The governor said the Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA) and the National Weather Service (NWS) are joining together to raise awareness of tornadoes and severe storms during this year's Severe Weather Preparedness Week. As part of the week, schools and businesses were encouraged to practice their severe storm emergency plans during a statewide tornado drill that was held on Tuesday, March 6th at 10 a.m.

Illinois experienced a record number of tornadoes in 2006, with 124 tornadoes reported touching down throughout the state. The new record surpassed the previous record of 120 tornadoes set in 2003. Tornadoes last year resulted in one death and 49 injuries. On average, Illinois sees around 41 tornadoes each year.

Weather watches and warnings from the NWS are a critical tool in alerting people to approaching severe weather in their areas. The NWS is working to refine its warnings so they provide people with more specific detail about storms in their counties.

Nearly 30 percent of all tornadoes in Illinois occur after dark. For that reason, it's especially important that homes and businesses closely monitor threatening conditions at night, particular when people are asleep.

Besides tornadoes, spring and early summer in Illinois also bring severe thunderstorms and flooding. Severe thunderstorms can produce tornadoes, damaging winds, lightning, hail and heavy rain, all of which can cause death, injuries and property damage. Since 1990, lightning has killed 26 people. In 2001, Illinois ranked second in the nation for lightning fatalities.

While many people don't consider floods as dangerous as tornadoes, flooding is the number one severe weather killer nationwide. The most dangerous type of flooding is a flash flood, which can sweep away everyone and everything in its path. Fourteen people in Illinois have died from flash floods since 1995, most of which occurred in vehicles.

IEMA and NWS have also developed a Severe Weather Preparedness Guide, which contains information and tips on how to keep you and your family safe when a storm approaches and what actions to take following a severe storm, tornado or flood. The guide is available on the IEMA Web site at www.state.il.us/iema or by calling (217) 785-9888.

LIKE CROSSWORD PUZZLES

Hands Off The Internet

Citizens Against Government Waste (CAGW) urged Congress to say no to a national broadband policy and government intrusion of the Internet. After the release of a worldwide broadband usage report, Senate and House Committees held hearings on April 24th to examine the need for further government involvement in broadband service in light of other countries' policies.

"The Internet has thrived in America precisely because it has been free from government interference. The implementation of burdensome regulations, wasteful subsidies, and complicated tax breaks that other countries are imposing will only stifle growth and innovation," said CAGW President Tom Schatz. "Competition and the free market must be allowed to continue to work."

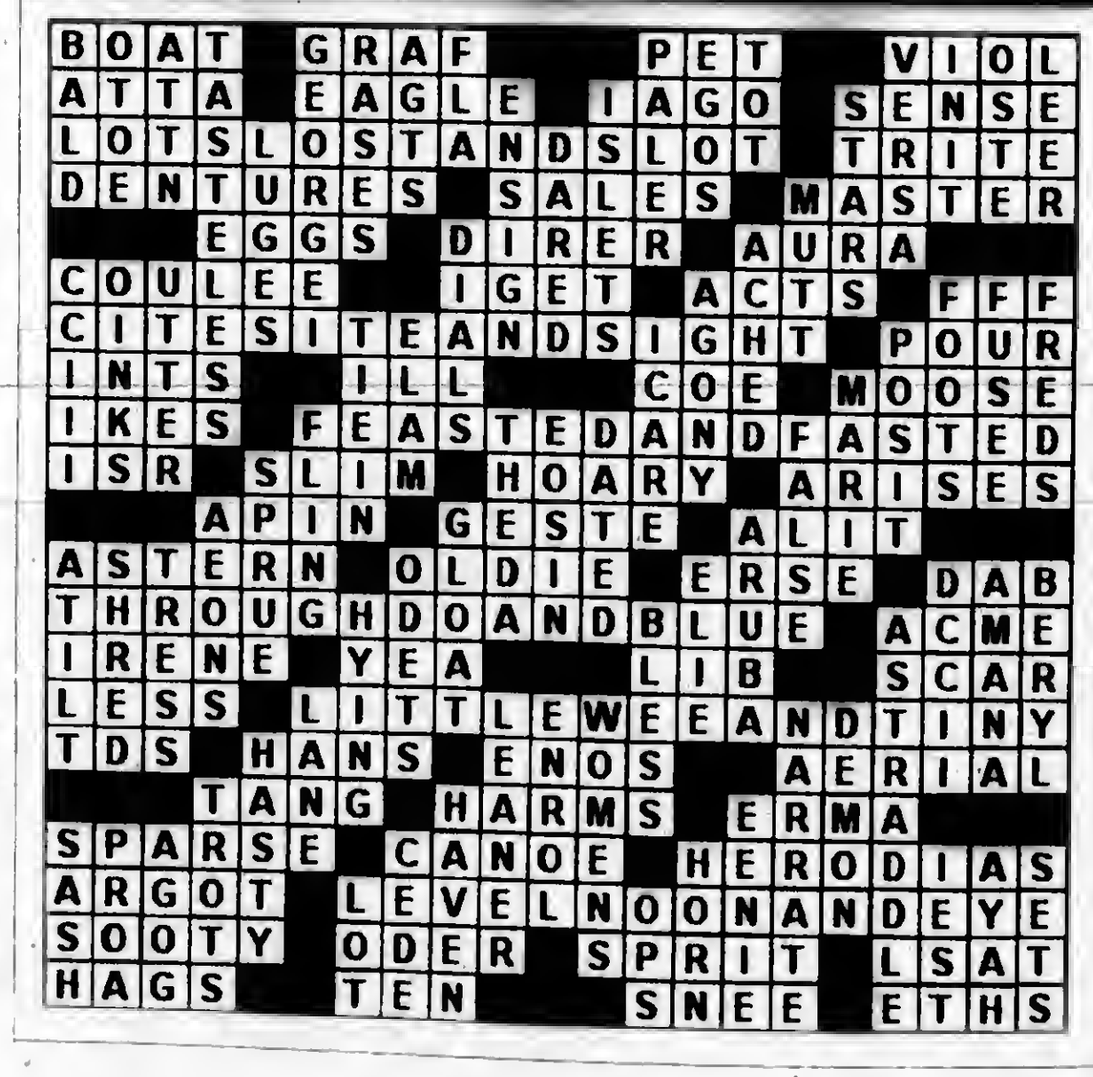
The Organization for Economic Co-Operation & Development (OECD) Broadband Statistics to December 2006 report was released on April 23rd. While finding that the U.S. has the most total broadband subscribers of the 30 studied countries, it ranked the United States 15th in broadband-deployment penetration. The survey does not disclose how it obtained its numbers and does not take into account population density or supply and demand.

The Rural Utilities Service (RUS) is an example of an ineffective government program charged with increasing broadband access. Besides the more than $30 million in broadband loans that have gone into default, the program has lost its focus on serving rural America. The RUS has been subsidizing private companies to provide broadband in suburban neighborhoods that would have received service anyway. Instead of allowing the free market to work, efficient private sector forces are crowded out by government subsidies.

According to a September 2005 audit by the USDA Inspector General (IG), "RUS has not exclusively served those rural communities most requiring Federal assistance to obtain access to broadband technologies. Because RUS' definition of 'rural area' is too broad to distinguish usefully between suburban and rural communities, the agency has issued over $103.4 million in grants and loans (nearly 12 percent of $895 million in total program funds) to communities near metropolitan areas...And the IG report noted "one of the more highly publicized cases, [where] RUS issued loans to a company providing broadband access to affluent suburban communities a few miles outside of Houston, Texas."

"Instead of increasing government control, Congress should remove barriers to the further flourishing of Internet usage and access by rejecting net neutrality, continuing the Internet tax ban, and protecting intellectual property," concluded Schatz.

Solution To This Weeks Puzzles



Southwest Area Obituaries

Florence A. Best

Services and private burial were held for Florence A. Best.

She is survived by her children Merle, Carole (Jack) Donovan and Wayne Best.

Paul A. Betts

Services were held at the Damar-Kaminski Funeral Home, Justice, on Saturday, with interment at Bethania Cemetery, for Paul a. Betts, 59, of Justice. He was the former owner of Corileone Pizza.

He is survived by his children Suzanne Woodrich, Joanna Betts, Kathleen Betts, Abigail Betts and Seth Betts; many grandchildren; and his sisters Linda Higgs and Mary DeRoache and his brother Leonard Betts.

Robert L. Considine

Mass was said at St. James At Sag Bridge Church, Lemont, on Monday, with interment at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, for Robert L. Considine, a Vietnam Veteran. He was a member of VFW 5220, American Legion Marrs Meyer Post #991 and IBEW Local 134.

He is survived by his wife Elaine, his children Lisa (Ross) Bruni, Tricia (Scott) Newton and Brenda (William) Bokowski; six grandchildren, and his sisters Geraldine (Patrick) Kilcoyne and Patricia (Michael) Berger.

June L. Danet

Mass was said at St. Terrence Church, Alsip, on Wednesday, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for June L. Danet, 67, late of Alsip.

She is survived by her children Debra (Carl) Hoist, Denis (Crecenciano "Leo") Alarcon, Pierre "Pet" (Sue) Danet Jr., Linda Danet and Theresa Danet; her sister Shirley (Gary) Grosz; eleven grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

Catherine DePersia

Mass was said at St. Christina Church, Midlothian, on Saturday, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Catherine "Kay" DePersia.

She is survived by her children Kenneth, Terry (Ellie), Karen Boylan, Irene (John) Hartigan, Jim (Penny), Ron (Chris), Mary Kay (Bob) Zacharias; twenty-two grandchildren and 36 great-grandchildren; her sisters Marie Granville, Dorothy Doran, Therese Klimson, Sister Margie, and her brother Gerald (RoseMarie).

Mildred L. Ellison

Services were held at the Robert J. Sheehy and Sons Funeral Home, Orland Park, with interment at Bethania Cemetery, for Mildred L. Ellison.

She is survived by her children Diane (John) Masloroff, Linda (James) Nesci and Elaine (William) Ebeling, seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Angeline Fatigato

Mass was said at Sacred Heart Church, Palos Hills, on Monday, with interment at Queen of Heaven Cemetery, for Angeline Fatigato, 94.

She is survived by her children Marie Cifaldi, Agnes (Philip) Benedia, Anthony (Kathleen) and Joseph (Georgia) Fatigato; twenty-nine grandchildren; sixty-eight great-grandchildren and thirty-four great-great grandchildren and her brothers Jimmy and Joe Gallo.

Randal F. Filippo

Mass was said at St. Stephen Church, Tinley Park, on Monday, with a private interment, for Randal F. Filippo, 28. He was a member of IBEW Local #176.

He is survived by his parents Fred and Marilyn Filippo; his brothers Richard and Ryan Filippo; his grandparents Lee and Shirley Filippo.

Peter M. Grochowski

Services were held at the Lawn Funeral Home, Burbank, on Tuesday, with interment on the family lot, for Peter M. Grochowski, 25.

He is survived by his parents Michael and Vickie Grochowski; his sister Tori (Ron) Brasel; his grand parents Pearl Grochowski and Doris and Gerald Julin.

Joseph Halgas

Mass was said at St. Stephen Martyr Church, Tinley Park, on Tuesday, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Joseph Halgas.

He is survived by his wife Katie; his children Diane (Wayne) Wiersema and Joanna Greck; five grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Marion H. Hill

Mass was said at Our Lady of the Ridge Church, Chicago Ridge, on Saturday, with interment at St. Mary Cemetery, for Marion H. Hill, 96.

She is survived by her children Marjorie and Charles M. (Charlotte), ten grandchildren; and many great-grandchildren.

Shirley Hoving

Services were held at the First Christian Reformed Church of Oak Lawn, with interment at Orland Memorial Park Cemetery, for Shirley Hoving, 65.

She is survived by her husband George; her children Pam (Randy) Bishop, Jill (Greg) Mulder, Mike (Joy), Lynelle (Brian) Schreuder and Tim (Elizabeth): nine grandchildren; her sisters Julia (/John) Sterk and Jan (Bill) Van Eerden and his brother Harold (Phyllis) Kuipers.

Charles F. Huber

Chapel Services were held at the Blake-Lamb Funeral Home, Oak Lawn, on Saturday, with interment at St. Mary Cemetery, for Charles F. Huber, 90, a Veteran of WWII.

He is survived by his wife Franees and his sister Mary Gleason.

Karl Krejca

Services were held at the Peace Memorial Church, Palos Park, on Tuesday, with interment at Evergreen Park Cemetery, for Karl Krejca, 84, a veteran of WWII serving with the US Armyu. He was retired from the Edward Hines Lumber Company with 39 years of service.

He is survived by his wife Ruth; his children Daniela and Karen (Jack) Fryzek; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

George Kuper

Services were held at Mount Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, Oak Lawn, on Monday, with interment at Fairmount Willow Hills Memorial Park, for George Kuper, 76, an Army veteran of the Korean War, late of Oak Lawn.

He is survived by his wife Beverly; his children Mark (Annemarie), Dale (Patricia) and Kevin (Bekah) Kuper; and six grandchildren.

Herbert M. Learner

Services were held at the Andrew J. McGann and Son Funeral Home, Thursday, August 26th, with interment at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, for Herbert M. Learner, a US Navy Veteran. He was a member of VFW Post 2580, American Legion Post #1160, Military Order of the Cootie Puptent #65, Tilden Tech Alumni Association and Hall of Fame Recipient, Class of 1938.

He is survived by his wife Helen, his son Robert B. (Charlene) and two grandchildren.

Betty Loeffler

Services were held at the Colonial Chapel, Orland Park, on Wednesday, with interment at Chapel Hill Gardens South, for Betty Loeffler, 86.

She is survived by her children Patricia Golembieski and John (Kathy) Dunn; three grandchildren, one great-grandchild; and her brother William (Blanche) Hughes.

Sylvia Madon

Mass was said at St. Christopher Church, Midlothian, on Wednesday, with interment at Holy Cross Cemetery, for Sylvia Madon.

She is survived by her son Edward (Drue) Madon and one great-grandchild.

David C. Martin

Services were held at the Lawn Funeral Home, Burbank, on Monday, with a private interment for David C. Martin, a retired Lieutenant of the Burbank Fire Department.

He is survived by his wife Cathy; his children Erika (Raymond) Olano, Bridgette (Joseph) Paria; one grandson; and his sisters Marie (Wesley) Roak, Linda (John) Moraek and Helen (Wayde) Tabor and his brother Benjamin Martin.

Dorothy P. Myers

Services were held at the Chapel Hill Gardens South Funeral Home, Oak Lawn, on Wednesday, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Dorothy P. Myers, 95.

She is survived by her children James R. Jr. (Denise), John R. and Kenneth R.; fifteen grandchildren; forty-three great-grandchildren; twelve great-great grandchildren; and her sister Lorraine Hoeingwaus.

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"Our Children, Our Government" At Saint Germaine

On Friday, April 20, 8th grade students from St. Germaine School participated in the "Our Children, Our Government" program at Oak Lawn Village Hall. Pictured standing from left to right are Clerk Jane Quinlan, student Walter Humble, Fire Lieutenant Steve Rockey, student Tess Hynes, Police Chief Bill Villanova, Mayor Dave Hellmann and student Dan Hickey.

55 Alive Course

The Worth Township Seniors will be sponsoring a 55 Alive Review Course on Wednesday and Thursday, June 27th and 28th at the Worth Township Center, 11601 S. Pulaski from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The fee is $10 payable to AARP. The class is open to seniors 50 years and older and you will receive a certificate that may entitle you to a reduction in your auto insurance.

Call (708) 371-2900, Ext. 28 to register.

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For Your Local Town News

OAK LAWN SENIOR HAPPENINGS

The Oak Lawn Senior Center is once again offering a variety of activities to the senior citizens in the village. The Senior Center is located at 5330 W. 95th St. in the heart of town. For further information on any of the many activities, call 499-0240.

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A Rules of the Road Review Course, designed to give drivers the knowledge and confidence to pass the driver's license renewal exam, will take place on Tuesday, May 8th at 10 a.m. Call the center to register.

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Representatives from the Family HearCare Center will be offering a hearing aid clinic. They will be on hand to clean and check hearing aids and also provide "quickie" hearing screenings on Wednesday, May 9th from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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Now for some fun! Are you a Cub fan or a Sox fan? The Crosstown Classic will satisfy both team fans. In the air conditioned, shady, rain free, bug free Senior Center, the rivalry game will be shown on the big screen TV. Admission to the game will be $2, which will entitle participants to a hot dog, chips, and a soda. Game day is Friday, May 18th. Game time is 1:20 p.m. Gates open at 12:30 p.m. If interested in purchasing a ticket, see the center staff.

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Monday, May 21st at 10 a.m. entertainer, multi-instrumental and showman Johnny Gray will share his many talents.

Free Vision Screening

The Worth Township Seniors will offer Free Vision Screening on Thursday, June 14th from 9 a.m. to Noon at the Worth Township Center, 11601 S. Pulaski.

You must be a Worth Township resident to participate. Appointments are necessary. Please feel free to call (708) 371-2900, Ext. 28.

Rummage Sale In Hometown

The Christian Women's Fellowship of the Hometown Christian Church, 4340 W. 87th St., will hold its Spring Rummage Sale on Friday, May 18th from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., and on Saturday, May 19th from 9 a.m. to noon.

Items for sale will include clothing of all kinds, shoes, purses, books, toys, kitchen equipment, and many other household accessories.

All are welcome to come and shop. For more information or to arrange for donating items, call Cora Shanahan at (708) 599-1310 weekdays between 9 a.m. and noon.

Named Eagle Scout

Brother Rice High School senior Matthew Kwain of Palos Heights was recently named an Eagle Scout. A member of Palos Heights Scout Troop #337, Matt has been in scouting for seven years. As a requirement to being named to scouting's highest rank, Matt performed a community service project. He chose to initiate a toy drive for Hope Children's Hospital in Oak Lawn. The drive brought in 12 boxes of toys that were distributed to the kids. Upon graduation, Matt is headed to Carthage College in Kenosha, Wisconsin where he will study graphic design.

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LEGAL NOTICE

Cook County Annual Tax Sale Notice to Property Owners, Annual Tax Sale Schedule and Delinquent Real Estate Tax List

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS

This legal notice includes a list of parcels of real estate on which 2005 property taxes (due in 2006) are listed as delinquent and subject to sale as of April 16, 2007.

SPECIAL NOTE: This list may include some properties on which the taxes were paid subsequent to the list's preparation. It is the property owner's responsibility to determine if the taxes are paid in full.

IF YOUR PROPERTY IS LISTED IN THIS NOTICE FOR SALE OF DELINQUENT REAL ESTATE TAXES, IT IS IMPORTANT FOR YOU TO TAKE ACTION SO THAT YOUR TAXES ARE NOT SOLD. The sale of taxes will result in a lien against the property that will add, at a minimum, hundreds of dollars in fees to the amount currently due. Sale of the tax and continued failure by the owner to redeem (pay) may result in the loss of property.

Under Illinois law, the Cook County Treasurer's Office must offer properties having delinquent real estate taxes and special assessments for sale. The tax sale is scheduled to begin TUESDAY, June 5, 2007. The purchaser of the delinquent real estate taxes and special assessments may obtain title to these properties if they are not redeemed (paid) in a timely manner. Payments of delinquent real estate taxes and special assessments must be paid by CERTIFIED CHECK, CASHIER'S CHECK or MONEY ORDER. Payments may be made at more than 290 CHASE BANKS throughout Chicagoland through June 1, 2007. Payments may also be made in person at the Cook County Treasurer's Office, 118 N. Clark St., Suite 112, Chicago, IL 60602. For questions about submitting a payment or to verify the precise delinquent amount, contact the Cook County Treasurer's Office by phone at (312) 443-5100 or by e-mail through our website at www.cookcountytreasurer.com and click on "CONTACT US."

2005 Annual Tax Sale Schedule

SALE BEGINS TUESDAY, JUNE 5, 2007 AT 9:00 A.M. THE TAX SALE HOURS OF OPERATION ARE 9:00 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M. EACH SCHEDULED DAY. THE DATES OF SALE AND THE DAILY SALE HOURS MAY BE EXTENDED AS NEEDED.

DATE	VOLUMES	TOWNSHIPS
June 5, 2007	001 to 028	Barrington, Berwyn, Bloom, Bremen
June 6, 2007	029 to 060	Bremen, Calumet, Cicero, Elk Grove, Evanston, Hanover
June 7, 2007	061 to 109	Hanover, Lemont, Leyden, Lyons, Maine, New Trier
June 8, 2007	110 to 165	Niles, Northfield, Norwood Park, Oak Park, Orland, Palatine, Palos, Proviso
June 11, 2007	166 to 195	Proviso, Rich, River Forest, Riverside, Schaumburg, Stickney, Thornton
June 12, 2007	196 to 220	Thornton
June 13, 2007	221 to 253	Thornton, Wheeling, Worth, Hyde Park
June 14, 2007	254 to 280	Hyde Park
June 15, 2007	281 to 336	Hyde Park, Jefferson
June 18, 2007	337 to 394	Jefferson, Lake
June 19, 2007	395 to 425	Lake
June 20, 2007	426 to 450	Lake
June 21, 2007	451 to 478	Lake, Lake View
June 22, 2007	479 to 511	Lake View, North Chicago, Rogers Park, South Chicago
June 25, 2007	512 to 557	South Chicago, West Chicago
June 26, 2007	558 to 601	West Chicago

COOK COUNTY DELINQUENT REAL ESTATE TAX LIST

OFFICE OF THE COOK COUNTY TREASURER AND EX-OFFICIO COUNTY COLLECTOR OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

Advertisement and Notice by Collector of Cook County of Application for Judgment and Order of Sale of Delinquent Lands and Lots for General Taxes for the years indicated, for order of sales thereof, as provided by law.

COUNTY OF COOK,
STATE OF ILLINOIS
May 2-3, 2007.

NOTICE is hereby given that the said Collector of Cook County, Illinois, will apply to the County Division of the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois on Monday, May 21, 2007, for judgment against all lands and lots, hereinafter described as being delinquent, and upon which taxes remain due and unpaid along with interest and costs, for an order for sale of said lands and lots for satisfaction thereof, fixing the correct amount due. Final entry of said order will be sought on Wednesday, May 30, 2007.

NOTICE is further given that on the 5th day of June, 2007, A.D., at the hour of 9:00 a.m., all said lands and lots, hereinafter described for sale for which an order shall be made, or has been made and not executed as noted, will be subject to public sale at 69 W. Washington St., Lower Level Room B (concourse area), in Chicago, Illinois, for the amount of taxes, interest and costs due thereon, respectively.

The following is a list of: the delinquent properties in Cook County upon which the taxes or any part thereof remain due and unpaid; the name(s) of the owners, if known; the property location, the total amount due on 2005 tax warrants (excluding delinquent special assessments separately advertised); and the year or years for which the taxes are due.

In lieu of legal description, each parcel of land or lot is designated by a property index number (PIN). Comparison of the 14-digit PIN with the legal description of any parcel may be made by referring to the cross indices in the various Cook County offices.

The Cook County Collector does not guarantee the accuracy of common street addresses or property classification codes at the time of sale. Tax buyers should verify all common street addresses, PINs, classifications and ownership by personal inspection and investigation of said properties and legal descriptions prior to purchasing general taxes offered at the sale.

NO TAX BUYER WILL BE ALLOWED TO GO TO TAX DEED AGAINST ANY GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY. WHEN A PETITION TO VACATE SUCH A SALE IS FILED, THE FINAL RESULT MAY BE A REFUND WITHOUT INTEREST.

TOWNSHIP OF WORTH

Township	Tax Payer Name	Property Address	Vol	PIN	Tax Type	Tax Year	Tax Due
Worth	ALLEN GREEN	8752 S TROY ST	236	24-01-100-047-0000		2005	14.79
Worth	ROBERT S NIELSEN	8751 S TROY ST	236	24-01-101-027-0000		2005	14.11
Worth	ROMONA P MADISON	8751 S TROY ST	236	24-01-101-028-0000		2005	6.81
Worth	JACQUELINE WILLIS	8756 S RICHMOND AVE	236	24-01-104-032-0000		2005	27.46
Worth	PATRICK HEICENREICH	8744 S MOZART ST	236	24-01-107-028-0000		2005	33.42
Worth	TERESA SANDERS	8819 S MOZART ST	236	24-01-108-024-0000		2005	24.48
Worth	K & K COOPER	8838 S CALIFORNIA AVE	236	24-01-108-041-0000		2005	20.05
Worth	STEVE ZAGEL	8800 S TROY ST	236	24-01-109-026-0000		2005	10.22
Worth	STEVE ZAGER	8800 S TROY ST	236	24-01-109-027-0000		2005	10.24
Worth	LORI A ECKROTH	8818 S UTICA AVE	236	24-01-111-031-0000		2005	7.09
Worth	JESCHKE RICHARD	8837 S SACRAMENTO AVE	236	24-01-112-010-0000		2005	26.81
Worth	MICHAEL R VRTIS	8844 S SACRAMENTO AVE	236	24-01-118-062-0000		2005	11.47
Worth	MRS LLOYD BOWMAN	8909 S UTICA AVE	236	24-01-120-003-0000		2005	13.01
Worth	JONATHAN BROWN	9013 S UTICA AVE	236	24-01-122-004-0000		2005	15.47
Worth	TONYA WALLS	8738 S WASHTENAW AVE	236	24-01-201-039-0000		2005	10.20
Worth	SHERRY ALFORD	8728 S ROCKWELL ST	236	24-01-203-012-0000		2005	4.58
Worth	SHERRY ALFORD	8728 S ROCKWELL ST	236	24-01-203-013-0000		2005	40.99
Worth	CYNTHIA WILLIAMS	8825 S CALIFORNIA AVE	236	24-01-204-057-0000		2005	27.11
Worth	BARBARA O WASHINGTON	8807 S TALMAN AVE	236	24-01-207-002-0000		2005	22.55
Worth	CHARLES MCMILLIN	8816 S ROCKWELL ST	236	24-01-207-027-0000		2005	43.10
Worth	ALFREDO GONZALEZ	8850 S ROCKWELL ST	236	24-01-207-037-0000		2005	13.67
Worth	DIANE HOLLIE	2728 W 91ST ST	236	24-01-211-009-0000		2005	42.11
Worth	RICKY ALLEN	2727 W 90TH PL	236	24-01-211-016-0000		2005	20.47
Worth	RICHARD YOUNG	2712 W 90TH ST	236	24-01-214-025-0000		2005	24.79
Worth	DWIGHT S CALLAS	2725 W 90TH ST	236	24-01-216-008-0000		2005	23.10
Worth	WALLACE & LANG	9141 S KEDZIE AVE	236	24-01-300-057-0000		2005	85.50
Worth	THOMAS SULLIVAN	9135 S SACRAMENTO AVE	236	24-01-303-023-0000		2005	12.50
Worth	THOMAS SULLIVAN	9135 S SACRAMENTO AVE	236	24-01-303-024-0000		2005	12.48
Worth	THOMAS SULLIVAN	9135 S SACRAMENTO AVE	236	24-01-303-025-0000		2005	12.48
Worth	EDWARD S GLAZAR	9100 S MOZART ST	236	24-01-305-011-0000		2005	8.46
Worth	ROBERT J. SCHROEDER	9229 S KEDZIE AVE	236	24-01-307-015-0000		2005	31.58
Worth	ROBERT J. SCHROEDER	9229 S KEDZIE AVE	236	24-01-307-016-0000		2005	31.58
Worth	FLORA ALLEN	3101 W 95TH ST	236	24-01-307-081-0000		2005	1.22
Worth	JEAN A JOHNSTONE	9230 S RICHMOND AVE	236	24-01-311-035-0000		2005	9.25
Worth	JEAN A JOHNSTONE	9230 S RICHMOND AVE	236	24-01-311-061-0000		2005	10.24
Worth	WALTER SERAFIM	9241 S FRANCISCO AVE	236	24-01-313-013-0000		2005	1.03
Worth	JUAN THOMAS	9216 S MOZART ST	236	24-01-313-028-0000		2005	5.13
Worth	WALTER J OLSZEWSKI	9216 S MOZART ST	238	24-01-313-029-0000		2005	5.13
Worth	PETER EDWARDS	9243 S FRANCISCO AVE	236	24-01-313-046-0000		2005	15.66
Worth	CHRISTINA M LAPINSKA	9324 S ALBANY AVE	236	24-01-316-030-0000		2005	17.37
Worth	CHRISTINA M LAPINSKA	9324 S ALBANY AVE	236	24-01-316-031-0000		2005	17.37
Worth	LUZ SERRANO	9349 S ALBANY AVE	236	24-01-317-016-0000		2005	6.42
Worth	DANIEL MAKOWSKI	9346 S SACRAMENTO AVE	236	24-01-318-053-0000		2005	13.55
Worth	ROBERT E WALTON	9305 S SACRAMENTO AVE	236	24-01-320-023-0000		2005	29.19
Worth	OKOYE KAIDI	9321 S RICHMOND AVE	236	24-01-321-008-0000		2005	34.50
Worth	THOMAS S COLLINS JR	9314 S FRANCISCO AVE	236	24-01-321-026-0000		2005	45.99
Worth	MR & MRS MCFEE	9429 S UTICA AVE	236	24-01-325-012-0000		2005	28.27
Worth	CHRISTINA CALBERT	9137 S UTICA AVE	236	24-01-330-010-0000		2005	14.46
Worth	TAMEKA BELL	9136 S SACRAMENTO AVE	236	24-01-330-025-0000		2005	4.25
Worth	YVETTE C MANNING	2713 W 94TH ST	236	24-01-410-039-0000		2005	30.50
Worth	DON M BERRY JR	2632 W 94TH PL	236	24-01-411-016-0000		2005	32.38
Worth	KATHERINE JOHNSON	2628 W 94TH PL	236	24-01-411-017-0000		2005	29.58
Worth	WM J FAVIA	9239 S SPRINGFIELD AV	236	24-02-308-007-0000		2005	38.23
Worth	CYNTHIA M BLAYLOCK	9223 S SPRINGFIELD AV	236	24-02-308-023-0000		2005	31.55
Worth	FRANCINE POOLE	9339 S HARDING AVE	236	24-02-315-053-0000		2005	39.32
Worth	CYNTHIA GUINN	3900 W 95TH ST	236	24-02-322-055-1006		2005	9.92
Worth	THOMAS POWELL JR	9411 S LAWNDALE AVE	236	24-02-325-041-0000		2005	25.09
Worth	ROBERT J HUND	9108 S CENTRAL PARK A	236	24-02-329-003-0000		2005	18.02
Worth	LAURA&DAVID DAWSON JR	9144 S CLIFTON PARK A	237	24-02-400-078-0000		2005	27.77
Worth	THOMAS SINON	9120 S TRUMBULL AVE	237	24-02-402-024-0000		2005	50.06
Worth	RENEE TURGEON	9101 S TRUMBULL AVE	237	24-02-403-010-0000		2005	7.47
Worth	BEVEL GRANITE CO INC	91 S SPAULDING AVE	237	24-02-405-022-0000		2005	165.65
Worth	MR P KAZOR	9135 S SAWYER AVE	237	24-02-407-016-0000		2005	7.31
Worth	P L MALIK	9100 S KEDZIE AVE	237	24-02-407-025-0000		2005	17.05
Worth	P L MALIK	9100 S KEDZIE AVE	237	24-02-407-026-0000		2005	160.92
Worth	P L MALIK	9100 S KEDZIE AVE	237	24-02-407-027-0000		2005	16.91
Worth	P L MALIK	9100 S KEDZIE AVE	237	24-02-407-054-0000		2005	6.77
Worth	BARBARA A ADAMS	9210 S ST. LOUIS AVE	237	24-02-409-025-0000		2005	7.93
Worth	BARBARA A ADAMS	9210 S ST. LOUIS AVE	237	24-02-409-026-0000		2005	23.12
Worth	R M JARECKI	9201 S TRUMBULL AVE	237	24-02-411-001-0000		2005	5.59
Worth	R M JARECKI	9201 S TRUMBULL AVE	237	24-02-411-002-0000		2005	10.26
Worth	ROBERT J HUNO	9221 S TURNER AVE	237	24-02-413-008-0000		2005	33.96
Worth	JERZY NIKOLAJUK	9316 S HOMAN AVE	237	24-02-419-026-0000		2005	23.94
Worth	MAURA KENNEDY	9322 S TURNER AVE	237	24-02-420-030-0000		2005	20.26
Worth	DELORES L TAHENY	9338 S TURNER AVE	237	24-02-420-036-0000		2005	32.25
Worth	DORIS KARPER	9439 S CENTRAL PARK A	237	24-02-424-015-0000		2005	10.48
Worth	DORIS KARPER	9439 S CENTRAL PARK A	237	24-02-424-016-0000		2005	14.24
Worth	KEVIN P MALLOY	9401 S CLIFTON PARK A	237	24-02-425-001-0000		2005	13.44
Worth	KEVIN P MALLOY	9401 S CLIFTON PARK A	237	24-02-425-002-0000		2005	13.44
Worth	KEVIN P.MALLOY	9403 S CLIFTON PARK A	237	24-02-425-003-0000		2005	2.95
Worth	TIMOTHY J MURPHY	9423 S ST. LOUIS AVE	237	24-02-426-011-0000		2005	1.03
Worth	RAY F BRUSH	9439 S HOMAN AVE	237	24-02-428-016-0000		2005	1.48
Worth	LAWRENCE F CZARNOTA	4519 W 87TH ST	237	24-03-122-009-0000		2005	9.52
Worth	JENNIFER BUNDERSON	4436 W 87TH PL	237	24-03-122-052-0000		2005	16.68
Worth	DANIEL J OROZD	4503 W 88TH ST	237	24-03-127-079-0000		2005	18.93
Worth	KEVIN CASEY	4549 W 89TH ST	237	24-03-129-065-0000		2005	10.17
Worth	LUELLA M FINNEGAN	4507 W 90TH PL	237	24-03-132-023-0000		2005	17.47
Worth	ANDERSON RAMSARAN	4065 W SOUTHWEST HWY	237	24-03-200-036-0000		2005	8.50
Worth	MICHAEL F EMANUELSON	8884 S MAIN ST	237	24-03-202-021-0000		2005	17.56
Worth	KENNETH BERGAMO	9010 S MAIN ST	237	24-03-202-051-0000		2005	8.54
Worth	M CANTU	8875 S MAIN ST	237	24-03-203-009-0000		2005	7.97
Worth	KEVIN CHARLES OLSON	8910 S RYAN RD	237	24-03-203-047-0000		2005	7.97
Worth	THOMAS L MAYROSE	8920 S RYAN RD	237	24-03-203-050-0000		2005	8.47
Worth	OLIVIA CAMARENA	8917 S RYAN RD	237	24-03-204-010-0000		2005	16.50
Worth	REED SKEMBARE	4110 W 89TH PL	237	24-03-204-026-0000		2005	14.15
Worth	SCOTT OGLESBY	4212 W 90TH ST	237	24-03-206-027-0000		2005	8.87
Worth	CATHERINE DAVIES	9058 S RYAN RD	237	24-03-209-017-0000		2005	8.50
Worth	JANET MORRISSEY	4213 W 87TH ST	237	24-03-211-029-0000		2005	16.74
Worth	CAROL OAMICO	4324 W 87TH PL	237	24-03-211-044-0000		2005	5.98
Worth	LEONA A HELLMAN	8829 S KILDARE AVE	237	24-03-214-018-0000		2005	12.17
Worth	BONITA DRAPIASKI	8852 S CORCORAN RD	237	24-03-215-063-0000		2005	17.66
Worth	GERALD JOHN CZAJA	4560 W 93RD ST	237	24-03-312-026-1018		2005	14.01
Worth	MUSA SWEIS	4308 91ST PL	237	24-03-401-003-0000		2005	35.91
Worth	RUAI MOHAMMAO	9128 TRIPP AVE	237	24-03-401-011-0000		2005	22.71
Worth	THOMAS KARINGADA	9153 TRIPP AVE	237	24-03-401-017-0000		2005	51.88
Worth	ROBERT TOLSMA	4204 91ST PL	237	24-03-402-007-0000		2005	46.33
Worth	ANTHONY BARBARA GRILLO	4108 91ST PL	237	24-03-402-013-0000		2005	34.59
Worth	KATHRYN A SHERWOOD	4104 91ST PL	237	24-03-402-014-0000		2005	48.08
Worth	STANLEY G BUFORD	9237 KARLOV AVE	237	24-03-406-044-0000		2005	25.29
Worth	ALFREDO RAMIREZ JR	4014 93RO PL	237	24-03-410-018-1001		2005	24.29
Worth	SALLY VUCHINAS 2B	4113 93RO PL	237	24-03-410-020-1004		2005	12.84
Worth	JUAN AVILEZ	8923 CENTRAL AVE	238	24-04-101-059-0000		2005	24.68
Worth	DANIEL GARCIA	8935 55TH CT	238	24-04-102-041-0000		2005	16.19
Worth	HEATHER E QUINLAN	5522 W 90TH ST	238	24-04-102-045-0000		2005	15.06
Worth	KHAMISIYIN ELHAM	8729 55TH CT	238	24-04-102-071-0000		2005	32.23
Worth	CLAUDIA ACEVEDO	5523 W 87TH ST	238	24-04-102-124-0000		2005	25.85
Worth	HENRY SLIVA	5336 AVERY PL	238	24-04-103-044-0000		2005	17.71
Worth	DONALD BAIKIE	5248 W 88TH ST	238	24-04-106-032-0000		2005	5.39
Worth	ALPHONSUS BOYLE	5224 W 88TH ST	238	24-04-106-044-0000		2005	23.62
Worth	MARGARET D MCKENNA	5212 W 88TH ST	238	24-04-106-050-0000		2005	6.52
Worth	WILLIAM SCHUCH	5251 W 88TH ST	238	24-04-107-069-0000		2005	47.43
Worth	RICHARD VOLK	5303 W 90TH ST	238	24-04-111-014-0000		2005	6.59
Worth	ROBERT P LANG	5353 W 90TH ST	238	24-04-117-014-0000		2005	13.59
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Worth	WILL MALONE	9137 S PARKSIDE AVE	239	24-05-404-010-0000		2005	34.69
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Worth	JOSEPH M GROBAEK JR	5923 LYNWOOD DR	239	24-05-419-002-0000		2005	25.54
Worth	ALAN O LETOURNEAU	9133 MAYFIELD AVE	239	24-05-420-005-0000		2005	48.09
Worth	TRUST 92 1215	9035 HARLEM AVE	239	24-06-100-020-0000		2005	43.12
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Worth	BILL G LES	9108 S RIDGELAND AVE	239	24-06-427-029-0000		2005	39.30
Worth	ARNOLDO LOPEZ	6655 91ST PL	239	24-06-428-035-0000		2005	71.47
Worth	DERMOT & ROSE RAFTERY	6621 91ST PL	239	24-06-428-040-0000		2005	9.99

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Worth	CRAIG AMBROSE	7015 96TH PL	240	24-07-108-002-0000		2005	25.96
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Worth	K HUWEIH	9829 S NOTTINGHAM AVE	240	24-07-113-031-1013		2005	7.17
Worth	URIEL AYALA	9836 S SAYRE AVE	240	24-07-113-032-1008		2005	21.44
Worth	M NASER	9815 S NOTTINGHAM AVE	240	24-07-113-036-1021		2005	11.99
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Worth	Patrick Riordan	9605 S OAK PARK AVE	240	24-07-204-058-0000		2005	68.41
Worth	NASER ALSHOWEAT	9704 NORMANDY AVE	240	24-07-209-027-0000		2005	13.13
Worth	J WEGNER 6070	9704 NORMANDY AVE	240	24-07-209-028-0000		2005	13.13
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Worth	WILLIAM SUSAN SHEERAN	5324 OAKDALE DR	241	24-09-321-022-0000		2005	14.97
Worth	MARY C PINEDA	10002 MINNICK AVE	241	24-09-328-019-0000		2005	17.69
Worth	JOHN M GIBLIN	10016 53RD AVE	241	24-09-329-017-0000		2005	38.22
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Worth	ANNE M CARBONNEAU	10417 51ST CT	244	24-16-222-005-0000		2005	53.28
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Worth	CHARLES T BUTLER	11808 S LAPORTE AVE	246	24-21-428-010-0000		2005	15.57
Worth	GEORGIA M LAMBROS	4734 W 115TH PL	246	24-22-301-004-0000		2005	20.80
Worth	ZBIGNIEW RYCEWICZ	4728 W 115TH PL	246	24-22-301-005-0000		2005	34.31
Worth	MICHAEL BROWN	11553 S JOALYCE DR	246	24-22-327-006-0000		2005	21.85
Worth	THEODORA DEMETREAS	11681 S JOALYCE DR	246	24-22-334-011-0000		2005	28.13
Worth	TIMOTHY GRUTZIUS	11725 S ROSEMARY LN	246	24-22-339-010-0000		2005	26.49
Worth	ADNAN SAFI	4157 W 115TH ST	246	24-22-403-001-0000		2005	21.00
Worth	NASER MIHMMAD	4155 W 115TH ST	246	24-22-403-014-0000		2005	23.26
Worth	ROLF SCHWARZ	11512 S KARLOV AVE	246	24-22-404-009-0000		2005	15.87
Worth	JERRY & HANNA MIREK	11549 S KOMENSKY AVE	246	24-22-406-014-0000		2005	17.05
Worth	MARIANO D ROMO	11514 S KOLIN AVE	246	24-22-417-006-0000		2005	11.57
Worth	MARIANN HENDRICKSON	4201 W 115TH ST	246	24-22-421-021-0000		2005	23.07
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Worth	TAXPAYER OF	3913 W 115TH ST	246	24-23-300-008-0000		2005	40.72
Worth	JASON MARQUARDT	3838 W 115TH PL	246	24-23-301-057-0000		2005	24.96
Worth	HENRY A BOCKMANN	3847 W 115TH PL	246	24-23-301-058-0000		2005	10.96
Worth	DAN ODONNELL	3727 W 115TH ST	246	24-23-302-037-0000		2005	3.66
Worth	KELLY KEVIN	3632 W 115TH PL	246	24-23-303-034-0000		2005	14.83
Worth	MICHAEL FITZGERALD	3717 WASHINGTON AVE	246	24-23-306-025-0000		2005	21.64
Worth	CATHERINE CLAYTON	3735 WASHINGTON AVE	246	24-23-306-034-0000		2005	26.34
Worth	BARBARA DOANE	3645 W 116TH ST	246	24-23-311-048-0000		2005	29.39
Worth	WILLIAM WAILES	3919 W 116TH PL	246	24-23-312-045-0000		2005	29.46
Worth	JOAN LAUDERDALE	11843 S CRAWFORD AVE	246	24-23-324-015-0000		2005	66.28
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Worth	JOAN LAUDERDALE	11843 S CRAWFORD AVE	246	24-23-324-018-0000		2005	73.49
Worth	I LARSON	11831 S LAWNDALE AVE	246	24-23-330-006-0000		2005	2.41
Worth	RICHARD FEIGL	3101 W 114TH ST	246	24-24-115-006-0000		2005	25.38
Worth	MARK MARZANO	3169 W 115TH ST	246	24-24-300-044-1005		2005	12.36
Worth	SPYIDON UISUARDIS	11716 S SACRAMENTO DR	246	24-24-313-031-0000		2005	8.63

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Worth	PAUL A DAVIS	3177 W PARK LANE DR	246	24-24-315-002-0000		2005	3.12
Worth	ADRIAN CIENFUEGOS	11915 MAPLE AVE	247	24-25-201-069-0000		2005	26.66
Worth	RAYMOND W FOERTSCH	11914 ARTESIAN AVE	247	24-25-203-030-0000		2005	4.00
Worth	GRACE JEFFREY L	12011 ARTESIAN AVE	247	24-25-208-053-0000		2005	11.46
Worth	KARON REED	12227 FAIRWAY CIR	247	24-25-209-010-1024		2005	12.22
Worth	SHARON ALEXANDER	12252 FAIRWAY CIR	247	24-25-209-016-1008		2005	15.71
Worth	TAMIKA SIMMONS	12231 FAIRWAY CIR	247	24-25-209-016-1031		2005	22.83
Worth	JUANITA ANDREWS	12235 FAIRWAY CIR	247	24-25-209-016-1033		2005	30.61
Worth	LASALLE B7830085807	12200 FAIRWAY CIR	247	24-25-209-016-1068		2005	15.71
Worth	DONNELLA NEWSOME	12106 ANN ST	247	24-25-212-026-0000		2005	18.91
Worth	WILLIE MCGHEE	12133 ANN ST	247	24-25-213-011-0000		2005	24.53
Worth	LOUIS & EVELYN TIBERI	12133 ANN ST	247	24-25-213-012-0000		2005	8.64
Worth	HAROLD B BURDETTE	12111 GREENWOOD AVE	247	24-25-214-002-0000		2005	37.59
Worth	BETH WOESSNER	12111 GREENWOOD AVE	247	24-25-214-003-0000		2005	4.92
Worth	KRISTEN HARKER ZINT	12147 ARTESIAN AVE	247	24-25-215-055-0000		2005	13.75
Worth	HERITAGE TR CO 1562	2719 122ND ST	247	24-25-218-001-0000		2005	8.89
Worth	HERITAGE TR CO 1562	2717 122ND ST	247	24-25-218-002-0000		2005	4.68
Worth	ROGER DECKER	2715 122ND ST	247	24-25-218-003-0000		2005	14.37
Worth	ROGER DECKER	2715 122ND ST	247	24-25-218-004-0000		2005	14.37
Worth	HARRY-CORINNE JACKSON	12223 MAPLE AVE	247	24-25-222-008-0000		2005	37.25
Worth	M SCHEFFLER 12233	12233 ANN ST	247	24-25-223-011-0000		2005	14.76
Worth	M SCHEFFLER 12253	12253 ANN ST	247	24-25-223-049-0000		2005	16.26
Worth	JOLANTA PLEWA	12231 GREENWOOD AVE	247	24-25-224-011-0000			
2005	10.21						
Worth	MARY ESPINOSA	12209 ARTESIAN AVE	247	24-25-225-004-0000		2005	16.98
Worth	CHRISTINA GELLING	12002 MAPLE AVE	247	24-25-227-007-0000		2005	13.35
Worth	THOMAS GERVASE	2940 SACRAMENTO AVE	247	24-25-306-005-0000		2005	243.19
Worth	THOMAS GERVASE	2940 SACRAMENTO AVE	247	24-25-306-006-0000		2005	102.17
Worth	SALVATION ARM	12630 FRANCISCO AVE	247	24-25-307-002-0000		2005	258.92
Worth	HENRY GARCIA	2814 MINNESOTA AVE	247	24-25-308-032-0000		2005	3.70
Worth	BENNET GREENWALD	12341 MEADOW LN	247	24-25-400-062-0000		2005	6.79
Worth	TAXPAYER OF	12311 MEADOW LN	247	24-25-400-074-0000		2005	8.23
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Worth	DAWWANA TORRES	12435 S MEADOW LN	247	24-25-400-131-0000		2005	4.70
Worth	BENNET GREENWALD	UNKNOWN	247	24-25-400-173-0000		2005	18.44
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Worth	BENNET GREENWALD	12537 MEADOW LN	247	24-25-400-200-0000		2005	4.42
Worth	DEVON H KEYS	2453 123RD ST	247	24-25-403-002-0000		2005	1.12
Worth	UPTOWN NATIONAL BANK	2441 123RD ST	247	24-25-403-010-0000		2005	184.33
Worth	STEPHANIE L YOUNG	2642 ORCHARD ST	247	24-25-405-019-0000		2005	28.13
Worth	RICHARD M PELLEGRINI	12342 MAPLE AVE	247	24-25-405-031-0000		2005	5.12
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Worth	TAXPAYER OF	12339 MAPLE AVE	247	24-25-406-040-0000		2005	23.33
Worth	MARIA INES TORRES	2442 ORCHARD ST	247	24-25-407-016-0000		2005	21.06
Worth	ROY T CHEW	12430 FAIRVIEW AVE	247	24-25-408-029-0000		2005	33.53
Worth	JEANETTE CHUN	2645 ORCHARD ST	247	24-25-409-004-0000		2005	10.47
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Worth	SHIMKUS RICHARD T	2622 COLLINS ST	247	24-25-409-025-0000		2005	9.05
Worth	MARIA INES TORRES	12419 MAPLE AVE	247	24-25-410-037-0000		2005	7.45
Worth	ROBERTA W RUTHENBERG	2528 COLLINS ST	247	24-25-410-041-0000		2005	22.55
Worth	MICHAEL J DIETTE	12442 WESTERN AVE	247	24-25-414-027-0000		2005	56.90
Worth	DORSEY CALHOUN	12556 FAIRVIEW AVE	247	24-25-415-017-1045		2005	2.86
Worth	ANGELA LOVETT	12552 FAIRVIEW AVE	247	24-25-416-017-1050		2005	1.98
Worth	DAVID & LUCILA SUTTON	12535 FAIRVIEW AVE	247	24-25-416-040-0000		2005	36.79
Worth	JOSEPH PEGORIN	12550 ANN ST	247	24-25-421-013-0000		2005	23.36
Worth	HERITAGE TRUST 1562	2710 BURR OAK AVE	247	24-25-425-037-0000		2005	27.88
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Worth	CHESTER W PERLINSKI	12636 MAPLE AVE	247	24-25-427-043-0000		2005	23.11
Worth	RALPH HATFIELD JR	12605 MAPLE AVE	247	24-25-428-002-0000		2005	28.35
Worth	CHRISTOPHE WARD	12130 S HAMLIN AVE	247	24-26-101-031-0000		2005	17.75
Worth	YVONNE LAWS	12234 S LAWNDALE AVE	247	24-26-102-055-0000		2005	10.95
Worth	RUDOLPH A PERICH	11939 S LAWNDALE AVE	247	24-26-102-078-1005		2005	7.55
Worth	CURT MARTIN KUNZ	11957 S LAWNDALE AVE	247	24-26-102-079-1007		2005	4.57
Worth	ABE KARN	3615 W 120TH ST	247	24-26-108-008-0000		2005	31.61
Worth	ABE KAM	3614 W 120TH PL	247	24-26-108-019-0000		2005	71.88
Worth	WILLIAM S MANROT	12225 S AVERS AVE	247	24-26-112-006-0000		2005	19.11
Worth	PETER O FLAHERTY	3607 NUALA LN	247	24-26-114-020-0000		2005	12.97
Worth	CESAR CONTRERAS	3624 W 121ST ST	247	24-26-115-012-0000		2005	11.04
Worth	ANTHONY J HEINZELL	3644 W 121ST PL	247	24-26-118-001-0000		2005	36.00
Worth	JOSEPH M OKONSKI	3636 W 121ST PL	247	24-26-118-003-0000		2005	22.05
Worth	CARL ZELLAK	12219 S MILLARD AVE	247	24-26-118-022-0000		2005	10.87
Worth	ERNESTO VELEZ	11934 S RIDGEWAY AVE	247	24-26-122-022-1012		2005	15.69
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Worth	JERZY MASLOWSKI	3605 W BENCK DR	247	24-26-304-002-0000		2005	13.54
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Worth	MARY K SHANKS	12532 S CENTRAL PARK A	247	24-26-310-012-0000		2005	17.25
Worth	ERICA DURAN	3611 W DEER PARK DR	247	24-26-311-019-1030		2005	30.61
Worth	LOLA J BRADLEY	3604 W 125TH ST	247	24-26-311-019-1073		2005	30.39
Worth	PARTICK ROBINSON	3731 GLEN DR	247	24-26-312-009-1055		2005	11.63
Worth	A PUPO	12524 S TRUMBULL AVE	247	24-26-401-034-0000		2005	19.90
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Worth	ROBERT WINTERS	3401 W 124TH PL	247	24-26-409-009-0000		2005	20.74
Worth	ALBERT ABIO	12527 S TRUMBULL AVE	247	24-26-410-021-0000		2005	13.60
Worth	JAWDAT DISSI	3432 W 123RD PL	247	24-26-411-018-0000		2005	26.95
Worth	1ST NAT BK BL IS 75073	11925 S CICERO AVE	247	24-27-100-137-1003		2005	38.94
Worth	SAEED FAKHARI	12201 S CICERO AVE	247	24-27-101-002-0000		2005	20.04
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Worth	SAEED FAKHARI	12201 S CICERO AVE	247	24-27-101-004-0000		2005	5.26
Worth	SAEED FAKHARI	12201 S CICERO AVE	247	24-27-101-005-0000		2005	12.53
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Worth	MILDRED HLATKY	12255 S MCDANIEL ST	247	24-27-103-029-0000		2005	10.40
Worth	ALBERT ZULEGER	12201 S 45TH ST	247	24-27-107-028-0000		2005	15.36
Worth	JAMES D PARK	11942 S KARLOV AVE	247	24-27-202-021-0000		2005	7.35
Worth	JUDY A DE ANGELES	4206 W SHIRLEY LN	247	24-27-206-031-0000		2005	312.40
Worth	MARY BITHOS	12024 S KILDARE AVE	247	24-27-207-014-1001		2005	2.08
Worth	ALEJANDRA CASTILLO	4155 W TERMUNDE OR	247	24-27-210-051-0000		2005	33.13
Worth	PERPETUA BURR OAK HOLD	12700 S CICERO AVE	247	24-27-300-002-0000		2005	847.33
Worth	JOSEPH J KRAUCHUNAS	12323 S 44TH CT	247	24-27-301-024-0000		2005	18.97
Worth	FUMIKO N SHIMASHITA	4533 W 123RD ST	247	24-27-304-001-0000		2005	4.34
Worth	JOHN M STARR	12408 S ORCHARD ST	247	24-27-306-029-0000		2005	10.25
Worth	LUPE GAYTON	12401 S 45TH AVE	247	24-27-308-001-0000		2005	12.02
Worth	FUAD SAFI	12400 S 44TH PL	247	24-27-308-019-0000		2005	16.72
Worth	GREAT LAKES ICE CREAM	12340 S KEDVALE AVE	247	24-27-411-001-0000		2005	2.38
Worth	AMER RUSTUM	12109 LOCKWOOD AVE	248	24-28-105-014-0000		2005	33.06
Worth	NICKOLAS TZAVARAS	12000 S CICERO AVE	248	24-28-201-062-0000		2005	477.01
Worth	JOSE L GARZA	5023 W 119TH ST	248	24-28-206-027-0000		2005	19.54
Worth	LINDA LEE SALA	5013 W 120TH PL	248	24-28-208-014-0000		2005	32.88
Worth	SHERRY L LOWER	5024 W 122ND ST	248	24-28-210-048-1016		2005	7.51
Worth	S & C CUNNINGHAM	5048 W 122ND ST	248	24-28-210-048-1027		2005	3.87

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Worth	FATIMAH ABDELRAZIK	12129 S LAVERGNE AVE	248	24-28-212-003-0000		2005	33.37
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Worth	ALLAN K INC	12609 S ALPINE OR	248	24-28-302-026-0000		2005	565.45
Worth	LEON SULA	5504 CALUMET SAG RD	248	24-28-303-020-0000		2005	134.69
Worth	KANAN ASHKAR	12357 S LAMON AVE	248	24-28-401-013-0000		2005	12.16
Worth	MICHAEL BEHRENS	4854 W 127TH ST	248	24-28-402-029-0000		2005	1.13
Worth	ASUNCION DELUNA	4919 W 123RD PL	248	24-28-407-005-0000		2005	12.20
Worth	PAMELA S PETERS	6386 W WILLOW WOOD DR	248	24-29-100-023-1006		2005	28.23
Worth	GLENWAY MASONRY INC	12525 MOODY AVE	248	24-29-305-005-0000		2005	20.33
Worth	DAVE ANDERSON	6006 W 124TH ST	248	24-29-309-009-0000		2005	33.12
Worth	JOSH LENARZ	12537 MAJOR AVE	248	24-29-401-007-0000		2005	15.34
Worth	AMBROCIO VELASQUEZ	5916 W 127TH ST	248	24-29-411-025-0000		2005	17.63
Worth	JOSEPH J DURANT	11955 S 69TH AVE	248	24-30-107-002-0000		2005	55.36
Worth	DANNY R STOVER	12023 S 68TH CT	248	24-30-116-003-0000		2005	39.52
Worth	JOSEPH S SCERBA	12600 S 68TH CT	248	24-30-324-007-0000		2005	55.47
Worth	JOSEPH F SMALZER	10 BURRIS CT	248	24-30-421-001-0000		2005	45.39
Worth	MARIA A ARBOLEDA	6836 W EDGEWOOD RD	248	24-31-109-027-0000		2005	30.12
Worth	DANUTA GOGOLA	12843 S OAK PARK AVE	248	24-31-206-010-0000		2005	43.34
Worth	ELIZABAETH MCLAIN	102 AUGUSTA CT	248	24-31-214-026-0000		2005	132.15
Worth	CAROLINE & RON CARR	121 AUGUSTA DR	248	24-31-215-011-0000		2005	98.11
Worth	ALEXANDER SMELUIS	317 PINEHURST DR	248	24-31-401-011-0000		2005	49.16
Worth	MADONNA L ELENTENY	3906 SPYGLASS CIR	248	24-31-404-055-1020		2005	44.01
Worth	MR & MRS THORMANN	3906 SPYGLASS CIR	248	24-31-404-055-1033		2005	41.72
Worth	INGRIDA BENIUSIENE	2003 SPYGLASS CIR	248	24-31-404-055-1082		2005	41.72
Worth	BEN SILVA	3103 SPYGLASS CIR	248	24-31-404-055-1099		2005	37.92
Worth	Gatewest LLC	2902 SPYGLASS CIR	248	24-31-404-055-1152		2005	44.01
Worth	DAVID GONZALEZ	4006 SPYGLASS CIR	248	24-31-404-055-1162		2005	44.01
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Worth	MARCIN SZPAK	12822 CARRIAGE LN	248	24-32-210-017-0000		2005	16.84
Worth	LaSalle Bank Tr#132616	5706 W 129TH ST	248	24-32-210-027-1011		2005	18.26
Worth	Founders Bank Tr #6100	12817 CARRIAGE LN	248	24-32-211-018-1008		2005	19.48
Worth	RULA ODEH	13230 FOREST RIDGE DR	248	24-32-300-018-0000		2005	147.09
Worth	Westgate Valley LLC	13370 FOREST RIDGE DR	248	24-32-300-047-0000		2005	2646.05
Worth	Westgate Valley LLC	13292 FOREST RIDGE DR	248	24-32-300-048-1071		2005	30.14
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Worth	ROBERT JOHNSON	13213 GREENLEAF TRAIL	248	24-32-300-051-0000		2005	451.15
Worth	FRANK RUFFOLO	13204 GREEN LEAF TRL	248	24-32-300-053-1005		2005	61.07
Worth	BRIAN M BERG	13097 LAUREL GLEN CT	248	24-32-303-016-1036		2005	29.37
Worth	DAVID ALAN SCHOBER	5424 W 128TH PL	248	24-33-100-123-0000		2005	28.93
Worth	DORIS M MAHOLOVICH	5230 PLEASANT LN	248	24-33-108-021-0000		2005	23.25
Worth	YOUSEF A RISH	4839 W ENGLE RD	248	24-33-201-022-1011		2005	11.15
Worth	MICHAEL KOKOSKA	12741 S LA CROSSE AVE	248	24-33-204-040-1012		2005	6.33
Worth	DONNA ANDERSON	12715 S LA CROSSE AVE	248	24-33-204-041-1009		2005	6.00
Worth	RENEE HUGHES	5514 CRESTWOOD DR	248	24-33-310-033-0000		2005	24.85
Worth	MARK A KAPANOWSKI	4844 W 135TH ST	248	24-33-403-030-0000		2005	24.01
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Worth	MARY PETERSON	13490 CICERO AVE	248	24-33-403-063-0000		2005	8.36
Worth	BRUNO GRANT	13441 E CIRCLE DR	248	24-33-403-064-0000		2005	221.07
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Worth	MARGARET G BARLOG	13422 W CIRCLE DR	248	24-33-403-093-1095		2005	1.09
Worth	WILLIE BEDFORD	5000 CIRCLE CT	248	24-33-403-096-1084		2005	2.80
Worth	WILLIE BEDFORD	5000 CIRCLE CT	248	24-33-403-096-1158		2005	8.30
Worth	PFM ENTERPRISE LLC	13320 CICERO AVE	248	24-33-403-109-0000		2005	270.66
Worth	ROBERT J PALUCH	13316 CIRCLE AVE	248	24-33-403-112-1149		2005	17.72
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Worth	TERESA MILLER	4951 W 134TH PL	248	24-33-405-042-1023		2005	1.42
Worth	ADNAN SAFI	4709 W 128TH ST	249	24-34-105-006-0000		2005	33.10
Worth	SELVA HAMID	12805 S KENNETH AVE	249	24-34-113-026-1001		2005	7.97
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Worth	PAULETTA LINDSEY	UNKNOWN	249	24-35-306-008-0000		2005	5.96

Township	Tax Payer Name	Property Address	Vol	PIN	Tax Type	Tax Year	Tax Due
Worth	DANIEL WRIGHT	13405 S RIDGEWAY AVE	249	24-35-308-003-0000		2005	5.53
Worth	CONTECO 13413	13417 S RIDGEWAY AVE	249	24-35-308-009-0000		2005	6.49
Worth	LEE A CLAY JR	13419 S RIDGEWAY AVE	249	24-35-308-010-0000		2005	6.49
Worth	WEDELL D PRICE	13406 S LAWNDALE AVE	249	24-35-308-018-0000		2005	6.49
Worth	CARRIE L ROGERS	13408 S LAWNDALE AVE	249	24-35-308-019-0000		2005	6.49
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Worth	EDGAR A LOCKETT	13431 S LAWNDALE AVE	249	24-35-309-012-0000		2005	4.85
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Worth	VAN & SUSIE SIMS	13409 S MONTICELLO AVE	249	24-35-310-013-0000		2005	6.49
Worth	MATTIE ANDREWS	3442 W 135TH ST	249	24-35-408-011-0000		2005	3.73
Worth	CORA B LACEY	3427 W 134TH PL	249	24-35-408-014-0000		2005	1.33
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Worth	FOSTER WHEELER ILL INC	13436 S KEDZIE AVE	249	24-35-412-032-0000		2005	2.12
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Worth	VILLAGE OF ROBBINS	3250 W 135TH ST	249	24-35-412-042-0000		2005	2.51
Worth	WOODSON HIGHTOWER	3400 W 135TH ST	249	24-35-413-035-0000		2005	3.77
Worth	SYLVESTER M GRAY II	3500 E LINCOLN LN	249	24-35-414-016-0000		2005	4.37
Worth	WILLIAMS VUNICE	13403 CENTRAL PARK AV	249	24-35-415-001-0000		2005	16.55
Worth	OBIE FLUELLEN	13412 S CLIFTON PARK A	249	24-35-415-013-0000		2005	11.40
Worth	ANNIE E B THOMAS	3413 S CLIFTON PARK A	249	24-35-416-006-0000		2005	5.10
Worth	WILSON HATTIE	3537 W 134TH PL	249	24-35-417-007-0000		2005	4.37
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Worth	ROBBINS COMMUNITY PWR	13440 S KEDZIE AVE	249	24-35-418-001-0000		2005	358.36
Worth	LOUIS & OLGA SMENTEK	2801 BURR OAK AVE	249	24-36-103-009-0000		2005	23.77
Worth	JORGE MARTINEZ	12727 MOZART ST	249	24-36-103-016-0000		2005	36.91
Worth	Jose Ferreira	2944 EVERETT ST	249	24-36-108-048-0000		2005	40.88
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Worth	M C TRUST #66010	13423 FRANCISCO AVE	249	24-36-314-027-0000		2005	2.70
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Worth	H HARRIS M FRAZIER	13304 S FRANCISCO AVE	249	24-36-318-009-0000		2005	5.33
Worth	GERALD FERRARO	2995 S CLAIRE BLVD	249	24-36-319-001-0000		2005	46.57
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Worth	SARABIA	2754 121ST PL	249	24-36-425-018-0000		2005	11.99
Worth	ROBERTO SARLI	13416 VINE ST	249	24-36-425-023-0000		2005	6.60
Worth	RUPERTO BERRONES	2744 135TH ST	249	24-36-426-022-0000		2005	8.90
Worth	JOHN F LESCH	UNKNOWN	249	24-36-427-016-0000		2005	1.26
Worth	ELOY NOLASCO	2549 BROADWAY AVE	249	24-36-428-005-0000		2005	6.28

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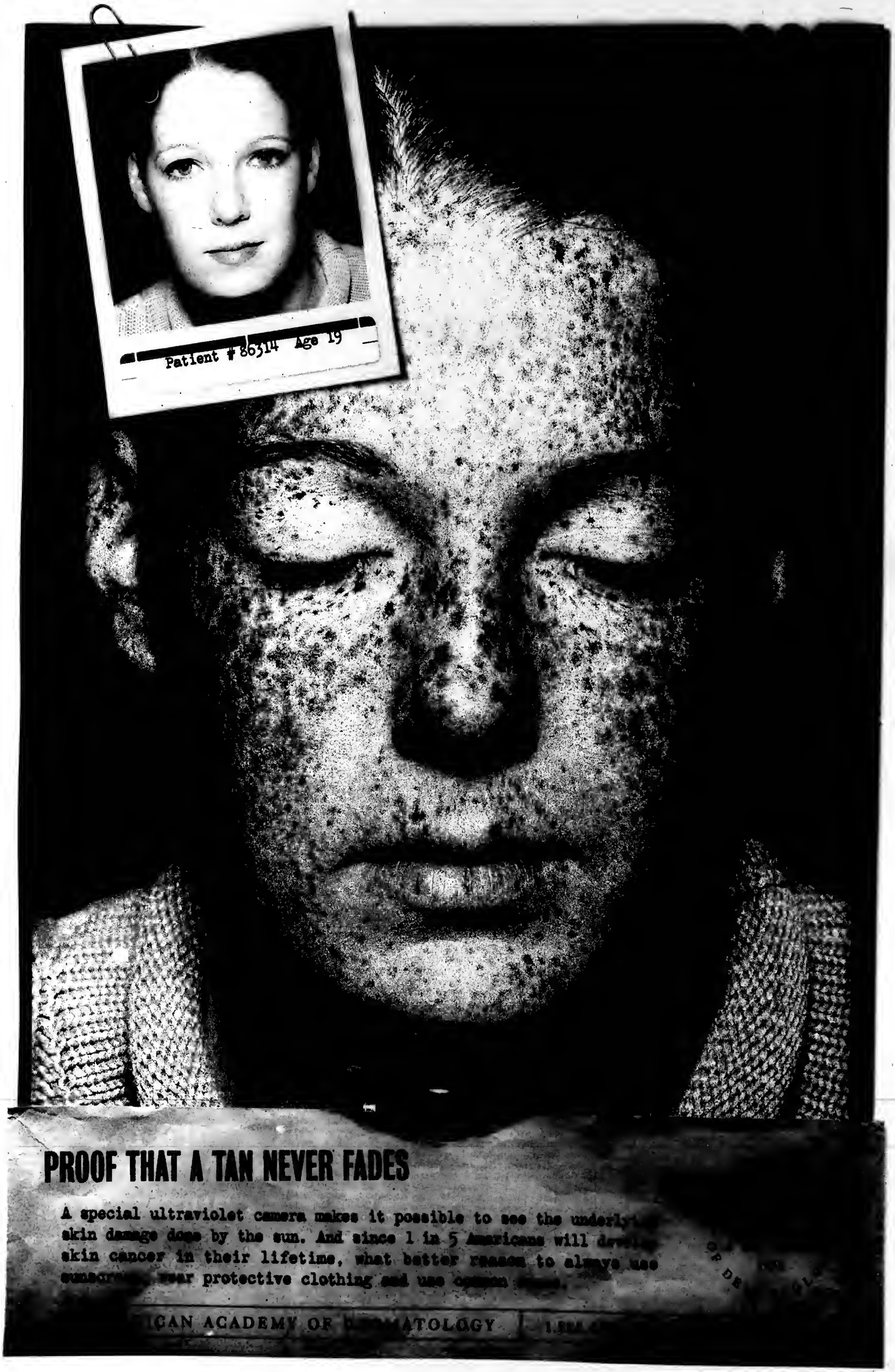
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The Village of Oak Lawn Says

"Good-Bye Trustee Joy"

The Oak Lawn Village Board of Trustees held their inauguration of newly elected officials at its regular village board meeting on Tuesday. After a hard fought battle at the last election, Trustee Marjorie Joy gave up her seat on the board to newly elected trustee Carol R. Quinlan.

Ms. Joy leaves office after 16 years on the board. Prior to her serving on the Village Board, Ms. Joy also served on the school board, also for 16 years. Her fellow trustees lauded her for her 32 years of service to the community. They described her as compassionate, honest and an advocate for education. Even new Trustee Carol Quinlan described Joy as a "classy lady".

Ms. Joy said that it was time to retire. "After all, I have my kids to take care of," she said. As she stepped down, Joy called for the village board to unify and set the village as a priority to politics.

Sworn-in, at the meeting was Jerry Hurckes, incumbent in District One; Robert Streit incumbent in District Three; and newly elected trustee Carol R. Quinlan in District Five.

Hurckes, a trustee for eight years, said that he will continue to work for the betterment of the village and he will continue to work to earn the trust that his district has given him.

Robert Streit, a sixteen-year member of the board, said that when he first came to the board, he was young and idealistic. He said that being the senior member of the board, he will still remain idealistic and work hard for his district.

Carol Quinlan took her seat on the board and thanked the residents of District Five for her chance to make a difference in the village. She said that she looks forward to serving the Village of Oak Lawn.

In other business, Trustee Streit reported on the work done regarding the village's flooding problems. He said that the MWRD has begun to do the clean up work on Stony Creek and the Melvina Ditch that had been promised. He reported that a clean up had been done on Stony Creek where 400 Cubic Yards of waste were taken from Stony Creek and 50 cubic yards were taken from the Oak Lawn Creek. He said that when the waste materials were taken out of the waterways, the water level immediately went down. Most of the debris that was taken away was 'anything and everything that was tree'. Work is continuing on the rerouting of the Melvina Ditch.

It was reported that the Farmer's Market will begin on June 6th, from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. and will be held on Wednesdays.

History Fair

The fourth grade students of Hazelgreen School recognized triumphs and tragedies in history by hosting a History Fair on Wednesday, May 2nd. Each student chose a historical person, or event to research and created a report and display about the topic. Family members, Hazelgreen students, and staff were invited to travel back in time, and take a walk through history.

The fourth graders dressed up as famous people, stood in front of their projects, and answered questions about their displays. This experience made teaching and learning about history fun and exciting.

Pictured with his display of "The History Of Daniel Boone" is Brett Smith in Mrs. King's fourth grade class.

Recall On Magnetic Building Sets Expanded

Attorney General Lisa Madigan on May 1st alerted consumers to a recall expansion announced by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission in cooperation with Mega Brands America, Inc. (the new owner of Rose Art Industries, Inc.) dated April 19, 2007. This expansion stems from additional reports of serious injuries following the March 31, 2006 recall of Magnetix Magentic Building Sets.

The recall involves all Magnetix Magnetic Building Sets sold before March 31, 2006. Recalled sets have the brand name "Rose Art" on the package. Newer sets sold after March 31, 2006, are not included in the recall and have the brand name "Mega" on the package. These newer sets are age-labeled 6+ and contain the following caution label: "CAUTION: Do not ingest or inhale magnets. Attraction of magnets in the body may cause serious injury and require immediate medical care."

The recall is based on the fact that the magnets can detach from the plastic building pieces. If a child swallows more than one of the small but powerful magnets, or one magnet and a metallic object, the objects can attract inside the intestines and cause perforations and/or blockage, which can be fatal if not immediately treated.

Magnetix advises that the newer sets, sold after March 31, 2006 better retain magnets due to improved quality control, material and design changes and, thus, the newer sets are not included in the recall.

CPSC and Mega Brands are aware of one death, one aspiration and 27 intestinal injuries as a result of ingesting magnets from Magnetix Magnetic Building Sets. In all but one of the cases, the children required emergency surgical intervention. At least 1,500 incidents of magnets separating from the building pieces have been reported. Although the hazard was initially thought to be a problem primarily for children younger than six, reports filed since then have revealed that at least ten injuries involved children between the ages of six and eleven years old.

These older sets, which were manufactured in China, contain up to 250 plastic building pieces and ?-inch diameter steel balls. The building pieces include 1 ?-inch squares, 1-inch triangles, cylinder rods, flexors, connectors, x-tenders, and curves and come in an assortment of colors such as metallic, primary, translucent, and glow in the dark.

Mass merchants and other toy and arts and crafts stores sold the sets nationwide for between $20 and $60, depending on the size of the set.

Based on this recall, Madigan urges parents to stop using these magnetic sets immediately and contact Mega Brands to return them and receive a comparable product replacement.

Madigan's office will be sending out investigators pursuant to the Illinois Children's Product Safety Act to spot check to see that retailers have posted the recall notice in a prominent location in stores and have removed the products from shelves.

Consumers can sign up to receive e-mail notification of recalls as they are issued at www.cpsc.gov. Consumers can select to receive notification on several topics, including: infant or child product recalls, sports or recreation product recalls, outdoor product recalls, and household product recalls. Last year, the Consumer Product Safety Commission issued recalls for 466 products. E-mail notification provides a helpful alternative for consumers to make sure they learn of any recalled products that they may have in their home.

The Illinois Department of Public Health's Web site provides a direct link to www.recalls.gov, where citizens can find up-to-date recall information about past and current recalls.

Corrected Delinquency Lists

Lists of Cook County property owners who owe taxes were published correctly in the Chicago Tribune and the Chicago Sun-Times, but are being republished in this paper that received incorrect information because of a computer glitch, Cook County Treasurer Maria Pappas said.

Pappas said correct delinquency information was sent by certified mail to all of the 37,500 property owners who owed $102.5 million from tax year 2005 (due in 2006), and correct information is available on her office's website at www.cookcountytreasurer.com and automated phone system at (312) 443-5100. Pappas advised taxpayers to have their 14-digit Property Index Number when accessing such data.

Lists of delinquencies are published in newspapers to give property owners notice that they owe taxes which may be sold at the Annual Tax Sale beginning June 5.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MAY 14 – Monday – AARP Meeting, VFW Hall. 9514 52nd Ave., 1 p.m.

MAY 14 – Monday – OL Park District Board Meeting, 4625 W. 110th St., 7:30 p.m.

MAY 14 – Monday – Business Development Commission Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 7:30 p.m.

MAY 15 – Tuesday – OL Library Board Meeting, 94th & Raymond, 7 p.m.

MAY 15 – Tuesday – Environmental Concerns Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 7:30 p.m.

MAY 15 – Tuesday – Special Events Committee Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 7:30 p.m.

MAY 15 – Tuesday – Community Mental Health Board, 9401 S. 53rd Ct., 8 p.m.

MAY 15 – Tuesday – Human Services Board, 9446 S. Raymond, 8 p.m.

MAY 16 – Wednesday – Oak Lawn Community High School District 229 Board Meeting, 9400 Southwest Highway, Board Room, 119, 7:30 p.m.

MAY 19 – Thursday – Public Works Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 7:30 p.m.

MAY 17 – Thursday – Athletic Club Meeting, VFW Hall, 9514 S. 52nd Ave.; 8 p.m.

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Unveiling The New Elim

It's time to take the wraps off the new Elim. On May 17th, Elim Christian Services hosts the dedication and public open house at their new Life Skills Center for adults with disabilities.

The completion of the Center marks the end of the first phase of a three-year capital improvement project on Elim's main campus on the border of Crestwood and Palos Heights.

Dr. Bill Lodewyk, president, notes that "Elim has expertise and a vital message that the world needs to hear. We believe strongly that God calls us to care for and challenge people with disabilities, not just because someone has to do it, but because we value the blessings they offer." Lodewyk has served as Elim's president for almost seven years, but it is only recently that the new Elim has been unveiled. "For decades, Elim has been seen as an expert and outstanding ministry in the field of special needs services. Now, we are sharing this expertise with ministries in other parts of the country and the world. This new Life Skills Center reflects that vision, equipping us to put our knowledge and expertise into practice with a state-of-the-art adult services facility."

"The Life Skills Center is a statement to the world that Elim believes in and cares for adults with developmental disabilities," remarked Dianne Kariotis of the Illinois Dept. of Human Services-Bureau of Accreditation, Licensure and Certification after a recent visit. "I am overwhelmed by the design and beauty of the facility. I look forward to returning to see the adults in their new work environment."

This new Center exemplifies Elim's ability to capitalize on 59 years of expertise in serving people with disabilities. The structure's design maximizes staff efficiency, requiring less investment in staff while increasing the capacity to serve up to 120 adults with disabilities. The new Center also utilizes many eco-friendly building techniques, increasing energy savings and reducing energy costs over the long term.

Chicago-area residents can view the new Life Skills Center for themselves. Join Elim and hundreds of invited guests at the dedication ceremony and open house on May 17th. The dedication event begins at 10:30 a.m. with an open house for the public from 12 noon until 2:30 p.m.

Elim Christian Services has served thousands of children and adults with disabilities from the Chicago area and beyond. In addition to its programs for adults, Elim also provides educational and residential services to children with disabilities and provides resource centers to assist schools with addressing the needs of children with learning disabilities.

Don't Forget The Windshield

Most automotive safety experts rank the windshield as the third most important safety component in today's cars and trucks, according to the Car Care Council, which sponsors National Car Care Month. Seatbelts and airbags rank first and second. All three components are part of what automotive engineers refer to as a vehicle's safety restraint system (SRS).

"Now is the time for drivers to look at their vehicles for any winter damage, such as chips, cracks, and bad seals," said Joseph Levigne, of the Glass Doctor of Chicago franchise. "Simple upkeep can save motorists money, time and possibly their lives or the lives of their loved ones later down the road."

Drivers can follow these preventive maintenance tips by the Glass Doctor of Chicago to help keep themselves and their passengers safe:

- Repair chipped glass immediately.
- Nicks and dings can block driver visibility..
- Thermal shock (the stress caused by drastic differences in outdoor and indoor temperatures) can turn a ding into a crack when you turn on the air conditioning.
- Replace worn windshield wipers, which can compromise vision in rainy conditions and scratch windshield glass.
- Refill windshield washer solvent to keep the windshield clean from dirt, insects and glare.
- Clean windshields with a proper cleaner, not a strong abrasive that could scratch the glass.
- To help improve visibility, consider applying a dirt and water repellent to the windshield, such as Aquapel®, either personally or by a professional Glass Doctor service technician.

Levigne encourages repairing a windshield rather than replacing it:

- Repairing a chip restores the structural integrity of the windshield.
- The repair takes 30 minutes or less. Once it's done, the car is ready to drive.
- Windshield repair is a permanent restoration, and the damage won't spread further.

"If a dollar bill can't cover the damaged area, we would advise you to replace the entire windshield," Levigne said. "Windshield replacement is a last resort, but it may be essential to your vehicle's safety. Be sure to find a glass repair service you can trust to replace the windshield professionally."

During Car Care Month drivers can receive estimates for their windshield damage from the Glass Doctor franchise in the Chicago area at (773) 737-9800 or call 1-800-838-GLASS (4527) to schedule an appointment.

National Car Care Month (NCCM), a vital part of the "Be Car Care Aware" (BCCA) consumer education campaign, is designed to increase public awareness about the benefits of good vehicle maintenance and repair. Because nine out of 10 motorists pump their own gas, under-hood checks are rarely performed and vital maintenance and repairs often go undone. A vehicle that's been well cared for, as opposed to one that's been neglected, is safer, more dependable and more economical to operate. In addition, emissions are reduced, improving air quality. National Car Care Month is sponsored by the Automotive Aftermarket Industry Association (AAIA), with the Car Care Council serving as the brand and messaging source. For more information about National Car Care Month, contact Rich White at 240-333-1088 or rich.white@aftermarket.org and visit www.carcare.org.

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Mother's Day At Brookfield Zoo

This year make your mom's Mother's Day weekend a memorable one that includes a family visit to Brookfield Zoo on either Saturday or Sunday, May 12th or 13th. See the new animal moms and their adorable babies, and enjoy live Latin American musical performances, special Mother's Day Zoo Chats, craft activities, and a look at some precious images taken by the Chicago Zoological Society's staff photographer.

Throughout the weekend, the zoo's East Mall will be filled with live entertainment. On May 12th at 1:30 p.m. a trio of popular children's music artists – Candy Heitner, Anna Stange and Martha Jaramillo – will engage youngsters with a bilingual performance featuring sing-alongs, finger plays, and more. At 3 p.m. the same day, members of Cuerdas Classicas will perform Estudiantina music. Tricia Sebastian kicks off the entertainment on May 13th at 1:30 p.m. with a performance of traditional and original songs with a fusion of Latin American influences. Following at 3 p.m. is Sones de Mexico, Chicago's premier folk music ensemble specializing in Mexican regional styles of music, including huapango, gustos, chilenas, and son jarocho.

Those looking for a unique Mother's Day gift can purchase a Share the Care package for either the 4-month-old polar bear cub or Amieta, the giraffe calf. Contributions, which begin at $35, will help toward their expert care from the Society's dedicated staff. In return, your mom will receive a 5-inch by 7-inch color photograph of the animal of choice, a personalized certificate, a polar bear or giraffe fact sheet, a window decal, and an invitation to a special evening for Share the Care members in August. For an additional $15, you can also purchase a package that includes either a plush polar bear or giraffe.

To ensure regular mail delivery by Mother's Day, May 13th, orders must be received by May 8th, or stop by the zoo's South Gate Reception Booth to get your Share the Care package. It may also be purchased on the zoo's Web site, www.BrookfieldZoo.org, under the Share the Care section. For more information, call (708) 688-8341.

Promotion Of Pain Reliever OxyContin Agreement Reached

Attorney General Lisa Madigan, along with 26 other attorneys general, recently filed a lawsuit and entered into a settlement agreement with Purdue Pharma, L.P., requiring the pharmaceutical company to significantly alter and restrict its practices in promoting the drug, OxyContin, and to pay $19.5 million to the states involved.

The settlement resolves allegations that Purdue marketed OxyContin for use beyond the FDA-approved uses and that Purdue failed to adequately disclose abuse and diversion risks associated with the drug in violation of consumer protection laws. OxyContin is a time-released, Schedule II opioid approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for use for pain management of moderate to severe pain over an extended period of time.

The FDA approved OxyContin for use in 1995. At that time, OxyContin was uniquely placed in the pain medication market as a "time-released" drug that could provide for the release of medication, and the relief of pain over a longer period of time. Shortly after its release, it was discovered that individuals were bypassing the safety aspect of the pill form of OxyContin by crushing the medication, which defeated the time-release feature and led to a high rate of abuse.

In addition to requiring that Purdue restrict its marketing and promotion of OxyContin to be strictly in line with FDA-approved uses and maintain and formalize its "OxyContin Abuse and Diversion Detection Program," the settlement prohibits Purdue from making any false, misleading or deceptive claims regarding OxyContin.

In its 2007 Illinois Fact Sheet, the Drug Enforcement Administration recognized OxyContin as a highly abused substance in Illinois and noted that diversion of OxyContin continues to be a problem in this state.

OxyContin abuse is a particular problem with teenagers. According to a 2006 survey by the National Institute on Drug Abuse, OxyContin use outside of the use prescribed by a physician increased steadily among 12th graders from 2002 to 2005, with the number of students who admitted taking OxyContin in the last year rising from 4.0% to 5.5% of those surveyed. In 2006, there was a slight decline to 4.3% of those surveyed. Unfortunately, during this same period, younger students that had not previously shown much increase in OxyContin use indicated increased usage, with 2.6% of 8th graders and 3.8% of 10th graders surveyed reporting that they had used OxyContin in the last year.

The settlement requires Purdue to pay $19.5 million to the states. Illinois' share of this payment is $719,500 and will be used to fund consumer education and enforcement in the state.

Catholic Charities Supper Program

The hungry and homeless who are guests of Catholic Charities' supper programs will share their photographs with the public and express the artists within themselves this summer when Catholic Charities hosts Visions of My Life, a photo exhibition, at 721 N. LaSalle St. on June 22nd.

Guests were invited to participate in this year's photography project in October 2006, and those who chose to accept the challenge were given a camera and a roll of film – either black-and-white or color. During the fall and winter, guests began photographing, and their best work was chosen to be framed and exhibited.

Proceeds from the sale of their work go directly to the photographers.

Each week, Catholic Charities feeds 130 guests at its Tuesday night suppers alone. The suppers, begun in the fall of 2001, serve a buffet-style dinner in a dining space filled with tables decorated with tablecloths and flowers. Dinners are sponsored by a family, a parish group or a local restaurant. The atmosphere is one of respect and encouragement for the guests. Often there are more guests than the agency can accommodate in the dining area, so Catholic Charities provides them with a sandwich and a snack so that no one is turned away hungry. Social service staff members are available at the dinners, and guests who are in need of transportation to a nearby shelter are brought there once they finish their meals.

The agency provides more than 4.8 million meals to persons in need annually.

For information about the Tuesday Night Supper program, call Ellen Gorney, Catholic Charities Director of Programs, at (312) 655-7136.

First Lady Announces May Selections For Children's Reading Club

First Lady Patricia Blagojevich recently announced May selections for her Children's Reading Club – *The Peanut-Free Café* by Gloria Koster and Beverly Cleary's Strider. One of this month's selections, *The Peanut-Free Café*, promotes awareness about the potential seriousness of food allergies. In anticipation of Food Allergy Awareness Week celebrated nationwide on May 13th through 19th, the First Lady encouraged parents and children to become better educated on the potentially threatening effects of food allergies.

"Reading is a powerful tool because it helps broaden people's perspectives on serious problems like food allergies," said the First Lady. *The Peanut-Free Café* will teach children who don't have food allergies about ways they can help those who do. Food allergies can cause serious or even deadly reactions in children and this book provides helpful information for those unfamiliar with the condition."

The Children's Reading Club selection for preschoolers, *The Peanut-Free Café* by Gloria Koster, is a book about peanut allergies, told from the perspective of a child without allergies. Simon is an elementary school student who loves peanut butter. But then new student Grant comes to school. Grant is allergic to peanut butter and can't even sit near anyone eating it. Simon comes up with a clever idea. The school can have a peanut-free café! It will be a fun place to eat and watch movies, where the only admission is a peanut-free lunch. Simon gives up his favorite peanut butter in order to partake in a special lunch routine with his peanut-allergic friend.

Strider by Beverly Cleary, for children at a middle school reading level, tells a story about an abandoned dog that changes the life of a teenage boy. Strider is a dog that loves to run. Because of Strider, Leigh Botts finds himself running – well enough to join the school track team. Strider changes Leigh on the inside too, as he finally begins to accept his parents' divorce and gets to know a redheaded girl he's been admiring. With Strider's help, Leigh finds that the future he once hated to be asked about now holds something he never expected: hope.

Mrs. Cleary's books have earned her many prestigious awards, including the 2003 National Medal of Art from the National Endowment of the Arts and the 1984 John Newbery Medal for *Dear Mr. Henshaw*. Her *Ramona and Her Father* and *Ramona Quimby, Age 8* were named 1978 and 1982 Newbery Honor Books, respectively.

Mrs. Blagojevich began the Children's Reading Club to encourage parents to read with their children. It is a recommended reading list made up of books the First Lady and her daughters enjoy at home. The Children's Reading Club applies to all children, but specifically targets children between the ages of seven and twelve.

The First Lady launched the Children's Reading Club literacy initiative in March of 2005, and has selected books such as *Charlotte's Web, Harriet the Spy, The Growing-up Feet, Henry Huggins* and *Number the Stars* for the recommended list. Each month's book selection is featured on the First Lady's web site, http://www.illinois.gov/firstlady. The First Lady hopes the recommended list will enable parents to find books the whole family can enjoy.

The Cicada Craze

The Forest Preserve District of Cook County invites all Cook County residents to join its nature center to learn all about cicadas. It's been 17 years since the emergence of these big and noisy, but harmless, insects and the district is offering a class to explore their odd life cycle.

The 17-Year Miracle will be held at Camp Sagawau, 12545 W. 111th St., Lemont, on Sunday, May 27th at 12 noon. Class registration is required by calling (630) 257-2045.

Cook County residents will only have a few chances in their lifetime to witness the emergence of periodical cicadas. Come and learn about this phenomenon.

For more information on cicadas and the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, call John Elliott, Education Manager, at (708) 771-1332.

"Cocaine" Drink Off Illinois Store Shelves

Attorney General Lisa Madigan on May 4th announced the successful results of a demand to have all Illinois marketing and sales of the "Cocaine" energy drink immediately cease.

Attorney General Madigan and Illinois Dept. of Public Health Director Dr. Eric E. Whitaker made the demand on May 2nd to the California-based Redux Beverages, LLC, the manufacturer and distributor of the product.

The Attorney General's office will continue to work with the company to ensure that this product remains off the shelves.

Advertisements for the drink describe it as the "legal alternative" to cocaine and promote the use of an ingredient in the drink that creates a burning sensation to simulate the throat-drip effect of using cocaine. The company had been actively promoting the product and recently hosted a "Cocaine Energy Drink Launch Party" in Chicago.

In December 2006, prior to distribution and promotion of the drink in Illinois, Madigan contacted Redux to voice her concern that the energy drink would have a detrimental effect on Illinois consumers and may promote the use of illicit drugs, especially among young people. There had been no response from the company.

Madigan informed Redux that if Illinois consumers purchased this product she would consider taking enforcement action against the company. Madigan argued that the marketing and sale of "Cocaine" is in violation of the Illinois Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Business Practices Act because it promotes the use of illegal drugs. She also asserted that it violates the Illinois Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act because the company is attempting to market an unapproved new drug. Under these laws, Madigan's office has the authority to obtain injunctive relief and civil penalties.

Madigan has successfully pursued enforcement action against manufacturers of similar products such as Chronic Candy Pops, commonly referred to as "pot suckers." In 2005, Madigan's office took action to stop the sale of this product in Illinois.

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Hynes Applauds Senate Approval Of Judicial Public Financing Initiative

Comptroller Dan Hynes applauded Senate approval of a bill creating public financing of appellate and Illinois Supreme Court election campaigns, and urged the House to follow the Senate's lead.

"The men and women who preside in our courts must remain free from prejudice and favoritism and we must ensure that those who want to serve as judges are not prevented from doing so because they are unable to raise the millions of dollars that is sometimes required for a competitive election campaign," Hynes said. "This public financing initiative will help maintain an independent judiciary and help eliminate financial barriers to attaining office."

Hynes said the amount of money spent on high-profile judicial elections would shock most Illinoisans. He pointed to a recent State Supreme Court race where the two candidates raised more than $9 million.

"The public deserves to have confidence that in a court of law, no matter who you are, or where you come from, you will receive a fair shake," Hynes said. "It is sometimes difficult for people to maintain that confidence when they see special interests contributing large sums to judicial campaigns."

Hynes said the bipartisan initiative (SB222) is an important first step toward establishing a sustainable public funding system for campaigns for statewide offices in Illinois and he commended its sponsors, Sen. Kwame Raoul (D-Chicago) and Sen. Kirk Dillard (R-Hinsdale).

The initiative removes the corrupting influence of campaign contributions from state Supreme Court and appellate court judicial campaigns by approving public funding for those races. It provides a baseline of $750,000 in public funds to qualifying Supreme Court candidates, $250,000 for appellate court candidates, limits contributions to candidates who choose not to take public financing, and triggers matching funds for publicly financed candidates when third parties or non-participating candidates spend a certain percentage over the baseline. It is funded by a tax check-off and a $1 court appearance fee and becomes operational when the fund reaches $5 million.

Hynes long has been a strong advocate of state government and campaign finance reforms. He issued an Executive Order more than two years ago requiring his office to adhere to reforms which prevent entities with large contracts with the Comptroller's Office from contributing to his election campaigns.

Asian Pacific American Courthouse Tour

Chief Judge Timothy C. Evans announced the Circuit Court of Cook County Annual Asian Pacific American Heritage Month Courthouse Tour of the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington St. in Chicago, will take place on Wednesday, May 23rd.

The tour offers the public a sense of the day-to-day operations of one of the nation's largest unified court systems. Tour highlights include visiting a courtroom to observe a trial in progress, an informal presentation by a Circuit Court judge, and a meeting with bar association representatives.

Tour participants receive a copy of the court's information guide which outlines the structure of the Circuit Court of Cook County, explains the basics of trial proceedings, and includes a directory of court and county services.

The Circuit Court of Cook County Annual Asian Pacific American Heritage Month Courthouse Tour is part of the court's year-round Community Heritage Month Courthouse Tour series which combines public education activities with national and local observances marking racial and ethnic diversity. Tours are also held during Black History Month, Women's History Month, National Latino/Hispanic Heritage Month, Italian Heritage Month, Arab Heritage Month, Polish Heritage Month and on Puerto Rican Heritage Day. The tours have been attended by thousands of Cook County residents.

Individuals or groups planning on attending may contact Milissa Pacelli of the Circuit Court of Cook County Public Affairs Office at (312) 603-1927 on or before Monday, May 21st. Tours are limited to persons age 10 and older, with a maximum of 35 persons to a group. Reservations are recommended. Tours depart at 10 a.m. from the Daley Center's west lobby located on the Randolph and Clark St. side of the building.

All Points Southwest

By THOMAS E. GAVIN

As we prepare to move into summer, we can't help but notice the continual spike in fuel prices throughout our area. Oil prices (barrel price) have exceeded $75 each again this spring and record setting prices continue to creep skyward. At this writing, regular gas has skyrocketed nearly 45 cents a gallon, leading to a $3.30 per gallon cost. Numerous economists continue to prognosticate that $3.50 to $4 per gallon could be the norm in the next couple of months. Analysts contend that numerous factors are contributing to these escalating prices. They include the conflict in the Middle East, political chaos in Nigeria, and the after effects still felt by Hurricane Katrina, tornados and uncommon natural weather patterns. Our reality is that this nation has a ferocious appetite for oil consumption. The administration in Washington needs to push a national policy which would address the immediate situation we are experiencing and how this nation intends to facilitate energy needs in the decades to come. Our children deserve effective leadership, not just rhetoric, as well as answers NOW!

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With health care costs soaring and the number of uninsured people in Illinois climbing to nearly 1.5 million, AARP says enough is enough, and changes are absolutely necessary. Last week, AARP Illinois joined with Governor Rod Blagojevich in pressing for what is the nation's most comprehensive health care reform initiative.

To mark this important occasion, AARP likewise kicked off a statewide campaign to urge lawmakers to support the Governor's plan. As part of their efforts, AARP members will lobby in Springfield and take the message to the streets in their legislative districts. AARP is pressing Illinois state lawmakers to address the problem by passing the Governor's (Blagojevich's) health care reform initiative to help ensure people without coverage do not continue to fall through the cracks.

AARP is a non-profit nonpartisan membership organization numbering over 1.7 million Illinois members dedicated to making life better for people over 50 years of age. AARP provides information and resources; engages in legislative, regulatory and legal advocacy; assists members in serving their communities; and offers a wide range of unique benefits, special products, and service for their members. For more information about AARP call (312) 458-3609.

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The Illinois Parent Teacher Association (PTA) recently announced their official support for legislation proposed by Secretary of State Jesse White to improve teen driving laws with the aim of reducing traffic crashes and fatalities involving young drivers. Delegates to the 105th Annual Convention of the Illinois PTA voted to support Senate Bill 172.

Senate Bill 172 will strengthen the Illinois Graduated Driver Licensing (GDL) Program that governs drivers up to the age of 21. Several recent studies have shown that comprehensive GDL programs greatly reduce traffic crashes and fatalities involving teen drivers. The legislation was drafted based on recommendations made by White's Teen Driver Safety Task Force, composed of legislators, traffic safety experts, law enforcement officials, educators, judges and victim advocates.

This proposal has gained widespread acclaim from leading national traffic safety experts who believe the legislation will make Illinois' GDL program one of the best in the nation.

The legislation, sponsored by State Senator John Cullerton (D-Chicago) and State Representative John D'Amico (D-Chicago) was overwhelmingly approved by the full Senate and is now awaiting the consideration of the House.

The Illinois PTA, with a membership of about 200,000, works to support and speak on behalf of children and youth in the schools and before governmental bodies and other organizations that make decisions affecting children.

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Congratulations to State Rep. Al Riley (D-Matteson), an executive board member of the Calumet Council of Boy Scouts of America, who was recently honored for his outstanding volunteer service as the recipient of the "Silver Beaver" award from the Calumet Council of Boy Scouts of America.

The Silver Beaver Award is presented for distinguished service to young people within a Boy Scouts of America (BSA) council. The recipient must be a registered adult member of the BSA. Rep. Al Riley served as a longtime executive board member, unit leader, scout master and advisor. "His dedication and service to the scouting community made him an easy choice to receive this honor by our selection committee," stated Mike Creagh, a scout executive.

"Being involved with the Boy Scouts is an exciting way for me to give back to my community," Riley said. "Both of my sons were Eagle Scouts and we traveled, all over the country due to our Scouting involvement. That is why I'm still involved; sharing the gifts of scouting with others."

The 38th District is located in Cook County's south suburbs. It includes all or portions of the following municipalities: Country Club Hills, Flossmoor, Harvey, Hazel Crest, Homewood, Markham, Matteson, Oak Forest, Olympia Fields, Park Forest and Richton Park.

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Joel J. Africk, President and CEO, American Lung Association of Metropolitan Chicago, praised the passage of SB 500, which prohibits smoking in all Illinois public and work spaces including restaurants, bars and casinos.

"This law will save more lives than seat belts," said Africk. "Our volunteers and staff have been working for the passage of this historic legislation for more than a decade. It's a great day for public health."

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All Points has received a memo from Cook County Commissioner Joan Patricia Murphy announcing her golf outing...Be On The "Green" with Murphy...Thursday, June 21st. Area favorite George Dunne National Golf Course, located at 16310 Central Ave. in Oak Forest, will challenge the most avid golf enthusiast. Reservations for tee times and dinner are being accepted. Tickets for golf, cart, refreshments on the course, a cocktail party, barbecue, and golf prizes are $125 per player. Those friends interested in attending the cocktail party and barbecue only are $50 per ticket. Event sponsors are appreciated. The 1 p.m. check-in, 2 p.m. shotgun start, and 6 p.m. cocktails and barbecue promise a prompt, enjoyable day for all participants. For reservations or information, call (708) 489-1503.

In Business, SCORE Speaks Her Language

The old story goes that if you speak three languages, you're tri-lingual; if you speak two languages, you're bi-lingual; if you speak one language, you're American. Johanna Torres, founder and CEO of Language Loop LLC, a startup based in Chicago's West Loop neighborhood, is trying to change that as she tutors a wide range of clients in any of 14 major languages and helps clients new to America with English-as-a-second-language skills. Language Loop's target market is "anyone 12 years of age and up; currently the majority of our work is with young professionals, but we are positioned to do much more," Ms. Torres reports. Languages offered at Language Loop include English, Spanish, French, Italian, German, Russian, Portuguese, Chinese, Japanese, Vietnamese, Polish, Dutch, Arabic, Farsi and Turkish, 15 languages in all.

Teaching language has always been a specialty of Johanna's. Before Language Loop, she rose to Chicago-area senior manager for the nation's foremost language schools. "With this experience and an advanced degree in Communications, I knew exactly what I wanted to do with the language and teaching parts of my schools; the business part of it was another thing altogether." Johanna called SCORE in March of 2006 and set an appointment to talk about business issues as wide ranging as office location and hiring and compensation of independent contractors, to the mechanics of getting started, business structure and marketing – plus web design and the ways that the Internet could become a part of Language Loop.

SCORE is a not-for-profit association of successful business executives who provide free one-on-one counseling, teach low-cost workshops and supply other resources to entrepreneurs and small businesses.

Over the next several months, Ms. Torres had 15 counseling sessions with SCORE – three face-to-face at the SCORE Chicago office, three on site at Language Loop and nine on line. "My SCORE counselors, Michael Koen and Roger Loeffler, provided an incredible range of expertise: Michael in operations, finance and accounting; Roger in marketing. Between them they helped prepare me for a July 2006 opening. By October I reached 25% of classroom capacity which was far beyond my expectations for the first quarter of operation."

The fast start positioned Ms. Torres to approach businesses, schools and organizations for group instruction and to intensify marketing efforts for individual instruction. "We don't want Language Loop to be the biggest language school, just the best," Ms. Torres says. And she'll keep coming back to SCORE to help make that happen.

For further information, contact David Woods, SCORE Chicago, 500 W. Madison, Suite 1250, Chicago, IL 60661, (312) 353-4540, scorechi@sbcglobal.net.

New Data On Illinois' Uninsured Population

According to a new report released by the Gilead Outreach and Referral Center there is hint of good news, but relatively a dark outlook for Illinois' uninsured population. The Gilead Center, a non-profit organization that connects the uninsured with affordable health care benefits and services, found that while recent eligibility expansions for the state's FamilyCare program and the creation of the All Kids program have lowered the number of uninsured children since the last reporting period in 2005, Illinois' uninsured population increased to more than 1.78 million individuals age 0-64, a two percent increase from 2004 - 2005.

"When we broke down the numbers, we saw some light at the end of the tunnel in regard to providing health care coverage for our children," Michael Taitel, President of the Gilead Center said. "But ultimately, we are failing our families when it comes to providing affordable health insurance coverage. Nearly one million families in Illinois have at least one uninsured family member, and 360,000 Illinois families with an annual income of over $50,000 have at least one uninsured member."

The Face of the Uninsured: A Detailed Description of Illinois' Uninsured, Gilead's fifth annual report, found that nearly 60 percent of Illinois' uninsured population is employed - a trend that is expected to continue. This report, based on data from the U.S. Census Bureau, looks at socioeconomic, racial and educational levels from those who live in Chicago, the metro suburban area and downstate Illinois and provides real life examples that reflect the face of the uninsured.

"When we think of the uninsured, many people assume it's only unemployed, welfare recipients who make up the numbers," said Dr. Lawrence U. Haspel, Senior Vice-President of Metropolitan Chicago Healthcare Council and Gilead Center Board Treasurer. "The Gilead report puts a more accurate face on who the uninsured crisis in Illinois is affecting -- every ethnicity, and more and more middle class people who are being failed by the current system of employer-sponsored health coverage plans."

Other Key Findings: 26 percent of the uninsured population is 19-29 years of age; the fastest growing uninsured segment in Illinois; the highest percent of uninsured individuals in the state were Hispanic at 30 percent, non-Hispanic African Americans at 26 percent and non-Hispanic White at 12 percent; 26 percent of the total population of Chicago is with out health insurance - 551,563 people or the population equivalence of the entire downstate population; of the 2.4 million full-time workers in the Chicago metra suburban area, over 12 percent or 298,308 are uninsured. Most work in small firms with less than 100 employees (22 percent work in firms with fewer than 25 employees; 12 percent work in firms with 25-99 employees); Individuals between the age of 19-29 in downstate Illinois are disproportionately impacted by being uninsured. Although they are the smallest population of downstate inhabitants (612,703 of 3,760,420 inhabitants total), they account for over 25 percent of the uninsured population.

"Over the years, Gilead has been witness to the rise of our state's uninsured first-hand. While we have made a difference in the lives of over 120,000 individuals whom we have connected with health benefit programs, we know the only way to fully address this issue is to continue to present data and analysis on Illinois' uninsured to guide reform measures greatly needed at the state and federal levels of government," Taitel said.

Nationally, the number of uninsured Americans has increased by about one million people annually, and it shows no sign of slowing down. According to the latest Census Bureau report, approximately 47 million people in the United States are uninsured -- more than the aggregate population of 24 states plus the District of Columbia - costing the nation an estimated $40 billion in medical debt.

The Gilead Outreach and Referral Center commissioned faculty at the University of Illinois at Chicago, School of Public Health to analyze data to support The Face of the Uninsured: A Detailed Description of Illinois' Uninsured.

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ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

Secure Your Place In History

The Firelands Chapter of the American Red Cross, in cooperation with Cedar Point amusement park/resort in Sandusky, Ohio, is holding an auction for thrill-seekers who want to be among the first riders on the park's new Maverick roller coaster.

The Red Cross is auctioning seats on Maverick to the 72 highest bidders, with bids starting at $75. A winning bid will include a continental breakfast at the park, commemorative medallion, the inaugural ride on Maverick and complimentary admission to Cedar Point on Opening Day, Saturday, May 12th.

Successful bidders will select seats, with the highest bidders choosing first. Due to Maverick's shorter trains, winning bidders will have even more opportunities to choose a coveted front or back seat ride! With six, 12-passenger trains, there will be 12 front seats and 12 back seats to choose from.

Cedar Point will take guests to new frontiers in fun with the debut of its latest scream machine, Maverick. Located in Frontiertown, Maverick will take its passengers up and over the 105-foot-tall lift hill and down to Earth at an astonishing 95-degree angle at speeds of up to 57 mph! From there, the train will hug the terrain as it twists and banks around hairpin turns with quick but smooth changes in direction. Throughout the 2-minute, 30-second ride, passengers will also experience eight "airtime-filled hills," three inversions and a second launch through a 400-foot-long dark tunnel that will leave them in awe as they reach speeds of 70 mph! (Guests must be at least 48 inches tall to ride Maverick. Rider restraint system may not accommodate all guests of appropriate height.)

The Firelands Chapter of the American Red Cross is accepting Maverick bids now through 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, May 9th. For more information on how to place a bid, log on to the Red Cross Web site at www.firelandsredcross.org or call (419) 626-1641 or (800) 589-2286 (toll-free in Ohio). Bids will also be accepted by fax at (419) 626-9244 or via e-mail through the Red Cross Web site.

St. Laurence Golf Outing

The Alumni Association of St. Laurence High School will be hosting its 18th annual St. Laurence Golf Open on Saturday, May 19th at Green Garden Country Club in south suburban Frankfort.

Having become a "must-play" outing, St. Laurence Golf Open draws a large contingent of alumni, as well as staff, friends, and benefactors of the school. Once again the outing returns to the challenging and picturesque Green Garden Country Club, located south of Frankfort. The shotgun start begins at 9 a.m. Tee times are limited to the first 144 golfers.

Enjoy a day of reconnecting with St. Laurence, seeing old friends, and supporting a vital cause. The STL Golf Open includes 18 holes of golf, scramble format, contests, raffle, lunch and beverage on the course, open bar, dinner, giveaways, and a keepsake photo to remember the day, for only $125 per golfer. All reservations must be received by May 14th in order to secure participation in this great day of golf and fellowship. Also, various sponsorship opportunities are available for individuals and businesses.

Contact Ed Kozak in the Office of Institutional Advancement at (708) 458-6900, ext. 244, or e-mail him at ckozak@stlaurence.com for more information on the outing or for sponsorship opportunities. For additional information on the event, visit www.stlaurenc.com.

An Elegant Mother's Day Brunch

The Country Inn Restaurant at Lambs Farm will host its annual Mother's Day Brunch on Sunday, May 13. The Country Inn will be serving up traditional favorites made from scratch in a bountiful buffet that will include freshly baked rolls, Apple Cinnamon French Toast, seasonal fruit, omelettes-to-order, and freshly carved meats. Specialty desserts from the Lambs Farm Bakery will complete the feast. Reservations are required.

After the meal, families are invited to explore the rest of Lambs Farm and its attractions. Visitors are encouraged to stop by the Thrift Shop and discover its hidden treasures or browse Aunt Mary's Country Store & Bakery to find that special Mother's Day gift. Children will not want to miss the Pet Shop and Farmyard, including petting area, Discovery Center and fuzzy newborn goats, chicks and lambs. With activities to please both Mom and kids, Lambs Farm is sure to be a Mother's Day treat for the entire family!

Reservations for the buffet are available between 10 a.m. 12 p.m. and 2 p.m. Outdoor seating is available, weather permitting. Cost for the brunch is $18.95 for adults, $9.95 for children 12 and under, and free for children under two. The Mother's Day Brunch sells out annually, and patrons are advised to make reservations early by calling the Country Inn Restaurant at (847) 362-5050.

Lambs Farm is a non-profit organization near Libertyville just 35 miles north of Chicago that empowers people with developmental disabilities to lead personally fulfilling lives through a full range of services in vocational training, residential assistance and social support. For more than 40 years, Lambs Farm has been assisting individuals in creating their own pathways to meaningful experiences at work, home and in the community. For additional information on Lambs Farm, their mission, and the variety of family activities they host, call (847) 362-4636 or visit www.lambsfarm.org.

Mother/Daughter Luncheon

The Oak Lawn Community Church, 9000 S. Ridgeland Ave., will host a Mother/Daughter Luncheon Saturday, May 12th from 12:30 to 3 p.m. The theme this year is "Hats off to Mothers" so wear your favorite hat. Tickets are $5 for adults, children 4-12 years old are $2.50 and kids 3 and under are free. Bring your mom, daughter, sister, grandmother, etc. for a great time. Tickets will be available at the door

There will also be a plant sale, 4 ? pots will sell for $3 each.

Call (708) 599-4025 for more information.

37th Annual Home Tour

The Beverly Area Planning Association's 37th annual Beverly Hills/Morgan Park Home Tour showcases the Village in the City's best in variety, design and style on Sunday., May 20. Tours leave from the Beverly Arts Center, 2407 W. 111th St. (111th and south Western Ave.), Chicago, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Participants can choose to self-guide in their own vehicle or, for a small additional cost, take the guided tour of the historic districts by trolley. Homes close promptly at 5 p.m. Tickets are $25 in advance or $30 at the door, and are available by calling (773) 233-3100 or online at www.bapa.org.

Class Reunions

St. Laurence School, 72nd & Dorchester in Chicago, is planning a 50th-year reunion for the class of 1957 to be held at Durbin's, 17265 Oak Park Ave. in Tinley Park, on Sept. 29th from 7 to 11 p.m. Contact Judy (Jellison) Graves at (708) 349-8570 or Peg (Kilgallon) Weeden at (708) 748-3499.

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Reavis High School class of 1977 – 30-year Reunion will be held on July 7th, 2007 at the Old Barn in Burbank. Contact reavisclassof77@yahoo.com.

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DuSable High School class of 1951 will hold a 55th-year reunion from Sept. 15th to 17th at the Hilton Oak Lawn Hotel. Call (708) 206-0468.

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Harrison High School – Classes of 1931 to 1960 Reunion on Sept. 24th from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at The Abbington, 3 South 002, Route 53, Glen Ellyn. Call (708) 366-3423.

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New Trier class of 1986 20th reunion will be held on Nov. 4th at the North Shore Skokie Hotel. Visit www.1986.com.

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St. Florian School – An All-School Reunion, celebrating 100 years, will be held Nov. 17th. Organizers are looking for all alumni names, addresses and the year they graduated. Call (773) 646-2868 or visit www.florian.hegewisch.net.

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ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

Announces Cast For "Charlotte's Web"

The Orland Park Theatre Troupe has chosen the E.B. White classic, "Charlotte's Web," as its children's summer show.

"Our summer production is always tailored to children or teens," said Orland Park Recreation Program Supervisor Irene Buikema, executive producer of the village's theater program. "We're very excited to bring 'Charlotte's Web' to our stage, both because of its important message of friendship and because it's an American classic that many children read in school," Buikema said.

Performances will be held June 8 and 9 at 8 p.m. and June 10 at 2 p.m. The village's theatre program performs in the Jane Barnes Annex of the Orland Park Civic Center, 14750 S. Ravinia Ave.

Theatre Troupe Resident Producer/Director Frann Carnivele-Sidlow is producing and directing the show, with Alice Trull serving as assistant director.

"The cast includes 29 children and one adult, Michele Hynes of Plainfield, who portrays Charlotte," Carnivele-Sidlow said. "I have been absolutely amazed with the natural talent that these kids have already shown. Many of them have never set foot on a stage before and they're naturals!" she added.

Orland Park's Cecilia Trippiedi appears as the young girl, Fern Arable, while Hunter Morris, also of Orland Park, is Wilbur the pig.

Other Orland Park residents in the show include Julia Donnelly, Kayla Donnelly, Valeric Esposito, Ryan Fish, Kyle Gambla, Grainne Kelly, Kate Kelly, Mitchell Kraus, Samuel Kraus, Joshua Lahey, Nicole Lahey, Samantha Lahey, Chrystal Suich and Haley Suich.

Oak Forest youngsters appearing in the show include Cara Franson, Michaela Humenik, Louis Sidlow and Sadie Vrba. Those from Mokena include Elizabeth Fellios, Abbie Fioretti, Haley Fioretti and Jonathan Franson.

Also appearing in the show are Erin Cunnea (Crestwood), Bridget Gagnon (Plainfield), Andrew Havens (Hickory Hills), Skyler Mackovitch (Palos Park) and Katie O'Sullivan (New Lenox).

The stage version was adapted by Joseph Robinette and is produced by special arrangement with the Dramatic Publishing Company of Woodstock, Illinois.

"We do expect all three performances to sell out," Buikema said, adding that reserved seat tickets are available at the Franklin E. Loebe Recreation Center, 14650 South Ravinia Avenue, and at the Orland Park Sportsplex, 11351 West 159th St. Tickets are $12 for adults, $10 for seniors and $8 for children ages three to eleven. Further information is available by calling the Village of Orland Park Recreation and Parks Department at (708) 403-7275.

Gaelic Park Irish Festival

Tommy Maken (pictured), John McDermott, Tommy Flemming, The Irish Brigade, The Sean Norman Ceili Band, Katie Sullivan, Brigid's Cross, Joe McShane & the Silverbridge Band, The Larkin & Moran Brothers, Pat Daly & the Sounds of Green, Sean O'Donnell and Gerard Haughey and the Ramblers at Chicago Gaelic Park, 6119 W. 147th St. in Oak Forest, Friday, May 25th, from 3 to 11 p.m. with half price admission from 3 to 4 p.m.; Saturday, May 26th and Sunday, May 27th, noon to 11 p.m.; and Monday, May 28th, noon to 8 p.m. Unlimited carnival rides, an Irish Dog Exhibition, Gaelic sports, a high school Tug of War Competition, Irish import stores, food and refreshments. Admission is $15 per person. For further information, call (708) 687-9323 or visit www.chicagogaelicpark.org.

Mother's Day Brunch

The Hilton Oak Lawn, 9333 S. Cicero Ave., will host an extravagant Mother's Day Champagne Brunch on Sunday, May 13th from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the Grand and Astoria Ballrooms.

This extravagant buffet features numerous breakfast items with custom omelets, a Belgian Waffle Station, a carving station with prime rib, ham and lamb, enticing seafood and salads, and much more. An entire Sweet Room is devoted to fabulous desserts.

Live music, fresh flowers, ice carvings and entertainment are located in both ballrooms. Adults - $34.95, children 6-12 - $16.95, toddlers 3-5 - $9.95, children 2 and under – no charge. Plenty of free parking. Reservations required. Call (708) 229-8850. Non-smoking brunch, wheelchair accessible.

Regular Sunday Breakfast Buffet in Whitney's – 7 to 10:30 a.m. Adults - $13,50, children under 7 - $7.50. No reservations will be taken for the Breakfast Buffet.

Mother's Day Dinner will be served in Whitney's from 1 to 6 p.m. Special Holiday Menu with children's portions available on many selections. Reservations required for Mother's Day Dinner. Call Whitney's at (708) 229-8888.

Watch Robots Compete At The Museum

On May 12th from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. the Museum of Science and Industry will host ChiBots, the Chicago-area robotics group, as it holds its spring semi-annual robot games. Museum guests are invited to watch these ingenious, autonomous robots compete, and for $5, museum guests can even enter their own robots in the competitions. (The entry fee will be waived for members of the Museum of Science and Industry.)

Robots can compete in the following events:

Basic Line Following: Robots will attempt to follow a line made up of numerous straight sections, curves, and with no crossings sections.

Advanced Line Following: This event is more difficult, as it involves numerous line crossings and two 'forks in the road' where the robots make a choice of which path to follow.

Expert Line Following: Hardest of all, this line course is narrower and has switchbacks, traps, zigzags and other obstacles.

Racing Line Following: Robots run at full speed on a NASCAR-like racecourse, with only the fastest machines being allowed to compete.

Line Maze: Robots have to set out to solve a maze made up of lines drawn in complex patterns – and speed counts.

Mini Sumo: This competition is inspired by Japanese Sumo wrestling. Two robots compete against each other; each tries to force its opponent out of the ring.

Robot Talent Show: Robots will be judged on their artistic merit and unusual designs.

After the competition, robots and their owners can go explore the museum exhibit, Robots Like Us, which features more than 200 colorful robotic toys collected from the pre-war era through the 1960s.

The cost is free with museum general admission. General admission is $11 for adults, $9.50 for seniors and, and $7 for children 3-11.

The event will take place at the Museum of Science and Industry, North Court, 57th and Lake Shore Drive.

For more information, visit www.chibots.org.

Women's Service League Luncheon & Fashion Show

The Elim Christian Services Women's Service League invites you to their annual Spring Luncheon and Fashion Show on May 16th at the Doubletree in Alsip. Doors open at 11 a.m.

Elim's choir will be performing and a fashion show displaying the latest in women's spring and summer fashions from Kimberly Bond Boutique will be held. Tickets for the event are $17 per person and include a luncheon of mixed seasonal green salad, Chicken Piccata with lemon caper butter sauce, rice pilaf, seasonal vegetables, rolls and butter, cream cheese frosted carrot cake, coffee or iced tea.

All proceeds from the event benefit Elim Christian Services.

The mission of Elim Christian Services is to equip children and adults with disabilities to achieve their highest God-given potential. Elim pursues this mission by providing educational, vocational, therapeutic and residential services to over 800 persons with special needs, from learning disabilities to severe disabilities. Elim is located at 13020 S. Central Ave. in Palos Heights. For more information, call Lorye Postma at (708) 389-0555.

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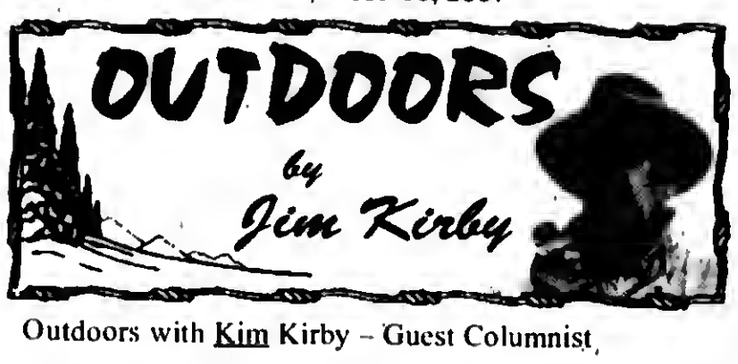

Outdoors with Kim Kirby – Guest Columnist

LAKE MICHIGAN SALMON FISHING ON THE 'CONFUSION TOO': Dad and I were invited to join **'CAPTAIN BOB' POTESHMMAN,** his first mate and co-captain, **Frank Grider,** and second mate and captain in training, **Brian Griffen,** on a morning launch out of Winthrop Harbor for a half-day charter on April 24th. I expected that there was an interesting story behind the naming of these 2 boats, the 'CONFUSION' and the 'CONFUSION TOO', however, the actions of all three men showed me there was 'NO' confusion on their boats!

We launched at 6 a.m. on the 'CONFUSION TOO' to a clear crisp morning with a blazing red sunrise that foretold of a pleasant day on the water. Frank and Brian rigged up 15 rods (3 per fisherman) with 20-lb. test line on 14 rods, and one rod rigged with 65 lb. Firewire. The rods were set with varying colors of dodgers and flies sent out with yellow birds, downriggers and dipsey divers. The water temperature in harbor was 47 degrees, and dropped to 43 a mile south. The 'power bait' turned out to be the pure white dodger and fly combination, a surefire hit according to Grider. As luck would have it, Dad caught the first fish and it was on that very setup!

We fished the shallower, warmer waters off the bottom for a few hours and then a call came in from another captain that the jumbo perch were hitting another mile out. Captain Bob asked if we would like to get in on the action. We couldn't refuse. This answered our question why Frank came on board carrying a minnow bucket. Frank then asked us what our preferences were in rods, line and reels for perching. This showed me not only that the 'CONFUSION TOO' is well equipped and her crew very knowledgeable, but that these men are serious sportsmen. We reeled in and took a heading of 177 degrees two miles out from the harbor. In the time it took us to get to the perch, our crew had us re-rigged and ready to 'dropshot' with minnows and sinkers. We spent a couple of hours perching and gabbing with these men and their passion for the outdoors. The time was getting late so our crew re-rigged again to troll for salmon on our way back to the harbor to meet their afternoon charter. All in all, it was a wonderful day of fishing!

The 'CONFUSION TOO' is a 38', 22,000 lb. cruiser with twin Chevy 350 V8's. It had been setting out from Hammond Marina, however, both the CONFUSION and the CONFUSION TOO are located at Northpoint Harbor this year due to the construction of the casino at Hammond. Both boats are equipped with all the bells and whistles such as radar, sonar, depth gage, water temp and fish finders, of course. A comfortable cabin with heat for those cold mornings (definitely a plus) and deck chairs for those lazy afternoons make a perfect setup for a family fishing outing, however, the skills and intuition of her captain and crew can impress the hardcore anglers as well. Captain Bob skillfully filleted the salmon for us to take home.

To book a charter on the 'Confusion' or the 'Confusion Too', call Captain Bob toll-free at 1(888) 929-3474 or email at call2fish@aol.com. More information about Confusion charters can be obtained at www.confusion charters.com.

■**DUCKS UNLIMITED:** The Palos Chapter of Ducks Unlimited is having their 43rd Anniversary Dinner on Wednesday, May 23rd at Lexington House, 7717 W. 95th St. in Hickory Hills. For only $60 per ticket the evening features *The $5000 Grand Raffle, *Gun Boards, *Gun Raffles, *Silent and Live Auctions, *Sit Down Dinner, *Open Bar, *Mystery Box and Pick of the Litter. For tickets and more information, call **Jim Mayer,** ticket chairman, at (708) 429-8696.

Ladies! These DU Dinners aren't necessarily a 'guy thing.' This is a great opportunity to enjoy a family evening out. This is your chance to pick up collectible art objects, hunting gear, unusual household items, and gifts for future use (Father's Day?).

43 years ago, 10 members of the Palos Gun Club met at the old Branding Iron Restaurant, and formed the Palos Chapter of Ducks Unlimited. Over the years, banquets were held at Stump's Pub; Dunlaps and Bananas in Oak Lawn, before finding a home at Lexington House.

■**EATING SALMON HELPS PROTECT EYESIGHT:** Two new studies give yet another reason to eat a diet rich in fish: the prevention of age-related macular degeneration, the leading cause of blindness in old age.

The omegs-3 fatty acids found in fish such as salmon are already known to help the heart and brain stay healthy. The new studies, appearing in the Archives of Ophthalmology, add to evidence that fish eaters also protect their eyes.

The new studies aren't the strongest level of scientific evidence, but they confirm the findings of previous studies that also link fish consumption with prevention of macular degeneration. *(Source: Great Lake Basin Report)*

"Hey dad – let's go fishing!"

Host Four USSSA-Sanctioned Youth Tourneys

Illinois Vikings Baseball is sponsoring four United States Specialty Sports Assn./On-Deck Sports Baseball Tournaments this spring and summer. All four tournaments are USSSA National Qualifiers, and college and pro baseball scouts will be in attendance at the tourneys. Registration is still open for the tournaments for teams in the following categories: 10U, 11U, 12U, 13U, 14U, 15U, 16U and 17U boys teams.

Spring Classic: May 25th to 27th
Summer Classic #1: June 22nd to 24th
Summer Classic #2: June 29th to July 1st
July Slambuster: July 20th to 23rd

The Spring Classic, May 25th to 27th, is for full-time travel baseball teams, with each team playing a minimum of four games. Games will be played at Homewood/Flossmoor High School, Prairie State College, Rich Central High School, Hap Bruno Stadium, and the Country Club Hills Sports Complex. Tournament fees are: 10U teams - $350; 11U teams - $375; 12U teams - $400; 13U teams - $425; 14U teams - $450; 15U teams - $475; 16U teams - $475; 17U teams - $500.

Registration for the Spring Classic closes May 14th and registration for the remaining three tourneys is ongoing.

The Summer Classic #1 tournament is scheduled for June 22nd to 24th and the Summer Classic #2 runs June 29th to July 1st. Age groups and tournament fees are the same as for the Spring Classic above.

The July Slambuster, July 20th to 22nd, is a five-game minimum tourney for travel teams. Tournament fees are $525 for ages 14U, 15U, 16U and 17U teams, and $475 for 13U teams; $450 for 12U teams; $425 for 11U teams; and $400 for 10U teams. The cost rises for the July tourney to cover umpire charges.

All tournaments are USSSA-sanctioned tournaments, and the top teams in each age bracket qualify for a national tournament.

For additional information or to register your team for any of the four USSSA Tournaments, contact Tournament Director Al Davila at (708) 756-3450 or (708) 372-3777, or e-mail nikxis123@msn.com. Interested teams may also visit the Illinois Vikings web site, www.illinoisvikingbaseball.com for additional information.

Luvabulls Accepting Applications For Dance Team

The Chicago Bulls are searching for new dancers to join its female dance team, the Luvabulls.

One of the most recognized dance teams in sports history – the Luvabulls – is now accepting applications for new members. Female dancers 21 years and older who are interested in joining the 28-year tradition of the Luvabulls are encouraged to submit an application for consideration prior to Tuesday, May 29th.

Auditions for the 25-member team will be held on Saturday, June 2nd at the United Center, 1901 W. Madison, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. for pre-approved applicants. Once selected, the dancers will be scheduled to perform at all Chicago Bulls home games and have the opportunity to appear and perform at numerous other events across the country including banquets, corporate parties, conventions, promotional events, trade shows and charity events. Additionally, the Luvabulls perform internationally in such places as Holland, England, France, Costa Rica, Japan, Cyprus and, most recently, Greece.

Application forms are available at www.bulls.com.

To register for Luvabulls auditions, a completed application must be mailed for receipt on or before Tuesday, May 29th. All qualified applicants must be at least 21 years of age. Forms are available at www.bulls.com. Applicants will be required to fill out an application form and two waivers. Auditions are by invitation only.

For more information on the Luvabulls, visit www.bulls.com or call C.C. Company of Illinois, Inc. at (630) 668-7915.

Last Call For Youth Basketball Tournament

North America Youth Sports announced that they still have several remaining openings in its annual summer regional youth basketball tournament in Mount Prospect at the Mount Prospect Park District Rec Plex on June 15-17.

This tournament will feature 10 different brackets. They include 5th-6th grade boys; 5th-6th grade girls; 7th grade boys; 7th grade girls; 8th grade boys; 8th grade girls; 9th-10th grade boys; 9th-10th grade girls; 11th-12th grade boys; and 11th-12th grade girls. All grades are based on the grade in which a student is currently enrolled.

The entry fee for this tournament is $160 and guarantees each team a minimum of five games. There will be awards presented in each bracket. The entry deadline is May 25.

For additional information or an entry form, call the toll-free NAYS spring tournament hotline at 1-866-352-5915.

Baseball Tournament

Marist High School Baseball Program is looking for one more team for its 13 year old boy's baseball tournament held on June 8, 9 & 10 at the Marist High School baseball fields. This will be a 60 ft. – 90 ft. tournament. All players will receive a Marist High School baseball T-shirt for participating.

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Introduce Bipartisan Bill To Combat Meth

U.S. Sens. Dick Durbin (D-IL) and Chuck Grassley (R-IA), both members of the Senate Anti-Meth Caucus, recently introduced the Methamphetamine Production Prevention Act of 2007. This legislation will promote the use of electronic logbook systems by pharmacies to better track the sales of ingredients that could be used to make meth.

Most of the chemicals necessary to produce methamphetamine are readily available in household products or over-the-counter cold or allergy medicines such as pseudoephedrine. Current law restricts the amount of these ingredients that can be purchased at one time by a single person. Some meth producers have been able to get around restrictions by "smurfing" – purchasing illegal amounts of meth precursor drugs by traveling to multiple pharmacies and buying small quantities at each.

The legislation revises the technical logbook requirements found in the Combat Methamphetamine Epidemic Act ("Combat Meth Act"). Enacted in 2006, the Combat Meth Act limits the amount of precursor drugs – drugs that can be used to make meth, such as pseudoephedrine – that a customer can buy and requires pharmacies to keep written or electronic logbooks recording each purchase of the drugs. This approach has led to a drop in the number of meth labs discovered in many states, however, meth producers are beginning to adapt to the current restrictions through the practice of "smurfing."

The legislation:

- Creates a federal grant program that would provide money to states to create or enhance electronic logbook systems.
- Assists law enforcement in combating the meth epidemic by improving the effectiveness of the electronic logbook systems.
- Awards federal grants on a priority basis to encourage states to design logbook systems that will be effective in stopping smurfing across state and county lines.
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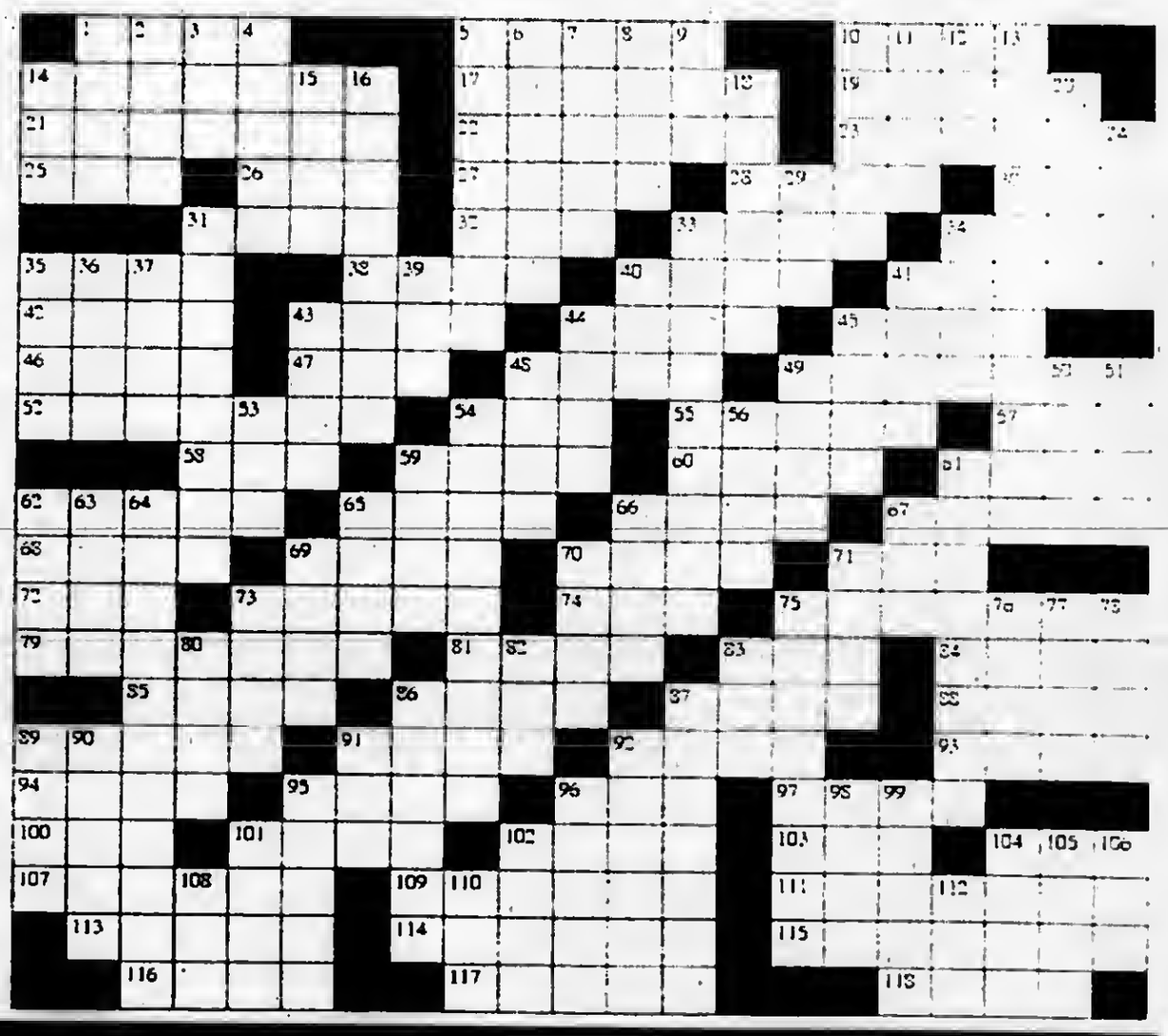

Look on page 33 for the solution to this weeks puzzle

Thoughts On Health & Nutrition

by
Lucinda K. Lysen, RD, RN, BSN

RESTLESS LEG SYNDROME

Ever have an irresistible urge to move your legs and feet when you are trying to fall asleep at night? You might have restless leg syndrome (RLS). RLS is characterized by a "creepy-crawly", burning, tingling, twitching and/or painful sensation which occurs during sleep or periods of inactivity, and is frequently accompanied or caused by uncomfortable and unpleasant sensations that are partly or completely relieved by movement. The symptoms of the condition tend to appear when you are trying to relax or sleep. This results in daytime fatigue and exhaustion which over time affects work and mental performance.

Although the cause of RLS is uncertain, researchers believe that it results from abnormal functioning of the central nervous system. RLS produces excitability in a region of the brain known as the subcortical area. A dysfunction of a nerve-signaling chemical called dopamine, which regulates movement, causes this excitability.

RLS may be more common than is currently thought. People may not report it to their physicians and some physicians may wrongly attribute the symptoms to nervousness, insomnia, stress, arthritis, muscle cramps, or aging. It is also associated with diabetes and smoking. Studies show that up to twenty percent of adults over 60 are affected. Race and genetics also play a role. It is rare among Asians and most common among people of northern European descent.

A number of conditions are associated with RLS including:

- Iron deficiency
- Low dopamine levels
- Tumors within the spine or peripheral nerves
- Pregnancy-related deficiencies in iron, folate, and magnesium
- Kidney disease
- Medications, such as antidepressants
- Caffeine

NUTRIENT DEFICIENCIES

Eating a well-balanced diet and getting adequate amounts of iron, folate, magnesium and vitamin E may avert or reduce the symptoms of RLS. It is also recommended that patients not smoke, and reduce their intake of caffeine, sugar and alcohol.

To help monitor healthy blood levels of nutrients, patients with RLS should have the following blood tests:

- Complete blood cell count and chemistry panel
- Serum ferritin for measure of iron stores
- Magnesium
- Vitamin B12

Once RLS is diagnosed, medications can be prescribed. Finding the underlying cause, however, is most effective for proper treatment. In some cases, RLS can be primary, with no underlying cause. It tends to onset earlier and is associated with a single genetic defect.

For more information on RLS, go to www.webmd.com.

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A healthy adult takes about 23,000 breaths a day.

Enroll More Doctors In Illinois Health Connect Program

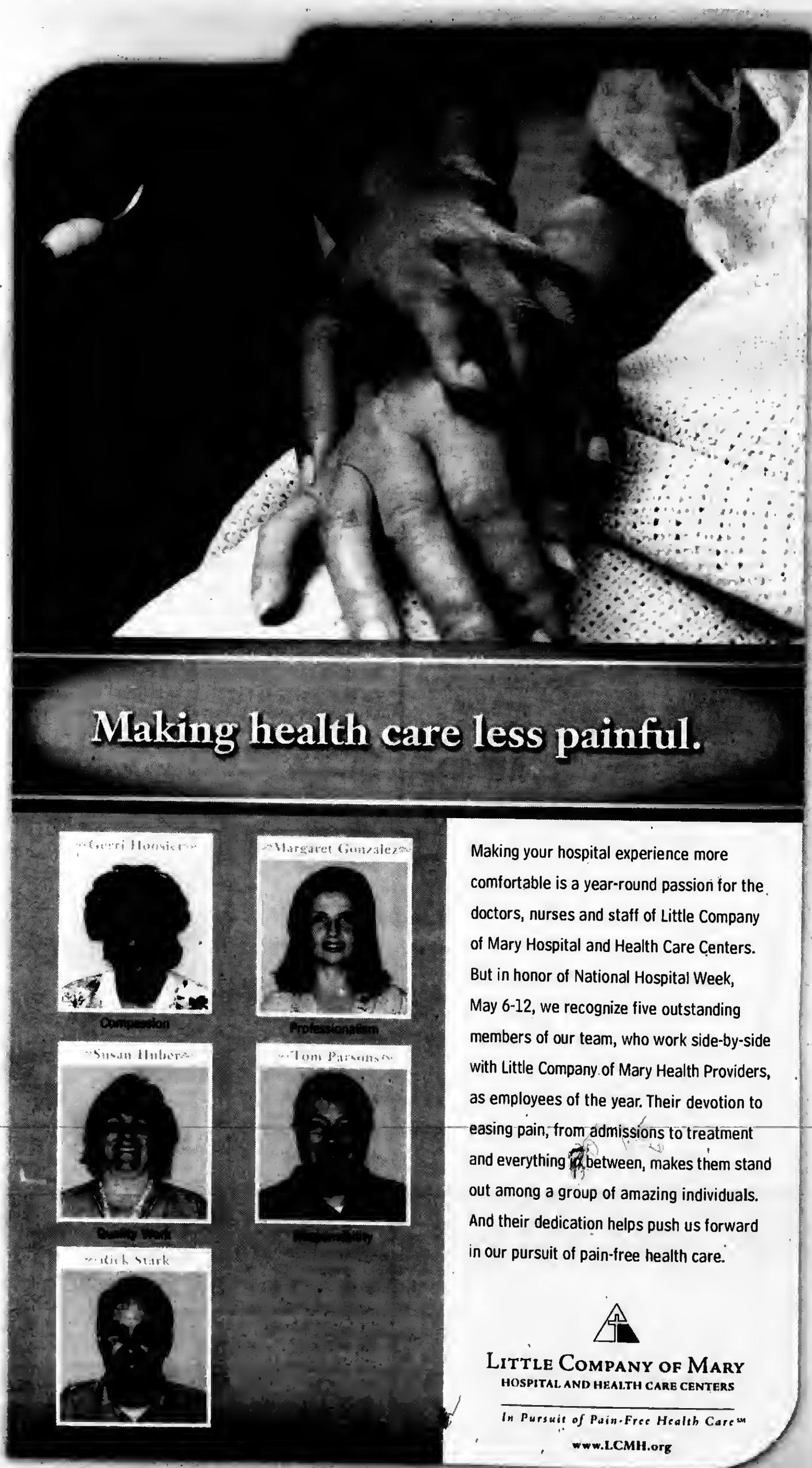
Governor Rod R. Blagojevich on May 6th announced that the landmark Illinois Health Connect program, which guarantees a medical home for every child in the Governor's All Kids program and every parent in FamilyCare, has enrolled more than 4,000 doctors statewide – far surpassing the original goal to enroll 3,000 doctors. Even more doctors are expected to enroll as the program, which was launched in Chicagoland in March, continues to roll out in Central and Southern Illinois this summer. Illinois Health Connect is a continuation of Governor Blagojevich's nationally recognized efforts to ensure that every family in Illinois gets the healthcare they need.

Through Illinois Health Connect, every child in All Kids and every parent in FamilyCare will have a primary care doctor who will make sure they are getting regular check-ups and preventive care. The Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS) unveiled Illinois Health Connect in Cook and the Collar Counties in March, and will begin rolling out the program in the northwest region of the state and then in the central and southern regions of Illinois in the coming months. Through extensive outreach to doctors, through professional organizations, hospitals and direct office visits, HFS has already enrolled more than 4,000 doctors to be primary care physicians.

Physicians and medical groups around the state have voiced their support of Illinois Health Connect. In March, Christie Clinic in Champaign announced that they will take 3,500 All Kids and FamilyCare clients in addition to the clients they already serve in anticipation of the launch of Illinois Health Connect in their area/

As Illinois Health Connect is launched in each region of Illinois, All Kids and FamilyCare families will receive information in the mail on selecting a primary care physician. If they do not choose a primary care physician, one will be assigned for them.

In conjunction with the launch of Illinois Health Connect, HFS also announced the launch of the Illinois Nurse Helpline, which is available to every participant in state healthcare programs and provides back-up support to enrollees who cannot reach their primary care physicians after-hours or on weekends as a means of minimizing unnecessary emergency department use and helping participants learn skills that can help stop serious medical problems before they start. HFS Medical Program participants may contact the Illinois Nurse Helpline Monday-Friday, 6 p.m. to 7 a.m. (CST) and 24 hours a day on Saturday and Sunday. The Illinois Nurse Helpline telephone number is: 1-800-571-8094, (TTY: 1-800-571-8419). The call is free.



On Becoming A Midwife

Ricki Lake's documentary, "The Business of Being Born," along with her publicity tour has brought extreme awareness to what she sees as the benefit of home delivery. Most women however believe giving birth in a hospital provides piece-of-mind. For those women, choosing to work with a Certified Nurse-Midwife (CNM) may be the best of both worlds.

According to American College of Certified Nurse-Midwives, 97% of all births attended by CNM's occur in a hospital. Working with a CNM, mothers-to-be can experience the intimacy of working with a midwife along with the reassurance of hospital walls. Once a woman decides she wants to work with a CNM it is important she chooses the best fit for her.

CNMs are licensed health care practitioners/advanced practice nurses educated in the disciplines of nursing and midwifery. They provide primary care to women, including prenatal care, labor and delivery care, care after birth, gynecological exams, newborn care, assistance with family planning decisions, preconception care, menopausal management and counseling in health maintenance and disease prevention. If a mom-to-be chooses a midwife to share in this wonderful experience, it is important to know what questions to ask and how to determine whether mom and midwife will be a good fit.

Many times midwives develop lifelong relationships with families and share in the birthing experience from generation to generation. If someone is thinking about working with a Certified Nurse Midwife, questions a patient should ask include:

What and why did you become a midwife?

What is your background and training? How many births have you attended as the primary caregiver?

What can I expect before, during and after the birth? What roll will you play in each of these phases?

Do you work alone or with an assistant? Will my husband be present at the time of the birth?

What equipment do you typically use during birth?

What complications have you seen or encountered? How do you handle these?

With roots dating to 1929, the American College of Nurse-Midwives (ACNM) is the oldest women's health care organization in the U.S. The mission of ACNM and the Midwives of Illinois is to promote the health and well-being of women and infants within their families and communities through the development and support of the profession of midwifery as practiced by certified nurse-midwives, and certified midwives. The philosophy inherent in the profession states that nurse-midwives believe every individual has the right to safe, satisfying health care with respect for human dignity and cultural variations. The 52nd Annual American College of Nurse-Midwives' Annual Meeting is coming to Chicago the weekend of May 25th and will be held at Sheraton Chicago Hotel & Towers.

Those who would like more information about the Midwives of Illinois or would like to find an area midwife, should visit its website at www.midwivesofillinois.org and click on "find a midwife."

Team Transwestern Rallying For MS Walk

The National Multiple Sclerosis (MS) Society's fundraising walk for Greater Chicago on Sunday, May 6th at Grant Park is receiving a major boost of support from Team Transwestern, a group comprised of more than 45 participants from commercial real estate services firm in Transwestern's downtown office.

Team Transwestern is led by Anthony Karmin, Executive Vice-President of the firm's tenant advisory group for the Midwest region. Karmin set a fundraising goal of $10,000 for this year's walk. To date, Team Transwestern has raised $6,000. According to www.msillinois.org, the amount is one of the most ambitious of all corporate participants.

The Transwestern contingent is comprised of real estate advisors, staff, clients and their families, including executives for the Chicago region, John Marquardt and Rob Karger. "Transwestern is going to become the 'poster child' for our corporate Walk teams," said Lynda Chott, president of the Greater Chicago MS Society. Karmin is also calling on his professional contacts from the commercial real estate industry for their support. You can learn more about how to join the movement to create a world free of MS at www.msillinois.org.

Leading Cause Of Accidental Death Of Young Children

Calling on caring citizens across the state to join a campaign to help keep children safe near water, Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich recently proclaimed May as Childhood Drowning Prevention Month in Illinois.

Nationally, drowning is the leading cause of accidental death among children ages 1 to 4, and the second leading cause for children 1 to 14. In Illinois, 17 children lost their lives to accidental drowning in 2006, following annual totals of 24 in 2005 and 21 in 2004.

Less than half of recent Illinois accidental childhood drownings have taken place in swimming pools. Children are at risk anywhere water collects or is stored: in ditches, garden ponds, bathtubs, quarries, septic tanks, streams and farm ponds. Five-gallon buckets, such as those commonly used in home improvement projects, post a special risk for toddlers with undeveloped upper body muscles, who may topple over headfirst into the bucket, unable to free themselves. Children can drown in as little as 2 inches of water, in as little time as 20 seconds. Even children who survive through resuscitation may suffer severe brain damage from the accident.

Illinois' initiative to prevent these child deaths is based on thorough analysis of statewide data, which show that physical barriers are insufficient, and that careful supervision of children near any kind of water is necessary to succeed in saving lives. The state is supported in this effort by numerous local chapters of the American Red Cross, which provide community-based information and training, water safety and Learn-to-Swim classes.

The American Red Cross identifies 4 crucial elements to childhood water safety:

Maintain constant supervision. Watch children around any water environment (pool, stream, lake, tub, toilet, bucket of water) no matter what skills your child has acquired and no matter how shallow the water. For younger children, practice "Reach Supervision" by staying within an arm's length reach.

Don't rely on substitutes. The use of flotation devices and inflatable toys cannot replace parental supervision. Such devices could suddenly shift position, lose air, or slip out from underneath, leaving the child in a dangerous situation.

Enroll children in a water safety course or Learn-to-Swim classes. Your decision to provide your child with an early aquatic experience is a gift that will have infinite rewards. These courses encourage safe practices. You can also purchase a Water Safety Handbook at a Red Cross Store.

Parents should take a CPR course. Knowing these skills can be important around the water and you will expand your capabilities in providing care for your child. Contact your local Red Cross to enroll in a CPR course.

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Veterans And Soldiers News

By Lori Taylor Ph: 708.388.2425

Army Pvt. Shamia R. Gatewood has graduated from Petroleum Supply Specialist Advanced Individual Training course at Fort Lee, Petersburg, Virginia. She is the daughter of Tina Troutman and niece of Vanessa Gatewood, both of Chicago. Gatewood is a 2005 graduate of Kenwood Academy in Chicago.

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Army Pfc. Travis A. Tasharski has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, South Carolina. He is the son of John and Roseanne Ahrens of Berwyn. Tasharski is a 2003 graduate of Morton West High School in Berwyn.

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The 101st Airborne Division Association, with headquarters at Fort Campbell, Kentucky, is seeking "lost" Screaming Eagle veterans who served with the Division during its ongoing history from World War II to Iraq. With 8,500 members and 32 Chapters, including Eagles recently returned from a second tour in Iraq, the Association is a vibrant, dynamic organization.

Activities include Memorial Day 2007 ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery and the Vietnam Memorial, May 25-28, in Washington, D.C.; the 62nd National Reunion in Omaha, Nebraska, Aug. 8-11; and special programs to combat the hospital wounded and assist today's Eagles and their families.

For further information, contact the Association at 32 Screaming Eagle Boulevard. P.O. Box 929, Fort Campbell, KY 42223-0929; e-mail to: assocmemberinfo@comcast.net; check the web site at http://www.screamingeagle.org, or call (931) 431-0199, ext. 35.

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This report is taken from the VFW Washington Weekly, dated April 27th.

VFW Washington Office Executive Director Bob Wallace (a past national-commander-in-chief of the VFW) testified before the Presidential Commission calling for changes to how the military evaluates disabled military personnel. This commission was set up after the disgraceful incidents at Walter Reed Army Medical Center and intends to look at all aspects of healthcare and treatment provided to our wounded warriors.

VFW also testified before the House VA Subcommittee on Health on twelve bills that were mostly centered on VA healthcare access by veterans seeking care. The VFW supports increased access to the Veterans Administration, especially in rural areas, but regards some of the legislation as too reliant on contractors, which could present future funding problems for the VA.

It is so very important that we stay alert to what is happening concerning our men who served and are now serving our country. We can't let down our guard for one day in this rapidly changing society. Contact your legislators to support all veterans' issues whenever the need arises.

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On May 20th the US Coast Guard Auxiliary will hold a 9-hole Golf Outing at South Shore Golf Course, 71st and Lake Michigan. The golf outing will cost $35 for 9-holes of golf, and will include a luncheon immediately after. Tee-off time is 8:30 a.m. Part of the fee will go toward the Coast Guard Mutual Assistance Charity, a charity which has been established over 80 years. There will be a free beginner's clinic at 7 a.m. for new golfers. Prizes will be available for Closest-to-the-Pin Men, Closest-to-the-Pin Women, etc. as well as $3,000 for anyone who gets a hole-in-one on the short 9th hole.

The US Coast Guard Auxiliary is a volunteer organization that is dedicated to boating education and safety. The purpose of the golf outing is in part, to help get out the story of what the US Coast Guard Auxiliary is all about. Past military experience is not a requirement to join the organization and it is open to all.

For more information, call Charles Norvil at (630) 568-7591 or email www.cgmahq.org.

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Supporting a federal, state, city and community-based effort to assist veterans in finding employment, the Chicago Mayor's Office of Workforce Development (MOWD) will hold a job-readiness workshop for Chicago veterans on Friday, May 11th at the Southwest Workforce Center, 7500 S. Pulaski Rd., Bldg. 100, from 1 to 4 p.m. The 90-minute workshop covers resume writing, interview skills, completion of online job applications and expunging criminal histories. The workshops are intended as preparation for veterans to attend Chicago's Veterans Job and Resource Fair on May 18th at the Illinois Institute of Technology. To register for the workshop, call (312) 743-0703 or contact the Mayor's Office of Workforce Development at (312) 746-7777. The telephone number at the Southwest Workforce Center is (773) 884-7000.

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This week's quote: "It's fine to turn over a new leaf, but there's always somebody trying to snoop through the old pages." ...Pappy Maverick.

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Good-bye for this week. God bless you and your family and God bless America.

Encourages Law Enforcement, Fire And Emergency Response Agencies To Apply For Response Equipment Grants

Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich recently encouraged law enforcement, fire and emergency response agencies to apply for a direct federal assistance program that could provide tools to better protect and respond to their citizens in the event of a disaster. The program offers local responders, outside Cook County, the opportunity to compete for approximately $33.7 million in equipment and related training and technical assistance, which can improve their ability and capacity to respond to a major critical incident or to work with other first responders.

"Through the Illinois Terrorism Task Force, we've helped responders throughout the state get the equipment they need to protect and help their communities, including interoperable communications equipment that has dramatically increased their ability to communicate with each other during disasters," Gov. Blagojevich said. "This federal program complements our state efforts to equip responders, and I strongly encourage local law enforcement, fire and emergency response agencies to take advantage of this opportunity."

The U.S. Dept. of Homeland Security (DHS) Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) National Preparedness Directorate Commercial Equipment Direct Assistance Program (CEDAP) offers specialized commercial equipment, equipment training, and equipment technical assistance directly to smaller jurisdictions and eligible metropolitan areas.

Last year, nearly 80 Illinois communities benefited from receiving response equipment through the CEDAP program.

Information and applications for the competitive federal assistance program are available online at www.rkb.mipt.org and must be submitted by May 29th.

Jurisdictions within Cook County, including the City of Chicago, that have received Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) funds for equipment are not eligible for this grant program. In addition, agencies that have received Assistance to Firefighters Grants since Oct. 1, 2005 are also not eligible. Agencies that received grant assistance from FEMA under the Interoperable Communications Equipment program are not eligible for interoperable communications equipment under CEDAP.

Prospective applicants can direct questions regarding the CEDAP program to the Centralized Scheduling and Information Desk at 1(800) 368-6498 or via e-mail at askcsid@dhs.gov.

Call For Nominations

Historic Chicago Bungalow owners have always been known for their inspiring restoration projects and creative design solutions. Once again, the very best of these projects will receive special recognition from the Historic Chicago Bungalow Association. The Association is now accepting nominations for the 3rd Annual Richard H. Driehaus Foundation Bungalow Awards, which honor bungalow owners dedicated to preserving their homes while updating them to meet modern needs.

Awards will be given in each of the following categories: 1. Interior Restoration: Accurately recovers the details and forms of the Chicago bungalow. 2. Interior Rehabilitation: Demonstrates a contemporary use while maintaining significant features. 3. Exterior Rehabilitation: Demonstrates appropriate rehabilitation and or additions that are compatible with the Historic Bungalow style. 4. Small Scale Project: Improvement that was completed with $5,000 or less. 5. Landscape Design: Demonstrates creative design solution.

Nominations are due to the Historic Chicago Bungalow Association by Friday, June 8th. Homeowners are reminded to include 3 to 5 photographs when submitting their application.

First place winners and honorable mentions in each category will be honored with a ceremony and photo exhibit at the Chicago Architecture Foundation, first place winners will also receive a brass bungalow plaque and a $750 cash prize.

Projects may be nominated by the homeowner, a neighbor, community group, family member or friend, but the bungalow must be certified with the Historic Chicago Bungalow Association to be considered. Finalists will be chosen by a panel of judges consisting of architects, designers, community leaders, and members of the local media.

The panel will evaluate projects based on the following criteria: 1) the nature of the challenge faced; 2) the project that ensued; and 3) how well the restoration or landscaping supports the integrity of fundamental Bungalow design. All projects must also conform to the HCBA's Design Guidelines.

"Historic Chicago Bungalow owners are in a league of their own when it comes to restoration and rehab projects and the Richard H. Driehaus Foundation Bungalow Awards reward this dedication," said Annette Conti, Executive Director of the HCBA. "We look forward to celebrating this year's winners, their bungalows and showcase their home restoration successes."

For more information on the 3rd Annual Richard H. Driehaus Foundation Bungalow Awards and nominating a bungalow, visit www.chicagobungalow.org or call (312) .642-9900.

The Historic Chicago Bungalow Association works in partnership with the City of Chicago's Department of Housing in keeping neighborhoods affordable.

Family Video Lawsuit Resolved

Attorney General Lisa Madigan recently announced that her office has entered into a consent decree with Family Video Movie Club, Inc. to resolve a 2005 lawsuit filed against the video rental store chain stemming from an investigation which confirmed allegations that stores located throughout the state were not accessible to individuals with disabilities in violation of Illinois law.

"It is unacceptable that Illinois residents with disabilities have been denied access to such a popular Illinois business," said Madigan. "Today's consent decree will help to ensure equal access."

Family Video, based in Springfield, currently operates 93 stores in Illinois. It is the third largest video retailer in the country with more than 450 stores nationwide.

The consent decree, entered by the Cook County Circuit Court, requires that Family Video make all of their stores in Illinois accessible to people with disabilities. Under the terms of the decree, Family Video must modify its stores to comply with the Environmental Barriers Act, an Illinois state law requiring facilities to be accessible to individuals with physical disabilities. The decree specifies that Family Video provide legally compliant accessible parking spaces, curb ramps, entrances and service counters among other things. The decree also requires that Family Video pay a fine of $225,000.

"Illinois businesses must comply with applicable state and federal laws regarding physical accessibility. When they fail to do that, they unlawfully deny people with disabilities a full opportunity to participate in all aspects of daily life," Madigan said. "When we find that businesses have violated these important laws, we take action to bring them into compliance."

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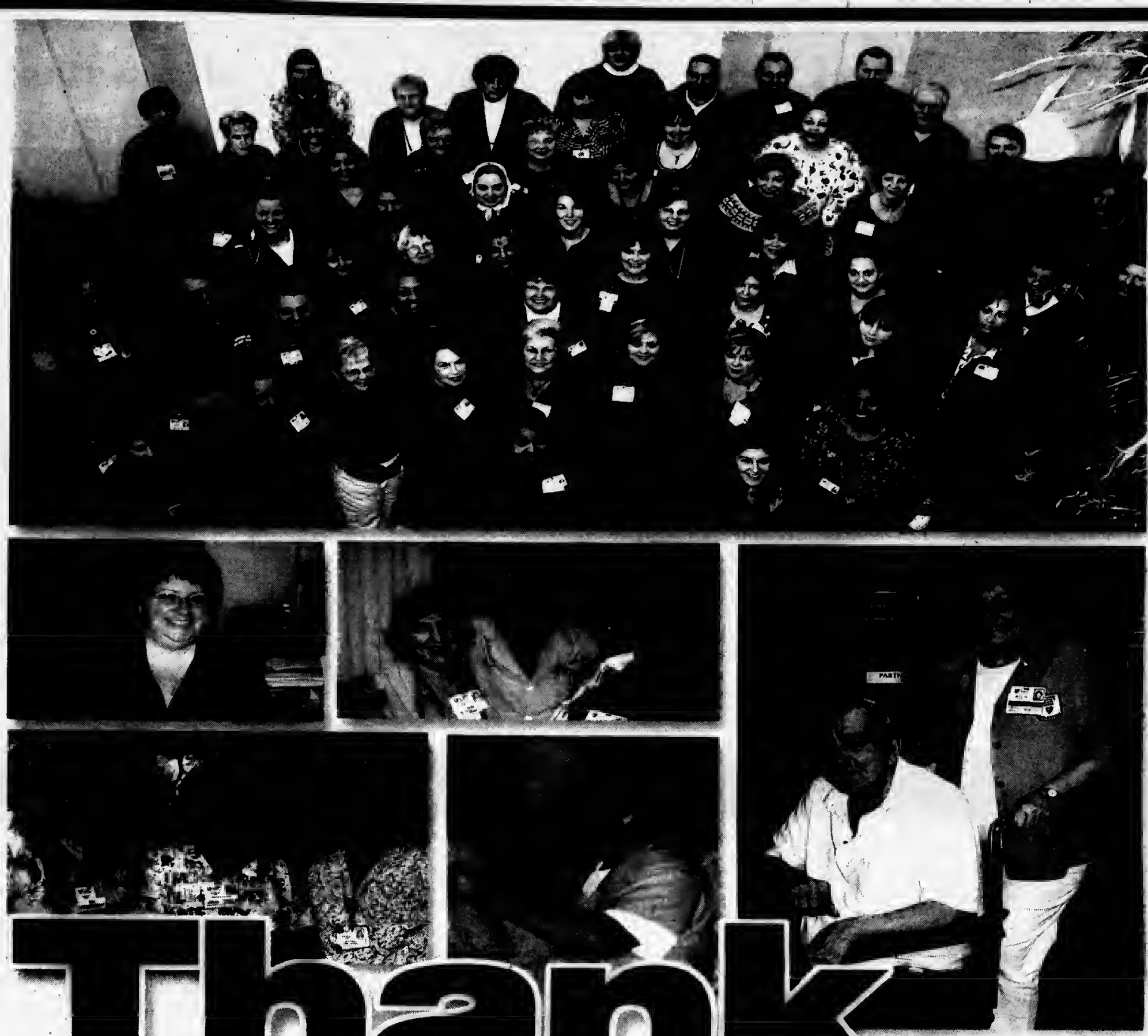

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Host Observatory Open Viewing

Moraine Valley Community College will continue hosting its series of telescope open viewing nights in 2007. Remaining dates and times for this season's open viewing include the following Fridays:

* May 25 at 8:30 p.m.
* June 22 at 9:15 p.m.
* July 20 at 9 p.m.
* August 17 at 8:30 p.m.
* September 14 at 7 p.m.
* October 19 at 6:30 p.m.

Viewing will be canceled in the event of inclement weather such as clouds or rain.

The college's next open viewing will take place at 8 p.m. on Friday, April 20, when participants can observe the planets Venus and Saturn, the four-day old crescent moon, open clusters, binary stars, a galaxy pair and planetary nebula.

All open viewing is held at the telescope dome on the G. Jack Bradley Observation Deck, located in a western sector of the college's Nature Study Area, near 107th Street and Kean Avenue. Observers are asked to park near the college's tennis courts and then walk on the path through the nature study area to the observation deck. Limited parking is also available in a pull-in area off Kean Avenue, just west of the observatory.

Tom McCague, retired associate professor and department chair of Moraine Valley's Biology department, hosts the viewing. An amateur astronomer for more than 40 years, McCague built the telescope using common hardware store items and donated it to the college. The telescope is a 6?-foot Newtonian reflecting model with a 13 inch diameter and took him nearly14 months to build.

Because of the outdoor location of the telescope, observers are reminded to dress appropriately for the weather and to bring binoculars if they have them.

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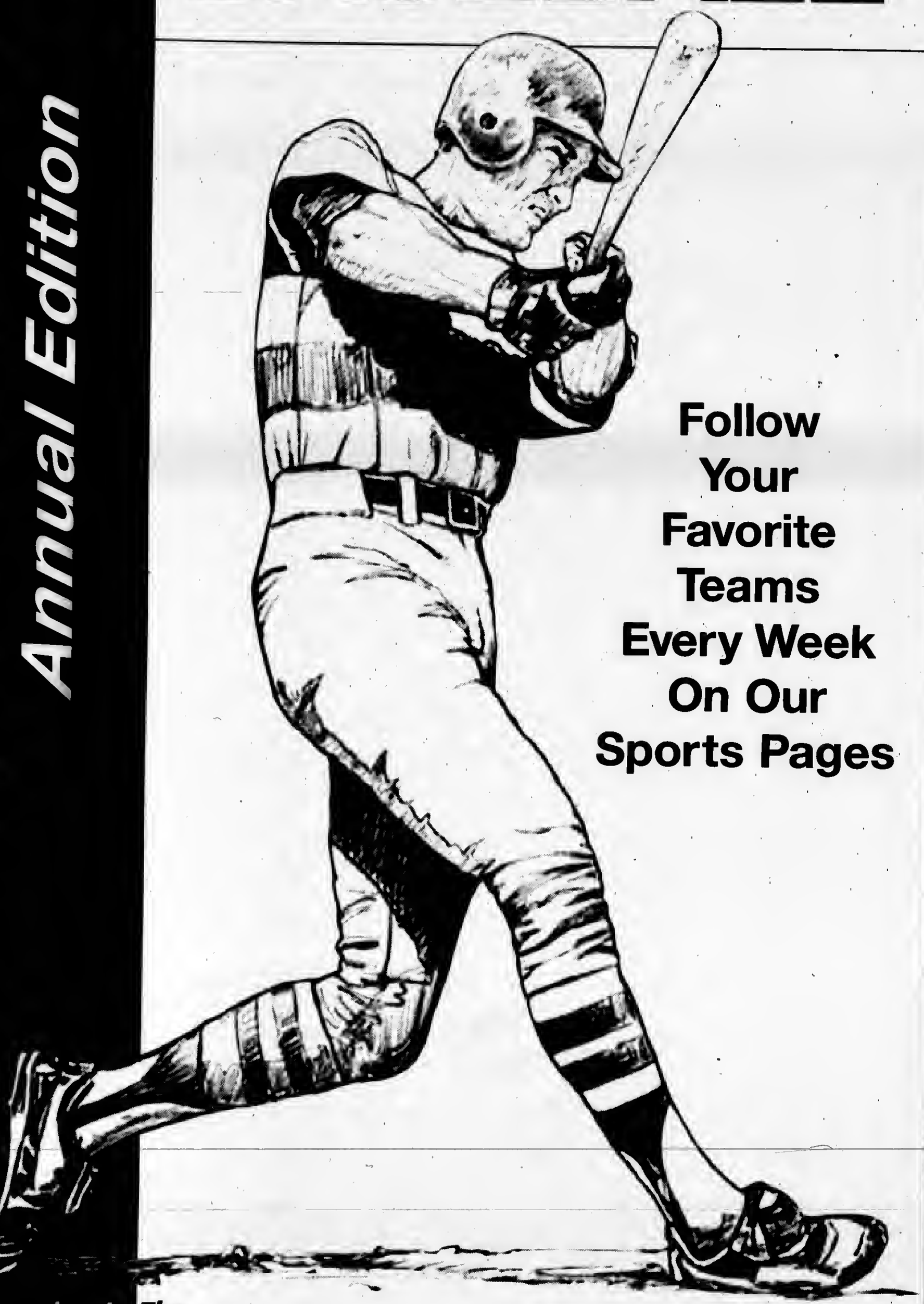

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ST. RITA MUSTANGS

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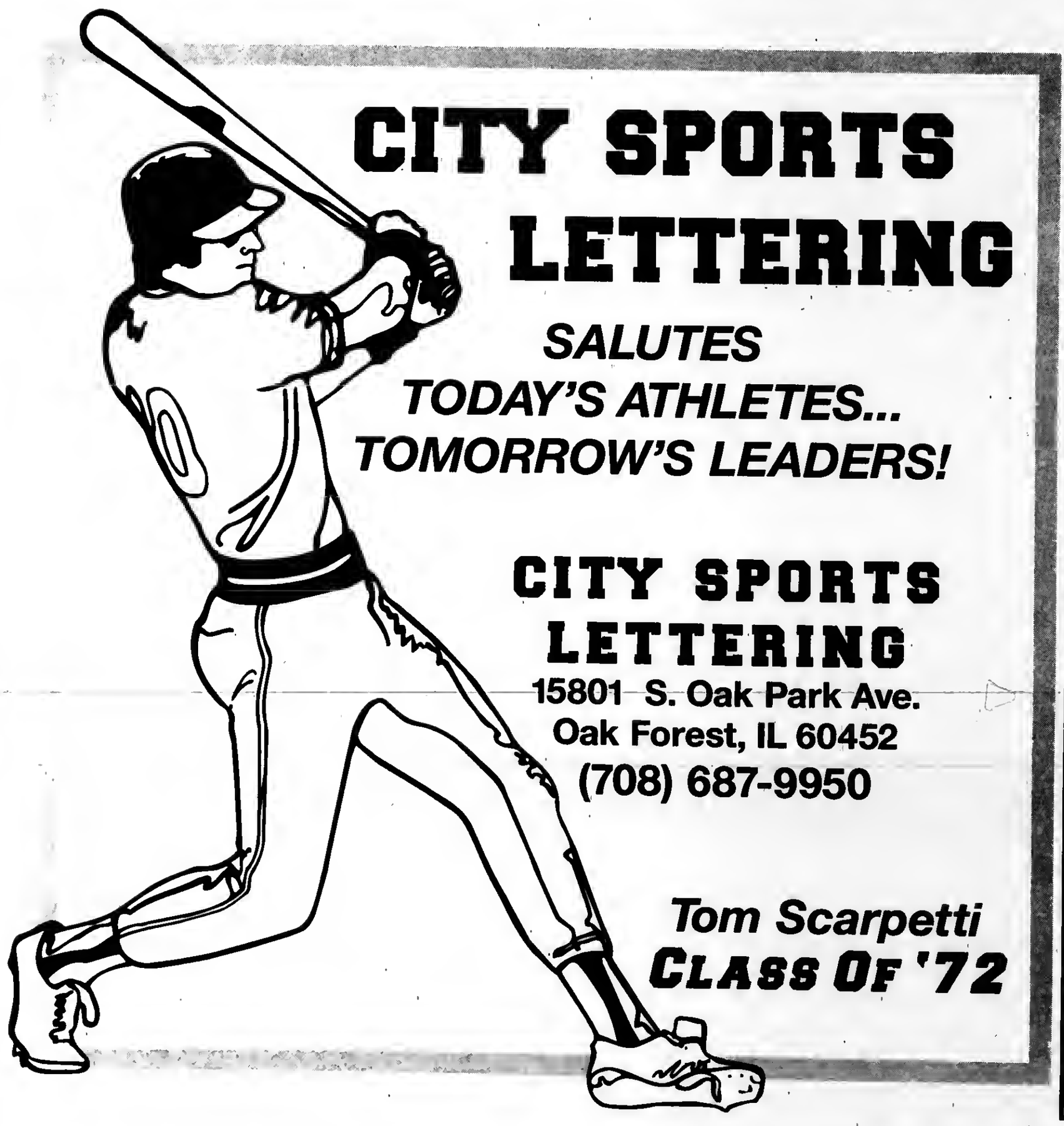
The St. Rita High School Varsity Baseball Roster for the 2007 season includes: Chris Chojnowski, Matt Carney, Matt Toomey, Diego Martinez, Pat Shanahan, Steve Heaney, Dan Jilek, Julio Godinez, Tom Whelan, Paul Cuicio, Sean Estand, Justin Rodriguez, Jason DePue, Daev Letourneau, Scott Marinier, Steve Atkinson, Max Capouch, Joe LasCola, Tony Zuch, Tom Heaney, Angelo Burrage, Justin Kopale, Dan Dispensa, Marc Ulloa, Kenny stoklosa, Eric Panick and Louis Soto. Head Coach, Mike Zunica.



ST. RITA REMAINING GAMES

May	
11	Reavis Away 4:15 p.m.
12	Providence Away 11:00 a.m.
14	Guerin Away 4:30 p.m.
16	Lincoln-Way East Away 4:30 p.m.
19	TF South Away 11 a.m.
21	Benet Academy Home 4:30 p.m.

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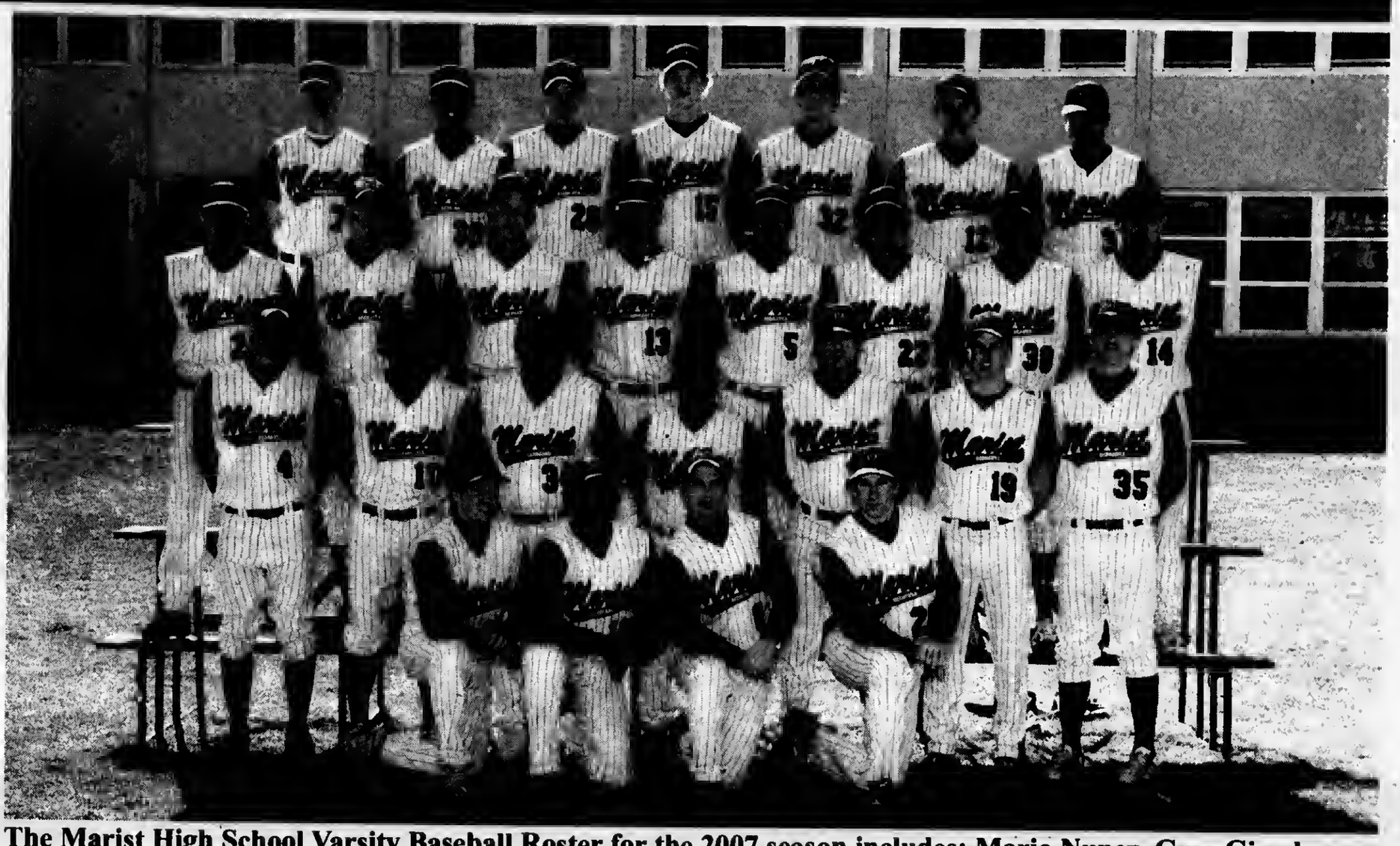

The Marist High School Varsity Baseball Roster for the 2007 season includes: Mario Nunez, Greg Gieselmann, Josh Zenawick, James Reed, Dennis Marshall, Ryan Neumann, Mike Vucsko, Chris Gorski, Tyler Newsome, Jon Bober, Mitchell Merman, Shawn Polk, Bryan Pyznarski, Mike Ward, Nick Hebein, Tom McDermott, Pat Maguire, Jake Koehne, Pat Murphy, Nick Cozzi, Andrew Kirkel, Mike Lotz, and Mike Nicorata.

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MARIST REMAINING GAMES

May	
10	St. Laurence Home 4:30 p.m.
12	St. Patrick Away 4:30 p.m.
14	Marian Catholic Home 4:30 p.m.
15	Mount Carmel Away 4:30 p.m.
16	Marian Catholic Away 4:30 p.m.
20	Brother Rice TBA

EVERGREEN PARK MUSTANGS

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EVERGREEN PARK

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The Evergreen Park High School Varsity Baseball Roster for the 2007 season includes: Sampson Havelka, Daniel Strang, Jason Knight, Robert Fioravanti III, Kristopher Corbin, Christopher Beckow, Joseph Pedergnana, Joseph Beckow, Scott Durco, Adam Franson, Thomas Kennedy Jr., Martin Neylon, Kevin Regan, Michael Long, Grant Ollenburger, William O'Toole and Michael Cronin Jr.

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EVERGREEN PARK REMAINING GAMES

May

10	Argo Home 4:30 p.m.
12	Homewood-Flossmoor Away 11:00 a.m.
15	Eisenhower Home 4:30 pm.
16	Eisenhower Away 4:30 p.m.

H.L. RICHARDS BULLDOGS

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BULLDOGS

The Richards High School Varsity Baseball Roster for the 2007 season includes: Matt Clifford, Jon Dove, Matt Erickson, Mike Holland, Jeremy Kappel, Joe Kelly, Chris Kemp, Mike Kuczero, Kevin Lee, Derek Lovitt, Dwayne McGhee, Jon Ryan, Bryn Sabadosa, Joe Scholl, Jim Schramm, Vernon Sims, Alan Siska, Ben Szafoni, Ryan Windt, and Tony Volpi. Coaches: Joe Mendez, Brian Wujcik, Kevin Quinn and Jeff Kortz.

Good Luck & Best Wishes

To The **Richards Bulldogs...**

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H.L. RICHARDS REMAINING GAMES

May

10	Eisenhower Home 4:30 p.m.
12	Stagg Away 11:00 a.m.
14	Bolingbrook Away 4:30 p.m.
15	Oak Lawn Away 4:30 p.m.
16	Providence Away 4:30 p.m.
17	Oak Lawn Home 6:30 p.m.

Richards Celebrates All Americans

Mary Kate Styler and Maggie Danaher perform at the Irish-American cultural booth at All-American Day at Richards High School.

For nearly a decade, the staff of Richards High School has organized a spring fair celebrating the diversity and talents of the student body. "All-American Day" features food, student dance groups, entertainment, a student-produced television news magazine and, just for fun, student-faculty contests.

This year, the school added an essay contest with the theme "What does it mean to be an American?"

"Out of all the nations in the world, you find the richest blend of cultures in the United States. We have that here at Richards, too, so we think it's important to recognize how all of them contribute to the strength and beauty of America. It's also important to remind everyone of the common ground we share – our values, freedoms, rights, and, for our students, the choice to pursue the college degree and career of their choice," said Principal Ross Cucio.

All-American Day featured a special edition of Dog Pound, the school's broadcast news program. Profiling the day's event, Dog Pound highlighted the assorted cultures represented in the student body and the overall culture of Bulldog Pride at Richards. The show included student interviews.

A multicultural fair included student-staffed booths featuring information, educational materials, cultural artifacts, and food. Booths included Irish-American, African-American, Middle Eastern-American, and Greek-American and others.

For students, the highlight of All-American Day may have been the student-faculty contests. Teachers and students squared off in just-for-fun competitions that included Twinkie eating, arm wrestling, scooter racing, Hoola-Hoop, and root beer chugging.

Dance groups, who performed at an all-school assembly, included Middle Eastern- and African-American performances. Each group gave a brief statement on the cultural significance of the dance before they performed.

Juniors Amber Atkinson and Mike Slysz won the essay contests on "What does it mean to be an American?" Ashley wrote "America is like no other place on earth. It is young, powerful, and active. To me, being an American means many different things. We have freedoms that cannot be described in words. Being American means being able to be yourself. We can not only have our own opinions, but we can share them without regret or penalty. We can debate with all types of people and groups and actually make a difference. That is power.

"In America, I can write or speak how I feel about almost anything I choose. I can grow and change and become who I want to be, not who I have to be or must be. Being yourself and having the ability to reach ones highest potential is what makes America. To be an American is to be truly alive, encouraged, and FREE!"

Mike wrote "Being an American means being made up of many different backgrounds and ethnicities. Americans are accepting of other cultures, but at the same time, they realize that we are actually one big family. Americans never turn their backs on others in need. They fight for and take care of everyone. Being an American means realizing we are one big melting pot and understanding how we came to be that way. For liberty and justice for all!!!"

Pictured are Richards High School students who performed a Middle Eastern dance for All-American Day. They are, left to right, (front) Rala Hamad, faculty sponsor Sarah Said, Areen Mohamed, Ana Micu; (back row) Amanda Monem, Jennifer Alafnan, Amani Assria and Loubna Tawil. They performed a Middle Eastern dance called the Debke.

Richards High School Industrial technology teacher Christine O'Reilly collected, cut, and pasted photos of every student in the school on a paper cutout of the Statue of Liberty. Students in her Aviation Club and classes assisted with the project, which celebrated the school's All-American Day.

Pictured, left to right, are Richards High School All-American Day essay contest faculty sponsor Rahaf Othman and student winners Mike Slysz and Amber Atkinson.

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Recall Vinyl Baby Bibs Containing Lead

Attorney General Lisa Madigan announced on May 2nd the voluntary recall of three styles of Baby Connection baby bibs sold exclusively at Wal-Mart stores because they contain levels of lead in the vinyl that exceed the Illinois standard for lead in children's products. The Attorney General has obtained a voluntary recall agreement with Wal-Mart and the bibs' supplier. The product has been removed from Wal-Mart store shelves and arrangements to reimburse customers or offer a replacement for the bibs are in place.

Recalled bibs feature a vinyl front with a cloth backing or a cloth front with a vinyl backing and come in a variety of colorful designs including some with Sesame Street characters. The recalled bibs were sold from June 2004 to March 29, 2007 at Wal-Mart stores throughout Illinois ranging in price from $2 to $7 and typically sold in packs of two or seven. Many of the bibs have a tag sewn into the lining that contains the UPC number. UPC numbers affected by this recall are: #1468102732, #1468152705 and #1468151077.

Madigan recommends, out of an exercise of caution, that parents stop using these bibs to prevent unnecessary cumulative exposure to lead. Consumers can return bibs to Wal-Mart for a full refund or may call 1-877-373-3812 to receive a comparable replacement bib from the supplier. Consumers do not need to provide a receipt to receive a refund or replacement bib. If consumers wish to receive additional information from Wal-Mart regarding the refund they can call Wal-Mart's toll free hotline at 1-800-925-6278.

As a result of the voluntary recall, the Consumer Product Safety Commission issued a simultaneous alert on May 2nd to assist in bringing this issue to the public's attention. The Illinois Attorney General's Office commends the Consumer Product Safety Commission for issuing a simultaneous alert and for bringing this issue to the public's attention.

The Illinois Attorney General's Office and the Chicago Department of Public Health, in conjunction with the New York Attorney General's Office, began investigating after the Center for Environmental Health, a California consumer advocacy group, informed the Attorney General's Office of allegations that lead existed in the bibs. Madigan's office purchased and the Chicago Department of Public Health tested various styles of Baby Connections vinyl bibs obtained from several Wal-Mart stores throughout Illinois. Three styles tested positive for total lead in excess of 600 parts per million, the Illinois standard for lead in children's products.

As part of her efforts to protect Illinois children from the dangers of lead exposure, Madigan has obtained a commitment from Wal-Mart to seek industry-wide changes to reduce lead in children's products. Wal-Mart has put plans in place to only provide and sell PVC-free baby bibs as soon as possible. In addition, Wal-Mart has committed to support an industry standard that would eliminate PVC from children's products and establish a maximum safe lead level for children's products. Madigan commends Wal-Mart on its cooperation in this matter and its efforts in recalling these bibs.

Polyvinyl chloride, also known as PVC or vinyl, is a soft plastic used in many consumer products. Lead is commonly used as an ingredient in vinyl to help keep the vinyl stable, softer and more durable.

According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, childhood lead poisoning is considered to be the most preventable environmental disease impacting young children. While children are most commonly exposed to lead from lead-based paints in older homes, other items such as tainted toys, food and water can be significant sources of lead exposure for children.

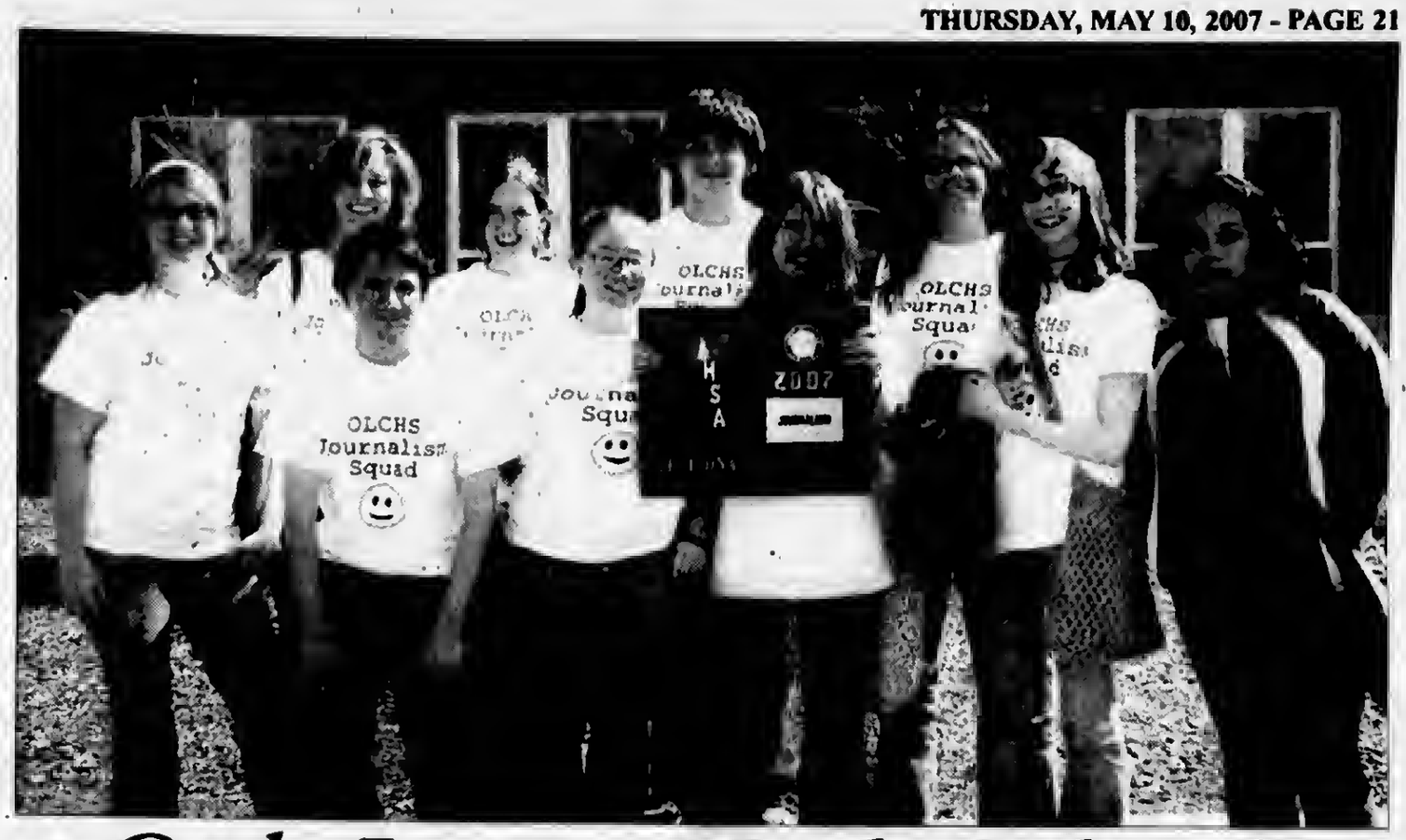
For more information on the effects of lead in children, visit the Illinois Department of Public Health's website at www.idph.state.il.us and the Chicago Department of Public Health's website at www.cityofchicago.org or contact the Chicago Department of Public Health hotline for general lead concerns at (312) 747-LEAD (5323).

Chicago Food Drive

The Greater Chicago Food Depository will hold its 22nd Annual Hunger Walk on June 16 at Montrose Harbor to raise funds for local hunger-relief programs. The United Methodist Church of Worth Food Pantry, 7100 W. 112th St. in Worth, is seeking walkers and donors for this year's Hunger Walk. Funds raised will help provide nutritious food to hungry people within the boundaries of: north to 79th St., east to Cicero Ave., south to 127th St., and west to LaGrange Road.

The United Methodist Church of Worth Food Pantry is run entirely by volunteers and raises their own operating funds to provide food assistance. To pledge your support, call Karen Johnson-Marion at (708) 448-6682 for more details or for a pledge card.

The 2.5-mile walk/march against hunger features an array of fun activities for the whole family. Festivities include entertainment by Jesse White Tumblers, choral groups, and more as well as face painting, caricature artists, jugglers and stilt walkers. Hunger Walk participants receive an event T-shirt, goodie bag, beverages and snacks.



Oak Lawn High School's Journalism Team Captured The Sectional Tournament

Sectional results included first place finishes from Angie Nalepa, Newspaper Advertising and Sports Writing; Elle Optiz, Editorial Cartooning; and Sam Rusher, Feature Writing. Second place finishes were earned by Katie Marovitch, Headline Writing and Editorial Writing; Alexis Smith, Yearbook Layout and Yearbook Copy Writing; Jon Earnest, Information Graphics; and Elle Opitz and Emily Masek, Yearbook Theme Development. Jon Earnest also earned a third place in Newspaper Review Writing. These students advanced to the state tournament.

At the Illinois High School Association State Journalism Tournament held at Eastern Illinois University on April 28, the team placed eighth. The following students were individually recognized: Katie Marovitch placing second in Editorial Writing and third in Headline Writing and Elle Optiz placing third in Editorial Cartooning.

Pictured L-R: Emily Masek (Bridgeview), Elle Opitz (Oak Lawn), Jonathan Earnest (Oak Lawn), Ashley LaVela (Oak Lawn), Samantha Rusher (Oak Lawn), Jeffrey Budiove (Hometown), Angeline Nalepa (Oak Lawn), Alexis Smith (Oak Lawn), Kathryn Marovitch (Oak Lawn), and Jaqueline Jimenez (Bridgeview).

Elderhostel Explained

The Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St., will host a lecture that answers the question of "What is Elderhostel?" at 2 p.m. on Thursday, May 17th.

Experienced Elderhostel traveler Mary Sweet will describe some of the extraordinary learning adventures available through the world's largest non-profit, educational travel organization for adults age 55 and over. With nearly 8,000 offerings in all 50 states and more than 90 countries, Elderhostel programs are as unique and diverse as the 160,000 older adults who participate each year.

For additional information, call (708) 422-4990.

Hazelgreen I.P.A. Honor Students

Hazelgreen School District 126 in Alsip joined other schools in the Illinois Principals Association South Cook area to honor two students at the annual Students Recognition Breakfast. Each school in the South Cook region can honor two students from the highest grade in the school. The two students honored were sixth graders, Hayley Vincent and Zachary Smith. Hayley's and Zachary's parents also attended the breakfast together with their teachers, Mrs. Fahl and Mr. Frederickson.

Students are selected for their leadership skills, academic performance, participation in school activities and participation in out-of-school activities where they help the community. Pictured Mrs. Fahle, Zachary, Hayley and Mrs. Novak.

Park Lawn's Big Bikes Big Hearts Charity Motorcycle Run

Park Lawn's 10th annual charity motorcycle run is scheduled for Sunday, May 20th. Registration begins at 9 a.m. at Oak Lawn Harley Davidson, 11040 S. Cicero Ave. Entry fee is $15/rider and $10/passenger and includes raffles, bike show, entertainment, anniversary parade and run pins. The post run party will be held at CD & ME, 23320 S. LaGrange Road in Frankfort. Food and live entertainment by 4-Cast will be provided. Non-run participants are invited to the post run party for food and entertainment for a $10 donation to Park Lawn.

Can't make the 9 a.m. registration at Oak Lawn Harley Davidson? Meet for the Anniversary Parade at Good Time Charlie's, 330 W. North St. in Manhattan IL. Register there at 1:30 and bikes will depart at 2:30 for the post run party at CD & ME in Frankfort. This year's Anniversary Parade is in honor of Big Bikes Big Hearts 10th year. Park Lawn program participant and resident Matt Schmidt will lead the group as the Parade Master to the post run party. Matt will ride in the side car of a volunteer's motorcycle and will be fully equipped with a helmet and his leather jacket. Matt's interest and passion in motorcycles brings him to the event each year where he anxiously awaits to wave the American Flag as the first group of bikes to depart for the 100 mile scenic ride.

Proceeds benefit Park Lawn, a non-profit organization that provides programs and services to individuals with developmental disabilities in the Chicago Metropolitan area. The mission of Park Lawn is to provide comprehensive services for people with developmental disabilities and their families. The goal is to promote independence, choice and access to mainstream living. Call (708) 425-6867 or visit www.parklawn.com for more information.

Bible Study Group

The United Church of Worth, 7100 W. 112th St., (708) 448-6682, will be offering the following short-term small group Bible studies: "Faith and the Environment" on Thursdays, May 14 to June 7 from 7 to 9 p.m. (leave a message for Pastor Karen), and the "Fishing/Breakfast/Bible Study Group will meet four (early) Saturday mornings this summer (leave a message for Bill).

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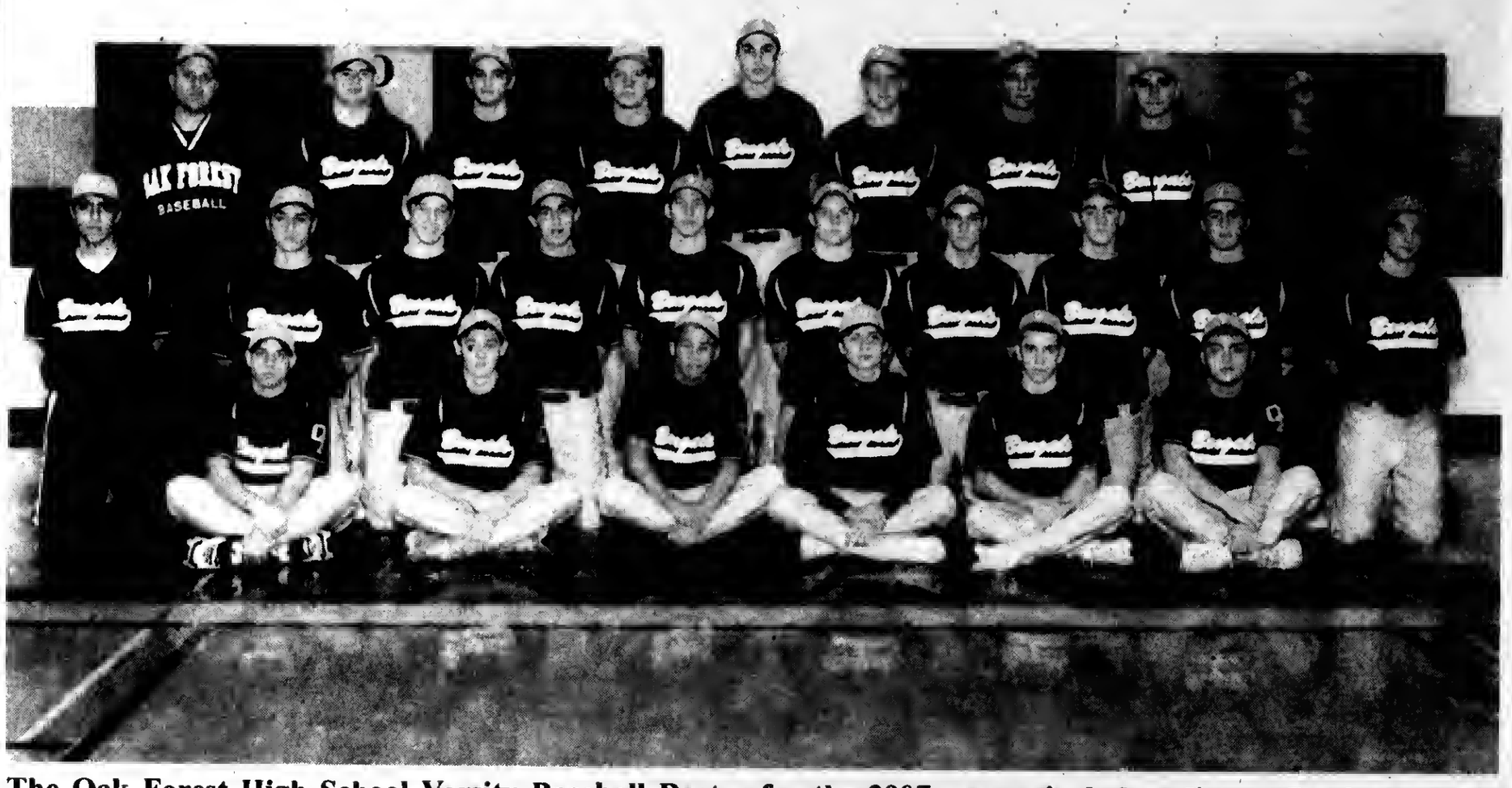

The Oak Forest High School Varsity Baseball Roster for the 2007 season includes: Jimmy Bardusk, Craig Bridgeman, Ronnie Czarnecki, Brian Fleck, Brian Frank, Ryan Gorney, Ward Hall, Jim Hortsman, Ben Kessons, Joe Komives, John Koschnitzky, Joe Kremnitzer, Joe Longawa, Jordan Lovrich, Nick Quebbecan, Richie Sarto, Brian Shute, Jimmy Strale, Drew Suddreth, Mike Venturella, and Billy Zein.

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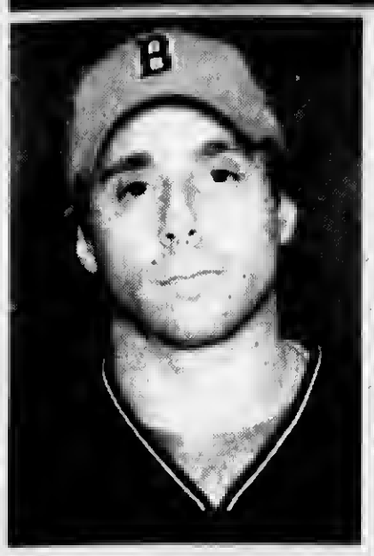

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The Bremen High School Varsity Baseball Roster for the 2007 season includes: Kevin Fus, Mick Goulding, Clarence Thomas, Chris Overland, Tim SiFuentez, Ken Hurta, Quinton Huckabee, Richard Courtney, Matt Borger, Marty Coyle, Logan Stephens, Bobby Anderl, Dan Quinn, Doug Chibe, Mike Moreno, Jeff Meiner and Wade Dugan. Head Coach, Brad Esposito Assistant Coaches, Bill Flood, Tim Hannigan and Bob Eifel.

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BREMEN REMAINING GAMES

May	
10	Lemont Home 4:30 p.m.
15	Tinley Park Away 7 p.m.
17	Tinley Park Home 4:30 p.m.
18	Stagg Away 4:30 p.m.
19	De LaSalle Away 10 a.m.
21	Bradley/Bourbonnais Away 4:30 p.m.

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The Shepard High School Varsity Baseball Roster for the 2007 season includes: Tom Adduci, Steve Boersma, Ryan Holda, Matt Innocenti, Mike Jankovich, Ken Kantor, David Koller, Eric Koller, Matt Loomis, Dan McCarthy, Kevin McDonald, John Moriarty, Martin Oleskiewicz, Pearl Matt, Dave Plocharczyk, Kyle Rathburn, Mike Recchia, Tim Storrs, Josh West, and Mike White. Head Coach, Frank DiFoggio. Assistant Coaches, Jim Benes and Mike Novak.

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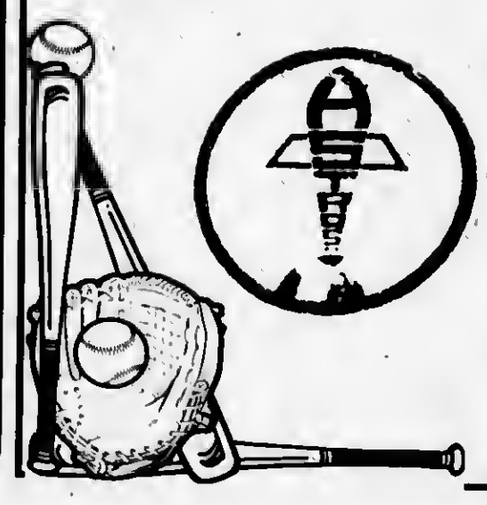
SHEPARD REMAINING GAMES

May	
10	Hillcrest Home 4:30 p.m.
12	Rich Central Away 11:00 a.m.
14	Rich East Away 4;30 p.m.
15	Oak Forest Home 4:30 p.m.
17	Oak Forest Away 4:30 p.m.
18	Andrew Home 4:15 p.m.
19	Prospect Home 11:00 a.m.
21	Sandburg Home 4:00 p.m.



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VIKINGS

The St. Laurence High School Varsity Baseball Roster for the 2007 season includes: Ron Anderson, Jordan Jaber, Rich Mossman, Bill Miller, Tom Simek, Rob Froio, Brian Staatz, Garry Flavin, Tom Dirschl, Dan Wood, Isaac Kelso, Joe Yakes, Chris Dronzek, Mike Maiellaro, John Pikes, Matt Foley, Jim Eldridge, Rom Kaczmarek, Christian Ramirez, Bob Shaw, Jason Mielzynski, Mike Kowalski, Brad Strandquist, Todd Sipple, and Keith Kierzek.

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May	
12	St. Francis De Sales Home 4:30 p.m.
14	De LaSalle Home 4:30 p.m.
16	Loyola Away 4:30 p.m.
18	Bolingbrook Home 4:30 p.m.
19	Brother Rice Home 11:00 a.m.

OAK LAWN SPARTANS

SKIP SULLIVAN

OAK LAWN

SPARTANS

The Oak Lawn High School Varsity Baseball Roster for the 2007 season includes: Keir Escamilla, Matt Gallagher, Mike Trotta, Nate Haubenreiser, Nick Wnenk, Scott Pazda, Matt Tadla, Pat Benke, Josh Berg, Jesse Dorian, Tony Tsiamas, Ricardo Medina, Ed Pattara, Sean Boyle, Dave Steuben, Joe Doran, Jim Benjamin, Scott Secton and Colin Ott. Head Coach, Skip Sullivan, Assistant Coach, George Dempsey.

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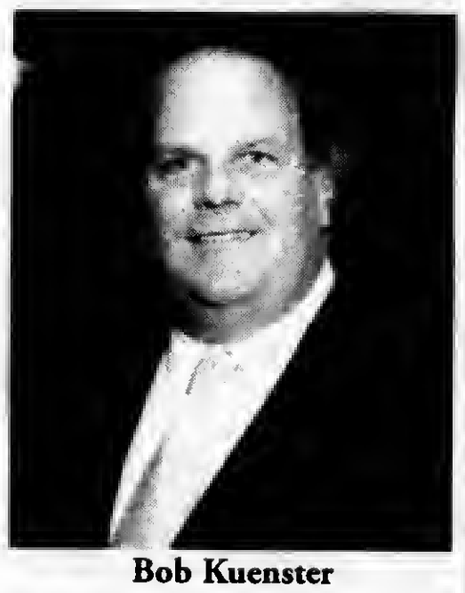

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OAK LAWN REMAINING GAMES

May

10	Reavis Away 6:00 p.m.
15	Richards Home 4:30 p.m.
17	Richards Away 6:15 p.m.

BROTHER RICE CRUSADERS

TIM LYONS

BROTHER RICE

CRUSADERS

The Brother Rice High School Varsity Baseball Roster for the 2007 season includes: Cameron Anello, Brian Atzhorn, Matt Carlson, Jack Carmody, Tom Coughlin, Dave Dansart, Bob Dempster, Patrick Gannon, Matt Gustafson, Tom Hickey, Kevin Koehler, Kevin Koziol, Julian Lazzara, Mike McQuillan, Jeff Mlinarcik, Sean O'Reilly, Steve Rosenbaum, Bob Schuch, Doug Schumacher, Nick Stachowiak, Eric Taylor, Ryan Wischover, and John Zawaski.

BROTHER RICE REMAINING GAMES

May
12 Loyola Home 11:00 a.m.
14 Bishop Mac Away 4:30 p.m.
16 Lincoln-Way Central Away 4:30 p.m.
18 Homewood-Flossmoor Away 4:30 p.m.
19 St. Laurence Away 11:00 a.m.
20 Marist Away 7:00 p.m.
22 Palatine Away 4:30 p.m.

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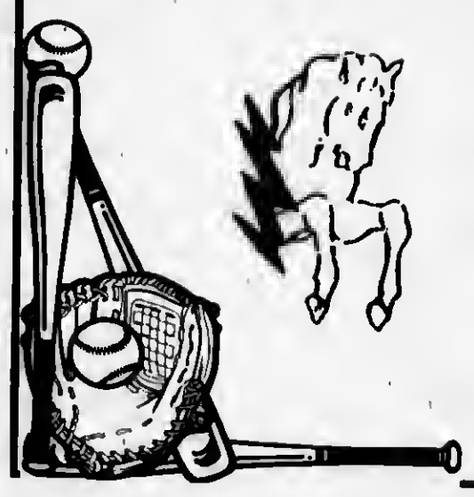
May

- **10** Chicago Christian Away
- **11** Lockport Away 4:30 p.m.
- **12** Richards Home 11:00 a.m.
- **14** T.F. North Away 4:30 p.m.
- **16** T.F. South Away 4:30 p.m.
- **18** Bremen Home 4:30 p.m.
- **19** Lemont (DH) Home 11:00 a.m.
- **21** Riverside-Brookfield Away 4:30 p.m.



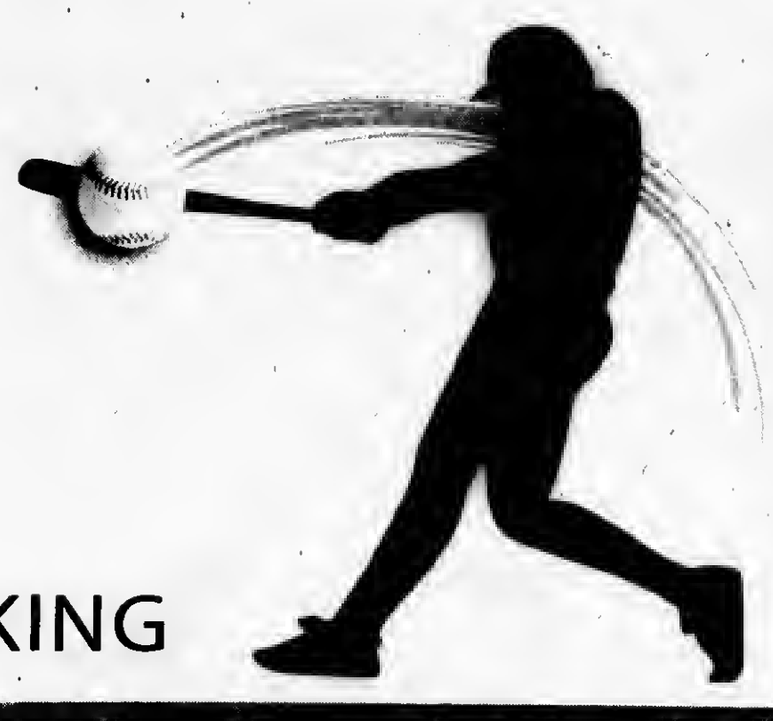
ARGO ARGONAUTS

GREG KOLKE

ARGO

ARGONAUTS

The Argo High School Varsity Baseball Roster for the 2007 season includes: Vinny Hermosillo, Adam Villar, Scott Neadly, Chris Gonzalez, Cory Fortman, Kyle Stemmons, Robert Spuck, Nate Jaskunas, Justin Ashley, Tom Ozlanski, Josh Roderick, Chris Augle, Matt Strle, Mike Kosek, Phil Krzywinski, Brandon Washington, Dan Leon, John Bahm, and Trevon Bush.



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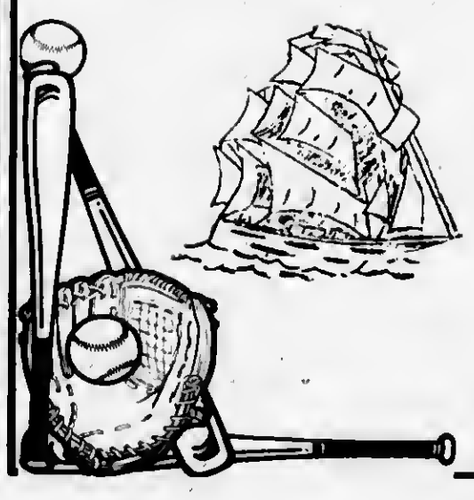
ARGO REMAINING GAMES

May	
10	Evergreen Park Home 4:30 p.m.
12	Lincoln Way Central Away 11 a.m.
15	Reavis Away 4:15 p.m.
17	Reavis Home 4:15 p.m.



REAVIS RAMS

DON ERICKSON

REAVIS

RAMS

The Reavis High School Varsity Baseball Roster for the 2007 season includes: Brian Appleby, Gerry Ayala, Dan Baffin, Gabe Beltran, Adam Boyer, Brian Bruesch, Ed Cain, Sam Casey, Anthony Cicuto, Jim Dahlke, Tom Daray, Kevin Galima, Matt Garcia, Kevin Huntington, John Judd, Steve Kernats, Cody Koepke, Kevin Pashakarnis, Juan Perez, Tim Strezo, Phil Swistowicz, Joe Szwab, Mike Urbaniak and Ron Wolfe. Head Coach is Donald Erickson.

Best Wishes For Continued Success
To The Reavis Rams
&
The St. Laurence Vikings

State Senator Louis Viverito
Assistant Majority Leader
11th District

REAVIS REMAINING GAMES

May	
10	Oak Lawn Home 4:15 p.m.
12	Rich East Home 11:00 a.m.
15	Argo Home 4:15 p.m.
16	Sandburg Away 4:30 p.m.
17	Argo Away 4:15 p.m.

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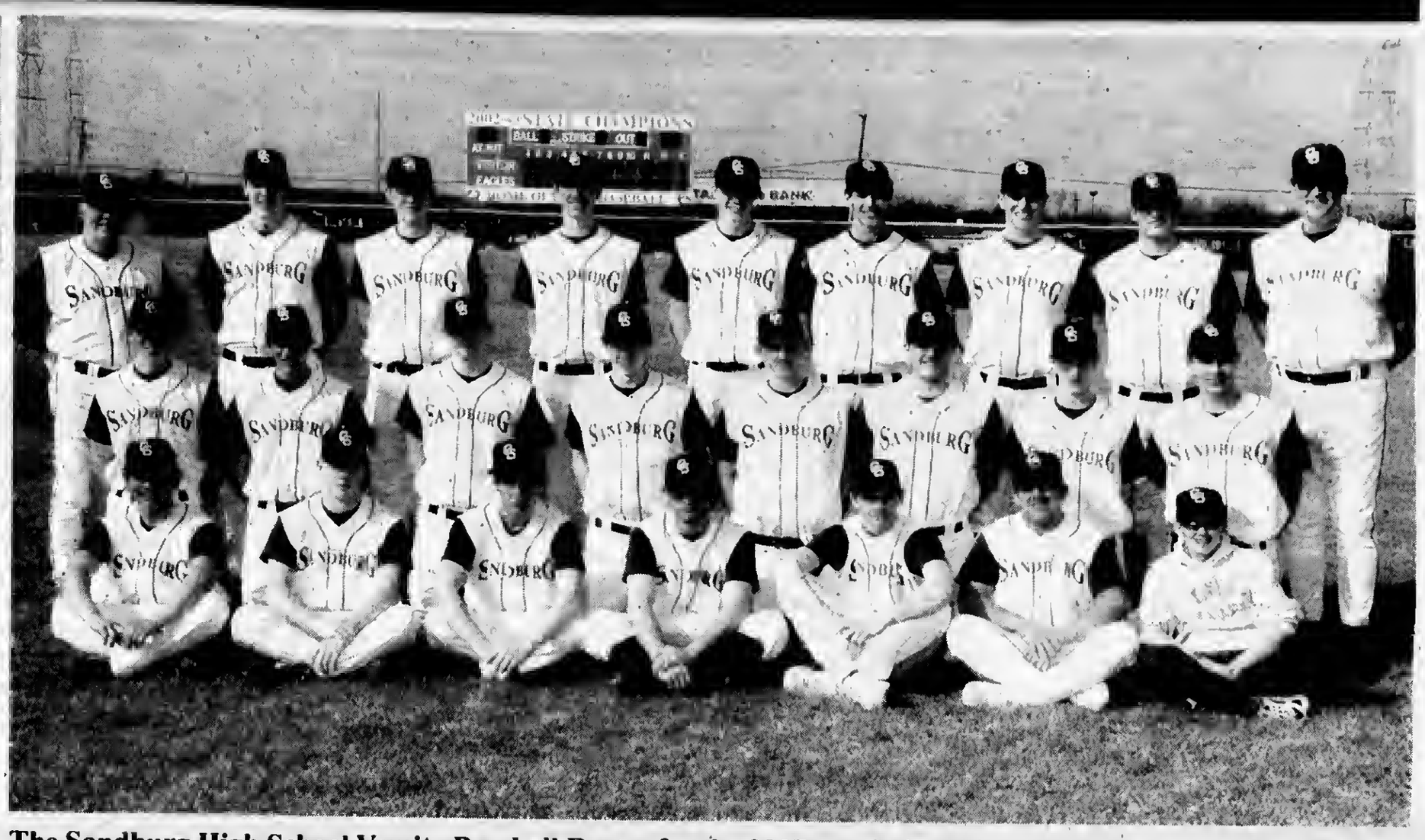

The Sandburg High School Varsity Baseball Roster for the 2007 season includes: Brett Velon, Alex Zarate, Sean McIntyre, Jimmy Hart, Tyler Thompson, Mike Gaffigan, Steve Kaffel, Jon Zaragoza, John Szymanski, Matt Hoffman, Ryan Cowhey, Will Keuper, Nick Chmielewski, Greg Billo, Erik Zehme, Taylor Wilmsen, Shaun Syring, Ezequiel Amador, Jim Pipolo, Mike Perovanovic and Brian Chmura.

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SANDBURG REMAINING GAMES

May	
10	St. Laurence Home 4:30 p.m.
11	Bolingbrook Home 4:30 p.m.
12	New Trier Away 6:00 p.m.
12	Crete-Monee Home 10:00 a.m.
14	Rich Central Away 4:15 p.m.
15	Joliet Home 4:30 p.m.
16	Reavis Home 4:30 p.m.
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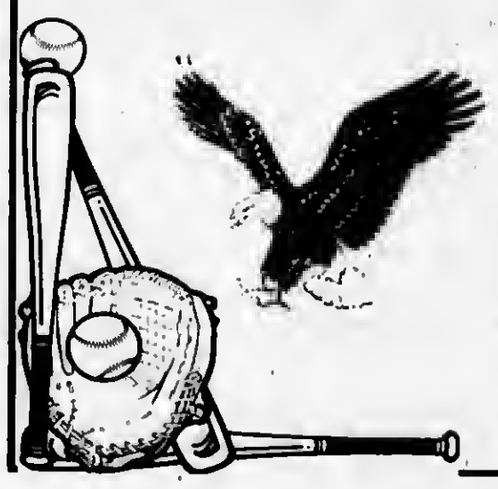

Letter To The Editor

Dear Editor,

The Illinois Family Institute applauds State Rep. Kevin Joyce for sponsoring and advocating legislation to require neighborhood libraries to filter pornography on Internet computers. Parents and law enforcement officials strongly support this common sense legislation.

Opponents of this bill suggest that this issue should be decided locally, because local officials know what's best for their communities. Yet I doubt that any local official believes that providing Internet pornography for adults or children in public libraries is somehow beneficial for the community.

No resident wants a family member rubbing shoulders in their local library with another person who has recently viewed sexually stimulating images on the Internet.

Some librarians claim that having to purchase filtering software creates a financial burden for the library district. What they aren't telling us is that once a library filters its Internet, they become eligible for federal funds under the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) – an average of $17,000 per library system. This is more than enough to pay for Internet filtering solutions.

Opponents also argue that filtering technology doesn't work. Yet even the liberal ACLU had an expert argue before a Federal District Court (in ACLU v. Gonzales http://www/paed.uscourts.gov/documents/opinions/07D0346P.pdf, March 2007) that filers are about 95% effective in blocking unwanted sites, while providing full access to legitimate websites. The Justices agreed!

Internet filtering technology would help clean up communities and protect children and families from being exposed to harmful images in their neighborhood public library. Government, at every level, has a compelling interest here, especially as it pertains to children.

Sincerely,
David E. Smith, Executive Director
Illinois Family Institute

Honor Kathleen Therese Meany

Commission Kathleen Therese Meany (pictured) of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, will be honored on Wednesday, May 23rd. The event will take place at the Parthenon Restaurant, 314 S. Halsted St., from 5 to 7 p.m.

The commissioner was elected to the MWRD in 1990 and re-elected in 1996 and 2002. She has been Vice President of the District since 1994.

Meany has been a teacher, for many years, with the City Colleges of Chicago where she presently teaches Political Science. She holds a bachelor of arts degree from Roosevelt University and a master's degree form Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government.

NARFE Meeting

The National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association (NARFE) Southwest Chicago Metro Chapter 1106 will hold its next meeting on Wednesday, May 16, at 10:30 a.m. at the Bridgeview Public Library, 7840 W. 79th St.

NARFE accepts all current federal employees, federal retirees, their spouses and survivors into membership. The chapter covers the southwest side of Chicago and many of the suburbs north and south of I-55.

At the meeting, members are given the latest updates on legislation that affects the federal employee and retiree community. There usually is a guest speaker as well.

For more information on NARFE, come to the May 16th meeting or call the president, John Altar at (708) 458-4990 or the secretary, Cathy Siciliano at (708) 599-1601.

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Abdullah To Address Mt. Greenwood Residents

Askia Abdullah, an official for Eugene Moore, Cook County Recorder of Deeds, will speak before the Mt. Greenwood Residents Association, Thursday, May 17 at 8 p.m. in the Mt. Greenwood Park, 3721 W. 111th St.

Margaret Schroeder, coordinator, announced Abdullah will explain the workings of the Recorder of Deeds office and discuss Home Repair Fraud, Reverse Mortgages along with On Line Property information.

In his position, Askia is responsible for marketing the office to the general public and professional market sector. He circulates press releases concerning issues and accomplishments of the office and represents the office and Recorder of Deeds at public forums.

Askia received his Jurist Doctor Jurisprudence from Thomas M. Cooley Law School in Lansing, Michigan.

Learn More About Climate Change

Join the Delta Institute for its first-ever major fundraiser, "Partners in Change, 2007." Part fundraiser, part educational event and part cocktail party – "Partners in Change" is the closing celebration for the NeoCon World's Trade Fair, the largest contract furniture and interior design trade show of its kind. Event highlights include: Eileen Claussen, President of the Pew Center on Global Climate Change, will speak on climate change policy and the new business opportunities and struggles this presents; City of Chicago representatives will speak on efforts to make Chicago the greenest city in the country; and Partners in Change will also showcase sustainability programs of the Merchandise Mart along with other Delta Institute programs.

Tickets for the event are $60 each and are available online at www.Delta-Institute.org or by phone at (312) 554-0900 ext. 10. RSVP with full payment by June 1st.

The event will take place at Wolfpoint Ballroom at the Holiday Inn Mart Plaza, 350 N. Orleans St., on Wednesday, June 13th from 4 to 7 p.m.

Win a 2007 Toyota Prius in the Hybrid vehicle raffle, $100 per ticket. Only 1,000 tickets will be sold. Raffle tickets are available online; by phone; or by mail after printing out the online entry page with a check payable to the Delta Institute c/o Partners in Change.

AARP Chapter Meeting

AARP South Shore Chapter 3595 invites the public to the monthly meeting Tuesday, May 15th starting at 1 p.m. The meeting place will be ATLAS Senior Center, 1767 E. 79th St., Chicago. The ATLAS Center phone number is (773) 747-0189. There will be a guest speaker who will talk to the membership about a topic pertinent to seniors. Refreshments will be served at the meeting's conclusion.

For more information, call Katherine Jackson Thompson, Chapter President at (773) 768-0510.

Governor Blagojevich Offers Condolences, Support In Response To Greensburg Tornado

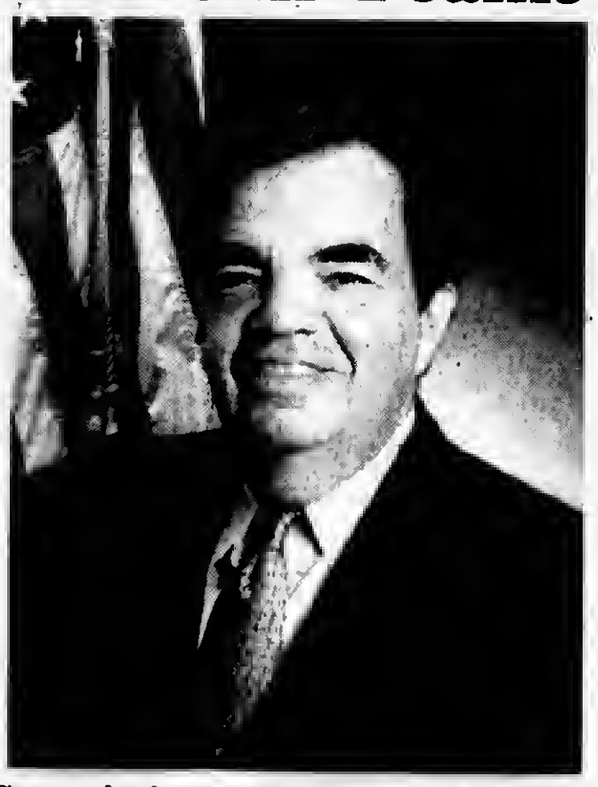
Responding to the devastation caused by last weekend's tornadoes that ravaged through Kansas, Governor Rod R. Blagojevich on May 7th sent a letter to Kansas Governor Kathleen Sebelius, offering condolences for the loss of lives and the devastation suffered by the state, and by the town of Greensburg. The Governor also offered assistance to help the State of Kansas restore order to the community, keep thousands of residents safe from harm, and participate in the rescue and recovery efforts.

"On behalf of the people of Illinois, I express my sadness at the devastation caused by last weekend's tornadoes. I offer my condolences on the loss of lives and the families broken apart by this disaster. The State of Illinois joins in mourning the victims and praying that their loved ones can someday find peace," said Gov. Blagojevich. "I am proud to offer my support to the State of Kansas, and encourage you to reach out to my office and let us know in what way we can help Greensburg and its residents rebuild their lives and their community."

Last weekend, a series of violent storms blew across the Plains, killing at least 12 people in the State of Kansas. A massive, F-5 tornado with wind speeds estimated at 205 mph devastated Greensburg, killing at least 10 people and leaving the small, Western Kansas town in ruins.

In the letter, Governor Blagojevich offered the assistance of the State of Illinois and the Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA) to the State of Kansas while they rebuild the communities damaged by the storms.

Good Luck To All Our Chicagoland And Suburban Baseball Teams



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1970 Illinois Constitutional Convention Available At Public, Academic Libraries

Secretary of State and State Librarian Jesse White and Senate President Emil Jones Jr. announced that Illinois' public and academic libraries soon will be receiving a free CD containing the complete record of proceedings from Illinois' historic sixth Constitutional Convention in 1970.

The Illinois Legislative Research Unit (LRU), at the request of President Jones, undertook the project with the goal of having an easy-to-use, hyperlinked CD of manageable size. The CD is composed of seven volumes and approximately 8,900 pages of convention proceedings and puts them onto one Mac or PC compatible CD.

Secretary White said the convention records are still frequently used, but users, currently have only the printed volumes and index for legal research. He said public interest in the 1970 Constitutional Convention is expected to increase during the coming months as Illinois voters decide in 2008 whether the state should conduct another Constitutional Convention.

"I anticipate the teachers, historians, members of the media and others will want to revisit the 1970 Convention as the 2008 election approaches," said White. "I am delighted that this CD will be available at our public, college and university libraries. Those who review the record of these historic proceedings will no doubt be fascinated by how this important document came together during ten months of intense negotiations."

President Jones noted that the 1970 constitution approved by voters in December of that year created landmark initiatives, such as equal protection laws for women, the institution of home rule, creation of the State Board of Education, Auditor General and Comptroller's office and annual sessions of the General Assembly.

"The availability of the 1970 Illinois Constitutional Convention, on CD and online showcases an important part of Illinois' history," President Jones said. "The accessibility of the document, and the ease of searching it will allow everyone – from elementary school students to astute historians – to fully realize how the state constitution was crafted."

Patrick O'Grady, Executive Director of the Legislative Research Unit, said the CD also contains several additional documents to aid in researching the convention. He said the original document is unchanged, though LRU corrected misspelled words for searches. He said search capabilities allow the researcher to search for a word that was originally misspelled and still find it. It may be searched by key word, table of contents, or index for the volumes; or the Mary Redmond Index, organized by article and section.

In addition to its availability at public and academic libraries, the contents of the CD may be used or downloaded free of charge from the Illinois General Assembly's Internet site: http://www.ilga.gov.

Dog Blood Donors Can Save Lives Of Pets

Everyone knows that donating blood can save lives – and that includes people and their pets.

When a dog or cat is seriously injured or suffering from a disease, a blood transfusion can be a lifesaver.

"Having a supply of available blood is critical to treating animals," says Dr. Maureen McMichael, an emergency and critical care veterinarian at Texas A&M University's College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences. "The most common need for blood comes from trauma. If an animal gets hit by a car, it needs blood fast."

Other conditions, such as heatstroke and anemia, also require patients to receive additional blood, McMichael adds.

The procedure for dogs that donate blood is relatively simple. Dogs receive a physical exam including blood test and once approved, are placed on a waiting list to be called when blood is needed. Generally, the hospital or clinic covers the costs associated with donating blood, and a file is kept on each dog, including a record of its blood type.

There are several canine blood types, called dog erythrocyte antigens, or DEA. Like humans, canine blood can either be positive or negative, but McMichael says the canine blood bank is in need of donors with negative blood types because it is universally accepted.

"Dogs, unlike humans, are not born with antibodies," McMichael says. "If the dog has never had a transfusion, technically it can receive any blood type and shouldn't have a reaction the first time."

If a dog had received a prior transfusion, the information should be listed in its file. Blood testing would be used to determine an exact match. When blood is drawn, it is separated into red blood cells and plasma for storage. Plasma can be frozen up to five years but red blood cells only last 30 days, McMichael notes. Small animal veterinary clinics are constantly seeking donors because of the time limitations of the supply.

"Technically, dogs are allowed to give blood every 28 days, but we will allow them to donate blood no more frequently than four times a year," she adds.

McMichael recommends using large breed dogs to safely obtain the required amount of blood. Dogs must weigh more than 50 pounds and be in good health, free of any serious illnesses such as cancer or heart disease.

Cats can also be blood donors, but the process with felines is a bit more complex.

"Unlike dogs, cats are born with antibodies, so confirming a cat's blood type is critical," McMichael says.

The same clinical screening process used for dogs is also used for cats. Felines have three blood types – A, B and AB – and the blood type between donor and recipient must be an exact match, McMichael adds.

A substance called oxyglobin, though not currently approved for use in cats, has been substituted when a specific blood type is not available in emergency situations because it is non-specific, McMichael confirms.

"Cats do not require blood transfusions as frequently as dogs do, so there is no real shortage of blood," she notes. "Only one cat for every 15-20 dogs will need a transfusion."

There are no known risks for the blood donor. McMichael says she can't recall ever seeing health problems because of an animal giving blood and each animal is monitored closely for reactions.

"Because of the great need for canine blood and the limited number of donor banks, the availability of canine blood is at a nationwide low," McMichael says. "By placing your dog's name on a blood donor list, you can help save lives. It's a human gesture that could save man's best friend."

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Admission to the farm is $4.25 per person, or by a $75 annual family pass. No reservations are required on the weekends from 1 until 4 p.m. For further information, interested persons should call The Center at (708) 361-3650.

9th Annual Child Care Business Expo

The 9th Annual Child Care Business Expo, a one-day informative, inspirational event for new and existing home-based and center-based child care entrepreneurs, will be held on Saturday, June 16th from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Chicago Hilton and Towers, 720 S. Michigan Ave., in Chicago.

Presented by the Women's Development Center (WBDC), the Expo, themed A Bridge To Success: Taking Your Child Care Business to the Next Level, will offer a wide variety of panel discussions and workshops on topics that include how to start a business, how to expand, tax and insurance issues, access to financing, professional development, managing staff, balancing business and self, and much more.

Presented in Spanish and English, the Expo will feature the annual Child Care Applause Awards Breakfast and a Luncheon Forum on the new state environmental ratings scale beginning on July 1. The Exhibition Hall will feature 50 booths, with vendors offering educational products and toys, services and resources for child care business owners.

Registration, which includes all workshops and materials, a continental breakfast, and lunch, is $40 before June 1st, and $50 thereafter. For more information, contact the WBDC at (312) 853-2477, ext. 29, or log onto www.wbdc.org.

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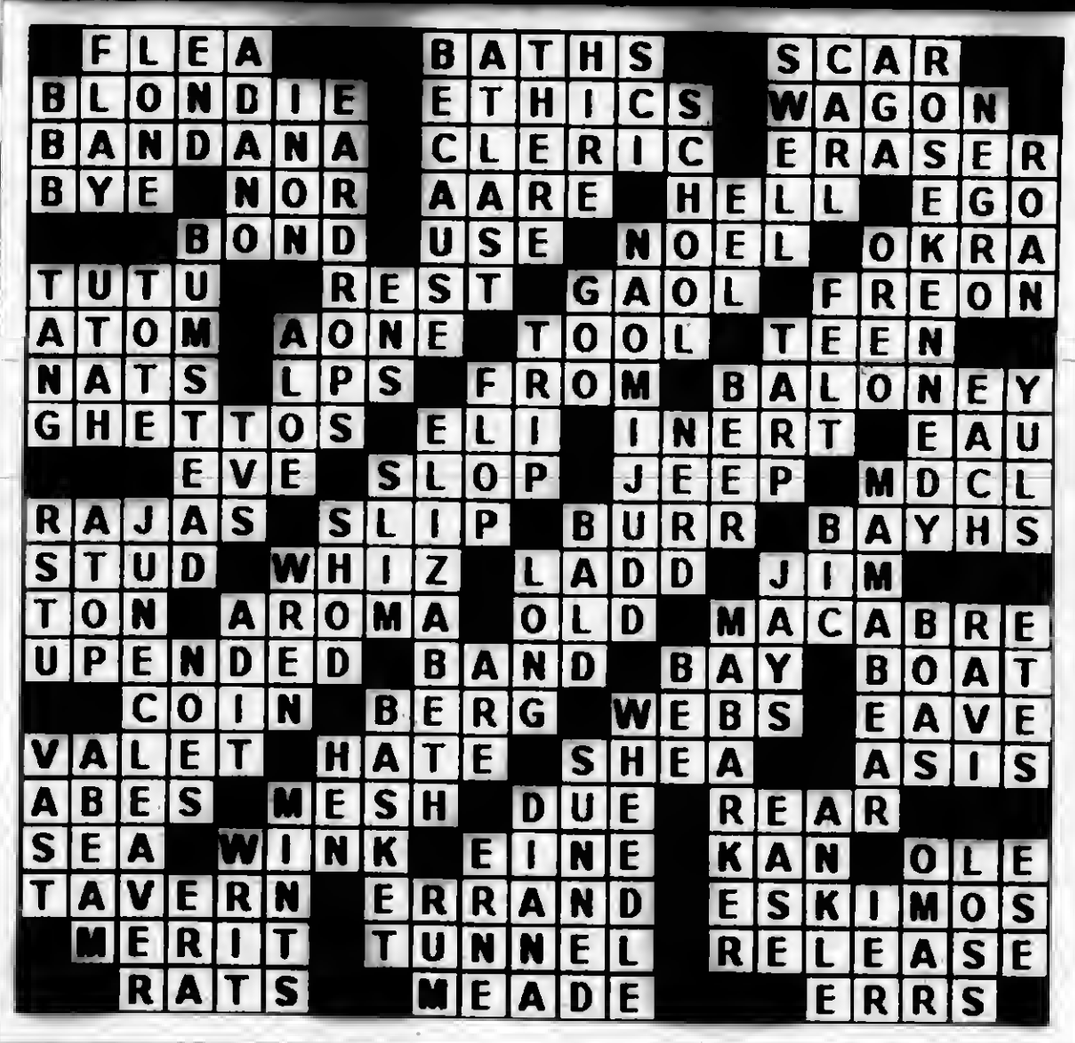

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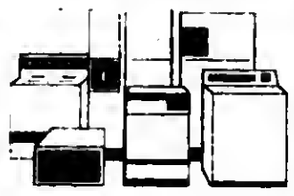

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PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 20, 2007, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on May 22, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 14521 S. AVERS AVENUE, Midlothian, IL 60445 Property Index No. 28-11-117-004 The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

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Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department. Please refer to file number 14-06-C240. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE, IL 60527 (630) 794-9876 Attorney File No.: 14-06-C240 ARDC# 00468002 Attorney Code. 21762

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I33902

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION PROVIDENT FUNDING ASSOCIATES, L.P., Plaintiff, vs. SERGIO VICENTENO; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR PROVIDENT FUNDING GROUP, INC., OR ITS SUCCESSORS OR ASSIGNS; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF SERGIO VICENTENO IF ANY, UNKOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, CLOISTER CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, Defendants, 06 CH 21862

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on 1/8/2007, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Wednesday, May 30, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property: P.I.N. 24-16-409-051-1195. Commonly known as 4925 W. 109th St., Unit #103, Oak Lawn, IL 60453.

The improvement on the property consists of a condominium residence. The purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by subdivisions (g)(1) and (g)(4) of Section 9 of the Condominium Property Act. THE SALE SHALL BE SUBJECT TO GENERAL TAXES, SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS AND TO A PRIOR RECORDED FIRST MORTGAGE. Sale terms: 25% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.

For information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com. Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602. Tel.No. (312) 476-5500. Refer to File Number 0611642. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I34183

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION U.S. BANK, N.A. AS TRUSTEE Plaintiff, -v.- JOSE D. GALENO, et al Defendant 06 CH 23233 NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 31, 2007, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on June 12, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 7916 NASHVILLE AVENUE, Burbank, IL 60459 Property Index No. 19-31-202-027-0000 The real estate is improved with a white vinyl frame single family 1 story home with no garage.

The judgment amount was $186,114.55. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

For Information: Visit our website at http:\\service.atty-pierce.com. between the hours of 3 and 5 pm. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602. Tel No. (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number PA0613431. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE I35316

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, TRUSTEE Plaintiff, -v.- TROY E. SPENCER A/K/A TROY SPENCER, et al Defendants 06 CH 18544 NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on March 13, 2007, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on June 15, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 14454 KOSTNER AVENUE, Midlothian, IL 60445 Property Index No. 28-10-115-020-0000 The real estate is improved with a 1 story white vinyl siding single family home. The judgment amount was $162,874.77. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

For information: Visit our website at http:\\service.atty-pierce.com. between the hours of 3 and 5 pm. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602. Tel No. (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number PA0609433. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE PIERCE & ASSOCIATES One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300 CHICAGO, IL 60602 (312) 476-5500 Attorney File No.: PA0609433 Attorney Code. 91220 I36466

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, ON BEHALF OF THE HOLDERS OF THE HOME EQUITY ASSET TRUST 2005-8, HOME EQUITY PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-8, Plaintiff V. ARTURO U. GUERRERO; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR FREMONT INVESTMENT & LOAN, Defendants 06 CH 24504 NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE Fisher and Shapiro file #06-9874D (It is advised that interested parties consult with their own attorneys before bidding at mortgage foreclosure sales.)

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered on January 9, 2007, Kallen Realty Services, Inc., successor to Kallen Financial & Capital Services, Inc., as Selling Official will at 12:30 p.m. on June 19, 2007, at 205 W. Randolph Street, Suite 1200, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real property: C/K/A 14735 S. WHIPPLE AVE., POSEN, IL 60469. TAX IDs 26-12-303-055

The mortgaged real estate is improved with a dwelling. The property will NOT be open for inspection.

The judgment amount was $106,791.55. Sale terms: 10% of successful bid immediately at conclusion of auction, balance by noon the next business day, both by cashier's checks; and no refunds. The sale shall be subject to general real estate taxes, special taxes, special assessments, special taxes levied, and superior liens, if any. The property is offered "as is," with no express or implied warranties and without any representation as to the quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to review the court file to verify all information.

For information: Sale Clerk, Fisher and Shapiro, 4201 Lake Cook Rd., 1st floor, Northbrook, Illinois 60062, (847) 498-9990, between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. weekdays only. I23004

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION CITIMORTGAGE, INC., ASIGNEE OF MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. Plaintiff, vs. GERONIMO CUEVAS, LORI CUEVAS, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, UNDER HUD MORTGAGE RECORDED AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 0534316119, CACV OF COLORADO, L.L.C., SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO CHASE MANHATTAN BANK, UNDER MORTGAGE UNDER JUDGEMENT RECORDED AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 0625640252, Defendants, 06 CH 22692 NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on January 23, 2007, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, June 6, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 8820 S. Parkside Avenue, Burbank, Illinois 60459. P.I.N. 19-32-415-023/046.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call Sales Clerk at Plaintiff's Attorney, Law Offices of Ira T. Nevel, 175 North Franklin Street, Chicago, Illinois 60606. (312) 357-1125. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I35493

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION US BANK N.A. Plaintiff, -v.- TERRANCE J. LINK, et al Defendants 06 CH 23419 NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 6, 2007, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on June 5, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 9513 MINNICK AVENUE, Oak Lawn, IL 60453 Property Index No. 24-09-108-044-0000

The real estate is improved with a brick 2 story house with no garage. The judgment amount was $121,952.30. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

For Information: Visit our website at http:\\service.atty-pierce.com. between the hours of 3 and 5 pm. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602. Tel No. (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number PA0612513. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE PIERCE & ASSOCIATES One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300 CHICAGO, IL 60602 (312) 476-5500 Attorney File No.: PA0612513 Attorney Code. 91220 I34470

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION CHASE HOME FINANCE LLC Plaintiff, -v.- PETER M. JURKASH, et al Defendant 06 CH 18346 NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 9, 2007, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on May 29, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 6 BILLY CASPER LANE, Midlothian, IL 60445 Property Index No. 28-09-211-034 The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $301,868.47. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

For information: Visit our website at http:\\service.atty-pierce.com. between the hours of 3 and 5 pm. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602. Tel No. (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number PA0612604. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE I34231

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE MLMI SURG TRUST SERIES 2000-BC3 Plaintiff, -v.- ERIKA BACON, et al Defendant 06 CH 22245 NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 20, 2007, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on June 1, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 3352 WEST 84TH STREET, Chicago, IL 60652 Property Index No. 19-35-405-055-0000

The real estate is improved with a 2 story single family brown brick home with detached 2 car garage. The judgment amount was $209,301.90. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and SUBJECT TO A PRIOR RECORDED 1st Mortgage and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

For information: Visit our website at http:\\service.atty-pierce.com. between the hours of 3 and 5 pm. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602. Tel No. (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number PA0606447. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE I33917

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS EASTERN DIVISION U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE Plaintiff, ROBERT L. MILES, et al Defendant 02 C 3704 NOTICE OF SPECIAL COMMISSIONER'S SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on June 24, 2003, Nancy R. Vallone, Special Commissioner appointed herein will at 11:30 AM on May 29, 2007, at the 23rd floor - center lobby of the Daley Center, 50 W. Washington St., Chicago, IL sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 8009 S. ST. LOUIS AVE, Chicago, IL 60652 Property Index No. 19-35-209-003

The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was $140,087.33. Sale terms: 10% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The sales clerk, FISHER AND SHAPIRO, LLC, 4201 Lake Cook Road, NORTHBROOK, IL 60062, (847) 498-9990 between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. only. I33654

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION AURORA LOAN SERVICES, INC. SUCCESSOR TO ARGENT MORTGAGE COMPANY, LLC; Plaintiff, vs. PRISCILLA JACKSON; ET. AL.; Defendants. 06 CH 20618 NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on February 28, 2007 Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Wednesday, May 30, 2007 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate: P.I.N. 19-36-324-006. Commonly known as: 3029 W. 64th Place, Chicago, IL 60652.

The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence. This information is considered reliable but is not warranted. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. This sale is subject to unpaid real estate taxes, assessments, covenants, conditions, easements and restrictions of record. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

This pleading is a communication for the purpose of collecting the mortgage debt, under the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act. If you fail to dispute, in writing, the validity of this debt within thirty days, it will be assumed to be valid. Finally, any information you provide will be used for the purpose of collection.

Upon payment, of each portion of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Receipt of Sale. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the mortgaged real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection, except by the arrangement and agreement of the current owner or occupant.

For information: JAROS, TITTLE & O'TOOLE, LIMITED, Plaintiff's Attorney, 20 North Clark Street, Suite 510, Chicago, Illinois 60602, (312) 750-1000. Phone calls will be taken only between the hours of 9:00 thru 11:00 A.M. When calling, please refer to file number 08-31154. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I34215

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION NATIONAL CITY MORTGAGE COMPANY Plaintiff, -v.- RAYMOND PATERNITI, et al Defendant 06 CH 13714 NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 21, 2007, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on May 25, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 14610 66TH COURT, Oak Forest, IL 60452 Property Index No. 28-07-200-036-0000

The real estate is improved with a brick 2 story house with a 2 car attached garage. The judgment amount was $210,630.08. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

For information: Visit our website at http:\\service.atty-pierce.com. between the hours of 3 and 5 pm. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602. Tel No. (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number PA0606447. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE I33917

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION AMERICAN HOME MORTGAGE SERVICING, INC. Plaintiff, -v.- RAFAEL GARCIA, et al Defendant 06 CH 23505 NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 10, 2007, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on June 12, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 9429 S. 77TH COURT, Hickory Hills, IL 60457 Property Index No. 23-01-314-005

The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was $201,138.73. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.

If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department.. Please refer to file number 14-06-E003. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I36740

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE OF AMERIQUEST MORTGAGE SECURITIES, INC., ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-R11 UNDER THE POOLING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT DATED AS OF DECEMBER 1, 2005, WITHOUT RECOURSE, ASSIGNEE OF AMERIQUEST MORTGAGE COMPANY, Plaintiff, vs. RISHARD BOURNES, VILLAGE OF ROBBINS, UNDER LIEN RECORDED AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 0322417059, Defendants, 06 CH 22993 NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on January 23, 2007, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, June 5, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 3457 West 135th Street, Robbins, Illinois 60472. P.I.N. 28-02-201-003/004/005.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call Sales Clerk at Plaintiff's Attorney, Law Offices of Ira T. Nevel, 175 North Franklin Street, Chicago, Illinois 60606. (312) 357-1125. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I35495

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION CITIMORTGAGE MASTER SERVICING ON BEHALF OF U.S. BANK, N.A., SUCCESSOR TO EAGLE HOME LOAN, INC.; Plaintiff, vs. CAROLYN LEE; ET AL.; Defendants. 06 CH 18371 NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on January 9, 2007 Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, June 4, 2007 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate: P.I.N. 24-01-206-069. Commonly known as: 8842 S. Talman, Evergreen Park, IL 60805.

The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence. This information is considered reliable but is not warranted. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. This sale is subject to unpaid real estate taxes, assessments, covenants, conditions, easements and restrictions of record. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. This pleading is a communication for the purpose of collecting the mortgage debt, under the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act. If you fail to dispute, in writing, the validity of this debt within thirty days, it will be assumed to be valid. Finally, any information you provide will be used for the purpose of collection.

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For information: JAROS, TITTLE & O'TOOLE, LIMITED, Plaintiff's Attorney, 20 North Clark Street, Suite 510, Chicago, Illinois 60602, (312) 750-1000. Phone calls will be taken only between the hours of 9:00 thru 11:00 A.M. When calling, please refer to file number 08-31090. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I35464

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS, INC; Plaintiff, vs. JAMES J. JACHIM; TRACI L. SZCZECINA A/K/A TRACI L. JACHIM; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants, 05 CH 11686
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on 8/8/2006, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, May 29, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property: P.I.N. 28-12-209-006 and 007. Commonly known as 14413 S. Harrison Ave., Posen, IL 60469.
The improvement on the property consists of a 2 story, single family residence with one car garage. Sale terms: 25% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.
For Information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com. Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602. Tel.No. (312) 476-5500. Refer to File Number PA0505441. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I34164

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC AS NOMINEE FOR AND AS AUTHORIZED BY WELLS FARGO BANK, NA AS TRUSTEE SUCCESSOR TO FREMONT INVESTMENT AND LOAN; Plaintiff, vs BOBBY J. GOODMAN; ET. AL. Defendants, 06 CH 23116 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on January 8, 2007 Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, June 5, 2007 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate: P.I.N. 28-12-400-056. Commonly known as: 14802 S. Harrison St., Posen, IL 60469.
The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence. This information is considered reliable but is not warranted. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. This sale is subject to unpaid real estate taxes, assessments, covenants, conditions, easements and restrictions of record. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
This pleading is a communication for the purpose of collecting the mortgage debt, under the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act. If you fail to dispute, in writing, the validity of this debt within thirty days, it will be assumed to be valid. Finally, any information you provide will be used for the purpose of collection. Upon payment, of each portion of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Receipt of Sale. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the mortgaged real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection, except by the arrangement and agreement of the current owner or occupant.
For Information: JAROS, TITTLE & O'TOOLE, LIMITED, Plaintiff's Attorney, 20 North Clark Street, Suite 510, Chicago, Illinois 60602, (312) 750-1000. Phone calls will be taken only between the hours of 9:00 thru 11:00 A.M. When calling, please refer to file number 06-31217. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I35496

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION LASALLE BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR CERTIFICATE HOLDERS OF BEAR STEARNS ASSET BACKED SECURITIES I LLC, ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-HE6 Plaintiff, -v.- GEORGE THOMAN, et al Defendant 06 CH 22232 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 23, 2007, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on May 31, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: THE WEST 182 FEET (EXCEPT THE EAST 30 FEET THEREOF OF LOT 7) IN ROBERTSON'S THIRD ADDITION TO MIDLOTHIAN, A SUBDIVISION OF THE EAST 1353 FEET OF THE SOUTH 1/2 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 11, TOWNSHIP 36 NORTH, RANGE 13, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS. Commonly known as 14941 SOUTH HAMLIN AVENUE, Midlothian, IL 60445 Property Index No. 28-11-316-023-0000 The real estate is improved with a grey vinyl frame single family 1 1/2 story home with a detached 2 car garage.
The judgment amount was $175,294.79. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information: Visit our website at http:\\service.atty-pierce.com. between the hours of 3 and 6 pm. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602. Tel No. (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number PA0612575. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE I35158

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION ACCREDITED HOME LENDERS, INC. Plaintiff, -v.- JOSEPH WRIGHT, et al Defendants 06 CH 21488 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on December 8, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on June 1, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 8858 SOUTH MOZART AVENUE, Evergreen Park, IL 60805 Property Index No. 24-01-114-068-0000/060-0000 The real estate is improved with a brick 1 story house with a 2 car detached garage.
The judgment amount was $190,661.87. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information: Visit our website at http:\\service.atty-pierce.com. between the hours of 3 and 5 pm. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602. Tel No. (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number PA0611202. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE I34523

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF SOUNDVIEW HOME LOAN TRUST 2005-OPT2, ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-OPT2 Plaintiff, vs. VICKI S. KAPSALIS, CURRENT SPOUSE, IF ANY, OF VICKI S. KAPSALIS, UNKNOWN OWNERS, GENERALLY, AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS. Defendants. 06 CH 22633 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on December 13, 2006, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Wednesday, May 30, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 16034 Lorel Avenue, Oak Forest, IL 60452. P.I.N. 28-21-105-018.
The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashiers or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
For information call Mr. David C. Kluever at Plaintiff's Attorney, Kluever & Platt, L.L.C., 65 East Wacker Place, Chicago, Illinois 60601. (312) 236-0077. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I34255

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION MAC MORTGAGE LLC Plaintiff -v.- JOSE LOPEZ, et al Defendants 06 CH 22798 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 4, 2007, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on June 6, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 8135 NEWLAND AVENUE, Burbank, IL 60459 Property Index No. 19-31-117-020 The real estate is improved with a single family residence.
The judgment amount was $28,956.05. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.
If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department.. Please refer to file number 14-06-D591. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE, IL 60527 (630) 794-9876 Attorney File No.: 14-06-D591 ARDC# 00468002 Attorney Code. 21762 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I34939

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION WACHOVIA BANK, N.A. AS TRUSTEE, POOLINO AND SERVICING AGREEMENT DATED AS OF NOVEMBER 1, 2004. ASSET BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 2004-WWF1 Plaintiff, -v.- HARALAMBOS KYRIAKOPOULOS, et al Defendants 06 CH 24446 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 13, 2007, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on May 30, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 8900 SANDRA LANE, Hickory Hills, IL 60457 Property Index No. 23-03-408-032 The real estate is improved with a single family residence.
The judgment amount was $223,466.93. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department.. Please refer to file number 14-06-E732. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE, IL 60527 (630) 794-9876 Attorney File No.: 14-06-E732 ARDC# 00468002 Attorney Code. 21762 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I34684

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION JP MORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE Plaintiff, -v.- ARIE R. CARTER, et al Defendant 06 CH 25397 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on March 6, 2007, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on June 13, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 3712 WEST 86TH PLACE, Chicago, IL 60652 Property Index No. 19-35-333-053-0000
The real estate is improved with a 1.5 story single family brown brick home with no garage. The judgment amount was $177,224.13. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information: Visit our website at http:\\service.atty-pierce.com. between the hours of 3 and 5 pm. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602. Tel No. (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number PA0614725. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE I36460

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION IRWIN MORTGAGE CORPORATION Plaintiff, -v.- RADOSLAW KUMOR, et al Defendant 06 CH 18595 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 24, 2007, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on June 6, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 10510 PARKSIDE AVENUE APT 7, Chicago Ridge, IL 60415 Property Index No. 24-17-206-002-0000
The real estate is improved with a brick multi unit house with no garage.
The judgment amount was $124,569.90. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information: Visit our website at http:\\service.atty-pierce.com. between the hours of 3 and 5 pm. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602. Tel No. (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number PA0609322. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE I34819

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY AS TRUSTEE FOR MASTER SPECIAL LOAN TRUST 2006-1 Plaintiff, -v.- MARY SPANN, et al Defendant 06 CH 10377 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 4, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on June 1, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 3556 W. 83RD PLACE, Chicago, IL 60652 Property Index No. 19-35-400-023
The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was $168,316.31. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department.. Please refer to file number 14-06-5777. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I36408

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION NATIONAL CITY HOME LOAN SERVICES, INC., Plaintiff V. BRIAN COOPER; LAKESHA COOPER; AMERICAN GENERAL FINANCIAL SERVICES OF ILLINOIS, Defendants 05 CH 8456 NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE Fisher and Shapiro file #63857 (It is advised that interested parties consult with their own attorneys before bidding at mortgage foreclosure sales.)
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered on January 3, 2006, Kallen Realty Services, Inc., as Selling Official will at 12:30 p.m. on June 5, 2007, at 205 W. Randolph Street, Suite 1200, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real property: C/K/A 14921 SOUTH HARRISON AVENUE, POSEN, ILLINOIS 60469. TAX ID# 28-12-441-038
The mortgaged real estate is improved with a dwelling. The property will NOT be open for inspection. The judgment amount was $157,879.91. Sale terms: 10% of successful bid immediately at conclusion of auction, balance by noon the next business day, both by cashier's checks; and no refunds. The sale shall be subject to general real estate taxes, special taxes, special assessments, special taxes levied, and superior liens, if any. The property is offered "as is," with no express or implied warranties and without any representation as to the quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to review the court file to verify all information.
For information: Sale Clerk, Fisher and Shapiro, 4201 Lake Cook Rd., 1st floor, Northbrook, Illinois 60062, (847) 498-9990, between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. weekdays only. I35952

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY AS TRUSTEE; Plaintiff, vs. MARK E. SZPARKOWSKI; NANCY A. SZPARKOWSKI; Defendants. 06 CH 23196 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on January 29, 2007 Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, June 5, 2007 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 8153 Natoma Ave., Burbank, IL 60459. P.I.N. 19-31-211-050.
The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection
For information call William E. Dutton, Jr./Barbara J. Dutton at Plaintiff's Attorney, DUTTON & DUTTON, P.C., 10325 West Lincoln Highway, Frankfort, Illinois 60423, (815) 806-8200. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I35498

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION WELLS FARGO BANK, NA SUCCESSOR BY MERGER WITH) WELLS FARGO HOME MORTGAGE, INC.; Plaintiff, vs. JAMES BURGESON; ET. AL.; 06 CH 23005 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on February 1, 2007, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Thursday, June 7, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 8425 Oak Park Ave., Burbank, IL 60459. P.I.N. 19-31-415-011.
The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount.. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
For information call Ms. Diane Thomas at Plaintiff's Attorney, Freedman Anselmo Lindberg & Rappe, LLC, 1807 West Diehl Road, Naperville, Illinois 60563-1890. (877) 729-6734. W0610086 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I35528

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR MORGAN STANLEY ABS CAPITAL I, INC., TRUST 2006-WMC2; Plaintiff, vs. SCOTT W. OGLESBY; ET AL; Defendants, 06 CH 23318 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on March 6, 2007, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Thursday, June 7, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 4212 W. 90th Street, Hometown, IL 60456. P.I.N. 24-03-206-027.
The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
For information call Ms. Diane Thomas at Plaintiff's Attorney, Freedman Anselmo Lindberg & Rappe, LLC, 1807 West Diehl Road, Naperville, Illinois 60563-1890. (877) 729-6734. F0610029 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I35543

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION BANK OF NEW YORK AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATE HOLDERS OF CWABS 2004-09, Plaintiff V. MARIA RUIZ; ROSA E. FAZ, MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR MILA, INC., D/B/A MORTGAGE INVESTMENT LENDING ASSOCIATES, INC.; Defendants 06 CH 24640 NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE Fisher and Shapiro file # 06-9856D (It is advised that interested parties consult with their own attorneys before bidding at mortgage foreclosure sales.)
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered on January 31, 2007, Kallen Realty Services, Inc., successor to Kallen Financial & Capital Services, Inc., as Selling Official will at 12:30 p.m. on June 19, 2007, at 205 W. Randolph Street, Suite 1200, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real property: C/K/A 14710 SOUTH MOZART AVENUE, POSEN, IL 60469. TAX ID# 28-12-320-020
The mortgaged real estate is improved with a dwelling. The property will NOT be open for inspection. The judgment amount was $152,006.66. Sale terms: 10% of successful bid immediately at conclusion of auction, balance by noon the next business day, both by cashier's checks; and no refunds. The sale shall be subject to general real estate taxes, special taxes, special assessments, special taxes levied, and superior liens, if any. The property is offered "as is," with no express or implied warranties and without any representation as to the quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to review the court file to verify all information.
For information: Sale Clerk, Fisher and Shapiro, 4201 Lake Cook Rd., 1st floor, Northbrook, Illinois 60062, (847) 498-9990, between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. weekdays only. I26635

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION CHASE HOME FINANCE LLC Plaintiff, -v.- JESUS VALENCIA, et al Defendant 07 CH 2593 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on April 18, 2007, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on June 19, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 7926 S. LAVERGNE AVENUE, Burbank, IL 60459 Property Index No. 19-33-208-014
The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was $277,415.36. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department.. Please refer to file number 14-07-1568. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I36427

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE; Plaintiff, vs. JUAN SERNA; PATRICIA SERNA; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR WMC MORTGAGE CORPORATION; Defendants. 06 CH 23455 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on January 9, 2007 Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Wednesday, June 13, 2007 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 10025 S. Karlov, Oak Lawn, IL 60453. P.I.N. 24-10-406-041.
The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection
For information call William E. Dutton, Jr./Barbara J. Dution at Plaintiff's Attorney, DUTTON & DUTTON, P.C., 10325 West Lincoln Highway, Frankfort, Illinois 60423, (815) 806-8200. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I36180

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Southwest Area Obituaries

Grace M. Coghill

Services were held Wednesday at The Lodge of the Community Center Foundation, Palos Park, for Grace M. Coghill, 90, wife of the late John R. Coghill Sr.

She is survived by sons, John R. Jr. (Kathryn) and Bert (Monica); 6 grandchildren; 4 step- grandchildren; and 6 great-grandchildren.

Walter C. Dettmann, Jr.

Mass was said Monday at St. Patricia Church, Hickory Hills, with interment at Good Shepherd Cemetery for Walter C. Dettmann, Jr.

He is survived by his wife, Edna; sons, Walter Dettmann III and Craig (Paula) Dettmann; daughters, Karen (Michael) Cooke and Janice (Donald) Harris; and 10 grandchildren.

Richard M. Farber

Services were held Wednesday at the Becvar & Son Funeral Home, Crestwood, for Richard M. Farber, 85, a veteran and husband of the late Agnes.

He is survived by his sons, Wayne (Caryl) Henschler, Kenneth (Judy) Henschler and Richard C. (Linda) Farber; 6 grandchildren; 6 great-grandchildren; 2 great-great-grandchildren; and a sister, Carol Good.

Allen Fox

Services were held Wednesday at Hickey Memorial Chapel, Midlothian, with interment at Mount Greenwood Cemetery, for Allen Fox, 86, a U.S. Army World War II veteran and husband of the late Martha Ann. Mr. Fox was a retired machinist for the Rock Island Railroad.

He is survived by his daughter, Susan Kurzydlo; sons, John (Patricia) and James (Dawn) Fox; 6 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

James W. Fredrichs

Services were held Wednesday at Schmaedeke Funeral Home, Worth, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery for James W. Fredrichs, 60. He was a retired Worth Fire Fighter and Bridgeview Justice E.S.D.A. He was also a retired Scout Master of Boy Scout Troops #456 and #668 and a member of Fish Tales Fishing Club.

He is survived by his wife, Barbara; daughter, Catherine Fredrichs; brother, Robert (Wilma) Fredrichs and sister Gean (Leo) Wojciechowski.

Marvin Hayes

Services were held Monday at Hickey Memorial Chapel, Midlothian, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Marvin Hayes, 63, of Midlothian. Mr. Hayes was a Veteran of the U.S. Army having served in Korea. He worked for the Ford Motor Company.

He is survived by his wife, Margaret; daughter, Dawn Marie Hayes; mother, Spicie Spencer; sister, Omega Currens & brother, Daniel Hayes.

Eleanor Jones

Mass was said Wednesday at St. Linus Church, Oak Lawn, with interment at St. Mary Cemetery, for Eleanor "Pat" Jones, 87, wife of the late James.

She is survived by her sons, James (Carmen) and Craig (Nancy); 5 grandchildren; 3 great-grandchildren; sisters, Loretta "Dolly" Laundy, Marie (Maurie) Mitchell, and brother Theodore (Marilyn) Buchler.

Pearl Kucharski

Mass was said at Five Holy Martyrs Church, Chic-ago, with interment at Resurrection Cemetery, for Pearl Kucharski, 76, of Worth. Mrs. Kucharski and her late husband Hilary were the owners of the Shelter Lounge at 43rd & Francisco for 20 years.

She is survived by her daughters, Sharon (Daniel) Gierut, Linda Mokszycki, and Sandra; sons, Richard (Holly) and Timothy (Kim); 13 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Helen C. Maciukenas

Mass was said Wednesday at St. George Church, Tinley Park, with interment at St. Casimir Cemetery, for Helen C. Maciukenas, 91, of Tinley Park, wife of the late Paul.

She is survived by daughters, Dorothy Fiene, Nancy (Jim) Pacourek; sons, Daniel (Marge) and Bill (Betty); 12 grandchildren; many great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Marilyn Lee Mitchell

Services were held at the Kosary Funeral Home, Evergreen Park, on Monday, with a private interment, for Marilyn Lee Mitchell, 73.

She is survived by her husband Harry; her children Cheryl Montani, Gayle (Jeff) Clements, Susan (TJ) Stefanski, Michelle (Mike) Carlson, Michael (Anna), David (Chris), Harry E. (Rose); twenty-two grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

James E. Nessinger

Mass was said Wednesday at St. Alexander Church, Palos Heights, for James E. Nessinger.

He is survived by his brothers, George (Barbara), Frank (Janet), Daniel (Sandra), Dennis (Renata) and Christopher (Amy).

Bruno C. Panozzo

Services will be held Thursday, May 10th, at 8:45 a.m. from Beverly Ridge Funeral Home, 10415 S. Kedzie Ave., to St. Christina Church for 9:30 a.m. Mass, for Bruno C. Panozzo, veteran of World War II. Interment will be at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Mr. Panozzo was retired from Western Electric with 28 years of service.

He is survived by h is wife, Catherine; daughters, Marie Hodorowicz, Nancy (Tom) Siska, Trish (Rodger) Gall, Becky (Earl) James; son, Guy (Irene); 7 grandchildren.

John J. Ryan

Mass was said Wednesday at St. John Fisher Church, Chicago, with interment at Mt. Olivet Cemetery, for John J. Ryan, veteran of the U.S. Navy World War II. Mr. Ryan was a retired CTA bus driver with 42 years of service. He was a member of the Third Order of St. Francis.

There are no immediate survivors.

Ruth L. Ribich

Services will be held Thursday, May 10th, at 10 a.m. at Palos-Gaidas Funeral Home, 11028 Southwest Highway, with interment at St. Mary Cemetery, for Ruth L. Ribich, 81, wife of the late Henry E.

She is survived by her sons, Henry (Marlene) and Charles (Linda); daughter, Suzanne Kozak; and 5 grandchildren.

Mary Grace Specchio

Chapel prayer will be said at 9:45 a.m. from the Schmaedeke Funeral Home, 10701 S. Harlem Ave., to St. Germaine Church, 4240 W. 98th St., Oak Lawn, with interment at St. Mary Cemetery, for Mary Grace Specchio, 97, wife of the late Joseph.

She is survived by her daughters, Emily (Michael) Paternostro, and Dolores O'Sullivan; 9 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; sisters, Rose Costanzo and Antoinette Spuehler and brother, Albert Dalto.

Donald E. Seale, Sr.

Services were held Wednesday at the Beverly Ridge Funeral Home, Chicago, with interment at St. Mary Cemetery, for Donald E. Seale, Sr., veteran of the U.S. Coast Guard.

He is survived by his wife, Rosemary; son, Donald Jr.; daughters, Jeanine Seale Kenney, Michele (David) Pawlak and Rene (Glenn) Cygan; one grandchild; and a sister, Arlyne DeMik.

Leonard L. Susmarski

Mass was said Tuesday at St. Fabian Church, Bridgeview, with interment at Resurrection Cemetery, for Leonard L. Susmarski, 84, husband of the late "Ginnie".

He is survived by his daughters, Marylyn (John) Pollard and Donna (Bill) Gordon; sons, Ken (Judy) and Wayne (Cindy); 15 grandchildren; 3 step-grandchildren; and 6 great-grandchildren.

Rose M. Vandergrift

Services were held at the Hickey Memorial Chapel, Midlothian, on Wednesday, with interment at Resurrection Cemetery, for Rose M. Vandergrift, a 45-year resident of Midlothian. She was a homemaker

She is survived by her children Mary (James) Bonny, Susan (Milton) Jordan and Arthur E. (Esther) Vandergrift, Jr.; 9 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Josephine E. Zotti

Services were held at the Hills funeral Home, Palos, on Wednesday, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Josephine E. Zotti.

She is survived by her children Carole (Al) Smith; five grandchildren; twelve great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren.

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Do You Really Need A Lawyer?

Sometimes it's obvious. You've been accused of a crime or you are sued for damages in a civil suit, and you become very aware of the urgent need for professional legal help.

Other times, it's less clear. The fact is that legal assistance is often desirable, even essential, in situations which may have nothing to do with crime or a court action.

How do you determine if you need a lawyer? It depends on the issue. If you've received an ordinary parking ticket, you probably don't need legal help. But if you're facing a situation involving a significant amount of money or your personal rights are in jeopardy, it may be wise to seek out professional legal advice.

Common situations where you need a lawyer include the following:

When You Enter into a Contract. Any agreement, oral or written, which involves a consideration – that is, the exchange of something of value in return for some goods or service rendered – may be binding and enforceable. Generally, oral agreements should be avoided. Written agreements should be either prepared by or examined by a lawyer before you sign anything.

When Your Personal Status Changes. Marriage, the birth or adoption of children and moving to a different state may result in new or different legal and personal responsibilities. Your lawyer can help you plan for an meet new obligations, including the preparation of various legal documents which may be required.

When You Make Or Revise A Will or Estate Plan. The planning and drafting of your Will is an important legal matter. Your lawyer can plan your estate in a way that will be most beneficial to you and your heirs. In addition, your lawyer can suggest ways to organize your estate so that substantial savings in taxes and other estate costs are realized.

When You Buy Or Sell Real Estate. Buying and selling real estate is a huge financial transaction for most people. Your lawyer will review all legal documents necessary to the transaction and participate in the closing, in order to avoid legal pitfalls that could lead to losing your home.

When You Are Involved In An Accident. If you are involved in an accident of any kind resulting in personal injury or property damage you should immediately consult with a lawyer. Your lawyer may also be helpful if you believe that a doctor or other professional has committed malpractice.

Whenever Your Personal Rights Are Threatened. The law exists to protect your rights, but often you must take definite action to make those laws work for you. For example, you may need a lawyer if you've been fired from work or have faced discrimination or immigration problems.

When Financial Problems Arise. If you have tax problems or face personal or a business bankruptcy, your attorney can help you wade through the maze of legal issues towards a satisfactory solution.

When Organizing a Business. Your attorney can help with the formation of your business and assist in the ongoing concerns about employment law, workplace safety issues, immigration issues, intellectual property rights and other matters.

When You Are Arrested. If you are arrested for any reason or are accused of or questioned about your involvement in a crime, you should consult with an attorney immediately. If you cannot afford an attorney, one will be provided to you free of charge.

For further information about law-related issues, contact an Illinois State Bar Association-member lawyer in your area or visit www.isbalawyers.com.

Daley Announces New Zoning Web Page

Cook County Commissioner John P. Daley is informing residents of unincorporated Cook County about a new, convenient web site for obtaining building permits, and information about contractors, who are licensed to work in unincorporated Cook County. On line applications are available for building, electrical, and plumbing permits, as well as detailed information and supporting documents to help explain the county's application process.

The complete text of the Cook County Zoning Ordinance, completely overhauled in 2001, is also available. Future plans are being considered to add the complete text of the Cook County Building Code to the web site.

"This convenient new web site will save residents time and money," said Commissioner Daley. "Some of these tasks used to require a trip downtown to process paperwork. Now, it can all be done from the comfort of your own home."

To view the website, go to www.cookcountygov.com and click on "agencies."

Governor Announces U Of I's Historic Lincoln Hall Project Will Be "Green"

Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich recently announced that the planned $66.4 million rehabilitation of the University of Illinois' historic Lincoln Hall will be a model "green" project, and will be submitted for an official national designation of projects that place an emphasis on energy-efficient and environmentally-friendly design.

The Lincoln Hall project will be submitted for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Gold certification, which would place the project at the forefront of the national movement for sustainable energy practices.

LEED certification rates projects based on their energy and water use efficiency, indoor air quality, the use of recycled and local materials, design innovation, pollution reduction, erosion control, and the overall impact of the project on the surrounding environment. The Lincoln Hall project goals include the latest energy-saving climate control systems that would also improve indoor air quality; special insulation and window treatments to improve the building's energy efficiency while preserving its historic character; lighting systems that would conserve energy and improve the classroom environment; plumbing fixtures that would reduce water usage; and other measures that will be specifically addressed during the design phase of the project. These planned upgrades would not only save energy but also help cut emissions of greenhouse gases and air pollutants.

The State of Illinois has released $3 million for planning the Lincoln Hall renovation, with the balance of state funds, $55.1 million, included in the governor's proposed FY 08 budget. The University of Illinois is contributing $8.3 million to the project.

Lincoln Hall was built in 1911 and has had no major improvements since the west half and theater were added in 1930. The planned $66.4 million construction project will reconfigure existing space for more classrooms and to meet current life safety codes. Instructional space will be concentrated on the first two floors and the backstage area of the theater, which has not been used for 25 years since the relocation of the Theater Dept. to the Krannert Center. The top two floors will be primarily faculty office space. The building will also receive upgrades to its electrical, lighting, heating, ventilation, air-conditioning, and computer network systems, as well as new flooring, ceilings and wall finishes.

Elim's Greenhouse Plans Fifth Annual Sale

Get the best organically grown flowers from the greenhouse that's so close it's almost next door, and help people with disabilities at the same time. Elim Christian Services holds its 5th annual Spring Plant & Flower Sale on Friday, May 11th from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday, May 12th from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. The sale will take place at Elim's Greenhouse located in Palos Heights, just off Monitor Ave. and just south of 129th St.

Customers can choose from annuals, perennials, herbs, hanging baskets, tomato plants and native plants. All proceeds from the event will be used to further Elim's therapeutic and vocational greenhouse program for children and adults with disabilities. Laurie Dettmers, Elim Christian Services' Greenhouse Manager, will be available to answer questions at the sale.

All of the plants for sale were grown through the hard work and dedication of Elim's children and adults with disabilities. The children and adults participate in all aspects of care, including planting, assembling, watering, and finally selling the plants. The greenhouse program is used to teach students not only about horticulture, but also about the skills required to run a business.

Mums will become available to the public in September, followed by Elim's poinsettia sale in late No ıber.

E. 's mission is to equip children and adults with disabilities to achieve to their highest God-given potential. Elim pursues this mission by providing educational, vocational, therapeutic and residential services to over 800 persons with developmental disabilities. For additional information, contact Elim Christian Services at (708) 389-0555 or visit www.elimcs.org.

Homeland Security Education Act

U.S. Sens. Dick Durbin (D-IL), Daniel K. Akaka (D-HI) and Thad Cochran (R-MS) recently introduced the Homeland Security Education Act to strengthen instruction in science, math and foreign language in our nation's schools.

Reports show that prior to 9/11, the Intelligence Community was not prepared to handle the challenge of translating the volumes of foreign language counter-terrorism intelligence it had collected. The Intelligence Community faced backlogs in material awaiting translation, including papers providing details on foreign research and development in scientific or technical areas; a shortage of language specialists and language-qualified field officers; and a readiness level of only 30 percent in the most critical foreign languages.

The Homeland Security Education Act provides the framework to enhance our education system ensuring that our nation will have individuals possessing these critical skills in the future by:

- Awarding scholarships to students as an incentive for them to earn undergraduate degrees in science, technology, engineering, math and foreign language studies.
- Awarding scholarships to practicing scientists and engineers and those who are fluent in foreign languages to return to school to obtain their credentials for teaching in elementary or secondary schools.
- Encouraging public-private partnerships to improve science and math curricula; upgrade laboratory facilities; provide scholarships for students to study math, science or engineering at the university level; and establish internship and mentoring opportunities for students in grades K through 12.
- Developing cultural awareness and immersion programs in colleges and universities that combine science, technology and engineering instruction with foreign language to expand international understanding and scientific collaboration.
- Creating language learning pathways to facilitate proficiency in critical foreign languages from kindergarten through graduate school.

The Homeland Security Education Act also establishes programs to increase the number of teachers in the fields of science, math and foreign language through scholarships tied to service agreements and would improve foreign language teacher professional development through partnerships between local education agencies and institutions of higher education to hold summer workshops and provide distance learning.

Internet Safety Education

Joined by educators from Chicago Public Schools (CPS), CPS Board President Rufus Williams and area lawmakers, Attorney General Lisa Madigan recently unveiled new and concentrated measures designed to help protect today's school children from threats not known to school kids of just a few years ago: online predators and other criminals that use the Internet to perpetrate crimes against children.

At a morning news conference in the library and computer lab at Chicago's Drummond Elementary School, Madigan announced two important tools that will help parents and educators monitor how children use the Internet. Senate Bill 1472 calls on schools to provide yearly Internet safety education to students in grades K through 12. In addition, Madigan announced that her office would coordinate the distribution to schools throughout the state educational videos that promote Internet safety.

Introduced into the General Assembly last month, SB 1472, the Internet Safety Education Act, sponsored by Sen. Dan Kotowski and Rep. David Miller, encourages Illinois schools to adopt an age-appropriate Internet safety curriculum. Intended to serve as a tool to assist education, SB 1472 identifies several key topics for instruction including safe and responsible use of the Internet, online predators, identity theft, cyber-bullying and harassment, and illegal downloading.

Madigan also announced that her office will coordinate the distribution of Think Before You Post, a new public service advertising (PSA) campaign created by NCMEC and the U.S. Dept. of Justice in cooperation with the Ad Council. The PSAs are designed to raise awareness about the prevalence of online sexual exploitation and to help parents, guardians and teens better protect themselves from online predators.

Approximately 34 percent of children ages 10 to 17 post their real names, telephone numbers, home addresses or the names of their schools online where anyone could see, according to a recent study conducted by University of New Hampshire researchers for NCMEC.

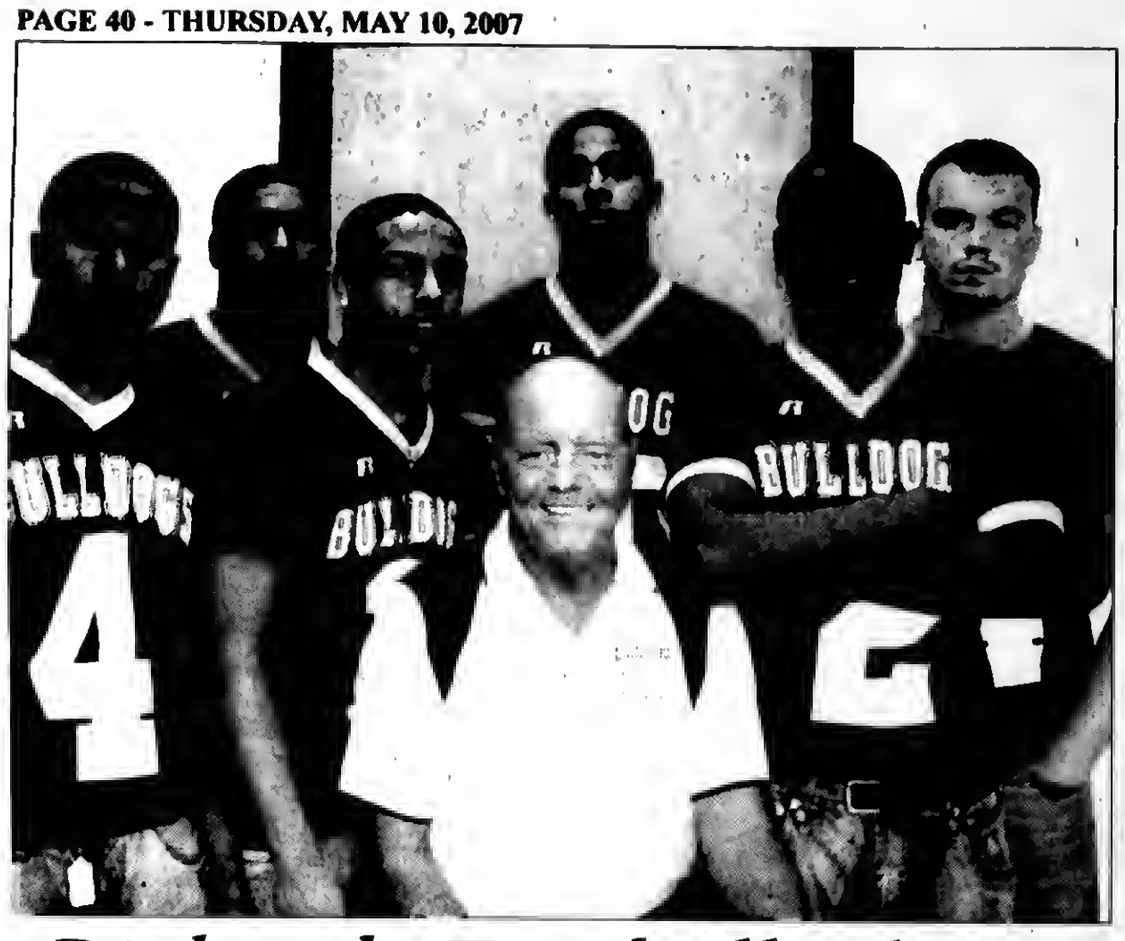
Madigan commended Superintendent Arne Duncan and the Chicago Public Schools for partnering with her office in making the Think Before You Post PSA available to over 500 grammar and high schools throughout the city of Chicago.

Madigan used the occasion to stress the ever-changing virtual world and how online predators have new mediums to reach potential victims and perpetrate crimes against children.

According to a 2005 report by the Pew Internet and American Life Project, 87 percent of teens between the ages of 12 and 17 are online.

In 2006, 55 percent of teens reported use of social networking web site of which 48 percent reported visiting such web sites at least daily.

According to NCMEC, approximately 13 percent of youth received a sexual solicitation or approach over the Internet within the preceding year.



Richards Football Players Sign With Colleges

Seven football players from Richards High School in Oak Lawn recently signed with four-year and two-year colleges to continue their athletic careers.

Students from this year's varsity team who will play in college include Wayne Drummer, University of South Dakota; DeAndre Haynes, Joliet Junior College; Justin Harris, Joliet Junior College; Shamar McGee, Harper College; Adam Sanders, St. Xavier University; Trevon Wimberly, Quincy University; and Teray Whisby, Joliet Junior College.

Pictured are left to right (seated) Richards High School varsity football coach Gary Korhonen and (front row standing) Justin Harris, DeAndre Haynes and Shamar McGee and (standing back row) Trevon Wimberly, Teray Wisby and Adam Sanders.

Seek Female Help At Summer Camp

The Children's Farm at The Center in Palos Park is taking applications from female college students or graduates looking for summer jobs. Applicants must be at least 18 years of age and should visit or call The Center to receive an application.

New Camp Director Laura Milkert is looking for camp counselors and program directors to head up the summer camp for children ages 9 to 12 and the outdoor adventure program for teenagers. According to Milkert, all of the male positions have been filled already for 2007. All camp staff at The Children's Farm live and work at camp for eight weeks. The younger children learn to horseback ride and care for the farm's animals, while the teenagers backpack, canoe, and learn leadership skills.

For over 70 years, this camp has provided children and teens an opportunity to grow in the wholesome atmosphere of The Center's 80 acres of woods and fields and wetlands. Information about The Center's camp program can be found at www.thecenterpalos.org.

Applicants should come to The Center at 12700 Southwest Highway, or should call The Center at (708) 361-3650 for further information.

Hearing Test

The Worth Township Seniors will offer Free Hearing Screening on Wednesday, June 20th from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Worth Township Center, 11601 S. Pulaski.

You must be a Worth Township resident to participate. Appointments are necessary. Call (708) 371-2900, Ext. 28.

Freshman Makes Honors Presentation

Millikin University freshman Anna Stenzel-Kuehn of Oak Lawn made a research presentation during the Freshman Focus program on April 21st. The presentation was part of Millikin's Honors Scholars Program.

Stenzel-Kuehn presented a project titled "The Effect of Text and Instant Messaging." Stenzel-Kuehn is a Theatre major and a graduate of Harold L. Richards High School.

Students are chosen for the Freshman Honors Scholars program based on outstanding academic achievement in high school. Students must maintain a cumulative grade point average of 3.4 on a 4.0 scale to remain in the program.

Bake Sale

The United Church of Worth, 7100 W. 112th St., (708) 448-6682, will hold a Bake Sale during the church rummage sale and Worth community-wide yard sale on Friday, May 11th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 6 to 9 p.m. and Saturday, May 12th from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The proceeds will benefit Habitat for Humanity.

Harmonica Concert

The Windy City Harmonica Club will perform a free concert at 2 p.m. on Sunday, May 20th at the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St. First-come, first-seated in the lower level meeting room. The Windy City Harmonica Club has members from all over Chicagoland and Indiana who share an interest in playing, preserving and promoting harmonica music. Sponsored by the Friends of the Oak Lawn Library.

For additional information, call (708) 422-4990.

Local Scholars

Brother Rice High School has announced the winners of this year's Brother Edmund Rice Scholarships. Named after the founder of the Christian Brothers and the namesake of Brother Rice High School, this award honors the top scorers on the school's entrance test. A $750 grant will be applied to each student's tuition. This year's winners, with school and hometown, are:

Sean McLaughlin (St. Patricia, Hickory Hills), Ryan Griffin (St. Alexander, Palos Heights), Connor Fitzgerald (St. John Fisher, Beverly), Sean Joyce (St. John Fisher, Beverly), Sean McAuliffe (Our Lady of the Ridge, Chicago Ridge), Bill Rowe (St. Catherine of Alexandria, Oak Lawn), Maxwell Barry (St. Alexander, Palos Heights), Michael Fleming (St. Barnabas, Beverly), Kevin McIlvain (St. Germaine, Oak Lawn), Michael Andrasco (St. John Fisher, Beverly), Benjamin Arends (Sutherland, Beverly), Francisco Belsis (St. Bede the Venerable, Scottsdale), Michael Berger (St. John Fisher, Beverly), Thomas Clisham (Queen of Martyrs, Evergreen Park), Andrew Mlinarcik (St. Linus, Oak Lawn), Ron Moravek (St. Christina, Mt. Greenwood), Thomas Simmons (St. Paul Lutheran/Oak Lawn, Beverly), Andrew Boyce (St. Catherine of Alexandria, Oak Lawn), Nick Joslyn (Christ the King, Beverly), Kevin Murphy (St. Linus, Oak Lawn), David Power (Council Oak Montessori, Palos Heights) and Cory Rains (St. Louis De Montfort, Oak Lawn).

Introduction To Meditation

Discover how to achieve inner stillness through meditation at a free lecture hosted by the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St., at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, May 22nd. Sharon Stankus will explain the meaning of meditation and its effects on your total well being. Explore innovative ways to meditate and connect with your spirit, even when you have only a few minutes to spare.

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LEGAL NOTICE

Cook County Annual Tax Sale Notice to Property Owners, Annual Tax Sale Schedule and Delinquent Real Estate Tax List

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS

This legal notice includes a list of parcels of real estate on which 2005 property taxes (due in 2006) are listed as delinquent and subject to sale as of April 16, 2007.

SPECIAL NOTE: This list may include some properties on which the taxes were paid subsequent to the list's preparation. It is the property owner's responsibility to determine if the taxes are paid in full.

IF YOUR PROPERTY IS LISTED IN THIS NOTICE FOR SALE OF DELINQUENT REAL ESTATE TAXES, IT IS IMPORTANT FOR YOU TO TAKE ACTION SO THAT YOUR TAXES ARE NOT SOLD. The sale of taxes will result in a lien against the property that will add, at a minimum, hundreds of dollars in fees to the amount currently due. Sale of the tax and continued failure by the owner to redeem (pay) may result in the loss of property.

Under Illinois law, the Cook County Treasurer's Office must offer properties having delinquent real estate taxes and special assessments for sale. The tax sale is scheduled to begin TUESDAY, June 5, 2007. The purchaser of the delinquent real estate taxes and special assessments may obtain title to these properties if they are not redeemed (paid) in a timely manner. Payments of delinquent real estate taxes and special assessments must be paid by CERTIFIED CHECK, CASHIER'S CHECK or MONEY ORDER. Payments may be made at more than 290 CHASE BANKS throughout Chicagoland through June 1, 2007. Payments may also be made in person at the Cook County Treasurer's Office, 118 N. Clark St., Suite 112, Chicago, IL 60602. For questions about submitting a payment or to verify the precise delinquent amount, contact the Cook County Treasurer's Office by phone at (312) 443-5100 or by e-mail through our website at www.cookcountytreasurer.com and click on "CONTACT US."

2005 Annual Tax Sale Schedule

SALE BEGINS TUESDAY, JUNE 5, 2007 AT 9:00 A.M. THE TAX SALE HOURS OF OPERATION ARE 9:00 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M. EACH SCHEDULED DAY. THE DATES OF SALE AND THE DAILY SALE HOURS MAY BE EXTENDED AS NEEDED.

DATE	VOLUMES	TOWNSHIPS
June 5, 2007	001 to 028	Barrington, Berwyn, Bloom, Bremen
June 6, 2007	029 to 060	Bremen, Calumet, Cicero, Elk Grove, Evanston, Hanover
June 7, 2007	061 to 109	Hanover, Lemont, Leyden, Lyons, Maine, New Trier
June 8, 2007	110 to 165	Niles, Northfield, Norwood Park, Oak Park, Orland, Palatine, Palos, Proviso
June 11, 2007	166 to 195	Proviso, Rich, River Forest, Riverside, Schaumburg, Stickney, Thornton
June 12, 2007	196 to 220	Thornton
June 13, 2007	221 to 253	Thornton, Wheeling, Worth, Hyde Park
June 14, 2007	254 to 280	Hyde Park
June 15, 2007	281 to 336	Hyde Park, Jefferson
June 18, 2007	337 to 394	Jefferson, Lake
June 19, 2007	395 to 425	Lake
June 20, 2007	426 to 450	Lake
June 21, 2007	451 to 478	Lake, Lake View
June 22, 2007	479 to 511	Lake View, North Chicago, Rogers Park, South Chicago
June 25, 2007	512 to 557	South Chicago, West Chicago
June 26, 2007	558 to 601	West Chicago

COOK COUNTY DELINQUENT REAL ESTATE TAX LIST

OFFICE OF THE COOK COUNTY TREASURER AND EX-OFFICIO COUNTY COLLECTOR OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

Advertisement and Notice by Collector of Cook County of Application for Judgment and Order of Sale of Delinquent Lands and Lots for General Taxes for the years indicated, for order of sales thereof, as provided by law.

COUNTY OF COOK,
STATE OF ILLINOIS
May 9-10, 2007.

NOTICE is hereby given that the said Collector of Cook County, Illinois, will apply to the County Division of the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois on Monday, May 21, 2007, for judgment against all lands and lots, hereinafter described as being delinquent, and upon which taxes remain due and unpaid along with Interest and costs, for an order for sale of said lands and lots for satisfaction thereof, fixing the correct amount due. Final entry of said order will be sought on Wednesday, May 30, 2007.

NOTICE is further given that on the 5th day of June, 2007, A.D., at the hour of 9:00 a.m., all said lands and lots, hereinafter described for sale for which an order shall be made, or has been made and not executed as noted, will be subject to public sale at 69 W. Washington St., Lower Level Room B (concourse area), in Chicago, Illinois, for the amount of taxes, interest and costs due thereon, respectively.

The following is a list of: the delinquent properties in Cook County upon which the taxes or any part thereof remain due and unpaid; the name(s) of the owners, if known; the property location, the total amount due on 2005 tax warrants (excluding delinquent special assessments separately advertised); and the year or years for which the taxes are due.

In lieu of legal description, each parcel of land or lot is designated by a property index number (PIN). Comparison of the 14-digit PIN with the legal description of any parcel may be made by referring to the cross indices in the various Cook County offices.

The Cook County Collector does not guarantee the accuracy of common street addresses or property classification codes at the time of sale. Tax buyers should verify all common street addresses, PINs, classifications and ownership by personal inspection and investigation of said properties and legal descriptions prior to purchasing general taxes offered at the sale.

NO TAX BUYER WILL BE ALLOWED TO GO TO TAX DEED AGAINST ANY GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY. WHEN A PETITION TO VACATE SUCH A SALE IS FILED, THE FINAL RESULT MAY BE A REFUND WITHOUT INTEREST.

TOWNSHIP OF WORTH

Tax Payer Name	Property Address	Vol	PIN	Tax Type	Tax Year	Tax Due
ALLEN GREEN	8752 S TROY ST	236	24-01-100-047-0000		2005	1478.53
ROBERT S NIELSEN	8751 S TROY ST	236	24-01-101-027-0000		2005	1410.99
ROMONA P MADISON	8751 S TROY ST	236	24-01-101-028-0000		2005	681.06
JACQUELINE WILLIS	8756 S RICHMOND AVE	236	24-01-104-032-0000		2005	2746.18
PATRICK HEIDENREICH	8744 S MOZART ST	236	24-01-107-028-0000		2005	3342.15
TERESA SANDERS	8819 S MOZART ST	236	24-01-108-024-0000		2005	2448.41
K & K COOPER	8838 S CALIFORNIA AVE	236	24-01-198-041-0000		2005	2004.55
STEVE ZAGEL	8800 S TROY ST	238	24-01-109-026-0000		2005	1021.81
STEVE ZAGER	8800 S TROY ST	238	24-01-109-027-0000		2005	1023.72
LORI A ECKROTH	8818 S UTICA AVE	236	24-01-111-031-0000		2005	708.68
JESCHKE RICHARD	8837 S SACRAMENTO AVE	236	24-01-112-010-0000		2005	2680.58
MICHAEL R VRTIS	8844 S SACRAMENTO AVE	236	24-01-118-052-0000		2005	1147.49
MRS LLOYD BOWMAN	8909 S UTICA AVE	236	24-01-120-003-0000		2005	1301.03
JONATHAN BROWN	9013 S UTICA AVE	236	24-01-122-004-0000		2005	1547.29
TONYA WALLS	8738 S WASHTENAW AVE	236	24-01-201-039-0000		2005	1019.66
SHERRY ALFORD	8728 S ROCKWELL ST	236	24-01-203-012-0000		2005	458.22
SHERRY ALFORD	8728 S ROCKWELL ST	236	24-01-203-013-0000		2005	4099.47
CYNTHIA WILLIAMS	8825 S CALIFORNIA AVE	236	24-01-204-057-0000		2005	2710.87
BARBARA O WASHINGTON	8807 S TALMAN AVE	236	24-01-207-002-0000		2005	2254.58
CHARLES MCMILLIN	8816 S ROCKWELL ST	236	24-01-207-027-0000		2005	4309.71
ALFREDO GONZALEZ	8850 S ROCKWELL ST	236	24-01-207-037-0000		2005	1367.42
DIANE HOLLIE	2728 W 91ST ST	236	24-01-211-009-0000		2005	4210.75
RICKY ALLEN	2727 W 90TH PL	236	24-01-211-016-0000		2005	2047.31
RICHARD YOUNG	2712 W 90TH ST	238	24-01-214-025-0000		2005	2478.83
DWIGHT S CALLAS	2725 W 90TH ST	236	24-01-216-008-0000		2005	2310.22
WALLACE & LANG	9141 S KEDZIE AVE	236	24-01-300-057-0000		2005	8550.20
THOMAS SULLIVAN	9135 S SACRAMENTO AVE	236	24-01-303-023-0000		2005	1250.37
THOMAS SULLIVAN	9135 S SACRAMENTO AVE	236	24-01-303-024-0000		2005	1248.27
THOMAS SULLIVAN	9135 S SACRAMENTO AVE	236	24-01-303-025-0000		2005	1248.27
EDWARD S GLAZAR	9100 S MOZART ST	236	24-01-305-011-0000		2005	846.13
ROBERT J. SCHROEDER	9229 S KEDZIE AVE	236	24-01-307-015-0000		2005	3158.05
ROBERT J. SCHROEDER	9229 S KEDZIE AVE	236	24-01-307-018-0000		2005	3158.05
FLORA ALLEN	3101 W 95TH ST	236	24-01-307-081-0000		2005	121.69
JEAN A JOHNSTONE	9230 S RICHMOND AVE	236	24-01-311-035-0000		2005	924.98
JEAN A JOHNSTONE	9230 S RICHMOND AVE	236	24-01-311-061-0000		2005	1023.62
WALTER SERAFIM	9241 S FRANCISCO AVE	236	24-01-313-013-0000		2005	102.65
JUAN THOMAS	9216 S MOZART ST	236	24-01-313-028-0000		2005	513.24
WALTER J OLSZEWSKI	9218 S MOZART ST	236	24-01-313-029-0000		2005	513.24
PETER EDWARDS	9243 S FRANCISCO AVE	236	24-01-313-046-0000		2005	1565.65
CHRISTINA M LAPINSKA	9324 S ALBANY AVE	236	24-01-316-030-0000		2005	1736.81
CHRISTINA M LAPINSKA	9324 S ALBANY AVE	236	24-01-316-031-0000		2005	1736.81
LUZ SERRANO	9349 S ALBANY AVE	236	24-01-317-016-0000		2005	641.61
DANIEL MAKOWSKI	9346 S SACRAMENTO AVE	236	24-01-318-053-0000		2005	1355.37
ROBERT E WALTON	9305 S SACRAMENTO AVE	236	24-01-320-023-0000		2005	2919.14
OKOYE KAIDI	9321 S RICHMOND AVE	236	24-01-321-005-0000		2005	3450.01
THOMAS S COLLINS JR	9314 S FRANCISCO AVE	236	24-01-321-026-0000		2005	4599.22
MR & MRS MCFEE	9429 S UTICA AVE	236	24-01-325-012-0000		2005	2827.48
CHRISTINA CALBERT	9137 S UTICA AVE	236	24-01-330-010-0000		2005	1446.27
TAMEKA BELL	9136 S SACRAMENTO AVE	238	24-01-330-025-0000		2005	425.00
YVETTE C MANNING	2713 W 94TH ST	236	24-01-410-039-0000		2005	3049.99
DON M BERRY JR	2632 W 94TH PL	236	24-01-411-016-0000		2005	3238.18
KATHERINE JOHNSON	2628 W 94TH PL	236	24-01-411-017-0000		2005	2956.17
WM J FAVIA	9239 S SPRINGFIELD AV	236	24-02-308-007-0000		2005	3822.67
CYNTHIA M BLAYLOCK	9223 S SPRINGFIELD AV	236	24-02-308-023-0000		2005	3154.71
FRANCINE POOLE	9339 S HARDING AVE	236	24-02-315-053-0000		2005	3931.75
CYNTHIA GUINN	3900 W 95TH ST	236	24-02-322-055-1006		2005	991.71
THOMAS POWELL JR	9411 S LAWNDALE AVE	236	24-02-325-041-0000		2005	2508.91
ROBERT J HUND	9108 S CENTRAL PARK A	236	24-02-329-003-0000		2005	1801.89
LAURA&DAVID DAWSON JR	9144 S CLIFTON PARK A	237	24-02-400-078-0000		2005	2776.82
THOMAS SINON	9120 S TRUMBULL AVE	237	24-02-402-024-0000		2005	5005.80
RENEE TURGEON	9101 S TRUMBULL AVE	237	24-02-403-010-0000		2005	746.60
BEVEL GRANITE CO INC	91 S SPAULDING AVE	237	24-02-405-022-0000		2005	16564.79
MR P KAZOR	9135 S SAWYER AVE	237	24-02-407-016-0000		2005	731.16
P L MALIK	9100 S KEDZIE AVE	237	24-02-407-025-0000		2005	1705.09
P L MALIK	9100 S KEDZIE AVE	237	24-02-407-026-0000		2005	16091.86
P L MALIK	9100 S KEDZIE AVE	237	24-02-407-027-0000		2005	1691.48
P L MALIK	9100 S KEDZIE AVE	237	24-02-407-054-0000		2005	676.67
BARBARA A ADAMS	9210 S ST. LOUIS AVE	237	24-02-409-025-0000		2005	792.85
BARBARA A ADAMS	9210 S ST. LOUIS AVE	237	24-02-409-026-0000		2005	2311.62
R M JARECKI	9201 S TRUMBULL AVE	237	24-02-411-001-0000		2005	556.72
R M JARECKI	9201 S TRUMBULL AVE	237	24-02-411-002-0000		2005	1025.87
ROBERT J HUND	9221 S TURNER AVE	237	24-02-413-008-0000		2005	3396.10
JERZY NIKOLAJUK	9318 S HOMAN AVE	237	24-02-419-026-0000		2005	2393.60
MAURA KENNEDY	9322 S TURNER AVE	237	24-02-420-030-0000		2005	2026.22
DELORES L TAHENY	9338 S TURNER AVE	237	24-02-420-036-0000		2005	3224.76
DORIS KARPER	9439 S CENTRAL PARK A	237	24-02-424-015-0000		2005	1047.56
DORIS KARPER	9439 S CENTRAL PARK A	237	24-02-424-016-0000		2005	1423.65
KEVIN P MALLOY	9401 S CLIFTON PARK A	237	24-02-425-001-0000		2005	1344.14
KEVIN P MALLOY	9401 S CLIFTON PARK A	237	24-02-425-002-0000		2005	1344.14
KEVIN P.MALLOY	9403 S CLIFTON PARK A	237	24-02-425-003-0000		2005	295.39
TIMOTHY J MURPHY	9423 S ST. LOUIS AVE	237	24-02-426-011-0000		2005	103.14
RAY F BRUSH	9439 S HOMAN AVE	237	24-02-428-016-0000		2005	147.61
LAWRENCE F CZARNOTA	4519 W 87TH ST	237	24-03-122-009-0000		2005	952.17
JENNIFER BUNDERSON	4436 W 87TH PL	237	24-03-122-052-0000		2005	1668.37
DANIEL J DROZD	4503 W 88TH ST	237	24-03-127-079-0000		2005	1892.83
KEVIN CASEY	4549 W 89TH ST	237	24-03-129-065-0000		2005	1016.60
LUELLA M FINNEGAN	4507 W 90TH PL	237	24-03-132-023-0000		2005	1747.39
ANDERSON RAMSARAN	4065 W SOUTHWEST HWY	237	24-03-200-036-0000		2005	850.09
MICHAEL F EMANUELSON	8884 S MAIN ST	237	24-03-202-021-0000		2005	1756.21
KENNETH BERGAMO	9010 S MAIN ST	237	24-03-202-051-0000		2005	853.56
M CANTU	8875 S MAIN ST	237	24-03-203-009-0000		2005	796.84
KEVIN CHARLES OLSON	8910 S RYAN RD	237	24-03-203-047-0000		2005	796.84
THOMAS L MAYROSE	8920 S RYAN RD	237	24-03-203-050-0000		2005	847.42
OLIVIA CAMARENA	8917 S RYAN RD	237	24-03-204-010-0000		2005	1650.25
REED SKEMBARE	4110 W 89TH PL	237	24-03-204-026-0000		2005	1415.31
SCOTT OGLESBY	4212 W 90TH ST	237	24-03-206-027-0000		2005	886.57
CATHERINE DAVIES	9058 S RYAN RD	237	24-03-209-017-0000		2005	849.85
JANET MORRISSEY	4213 W 87TH ST	237	24-03-211-029-0000		2005	1674.41
CAROL DAMICO	4324 W 87TH PL	237	24-03-211-044-0000		2005	597.99
LEONA A HELLMAN	8829 S KILDARE AVE	237	24-03-214-018-0000		2005	1217.10
BONITA DRAPIASKI	8852 S CORCORAN RD	237	24-03-215-063-0000		2005	1765.96
GERALD JOHN CZAJA	4560 W 93RD ST	237	24-03-312-026-1016		2005	1400.94
MUSA SWEIS	4308 91ST PL	237	24-03-401-003-0000		2005	3590.51
RUAI MOHAMMAD	9128 TRIPP AVE	237	24-03-401-011-0000		2005	2270.52
THOMAS KARINGADA	9153 TRIPP AVE	237	24-03-401-017-0000		2005	5187.64
ROBERT TOLSMA	4204 91ST PL	237	24-03-402-007-0000		2005	4632.97
ANTHONY BARBARA GRILLO	4108 91ST PL	237	24-03-402-013-0000		2005	3459.06
KATHRYN A SHERWOOD	4104 91ST PL	237	24-03-402-014-0000		2005	4807.97
STANLEY G BUFORD	9237 KARLOV AVE	237	24-03-406-044-0000		2005	2529.01
ALFREDO RAMIREZ JR	4014 93RD PL	237	24-03-410-018-1001		2005	2428.96
SALLY VUCHINAS 2B	4113 93RD PL	237	24-03-410-020-1004		2005	1284.34
JUAN AVILEZ	8923 CENTRAL AVE	238	24-04-101-059-0000		2005	2468.28
DANIEL GARCIA	8935 55TH CT	238	24-04-102-041-0000		2005	1818.84
HEATHER E QUINLAN	5522 W 90TH ST	238	24-04-102-045-0000		2005	1505.71
KHAMISIYIN ELHAM	8729 55TH CT	238	24-04-102-071-0000		2005	3222.88
CLAUDIA ACEVEDO	5523 W 87TH ST	238	24-04-102-124-0000		2005	2584.98
HENRY SLIVA	5336 AVERY PL	238	24-04-103-044-0000		2005	1770.81
DONALD BAIKIE	5248 W 88TH ST	238	24-04-106-032-0000		2005	538.61
ALPHONSUS BOYLE	5224 W 88TH ST	238	24-04-106-044-0000		2005	2361.75
MARGARET D MCKENNA	5212 W 88TH ST	238	24-04-106-050-0000		2005	652.28
WILLIAM SCHUCH	5251 W 88TH ST	238	24-04-107-069-0000		2005	4742.58
RICHARD VOLK	5303 W 90TH ST	238	24-04-111-014-0000		2005	658.94
ROBERT P LANG	5353 W 90TH ST	238	24-04-117-014-0000		2005	1359.02
DESMOND BUILDERS	8993 52ND AVE	238	24-04-200-038-0000		2005	4472.06
JAMAL ZIADA	8736 49TH CT	238	24-04-202-057-0000		2005	3867.22
KAREN R WATT	5168 W 90TH ST	238	24-04-215-002-0000		2005	1103.06
N SANHAM	9029 SPROAT AVE	238	24-04-222-008-0000		2005	2703.70
ADAM & M BAFIA	8945 49TH CT	238	24-04-224-003-0000		2005	4428.60
LILLIAN KLEIN	9135 55TH PL	238	24-04-301-017-0000		2005	1345.54
LILLIAN KLEIN	9135 55TH PL	238	24-04-301-018-0000		2005	1345.54
KIP MEHRING	9137 55TH ST	238	24-04-302-042-0000		2005	150.16
RON & MARY STRAUSS	9105 54TH CT	238	24-04-303-002-0000		2005	4720.98
BERNARDO FIGUEROA	9106 S 52ND CT	238	24-04-306-023-0000		2005	321.87
JOSE ROJAS	9106 S 52ND CT	238	24-04-306-024-0000		2005	2498.20
SHOESTRING CORPORATION	9239 55TH ST	238	24-04-309-032-0000		2005	15025.79
JEFFREY M KACZOROWSKI	9349 54TH AVE	238	24-04-321-019-0000		2005	489.66
Insite Oak Lawn LLC	5420 W 95TH ST	238	24-04-328-048-0000		2005	3471.73
Insite Oak Lawn LLC	5420 W 95TH ST	238	24-04-328-049-0000		2005	3469.20
Insite Oak Lawn LLC	5420 W 95TH ST	238	24-04-328-050-0000		2005	3471.73
Insite Oak Lawn LLC	5420 W 95TH ST	238	24-04-328-051-0000		2005	3473.59
Insite Oak Lawn LLC	5420 W 95TH ST	238	24-04-328-052-0000		2005	4028.89
JOHN A BLISS	9400 S 54TH ST	238	24-04-329-019-0000		2005	157.36
LEO C KOHS	9122 TULLEY AVE	238	24-04-400-035-0000		2005	1332.61
LEO C KOHS	9122 TULLEY AVE	238	24-04-400-036-0000		2005	1332.61
JUDY JOKUBAUSKAS	9100 51ST ST	238	24-04-401-026-0000		2005	929.08
DENNIS MYERS	9158 SPROAT AVE	238	24-04-402-041-0000		2005	5343.36
JAS COGLIANESE	4960 91ST PL	238	24-04-403-011-0000		2005	1509.75
NICK SAMHAN	4912 92ND ST	238	24-04-405-033-0000		2005	4690.77
ALEXANDER F DONALDSON	9223 TULLEY AVE	238	24-04-408-012-0000		2005	391.51
EDWIN E CRUZ	9260 51ST ST	238	24-04-408-047-0000		2005	295.77
JUDITH L NEILL	9308 49TH CT	238	24-04-425-025-0000		2005	2588.27
MARIA ROCY ARELLANO	9246 49TH AVE	238	24-04-429-021-0000		2005	2495.29
MARIANO & DEB MAGLIANO	8925 S MCVICKER AVE	239	24-05-107-010-0000		2005	2100.71
NANCY AJURINEK	9001 S MCVICKER AVE	239	24-05-107-026-0000		2005	1869.86
RIMAH IBRAHIM	8875 MOBILE AVE	239	24-05-109-016-0000		2005	1377.09
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THOMAS L MARSH	5900 W 87TH PL	239	24-05-200-042-0000		2005	2865.67
KATHLEEN SYLVESTER	5912 W 86TH ST	239	24-05-204-035-0000		2005	842.77
DANIEL PLEWA	5817 W 87TH PL	239	24-05-205-013-0000		2005	1017.15
JADWIGA WROBEL	5805 W 87TH PL	239	24-05-205-042-0000		2005	3957.99
RICK&VIRGINIA STACY	5707 W 87TH PL	239	24-05-206-017-0000		2005	1069.48
RICK & VIRGINIA STACY	5707 W 87TH PL	239	24-05-206-018-0000		2005	1761.85
RAY MILKERAITIS	5649 W 87TH PL	239	24-05-207-001-0000		2005	4954.29
RAY MILKERAITIS	5649 W 87TH PL	239	24-05-207-002-0000		2005	550.12
MONICA M HASSEL	5905 W 88TH ST	239	24-05-208-022-0000		2005	578.50
LUIS ROJAS	5918 W 88TH PL	239	24-05-208-051-0000		2005	2857.32
ROY MAYER	5753 W 88TH ST	239	24-05-210-041-0000		2005	2523.67
HAZEM FARIZ	5740 W 89TH ST	239	24-05-214-058-0000		2005	4656.82
JOOH & YOLAND SOTO	8932 CENTRAL AVE	239	24-05-221-037-0000		2005	1807.01
JENNIFER L SYLER	8949 AUSTIN AVE	239	24-05-222-009-0000		2005	579.32
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NANCY JURINEK	5920 W 90TH ST	239	24-06-222-032-0000		2005	523.21
ROBERT A KRUIZENGA	5708 W 90TH PL	239	24-05-227-038-0000		2005	279.95
J M SLOMSKI	5925 W 90TH PL	239	24-05-228-017-0000		2005	1181.71
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ROSE M VANWERVEN	5857 W 90TH PL	239	24-05-229-002-0000		2005	2465.49
TAHA A DIBAN	9256 AUSTIN AVE	239	24-05-301-100-0000		2005	1920.17
ERNEST H SODERLUND	6060 W 95TH ST	239	24-05-303-055-0000		2005	10327.73
TADENSA SIWTA	9401 MELVINA AVE	239	24-05-303-073-1022		2005	2025.30
BARBARA GILDEA	9439 S MCVICKER AVE	239	24-05-305-051-0000		2005	4281.11
MIGUEL MEZA	6324 92ND ST	239	24-05-306-012-0000		2005	1955.57
FREDERICK V BENNETT	6318 92ND ST	239	24-05-306-013-0000		2005	4932.46
MARY FRANCES TRZASKUS	6236 W 94TH ST	239	24-05-309-016-0000		2005	1699.14
JAMES E ONEILL	9112 MEADE AVE	239	24-05-318-004-0000		2005	1169.19
THOMAS & CINDY LAYBURN	9133 S MAJOR AVE	239	24-05-403-009-0000		2005	1381.83
WILL MALONE	9137 S PARKSIDE AVE	239	24-05-404-010-0000		2005	3469.38
K BRINKMAN	9129 MONITOR AVE	239	24-05-418-004-0000		2005	3215.05
BERNARD J BEST	5909 LYNWOOD DR	239	24-05-419-001-0000		2005	2326.99
JOSEPH M GROBRAEK JR	5923 LYNWOOD DR	239	24-05-419-002-0000		2005	2553.67
ALAN D LETOURNEAU	9133 MAYFIELD AVE	239	24-05-420-005-0000		2005	4809.17
TRUST 92 1215	9035 HARLEM AVE	239	24-06-100-020-0000		2005	4312.21
G CHAVEZ	8831 OLYMPIC DR	239	24-06-108-002-0000		2005	1488.07
JAMES SIMA	8925 SARATOGA DR	239	24-06-109-035-0000		2005	3625.71
JAMES F BURTON 3094	8936 SARATOGA DR	239	24-06-114-018-0000		2005	2372.05
KAZIMIERZ ZUBEK	6540 CRESCENT CT	239	24-06-201-044-0000		2005	3674.97
SALLY CANNON	6400 W 87TH PL	239	24-06-214-011-0000		2005	2746.42
BARRY BOYLE	7117 W 93RD ST	239	24-06-301-048-1027		2005	115.68
MICHAEL GLEASON	9337 NORDICA AVE	239	24-06-306-026-0000		2005	1312.42
MARY JEEINGA	7042 OXFORD ST	239	24-06-314-013-0000		2005	2482.66
KATHLEEN CZERWINSKI	9218 HOMESTEAD LN	239	24-06-317-029-0000		2005	1202.81

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ARNOLDO LOPEZ	6655 91ST PL	239	24-06-428-035-0000		2005	7146.86
DERMOT & ROSE RAFTERY	6621 91ST PL	239	24-06-428-040-0000		2005	998.63
Michael Roche	6721 W 91ST PL	239	24-06-428-057-0000		2005	5729.25
Michael Roche	6659 W 91ST PL	239	24-06-428-062-0000		2005	6638.07
CONNIE & FRANK RAY	6624 W 93RD ST	239	24-06-430-051-0000		2005	1457.84
ZDZISLAW LANDWOJTOWICZ	7105 AVON AVE	240	24-07-104-016-0000		2005	1624.94
PAUL J SPASS	7003 96TH ST	240	24-07-106-008-0000		2005	4110.19
CRAIG AMBROSE	7015 96TH PL	240	24-07-108-002-0000		2005	2586.09
RAMME MUFARREH	9825 S HARLEM AVE	240	24-07-112-030-0000		2005	609.39
B & B GRYGO	9812 S NOTTINGHAM AVE	240	24-07-112-044-1005		2005	1650.34
MOHD S KHUZAEI	9832 S NOTTINGHAM AVE	240	24-07-112-047-1001		2005	1052.86
ALBERTO D GUTIERREZ	9831 S NOTTINGHAM AVE	240	24-07-113-028-1021		2005	244.98
K HUWEIH	9829 S NOTTINGHAM AVE	240	24-07-113-031-1013		2005	716.77
URIEL AYALA	9836 S SAYRE AVE	240	24-07-113-032-1008		2005	2144.47
M NASER	9815 S NOTTINGHAM AVE	240	24-07-113-036-1021		2005	1199.25
OLD KENT BK TABASCIO	6615 W 95TH ST	240	24-07-203-055-0000		2005	13711.28
Patrick Riordan	9605 S OAK PARK AVE	240	24-07-204-058-0000		2005	6840.99
NASER ALSHOWEAT	9704 NORMANDY AVE	240	24-07-209-027-0000		2005	1313.19
J WEGNER 6070	9704 NORMANDY AVE	240	24-07-209-028-0000		2005	1313.19
BEATA DRWAL	6740 W 99TH ST	240	24-07-212-010-0000		2005	13552.17
JOHN & JANET MAHRIN	9833 NORMANDY AVE	240	24-07-214-017-0000		2005	1721.55
JOHN & JANET MAHRIN	9833 NORMANDY AVE	240	24-07-214-018-0000		2005	1721.55
DAVID G MARINELLIE	7005 W 99TH ST	240	24-07-300-029-1003		2005	491.30
IGNATIUS ROBLEDO	7009 W 99TH ST	240	24-07-300-029-1010		2005	799.67
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Bogey Group Inc.	7030 W 100TH ST	240	24-07-302-027-0000		2005	138.93
MONER ALMASRI	6541 102ND PL	240	24-07-403-003-0000		2005	1100.17
SUSAN L MILLER	6541 102ND PL	240	24-07-403-004-0000		2005	426.24
JODLOWSKI	6436 W 103RD ST	240	24-07-404-029-0000		2005	1822.60
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ZOLA MC CANN	9530 MERRIMAC AVE	240	24-08-102-031-0000		2005	207.53
ZOLA MC CANN	9530 MERRIMAC AVE	240	24-08-102-032-0000		2005	207.53
TIMOTHY P MESICH	9525 MEADE AVE	240	24-08-106-015-0000		2005	3360.95
DANIEL A JARSKI	9525 MEADE AVE	240	24-08-106-016-0000		2005	1595.75
CHARLES VALOIS	9529 MEADE AVE	240	24-08-106-017-0000		2005	1235.50
CHARLES VALOIS	9529 MEADE AVE	240	24-08-106-018-0000		2005	1235.50
ROMAS GEDVILAS	9622 MERTON AVE	240	24-08-109-045-0000		2005	3450.99
TAMEKA CONLEY	6100 W 97TH ST	240	24-08-113-047-1001		2005	742.98
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TAMEKA CONLEY	6100 W 97TH ST	240	24-08-113-047-1009		2005	996.99
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TAMEKA CONLEY	6100 W 97TH ST	240	24-08-113-047-1012		2005	769.32
VERONICA PASILLAS	9738 MARION AVE	240	24-08-115-043-0000		2005	3551.62
JAMES M DORAN	6135 W 97TH ST	240	24-08-119-009-0000		2005	476.09
SYLWESTER STOCH	9604 MENARD AVE	240	24-08-208-029-0000		2005	1711.09
JOHN CONROY	9625 S PARKSIDE AVE	240	24-08-212-025-0000		2005	3693.47
JANAITA CASTILLO	9717 MASSASOIT AVE	240	24-08-216-013-0000		2005	1894.73
KAZLAUSKAS	9801 MENARD AVE	240	24-08-221-006-0000		2005	3383.94
MAMIE M BLECK	9540 MAYFIELD AVE	240	24-08-224-008-1049		2005	1627.14
ALEXANDER TRASKA	9540 MAYFIELD AVE	240	24-08-224-008-1051		2005	1265.10
ONA NAURECKAS	9540 MAYFIELD AVE	240	24-08-224-008-1052		2005	579.63
HOWARD ORENGO	9540 MAYFIELD AVE	240	24-08-224-008-1055		2005	151.73
ELIZABETH COLE	9540 MAYFIELD AVE	240	24-08-224-008-1067		2005	989.38
ALEXANDER TRASKA	9540 MAYFIELD AVE	240	24-08-224-008-1097		2005	151.73
MARIA MUNOZ	9520 MAYFIELD AVE	240	24-08-224-008-1105		2005	151.73
SOPHIA KOIS	6205 W 99TH ST	240	24-08-304-045-0000		2005	6213.16
DOROTHY KASDAN	9933 MENARD AVE	240	24-08-402-004-0000		2005	3247.10
THOMAS QUICK	10033 MENARD AVE	240	24-08-405-032-0000		2005	3735.07
TIMOTHY & D DOYLE	5729 101ST ST	240	24-08-408-009-0000		2005	3721.78
MARY J DJIKAS	5636 W 103RD ST	240	24-08-412-029-1144		2005	400.78
SEAN CUNNANE	5617 W 99TH ST	240	24-08-414-005-0000		2005	3181.31
NORBERT B CZUB	10129 MANSFIELD AVE	240	24-08-415-008-0000		2005	4129.81
ROBERT MARILYN MAIN	9537 CENTRAL AVE	241	24-09-100-024-0000		2005	779.67
STANDARD BK & TR#15510	9529 S MINNICK AVE	241	24-09-106-054-1002		2005	1646.21
MICHAEL C ROCHE	5359 EDISON AVE	241	24-09-115-030-1016		2005	401.08
AHMAD ALYA	9825 WASHINGTON AVE	241	24-09-131-013-0000		2005	1756.79
AHMAD ALYA	2400 W 95TH ST	241	24-09-131-014-0000		2005	1756.79
HARRY W RICHARDSON	9826 53RD AVE	241	24-09-135-028-0000		2005	1369.23
HARRY W RICHARDSON	9826 53RD AVE	241	24-09-135-029-0000		2005	1369.23
CHARLES M ANDERSEN JR	4949 W 95TH ST	241	24-09-204-032-0000		2005	7181.16
MILDRED M TUREK	9516 49TH AVE	241	24-09-205-021-0000		2005	4991.25
TRAVIS TUOMEY	9705 51ST AVE	241	24-09-216-072-0000		2005	2734.76
MR/MRS RAYMOND LEHNER	9709 51ST AVE	241	24-09-216-073-0000		2005	3076.16
FLORENCE MCCORMICK	9820 TULLEY AVE	241	24-09-217-019-0000		2005	1798.77
JAMES S WALLACE	4844 98TH ST	241	24-09-225-001-0000		2005	1405.01
LUZ CASTILLO	10148 52ND AVE	241	24-09-304-021-0000		2005	3813.23
STAN LAXEK	10211 S CENTRAL AVE	241	24-09-316-004-0000		2005	3354.00
DONALD E JEFFERS	6825 111TH ST	241	24-09-316-011-1011		2005	253.74
DONALD E JEFFERS	10210 WASHINGTON AVE	241	24-09-316-011-1033		2005	865.93
WILLIAM SUSAN SHEERAN	5324 OAKDALE DR	241	24-09-321-022-0000		2005	1497.36
MARY C PINEDA	10002 MINNICK AVE	241	24-09-328-019-0000		2005	1769.47
JOHN M GIBLIN	10016 53RD AVE	241	24-09-329-017-0000		2005	3821.66
J & E RICHARDSON	5100 OAK CENTER DR	241	24-09-401-019-0000		2005	1479.64
DANIEL BRANDT	4948 SPRING RD	241	24-09-404-033-0000		2005	4432.77
ZIAD MOHAMED AL AWAD	4956 SPRING RD	241	24-09-404-035-0000		2005	1386.39
NICK SAMHAN	10025 HARNEW ROAD EAS	241	24-09-406-014-0000		2005	3392.25
RAFEM DASAM	4964 WICK DR	241	24-09-412-027-0000		2005	3235.36
SANDRA VORBERG	5005 101ST ST	241	24-09-412-044-0000		2005	512.55
WILLIAM WARN	9733 KOLMAR AVE	242	24-10-111-017-0000		2005	3014.06
PETRONELLA A ALLSOT	4637 97TH PL	242	24-10-119-013-0000		2005	3261.44
ROBERT J OBRIEN	4605 98TH ST	242	24-10-121-009-0000		2005	3373.35
MARTIN ZUSCHLAG	9620 S KENTON AVE	242	24-10-127-033-0000		2005	3516.91
ELAINE BARLOS 101	9613 KEDVALE AVE	242	24-10-210-063-1001		2005	687.89
STECY OLA	9621 KARLOV AVE	242	24-10-211-045-1014		2005	1307.27
MAE J JASKO	4149 W 97TH ST	242	24-10-217-007-1008		2005	1522.64
LINDA D GLOVER	4112 W 99TH ST	242	24-10-225-029-1012		2005	846.62
SISK LINDA	4137 W 97TH PL	242	24-10-225-036-1008		2005	149.72
MARY A GARCIA	9716 KARLOV AVE	242	24-10-225-036-1051		2005	1426.53
GEORGEANN CARASOTTI	9724 KARLOV AVE	242	24-10-225-036-1088		2005	593.12
ALVIN ROBERTSON	4125 97TH PL	242	24-10-225-036-1237		2005	197.79
KAREN L DE ROOS	4026 TRAFALGAR LN	242	24-10-226-048-0000		2005	886.64
SHARICE L HOLT	9745 KARLOV AVE	242	24-10-226-065-1183		2005	1049.69
ROBERT GRIFFIN	9745 KARLOV AVE	242	24-10-226-065-1221		2005	1090.36
MARY C FINNEGAN	9820 PULASKI RD	242	24-10-226-066-1025		2005	700.00
CHESTRA HUDYKA	4754 W 101ST ST	242	24-10-301-050-1010		2005	1023.43
PETER NICHOLAS	10015 S KOLIN AVE	242	24-10-402-042-0000		2005	3665.57
AUSTIN J OGRADY	10025 S KILDARE AVE	242	24-10-403-047-0000		2005	2779.39
ANGEL CASTILLO	10040 S KOMENSKY AVE	242	24-10-406-051-0000		2005	2069.32

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A & R SAMOSKA	10104 S KOMENSKY AVE	242	24-10-412-048-0000		2005	2181.97
GREGORY H BUCKNER	4320 W 103RD ST	242	24-10-415-047-0000		2005	1400.75
GEORGE S AUGUSTIN	10239 TRIPP AVE	242	24-10-417-048-0000		2005	4240.08
LUIS A GONZALES	10205 S KOMENSKY AVE	242	24-10-419-046-1008		2005	1133.82
FRANCES SAYLOR	4201 W 99TH ST	242	24-10-420-025-0000		2005	1572.87
GEORGE L PEARSON JR	4244 99TH PL	242	24-10-420-039-0000		2005	815.83
MAHD ELROUB	4240 99TH PL	242	24-10-420-040-0000		2005	1545.52
GREGORY JACH	9559 S PULASKI RD	242	24-11-100-026-0000		2005	11143.39
GREGORY JACH	9559 S CRAWFORD AVE	242	24-11-100-027-0000		2005	1173.44
STEVEN O HAMILL	3843 W 95TH ST	242	24-11-102-005-0000		2005	6947.91
DONNA M SCHIFFER	9551 S AVERS AVE	242	24-11-103-043-0000		2005	4001.57
DAVID ROSENBERG	9601 S HAMLIN AVE	242	24-11-112-002-0000		2005	3488.64
TAXPAYER OF RECORD	9732 S HARDING AVE	242	24-11-116-034-0000		2005	1764.33
TAXPAYER OF	9732 S HARDING AVE	242	24-11-116-035-0000		2005	1764.33
K & MB FURLONG	9745 S HARDING AVE	242	24-11-117-015-0000		2005	351.12
HELEN WHYNOTT	9706 S SPRINGFIELD AV	242	24-11-117-023-0000		2005	351.12
DANETTE L MOLIDOR	9748 S LAWNDALE AVE	242	24-11-121-053-0000		2005	2150.41
JAMES MILLEN	9801 S CRAWFORD AVE	242	24-11-124-001-0000		2005	5397.28
JAMES MILLEN	9801 S CRAWFORD AVE	242	24-11-124-002-0000		2005	5397.28
JAMES H HIMMEL	10837 S CRAWFORD AVE	242	24-11-124-051-0000		2005	6101.42
ANGELO J DEPEDER	9529 GROVE PL	243	24-11-201-032-0000		2005	5804.06
KENNETH VOS	3310 W 97TH ST	243	24-11-207-056-0000		2005	1172.52
KOMKAY JAHAMANN	3351 W MAPLE ST	243	24-11-207-076-0000		2005	2222.17
GEORGE & ISABEL DUBA	3510 W 98TH ST	243	24-11-208-062-0000		2005	4172.40
ELINOR E HAMANG	9840 S ST. LOUIS AVE	243	24-11-210-052-0000		2005	324.32
TAXPAYER OF	3337 W CLARK DR	243	24-11-212-080-0000		2005	652.06
T J HANG LOOSE INC	9816 S KEDZIE AVE	243	24-11-213-067-0000		2005	21034.71
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THOMAS P DAVIS	10205 S HOMAN AVE	243	24-11-413-053-0000		2005	1876.49
JAMES W SMITH 11895	10225 S TURNER AVE	243	24-11-414-012-0000		2005	1672.57
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LEO & MICHELLE ESPARZA	10220 S HOMAN AVE	243	24-11-423-016-0000		2005	5275.49
THOMAS DART	10030 S CLIFTON PARK A	243	24-11-424-025-0000		2005	4530.97
ROBERT E TIERNEY JR	10001 S ST. LOUIS AVE	243	24-11-426-001-0000		2005	2541.54
GEORGE E BROGAN	10155 S CLIFTON PARK A	243	24-11-428-026-0000		2005	2526.86
GEORGE PANOS	3159 W 95TH ST	243	24-12-100-001-0000		2005	2163.21
GEORGE PANOS	3159 W 95TH ST	243	24-12-100-002-0000		2005	2187.73
GEO PANOS	3159 W 95TH ST	243	24-12-100-007-0000		2005	1621.23
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GEO&CHRISTINA PANOS	3159 W 95TH ST	243	24-12-100-011-0000		2005	178.58
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GEORGE PANOS	3159 W 95TH ST	243	24-12-100-015-0000		2005	126.70
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GEORGE PANOS	3159 W 95TH ST	243	24-12-100-018-0000		2005	126.70
GEORGE & C PANOS	3159 W 95TH ST	243	24-12-100-019-0000		2005	667.41
ROBERT HAMMERGREN	9535 S KEDZIE AVE	243	24-12-100-081-1025		2005	593.83
NATHANIEL CHANEY	9600 S ALBANY AVE	243	24-12-101-063-0000		2005	128.79
JUAN RAMIREZ JR	9544 S ALBANY AVE	243	24-12-101-078-0000		2005	519.68
PATRICK JOHNSTON	9555 S SACRAMENTO AVE	243	24-12-104-032-0000		2005	1980.21
MILDRED SEMPLE	9525 S RICHMOND AVE	243	24-12-106-043-0000		2005	2878.11
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MARLON O PATRICK	9654 S SACRAMENTO AVE	243	24-12-113-044-0000		2005	3673.57
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DAVID & LAURA GEEKIE	9816 S CALIFORNIA AVE	243	24-12-123-045-0000		2005	1579.42
SIMONE COOK	9546 S CAMPBELL AVE	243	24-12-204-012-0000		2005	1452.47
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EDWARD P MCHUGH	2614 W 97TH ST	243	24-12-210-033-0000		2005	1432.18
SCOTT JULIE DEMSKI	2645 W 97TH ST	243	24-12-216-004-0000		2005	883.67
DONALD J KENNEY	2616 W 97TH PL	243	24-12-216-053-0000		2005	1343.08
DEE DEE & ALEXIS SOTO	2603 W 97TH PL	243	24-12-218-021-0000		2005	538.08
WILLIAM HUNDLEY	9801 S MAPLEWOOD AVE	243	24-12-219-005-0000		2005	1296.39
GREEN LUMPKINS JR	9821 S MAPLEWOOD AVE	243	24-12-219-010-0000		2005	1279.04
JOHN & O SEITZ	9837 S MAPLEWOOD AVE	243	24-12-219-014-0000		2005	497.84
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JOSEPH M WHITCHURCH	9804 S ARTESIAN AVE	243	24-12-228-012-0000		2005	1145.23
YVETTE N HATH	9804 S MAPLEWOOD AVE	243	24-12-235-002-0000		2005	2328.13
KATIE J CANTU	9808 S MAPLEWOOD AVE	243	24-12-235-003-0000		2005	2471.49
G GARDELLA& H DUGGAN	10053 S UTICA AVE	243	24-12-300-047-0000		2005	2840.89
TROY SHERROD	2942 W 100TH PL	243	24-12-305-045-0000		2005	1727.90
WAYNE A SPRINGER	2858 W 101ST ST	243	24-12-308-057-0000		2005	1835.01
ROCHELLE FRANKLIN	2949 W 101ST PL	243	24-12-311-060-0000		2005	4998.70
JAMES M FINN	10066 S UTICA AVE	243	24-12-320-020-0000		2005	1587.71
INGRID J ESTRADA	4632 105TH PL	244	24-15-112-024-0000		2005	8641.44
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JAMES E LUNN	10625 S KOLMAR AVE	244	24-15-126-014-0000		2005	2843.72
RAYMOND P LAVERY	4440 104TH PL	244	24-15-129-008-0000		2005	4779.19
RITA M BRINKER	10332 S KOMENSKY AVE	244	24-15-204-113-1010		2005	813.63
SHARON SLOAN	10330 S KOMENSKY AVE	244	24-15-204-113-1013		2005	189.50
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FANNIE MORROW	10308 PULASKI RD	244	24-15-217-003-1036		2005	1197.73
KATHLEEN M TENNANT	4250 107TH ST	244	24-15-221-015-0000		2005	2496.55
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SUSAN H JAROLD	10850 KILPATRICK AVE	244	24-15-308-024-1004		2005	852.42
DONALD C HAUPIN	10840 KILPATRICK AVE	244	24-15-308-026-1012		2005	651.09
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A & C PETROHELOS	10929 KILPATRICK AVE	244	24-15-314-020-0000		2005	4399.57
MICHAEL KNAPCZYK 2B	11004 S KEATING AVE	244	24-15-317-032-1006		2005	898.39
GERALD MURPHY	10829 KILBOURN AVE	244	24-15-326-020-0000		2005	4749.71
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GEROGE METROPOLIS	11015 S KEELER AVE	244	24-15-409-001-0000		2005	2691.42
MICHAEL J VURGIN	4105 WAINWRIGHT PL	244	24-15-409-010-0000		2005	4029.14
PETRA P TAFOYA	10832 CRAWFORD AVE	244	24-15-412-021-0000		2005	2806.44
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MOHAMAD SIHAM SULIEMAN	4227 108TH PL	244	24-15-418-018-0000		2005	2746.83
D KJOS	4232 109TH ST	244	24-15-418-036-0000		2005	4618.63
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JILL C BRACE	10345 WASHINGTON AVE	244	24-16-110-022-0000		2005	5089.47
GAIL GARCIA	5540 103RD PL	244	24-16-111-001-0000		2005	5116.14
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ANDREW SEDLACEK	10400 51ST CT	244	24-16-221-012-0000		2005	5501.07
ANNE M CARBONNEAU	10417 51ST CT	244	24-16-222-005-0000		2005	5328.40
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ROBERT P ROMANOWSKI	10720 S WASHINGTON AVE	244	24-16-301-046-1001		2005	1565.40
ROGER A MEYERS	10725 LACROSSE AVE	244	24-16-403-048-0000		2005	3376.85
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MICHELE SZYKNOWNY	10832 LARAMIE AVE	244	24-16-421-001-0000		2005	4237.09
KEVIN BENAVIDES	11002 DEBLIN LN	244	24-16-422-058-0000		2005	2971.13
MOHAMMAD JABER	5128 TOMCIN TRAIL	244	24-16-423-030-0000		2005	3802.31
JESSE PEREZ	10339 MCVICKER AVE	245	24-17-106-021-0000		2005	2516.80

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BELLA J TRAPP	10609 OXFORD AVE	245	24-17-119-004-0000		2005	2141.57
GUST MAGNESALES	6134 BIRMINGHAM AVE	245	24-17-125-020-0000		2005	755.22
ABU GHOUSH	9942 S MAJOR AVE	245	24-17-201-072-0000		2005	2857.29
ABU GHOUSH	9944 MINNICK AVE	245	24-17-201-073-0000		2005	1577.76
SIGISMUND OLSZEWSKI	5715 EDGE LAKE DR	245	24-17-201-080-0000		2005	1469.99
SIGISMUND OLSZEWSKI	5715 EDGE LAKE DR	245	24-17-201-081-0000		2005	2669.89
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ROSS DIFOGGIO	10354 S PARKSIDE AVE	245	24-17-205-041-1061		2005	229.33
ROSS DI FOGGIO	10424 CENTRAL AVE	245	24-17-205-041-1062		2005	229.33
J VOYTAS	10424 CENTRAL AVE	245	24-17-205-041-1066		2005	133.38
ELIZABETH MCCLOSKEY	10320 CENTRAL AVE	245	24-17-205-049-1003		2005	956.05
PETRINA RAYGOZA	10622 PARKSIDE AVE	245	24-17-208-018-1003		2005	1618.56
ANGELA TOOMEY	10620 PARKSIDE AVE	245	24-17-208-018-1009		2005	959.48
TIMOTHY P HEYWOOD	5840 104TH ST	245	24-17-213-014-1039		2005	1454.01
AGNIESZKA STANKOWSKI	10409 MAYFIELD AVE	245	24-17-216-019-1005		2005	2045.10
MANSFIELD ARMS CONDO	10400 MANSFIELD AVE	245	24-17-216-020-1016		2005	516.41
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FADI ALLAN	10600 S MAYFIELD AVE	245	24-17-219-028-0000		2005	3474.15
PATRICIA LOEWE	10730 MCVICKER AVE	245	24-17-302-014-0000		2005	4134.71
GORDON MARY GULLEY	10706 OAK AVE	245	24-17-312-012-0000		2005	1260.28
KHALED ASOULI	10821 PRINCESS AVE	245	24-17-315-006-0000		2005	3071.15
LINDA ANN KWAK	10829 PRINCESS AVE	245	24-17-315-008-0000		2005	3060.71
LESTER A GRANT	10801 OAK AVE	245	24-17-316-001-0000		2005	2533.14
TIFFANY ROBLES	10908 OAK AVE	245	24-17-317-012-0000		2005	3877.50
MAZIN KARADSHEH	10710 CENTRAL AVE	245	24-17-401-055-1009		2005	868.78
SAHAR RAYYAHIN	10710 CENTRAL AVE	245	24-17-401-055-1019		2005	117.91
SANA HAMMED	11013 S MAYFIELD AVE	245	24-17-405-050-0000		2005	2544.04
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BUSCHBACH BUILDERS	5724 W 111TH ST	245	24-17-407-045-1007		2005	1881.25
FELIP ZARATE	10812 MASSASOIT AVE	245	24-17-413-013-0000		2005	1701.42
MICHAEL LEMONS	10912 S CENTRAL AVE	245	24-17-419-024-1008		2005	962.71
THOMAS & JENNIFER DYER	5901 W 107TH ST	245	24-17-420-008-0000		2005	1399.16
WALTER COTTRELL	6820 W 107TH ST	245	24-18-105-010-0000		2005	1418.26
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PAWEL NYKAZA	UNKNOWN	246	24-18-106-042-1007		2005	1383.61
ANTHONY HENDRICKS	10306 RIDGELAND AVE	245	24-18-201-027-1012		2005	1159.13
AUDREY THOMPSON	10304 RIDGELAND AVE	245	24-18-201-027-1029		2005	946.47
DARYL M CASH	10417 S OAK PARK AVE	245	24-18-211-001-0000		2005	1435.57
IBRAHIM JARAD	10541 SYCAMORE DR	245	24-18-219-029-0000		2005	1443.61
MARIA TYLKA	10630 S RIDGELAND AVE	245	24-18-220-027-1073		2005	188.68
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ARTUR JASTRZEBSKI	UNKNOWN	245	24-18-222-008-1006		2005	2196.02
ARTUR JASTRZEBSKI	UNKNOWN	245	24-18-222-008-1009		2005	2201.17
ARTUR JASTRZEBSKI	UNKNOWN	245	24-18-222-008-1012		2005	2198.02
KAROLINA SAVICKAITE	10704 S DEPOT ST	245	24-18-300-039-1052		2005	206.32
MARIA WEBSTER	10823 DEPOT ST	245	24-18-311-004-0000		2005	3153.03
TAXPAYR OF	6814 S LODE DR	245	24-18-317-011-1004		2005	823.06
EDYTA ZAGORSKA	6905 W 107TH PL	245	24-18-319-011-0000		2005	5834.68
MICHAEL MIESZCZAK	10905 S NASHVILLE AVE	245	24-18-410-015-0000		2005	1634.96
ARTUR JASTRZEBSKI	10931 S LLOYD DR	245	24-18-421-065-0000		2005	21697.09
JAROLSLAV MITURA	UNKNOWN	245	24-18-421-083-1010		2005	1264.45
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BERNADETA SZCZECH	UNKNOWN	246	24-19-103-010-1010		2005	2178.47
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MIROSLAW DEJWOREK	7104 W 113TH PL	246	24-19-111-025-0000		2005	545.35
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J P & J GUIDICE	6804 W 114TH ST	246	24-19-116-028-0000		2005	1594.37
SOUTHPORT DESPARADO	11425 S HARLEM AVE	246	24-19-120-034-0000		2005	47667.56
AMJAD HARB	6751 W 114TH ST	246	24-19-220-037-0000		2005	1676.99
CARL & DEBORAH SNYDER	11431 S NORMANDY AVE	246	24-19-221-008-0000		2005	3197.08
FRANK V WALINSKI	11440 S NASHVILLE AVE	246	24-19-222-020-0000		2005	1353.32
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SHAUNNA RUSSELL	5331 W MINT JULIP DR	246	24-21-101-023-1037		2005	1479.56
SNADRA LEE JOHNSON	5360 DIXIE DR	246	24-21-103-033-1003		2005	1505.33
D MARTIN	11440 MATHER AVE	246	24-21-205-021-0000		2005	1851.00
HELLENIE ORTRODOX CH	11414 S AVON AVE	246	24-21-206-037-0000		2005	1960.69
ASHRAFF ENSHIWAT	11243 S LARAMIE AVE	246	24-21-206-045-0000		2005	3081.24
JOSE ELMA MENDEZ	11311 S LAMON AVE	246	24-21-209-022-0000		2005	1327.10
HANA RAFATI	5138 W 113TH ST	246	24-21-210-003-0000		2005	3712.06
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ARDMORE CONSTRUCTION	11650 S LA CROSSE AVE	246	24-21-414-006-0000		2005	5084.27
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ROBERT R HODAC	5127 W 118TH ST	246	24-21-425-019-0000		2005	1680.27
HURWITZ RICHARD A	11850 S LAVERGNE AVE	246	24-21-427-016-0000		2005	2449.38
CHARLES T BUTLER	11808 S LAPORTE AVE	246	24-21-428-010-0000		2005	1557.26
GEORGIA M LAMBROS	4734 W 115TH PL	246	24-22-301-004-0000		2005	2080.43
ZBIGNIEW RYCEWICZ	4728 W 115TH PL	246	24-22-301-005-0000		2005	3431.07
MICHAEL BROWN	11553 S JOALYCE DR	246	24-22-327-006-0000		2005	2184.99
THEODORA DEMETREAS	11681 S JOALYCE DR	246	24-22-334-011-0000		2005	2813.15
TIMOTHY GRUTZIUS	11725 S ROSEMARY LN	246	24-22-339-010-0000		2005	2648.66
ADNAN SAFI	4157 W 115TH ST	246	24-22-403-001-0000		2005	2099.83
NASER MHMMAD	4155 W 115TH ST	246	24-22-403-014-0000		2005	2325.55
ROLF SCHWARZ	11512 S KARLOV AVE	246	24-22-404-009-0000		2005	1587.42
JERRY & HANNA MIREK	11549 S KOMENSKY AVE	246	24-22-406-014-0000		2005	1705.19
MARIANO O ROMO	11514 S KOLIN AVE	246	24-22-417-006-0000		2005	1156.56
MARIANN HENDRICKSON	4201 W 115TH ST	246	24-22-421-021-0000		2005	2307.05
MARVIN T ROSS	11752 S TRIPP AVE	246	24-22-424-038-0000		2005	1858.67
TAXPAYER OF	3913 W 115TH ST	246	24-23-300-008-0000		2005	4072.21
JASON MARQUARDT	3838 W 115TH PL	246	24-23-301-057-0000		2005	2496.28
HENRY A BOCKMANN	3847 W 115TH PL	246	24-23-301-058-0000		2005	1095.75
DAN ODONNELL	3727 W 115TH ST	246	24-23-302-037-0000		2005	366.46
KELLY KEVIN	3632 W 115TH PL	246	24-23-303-034-0000		2005	1482.52
MICHAEL FITZGERALD	3717 WASHINGTON AVE	246	24-23-306-025-0000		2005	2184.42
CATHERINE CLAYTON	3735 WASHINGTON AVE	246	24-23-306-034-0000		2005	2633.61
BARBARA DOANE	3645 W 116TH ST	246	24-23-311-048-0000		2005	2938.92

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I LARSON	11831 S LAWNDALE AVE	246	24-23-330-006-0000		2005	241.01
RICHARD FEIGL	3101 W 114TH ST	246	24-24-115-006-0000		2005	2537.94
MARK MARZANO	3169 W 115TH ST	246	24-24-300-044-1005		2005	1235.73
SPYIDON UISUARDIS	11716 S SACRAMENTO DR	246	24-24-313-031-0000		2005	862.75
PAUL A DAVIS	3177 W PARK LANE DR	246	24-24-315-002-0000		2005	311.86
ADRIAN CIENFUEGOS	1191S MAPLE AVE	247	24-25-201-069-0000		2005	2665.74
RAYMOND W FOERTSCH	11914 ARTESIAN AVE	247	24-25-203-030-0000		2005	400.00
GRACE JEFFREY L	12011 ARTESIAN AVE	247	24-25-208-053-0000		2005	1146.42
KARON REED	12227 FAIRWAY CIR	247	24-25-209-010-1024		2005	1221.68
SHARON ALEXANDER	12252 FAIRWAY CIR	247	24-25-209-016-1008		2005	1570.94
TAMIKA SIMMONS	12231 FAIRWAY CIR	247	24-25-209-016-1031		2005	2283.38
JUANITA ANDREWS	12235 FAIRWAY CIR	247	24-25-209-016-1033		2005	3061.12
LASALLE B7830085807	12200 FAIRWAY CIR	247	24-25-209-016-1068		2005	1570.94
DONNELLA NEWSOME	12106 ANN ST	247	24-25-212-026-0000		2005	1890.76
WILLIE MCGHEE	12133 ANN ST	247	24-25-213-011-0000		2005	2452.98
LOUIS & EVELYN TIBERI	12133 ANN ST	247	24-25-213-012-0000		2005	863.82
HAROLD B BURDETTE	12111 GREENWOOD AVE	247	24-25-214-002-0000		2005	3758.58
BETH WOESSNER	12111 GREENWOOD AVE	247	24-25-214-003-0000		2005	491.51
KRISTEN HARKER ZINT	12147 ARTESIAN AVE	247	24-25-215-055-0000		2005	1374.64
HERITAGE TR CO 1562	2719 122ND ST	247	24-25-218-001-0000		2005	889.23
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ROGER DECKER	271S 122ND ST	247	24-25-218-003-0000		2005	1436.93
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HARRY-CORINNE JACKSON	12223 MAPLE AVE	247	24-25-222-008-0000		2005	3725.11
M SCHEFFLER 12233	12233 ANN ST	247	24-25-223-011-0000		2005	1475.63
M SCHEFFLER 12253	12253 ANN ST	247	24-25-223-049-0000		2005	1625.68
JOLANTA PLEWA .	12231 GREENWOOD AVE	247	24-25-224-011-0000		2005	1021.09
MARY ESPINOSA	12209 ARTESIAN AVE	247	24-25-225-004-0000		2005	1698.49
CHRISTINA GELLING	12002 MAPLE AVE	247	24-25-227-007-0000		2005	1335.42
THOMAS GERVASE	2940 SACRAMENTO AVE	247	24-25-306-005-0000		2005	24318.53
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SALVATION ARM	12630 FRANCISCO AVE	247	24-25-307-002-0000		2005	25892.00
HENRY GARCIA	2814 MINNESOTA AVE	247	24-25-308-032-0000		2005	369.98
BENNET GREENWALD	12341 MEADOW LN	247	24-25-400-062-0000		2005	678.67
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RAUL I LOPEZ	12351 S MEADOW LN	247	24-25-400-106-0000		2005	953.06
DAWWANA TORRES	12435 S MEADOW LN	247	24-25-400-131-0000		2005	469.68
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DEVON H KEYS	2453 123RD ST	247	24-25-403-002-0000		2005	112.49
UPTOWN NATIONAL BANK	2441 123RD ST	247	24-25-403-010-0000		2005	18432.69
STEPHANIE L YOUNG	2642 ORCHARD ST	247	24-25-405-019-0000		2005	2812.83
RICHARD M PELLEGRINI	12342 MAPLE AVE	247	24-25-405-031-0000		2005	S11.87
DANIEL J DICARLO	2539 GRUNEWALD ST	247	24-25-406-010-0000		2005	956.96
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MARIA INES TORRES	2442 ORCHARD ST	247	24-25-407-016-0000		2005	2105.S1
ROY T CHEW	12430 FAIRVIEW AVE	247	24-25-408-029-0000		2005	3353.28
JEANETTE CHUN	2645 ORCHARD ST	247	24-25-409-004-0000		2005	1047.03
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SHIMKUS RICHARD T	2622 COLLINS ST	247	24-25-409-025-0000		2005	905.38
MARIA INES TORRES	12419 MAPLE AVE	247	24-25-410-037-0000		2005	744.55
ROBERTA W RUTHENBERG	2528 COLLINS ST	247	24-25-410-041-0000		2005	2255.07
MICHAEL J DIETTE	12442 WESTERN AVE	247	24-25-414-027-0000		2005	5690.44
DORSEY CALHOUN	12556 FAIRVIEW AVE	247	24-25-415-017-1045		2005	285.93
ANGELA LOVETT	12552 FAIRVIEW AVE	247	24-25-415-017-1050		2005	198.35
DAVID & LUCILA SUTTON	12536 FAIRVIEW AVE	247	24-25-416-040-0000		2005	3678.61
JOSEPH PEGORIN	12550 ANN ST	247	24-25-421-013-0000		2005	2335.95
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CHESTER W PERLINSKI	12636 MAPLE AVE	247	24-25-427-043-0000		2005	2311.29
RALPH HATFIELD JR	12605 MAPLE AVE	247	24-25-428-002-0000		2005	2835.19
CHRISTOPHE WARD	12130 S HAMLIN AVE	247	24-26-101-031-0000		2005	1774.80
YVONNE LAWS	12234 S LAWNDALE AVE	247	24-26-102-055-0000		2005	1095.16
RUDOLPH A PERICH	11939 S LAWNDALE AVE	247	24-26-102-078-1005		2005	755.28
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WILLIAM S MANROT	12225 S AVERS AVE	247	24-26-112-006-0000		2005	1911.27
PETER O FLAHERTY	3607 NUALA LN	247	24-26-114-020-0000		2005	1296.93
CESAR CONTRERAS	3624 W 121ST ST	247	24-26-115-012-0000		2005	1104.23
ANTHONY J HEINZELL	3644 W 121ST PL	247	24-26-118-001-0000		2005	3600.29
JOSEPH M OKONSKI	3636 W 121ST PL	247	24-26-118-003-0000		2005	2204.52
CARL ZELLAK	12219 S MILLARD AVE	247	24-26-118-022-0000		2005	1086.90
ERNESTO VELEZ	11934 S RIDGEWAY AVE	247	24-26-122-022-1012		2005	1568.59
RICHARD M PALANCA	3639 W SCOTT DR	247	24-26-303-006-0000		2005	3888.79
JERZY MASLOWSKI	3605 W BENCK DR	247	24-26-304-002-0000		2005	1353.78
SHARON BERGQUIST	3821 W 123RD ST	247	24-26-304-034-1017		2005	108.85
SHARON BERGQUIST	3827 W 123RD ST	247	24-26-304-034-1032		2005	1113.27
MARY K SHANKS	12532 S CENTRAL PARK A	247	24-26-310-012-0000		2005	1724.87
ERICA DURAN	3611 W DEER PARK DR	247	24-26-311-019-1030		2005	3060.62
LOLA J BRADLEY	3604 W 125TH ST	247	24-26-311-019-1073		2005	3038.54
PARTICK ROBINSON	3731 GLEN DR	247	24-26-312-009-1055		2005	1163.26
A PUPO	12524 S TRUMBULL AVE	247	24-26-401-034-0000		2005	1989.63
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ROBERT WINTERS	3401 W 124TH PL	247	24-26-409-009-0000		2005	2073.91
ALBERT ABID	12527 S TRUMBULL AVE	247	24-26-410-021-0000		2005	1360.09
JAWDAT DISSI	3432 W 123RD PL	247	24-26-411-018-0000		2005	2694.88
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SAEED FAKHARI	12201 S CICERO AVE	247	24-27-101-002-0000		2005	2003.51
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SAEED FAKHARI	12231 S CICERO AVE	247	24-27-101-014-0000		2005	1245.14
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SAEED FAKHARI	12235 S CICERO AVE	247	24-27-101-020-0000		2005	1109.11
TIAN WOODSON	12253 S MCDANIEL ST	247	24-27-103-027-0000		2005	1811.25
MILDRED HLATKY	12255 S MCDANIEL ST	247	24-27-103-029-0000		2005	1040.40
ALBERT ZULEGER	12201 S 45TH ST	247	24-27-107-028-0000		2005	1536.46
JAMES D PARK	11942 S KARLOV AVE	247	24-27-202-021-0000		2005	735.49
JUDY A DE ANGELES	4206 W SHIRLEY LN	247	24-27-206-031-0000		2005	31239.73
MARY BITHOS	12024 S KILDARE AVE	247	24-27-207-014-1001		2005	207.84
ALEJANDRA CASTILLO	4155 W TERMUNDE DR	247	24-27-210-051-0000		2005	3312.57
PERPETUA BURR OAK HOLD	12700 S CICERO AVE	247	24-27-300-002-0000		2005	84733.48
JOSEPH J KRAUCHUNAS	12323 S 44TH CT	247	24-27-301-024-0000		2005	1897.24
FUMIKO N SHIMASHITA	4533 W 123RD ST	247	24-27-304-001-0000		2005	433.74
JOHN M STARR	12408 S ORCHARD ST	247	24-27-306-029-0000		2005	1025.39

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FUAD SAFI	12400 S 44TH PL	247	24-27-308-019-0000		2005	1671.68
GREAT LAKES ICE CREAM	12340 S KEDVALE AVE	247	24-27-411-001-0000		2005	237.59
AMER RUSTUM	12109 LOCKWOOD AVE	248	24-28-105-014-0000		2005	3306.26
NICKOLAS TZAVARAS	12000 S CICERO AVE	248	24-28-201-062-0000		2005	47700.99
JOSE L GARZA	5023 W 119TH ST	248	24-28-206-027-0000		2005	1954.19
LINDA LEE SALA	5013 W 120TH PL	248	24-28-208-014-0000		2005	3287.77
SHERRY L LOWER	5024 W 122ND ST	248	24-28-210-048-1016		2005	750.65
S & C CUNNINGHAM	5048 W 122ND ST	248	24-28-210-048-1027		2005	386.90
FATIMAH ABDELRAZIK	12129 S LAVERGNE AVE	248	24-28-212-003-0000		2005	3336.68
STEVE ALVARADO	4811 W 121ST PL	248	24-28-213-011-0000		2005	4875.80
ALLAN K INC	12609 S ALPINE DR	248	24-28-302-026-0000		2005	56544.83
LEON SULA	5504 CALUMET SAG RD	248	24-28-303-020-0000		2005	13469.38
KANAN ASHKAR	12357 S LAMON AVE	248	24-28-401-013-0000		2005	1215.S1
MICHAEL BEHRENS	4854 W 127TH ST	248	24-28-402-029-0000		2005	113.01
ASUNCION DELUNA	4919 W 123RD PL	248	24-28-407-005-0000		2005	1219.72
PAMELA S PETERS	6386 W WILLOW WOOD DR	248	24-29-100-023-1006		2005	2823.03
GLENWAY MASONRY INC	12525 MOODY AVE	248	24-29-305-005-0000		2005	2033.27
DAVE ANDERSON	6006 W 124TH ST	248	24-29-309-009-0000		2005	3312.33
JOSH LENARZ	12537 MAJOR AVE	248	24-29-401-007-0000		2005	1534.27
AMBROCIO VELASQUEZ	5816 W 127TH ST	248	24-29-411-025-0000		2005	1762.84
JOSEPH J DURANT	11955 S 69TH AVE	248	24-30-107-002-0000		2005	5536.02
DANNY R STOVER	12023 S 68TH CT	248	24-30-116-003-0000		2005	3952.01
JOSEPH S SCERBA	12600 S 68TH CT	248	24-30-324-007-0000		2005	5547.04
JOSEPH F SMALZER	10 BURRIS CT.	248	24-30-421-001-0000		2005	4538.60
MARIA A ARBOLEDA	6836 W EDGEWOOD RD	248	24-31-109-027-0000		2005	3012.41
DANUTA GOGOLA	12843 S OAK PARK AVE	248	24-31-206-010-0000		2005	4334.27
ELIZABAETH MCLAIN	102 AUGUSTA CT	248	24-31-214-026-0000		2005	13215.27
CAROLINE & RON CARR	121 AUGUSTA DR	248	24-31-215-011-0000		2005	9811.28
ALEXANDER SMELUIS	317 PINEHURST DR	248	24-31-401-011-0000		2005	4916.03
MADONNA L ELENTENY	3906 SPYGLASS CIR	248	24-31-404-055-1020		2005	4400.58
MR & MRS THORMANN	3906 SPYGLASS CIR	248	24-31-404-055-1033		2005	4171.85
INGRIDA BENIUSIENE	2003 SPYGLASS CIR	248	24-31-404-055-1082		2005	4171.85
BEN SILVA	3103 SPYGLASS CIR	248	24-31-404-055-1099		2005	3791.90
Gatewest LLC	2902 SPYGLASS CIR	248	24-31-404-055-1152		2005	4400.58
DAVID GONZALEZ	4006 SPYGLASS CIR	248	24-31-404-055-1162		2005	4400.58
GateWest LLC	3801 SPYGLASS CIR	248	24-31-404-055-1190		2005	4546.79
MARGIN SZPAK	12822 CARRIAGE LN	248	24-32-210-017-0000		2005	1684.20
LaSalle Bank Tr#132616	5706 W 129TH ST	248	24-32-210-027-1011		2005	1826.04
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RULA ODEH	13230 FOREST RIDGE DR	248	24-32-300-018-0000		2005	14708.66
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Westgate Valley LLC	13362 FOREST RIDGE DR	248	24-32-300-048-1080		2005	4686.23
Westgate Valley LLC	13455 COVE CT	248	24-32-300-049-0000		2005	8705.87
ROBERT JOHNSON	13213 GREENLEAF TRAIL	248	24-32-300-051-0000		2005	45114.81
FRANK RUFFOLO	13204 GREEN LEAF TRL	248	24-32-300-053-1005		2005	6107.32
BRIAN M BERG	13097 LAUREL GLEN CT	248	24-32-303-016-1036		2005	2937.01
DAVID ALAN SCHOBER	5424 W 128TH PL	248	24-33-100-123-0000		2005	2892.63
DORIS M MAHOLOVICH	5230 PLEASANT LN	248	24-33-108-021-0000		2005	2325.46
YOUSEF A RISH	4839 W ENGLE RD	248	24-33-201-022-1011		2005	111S.29
MICHAEL KOKOSKA	12741 S LA CROSSE AVE	248	24-33-204-040-1012		2005	632.66
DONNA ANDERSON	1271S S LA CROSSE AVE	248	24-33-204-041-1009		2005	600.30
RENEE HUGHES	5514 CRESTWOOD DR	248	24-33-310-033-0000		2005	2484.75
MARK A KAPANOWSKI	4844 W 135TH ST	248	24-33-403-030-0000		2005	2400.85
BRUNO GRANT	13430 CICERO AVE	248	24-33-403-052-0000		2005	31218.73
MARY PETERSON	13430 CICERO AVE	248	24-33-403-063-0000		2005	835.77
BRUNO GRANT	13441 E CIRCLE DR	248	24-33-403-064-0000		2005	22106.79
BRUNO GRANT	13430 CICERO AVE	248	24-33-403-065-0000		2005	417.85
BRUNO GRANT	13441 W CIRCLE DR	248	24-33-403-087-0000		2005	21198.79
MARGARET G BARLOG	13422 W CIRCLE DR	248	24-33-403-093-1095		2005	108.90
WILLIE BEDFORD	5000 CIRCLE CT	248	24-33-403-096-1084		2005	280.35
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PFM ENTERPRISE LLC	13320 CICERO AVE	248	24-33-403-109-0000		2005	27066.14
ROBERT J PALUCH	13318 CIRCLE AVE	248	24-33-403-112-1149		2005	1771.50
ROBERT J PALUCH	13316 CIRCLE AVE	248	24-33-403-112-1165		2005	213.83
TERESA MILLER	4951 W 134TH PL	248	24-33-405-042-1023		2005	142.22
ADNAN SAFI	4709 W 128TH ST	249	24-34-105-006-0000		2005	3309.95
SELVA HAMID	12805 S KENNETH AVE	249	24-34-113-026-1001		2005	796.69
SHADI QATTAWI	12805 S KENNETH AVE	249	24-34-113-026-1003		2005	796.69
JOANNE KALAFUT	4420 W 127TH PL	249	24-34-113-042-0000		2005	1353.42
CARI ANNE MCNICHOLAS	12830 ORCHARD LN	249	24-34-114-029-0000		2005	1459.51
BILLY DEAN WRIGHT JR	12826 S APPLE LN	249	24-34-115-025-0000		2005	3084.18
JESUS HERRERA	13001 W BLOSSOM DR	249	24-34-115-055-0000		2005	1460.69
JAMES BOUILLION	4630 W 131ST ST	249	24-34-116-045-1053		2005	734.79
TAXPAYER OF	4588 131ST ST	249	24-34-116-049-1028		2005	1281.52
DIANE LEE KURKEWICH	12844 W BLOSSOM DR	249	24-34-117-024-0000		2005	3165.51
D ORTIZ	12836 W BLOSSOM DR	249	24-34-117-028-0000		2005	2606.95
TIMOTHY NEWTON	13443 CICERO AVE	249	24-34-302-037-0000		2005	28871.03
INEVA BROWN	UNKNOWN	249	24-34-402-004-0000		2005	624.66
AA & E PRICE	UNKNOWN	249	24-34-402-018-0000		2005	624.66
ROBERTO PEARSON JR	4104 W LINCOLN LN	249	24-34-403-015-0000		2005	934.40
CARPENTER DORIS	4100 W LINCOLN LN	249	24-34-403-016-0000		2005	1546.13
MAR LYNN WRIGHT	13337 S KOSTNER AVE	249	24-34-404-010-0000		2005	827.63
MACKIE M ANDERSON	13348 S KILDARE AVE	249	24-34-405-026-0000		2005	440.63
MARION W SMITH	13336 S TRIPP ST	249	24-34-406-023-0000		2005	639.05
CAROL SIMMONS	13407 S KOSTNER AVE	249	24-34-408-004-0000		2005	463.85
RUSCHELLE GEARRING	4304 W 135TH ST	249	24-34-409-024-0000		2005	447.19
JEFFREY M SAULS	4222 W 135TH ST	249	24-34-410-024-0000		2005	144.58
GLENDA WEATHERSPOON	13316 S KEDVALE AVE	249	24-34-412-029-0000		2005	285.67
ELMORE BUTLER	4112 W 135TH ST	249	24-34-413-042-0000		2005	447.19
ALOYSE M MARTINEZ	13416 S KOMINSKY AVE	249	24-34-414-024-0000		2005	634.19
GERALD DAVIS	13415 S KOMINSKY AVE	249	24-34-415-016-0000		2005	596.19
GERALD DAVIS	13423 S KOMINSKY AVE	249	24-34-415-018-0000		2005	596.19
PRESTON ALLBRITTON	13312 S PULASKI AVE	249	24-34-415-025-0000		2005	159.93
KATHRYN ROYSTER	13314 S PULASKI AVE	249	24-34-415-026-0000		2005	279.45
GEORGIA DAMPIER	4114 W 135TH ST	249	24-34-415-037-0000		2005	279.45
AMERIWASH INC	3935 W 127TH ST	249	24-35-100-084-0000		2005	23047.88
ALFONSO LOPEZ	3327 127TH ST	249	24-35-201-012-0000		2005	504.38
ALFONSO LOPEZ	13156 EDISON ST	249	24-35-201-028-0000		2005	542.29
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ALFONSO P LOPEZ	3327 W 127TH ST	249	24-35-201-043-0000		2005	2435.34
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VERNICE & JIM THOMAS	3912 W LINCOLN LN	249	24-35-301-005-0000		2005	591.33
LILLIAN SMITH	3908 W LINCOLN LN	249	24-35-301-008-0000		2005	428.44
RENEE T HARVEY	3820 W LINCOLN LN	249	24-35-301-019-0000		2005	354.07
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Y FAN & M JLANS	3810 W LINCOLN LN	249	24-35-301-024-0000		2005	1207.25
SILAS J. GULLETT	13402 S SPRINGFIELD AV	249	24-35-303-021-0000		2005	450.67
TAX PAYER OF	13412 S SPRINGFIELD AV	249	24-35-303-026-0000		2005	450.67
R L DIXON	3910 W 135TH ST	249	24-35-303-044-0000		2005	1050.43
KEVIN WILLIE CARTER	13409 S SPRINGFIELD AV	249	24-35-304-005-0000		2005	1802.56
KEVIN WILLIE CARTER	13411 S SPRINGFIELD AV	249	24-35-304-006-0000		2005	450.67
VERNIS SMITH	13402 S AVERS AVE	249	24-35-304-020-0000		2005	450.67
MR ROBERT INGRAM	13406 S AVERS AVE	249	24-35-304-022-0000		2005	450.67

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SALYEPAIRE	13436 S AVERS AVE	249	24-35-304-034-0000		2005	450.67
RONNIE KEW	13440 S AVERS AVE	249	24-35-304-036-0000		2005	450.67
RONNIE KEW	13442 S AVERS AVE	249	24-35-304-037-0000		2005	450.67
NATIONAL CLAYTON	13427 S AVERS AVE	249	24-35-305-015-0000		2005	1531.25
RONNIE KEW	13416 S HAMLIN AVE	249	24-35-305-036-0000		2005	923.24
TYRONE WARD	13428 S HAMLIN AVE	249	24-35-305-042-0000		2005	1532.54
FANNIE CALLOWAY	UNKNOWN	249	24-35-306-002-0000		2005	436.85
WALTER L JONES	3720 W LINCOLN LN	249	24-35-306-007-0000		2005	596.19
PAULETTA LINDSEY	UNKNOWN	249	24-35-306-008-0000		2005	596.19
DANIEL WRIGHT	13405 S RIDGEWAY AVE	249	24-35-308-003-0000		2005	553.24
CONTECO 13413	13417 S RIDGEWAY AVE	249	24-35-308-009-0000		2005	648.57
LEE A CLAY JR	13419 S RIDGEWAY AVE	249	24-35-308-010-0000		2005	648.57
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Credit Score Confusion

If you're one of the millions of Americans who don't know their credit scores, you could be missing out on an opportunity to save money on your mortgage, cars, jewelry, electronics, vacations and anything else you may charge.

Your credit score is an estimate of your credit risk, which is based on your credit report. Lenders use this number to determine how likely you will be to repay a loan or line of credit in a timely manner. The higher the score, the more likely you'll receive a lower interest rate, and ultimately save money.

Only 27 percent of consumers understand that credit scores measure credit risk – not credit knowledge, amount of credit or attitude toward credit, according to the Consumer Federation of America.

"There are many misconceptions circulating about the function and purpose of credit scores," said Mike Sullivan, director of education for Take Charge America, a national non-profit credit counseling agency. "Yet, this three-digit number can impact you financially nearly every day of your life."

American consumers have an average of 13 credit obligations on record at a credit bureau, according to Fair Isaac Corporation, which pioneered the most common credit score, called the FICO score. These obligations include commonly-used credit cards, store cards, gas cards and installment loans, each of which has an impact on your credit score.

To help sort out the confusion, Sullivan answers six common questions about credit scores:

Do I have only one credit score? No, lenders are not required to report to each of the three major credit bureaus: Equifax, Experian and Trans Union. Each agency may have different information on your report, and therefore, a different score.

If I continually check my credit report, will that lower my credit score? You can check your report directly from the three credit bureaus as many times are you want, and it will not affect your credit score. To obtain a free credit report, visit www.annualcreditreport.com.

If I cancel a credit card, can that lower my credit score? Yes, canceling credit cards can actually decrease your score. For instance, if you have $50,000 in available credit and owe $10,000, then you owe 20 percent of your available credit. If you close an account with a $30,000 credit limit, you will then owe the same $10,000 but it will be 50 percent of your available credit. That lowers your credit score. It also affects the history part of your score, lowering it even further.

Does my salary affect my credit score? Your credit score is based on the amount of credit and debt you have, not how much money you make. If you receive a raise, and your credit and debt remain the same, your credit score will not improve. If you receive a raise and use that extra money to pay down your debt, then your credit score will improve.

Does shopping for a loan lower my credit score? While multiple inquiries do show up on your credit report, they do not necessarily damage your score. If the same types of inquiries are made within 14 days of each other, they only count as one inquiry on your credit report. Keep in mind that this applies to loans, not credit cards.

If I only use cash to make purchases, will I improve my credit score? Your credit score is determined by the amount of credit you use, not the amount of cash you use. A steady, responsible use of credit is the best way to build your credit score. You need to find a middle ground, as an absence of credit as well as an overuse of credit can work against you.

Expand Family-Based Substance Abuse Treatment For Meth Addiction

U.S. Sens. Dick Durbin (D-IL), a member of the Senate Anti-Meth Caucus, and Norm Coleman (R-MN) recently introduced legislation, known as the Family-Based Meth Treatment Act of 2007, to improve comprehensive, family-based substance abuse treatment for methamphetamine addiction.

Durbin and Coleman noted that studies consistently show that family-based treatment increases long-term sobriety, educational enrollment, and gainful employment, along with decreased criminal activity and child development delays. Family-based treatment centers combine substance abuse recovery with mental health counseling, medical treatment, parenting, education and legal services. These programs provide essential needs of the entire family, rather than just the parent, and have proven to be extremely effective.

Statistically, Illinois and Minnesota mirror the rest of the country with at least 70% of the child welfare cases involving a substance-abusing parent. The meth epidemic now poses greater costs to states and the federal government as a result of increased child welfare and criminal justice caseloads.

"I am proud to say that Illinois has two very successful family-based treatment centers statewide," said Durbin. "The Women's Treatment Center and the Haymarket Center in Chicago have helped hundreds of participants reach their long-term sobriety goals, improve family relationships, enroll in school, and find jobs. This legislation will give these family-based centers the tools and resources they need to continue helping those that come through the door and give them a chance to open new doors for communities that still need help."

"I know firsthand from talking to victims and communities across Minnesota that methamphetamine abuse brings devastating consequences not only to individual abusers, but also to families, friends and the community," said Coleman. "Sadly, meth has a tendency to tear families apart. Our legislation will not only help parents and pregnant women break their addictions, but also provide services to help them recover their relationships with their children."

The Family-Based Meth Treatment Act of 2007:

Allows additional funding for the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT) to award grants to programs that provide comprehensive, family-based substance abuse treatment for parents and pregnant women;

Requires the Director to give priority to programs serving areas affected by high rates of meth addiction with special attention to rural areas;

Provides funding to organizations that specialize in comprehensive, family-based substance abuse treatment services for non-violent offenders as an alternative to incarceration.

Sen. Durbin recently received the Guardian Award from the Partnership for a Drug-Free America to recognize his work in combating substance abuse. He has successfully secured funds for local meth awareness campaigns in Illinois. In 2005, Durbin and Coleman cosponsored the Combat Meth Act, which was included as part of the Patriot Act and signed into law. The bill includes funds set-aside for prosecutors and law enforcement agents for rural communities.

Declining Home Values Jeopardize Reverse Mortgage

A deeper and more widespread decline in home values is jeopardizing many retirees' ability to tap a reverse mortgage for relief from their financial hardships.

According to a recent report from the National Association of Realtors (NAR), the fourth quarter of 2006 had the biggest year-over-year decline in home prices on record. Prices dropped 2.7 percent in the fourth quarter which followed a 1.0 percent decline in the third quarter.

Not only do declining home prices impact sellers and buyers, they also impact how much senior homeowners may receive when they apply for a reverse mortgage.

A reverse mortgage enables homeowners 62 and older to convert their home equity into cash. What makes this type of mortgage so popular is that there are no payments for as long as the borrowers live in their home. The reverse mortgage is typically repaid from the proceeds from the sale of the home, when the senior homeowner no longer lives there.

The amount a borrower may receive from a reverse mortgage is determined by their age, the interest rate, and the home value. A slump in a home's value can reduce the amount a retiree may receive from the reverse mortgage.

Median home prices are down 3.4 percent, as reported by NAR. During the past six months, there have been declines in three-quarters of the markets. A number of markets reported double-digit declines.

The market with the biggest drop in home values was Palm Bay-Melbourne-Titusville, FL. The median prices plunged 19.5 percent.

A senior homeowner 74 years old with a $200,000 home may receive a lump sum of $123,421 from the federally-insured reverse mortgage. If the home value was to decline by 3.4 percent, the amount would be reduced by $4,484.

However, if the home value was to drop 19.5 percent, the lump sum from the reverse mortgage would be $99,773, or $25,717 less: a significant amount by anyone's standards.

Senior homeowners with an existing mortgage on their home must pay it off to qualify for the reverse mortgage. This is usually done from the proceeds of the reverse mortgage. Paying off an existing mortgage and eliminating the monthly mortgage payment can make a huge difference in the lives of retirees struggling to live on a fixed or limited income.

"A drop in the amount a senior customer may receive from the reverse mortgage could risk their ability to qualify if there are not sufficient funds to pay off an existing mortgage in full," Mary Pat Legler, Reverse Mortgage Specialist, South Central Bank, said. "A decline in a home's value or rise in interest rates can reduce the amount that a customer may receive from the reverse mortgage."

The good news is that NAR believes the worst is over for the slump in home prices.

To learn more about reverse mortgages, South Central Bank is providing a free reverse mortgage informational package and confidential estimate by calling them toll-free at (877) 370-7533.

Prepare For Spring And Summer Severe Weather

With the one-year anniversary of a major tornado in Central Illinois just days away, Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich recently encouraged people to prepare now for severe spring weather. The governor proclaimed March 4th to 10th as Severe Weather Preparedness Week in Illinois, and urged Illinois residents to learn more about the weather hazards that can threaten during the spring and summer months.

The governor said the Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA) and the National Weather Service (NWS) are joining together to raise awareness of tornadoes and severe storms during this year's Severe Weather Preparedness Week. As part of the week, schools and businesses were encouraged to practice their severe storm emergency plans during a statewide tornado drill that was held on Tuesday, March 6th at 10 a.m.

Illinois experienced a record number of tornadoes in 2006, with 124 tornadoes reported touching down throughout the state. The new record surpassed the previous record of 120 tornadoes set in 2003. Tornadoes last year resulted in one death and 49 injuries. On average, Illinois sees around 41 tornadoes each year.

Weather watches and warnings from the NWS are a critical tool in alerting people to approaching severe weather in their areas. The NWS is working to refine its warnings so they provide people with more specific detail about storms in their counties.

Nearly 30 percent of all tornadoes in Illinois occur after dark. For that reason, it's especially important that homes and businesses closely monitor threatening conditions at night, particular when people are asleep.

Besides tornadoes, spring and early summer in Illinois also bring severe thunderstorms and flooding. Severe thunderstorms can produce tornadoes, damaging winds, lightning, hail and heavy rain, all of which can cause death, injuries and property damage. Since 1990, lightning has killed 26 people. In 2001, Illinois ranked second in the nation for lightning fatalities.

While many people don't consider floods as dangerous as tornadoes, flooding is the number one severe weather killer nationwide. The most dangerous type of flooding is a flash flood, which can sweep away everyone and everything in its path. Fourteen people in Illinois have died from flash floods since 1995, most of which occurred in vehicles.

IEMA and NWS have also developed a Severe Weather Preparedness Guide, which contains information and tips on how to keep you and your family safe when a storm approaches and what actions to take following a severe storm, tornado or flood. The guide is available on the IEMA Web site at www.state.il.us/iema or by calling (217) 785-9888.

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Oak Lawn's Summer Bike Patrol

The Oak Lawn Police Department in an effort to better serve the community will implement the summer bike patrol on May 25th. The bike patrol officers will concentrate on the parks to reduce crime and criminal activity. They will also focus on the youth at block parties and community events. The bike patrol has been a summer program in Oak Lawn since 1999 and is always well received.

The program in part is funded by a Justice Assistance Grant provided by the U. S. Department of Justice. The Project B.A.D.G.E. (Balanced Approach to Drug and Gang Elimination) grant is administered through the Judicial Advisory Council of Cook County.

Flea Market

The Oak Lawn Community Church, 9000 S. Ridgeland Ave., is looking for sellers for their annual Outdoor Flea Market on Saturday, June 23rd from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Up to 40 sellers will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. The price is $10 for a space. For more information, you may call the church office at (708) 599-4025, and leave your name and address to receive an application or you can stop in the church office on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday between 9 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

In Search Of Paradise

Join the Oak Lawn Park District as to tour the gardens of Millennium Park and the Bahai Temple on Thursday, May 31. The trip will include lunch at Pompei Restaurant and transportation aboard a Travel Services Motorcoach. The motorcoach will depart from the Community Pavilion (9401 S. Oak Park Ave.) at 8 a.m. and return at 6 p.m. The fee is $67 for Oak Lawn residents and $72 for non-residents. For more information call (708) 857-2200.

Fire At The Fox Home Center

The Alsip Fire Depart-ment is investigating a fire that struck the Fox Lum-ber Company on 115th & Cicero in Alsip that occurred on Sunday, May 13th. The 45-year-old business suffered extensive damage in a blaze that may have been caused by exploding propane tanks. However, it was stated that the direct cause of the blaze was 'unclear' at this time.

The fire reportedly began at about noon. The store was not crowded with only 20 employees and customers conducting their business. They were able to get out of the main building when several Oak Lawn police personnel who were eating at a nearby restaurant as well as warnings from people coming into the building alerted everyone to the fire.

When the fire fighters arrived on the scene, the building was engulfed in flames. At the height of the five alarm fire, nearly 150 firefighters from 20 departments were on the scene. It was reported that the column of smoke that the fire generated could be seen as far away as Kane County. Alsip Fire Chief Chuck Geraci reported that the fire was fully involved when the department got there. It had started in the rear northeast lumberyard and spread to the north showroom. The south showroom and lumberyard were only slightly damaged by the fire. Several explosions were heard during the fire.

Fighting the blaze became complicated due to a broken water main. Firefighters were forced to hook up their equipment to water sources in Oak Lawn and Chicago. On the scene were eight tower ladder trucks pouring water on the fire. During the fire, 115th to 107th streets from Ridgeland to Pulaski were closed off to traffic and nearly 2.500 Commonwealth Edison customers were without electricity for nearly 2 1/2 hours. By 3:05 p.m., power was restored to almost all of ComEd customers. The fire was finally under control at about 5 p.m., but firefighters remained on the scene dousing 'hot-spots' until later Sunday night.

The Fox Home Center has been an Alsip landmark for 45 years when Jack and Rod Laird opened the business in 1961. At that time, the company only sold lumber. The family-owned business grew to include a hardware store as well displays of kitchen and bathroom fixtures and children's play accessories. The company mostly sold to contractors. Damages were estimated at between $20 and $40 million.

The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives as well as the State fire marshal will aide the Alsip Fire Department in the investigation of the cause of the fire. Only two firefighters were affected by dehydration during the blaze. One was taken to the hospital, the other was treated at the scene; no other injuries were reported. About 20 to 30 construction trailers parked in adjacent businesses were also destroyed in the fire.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MAY 18 & 19 – Rummage Sale, Hometown Christian Church Women's Fellowship, 4340 W. 87th St., Friday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. to noon.

MAY 21 – Monday – Nifty Fifties Senior Meeting, Salem United Church of Christ, 9717 S. Kostner, 1 p.m.

MAY 21 – Monday – Planning & Development Commission Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 8 p.m.

MAY 22 – Tuesday – OL Library Board Meeting, 94th & Raymond, 7 p.m.

MAY 22 – Tuesday – Village Hall open till 8 p.m.

MAY 24 – Thursday – OL Senior Citizens Commission, 5330 W. 95th St., 10 a.m.

MAY 28 – Monday – School District 123 Board of Education Meeting, Oak Lawn Hometown Middle School, 5345 W. 99th St.

MAY 31 – Thursday – Worth Township Regular Board Meeting, 11601 S. Pulaski, 7:30 p.m.

Oak Lawn Library Hosts Gallery Opening

Celebrate the grand opening of a permanent public art gallery at the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St., on Thursday, May 31st at 7 p.m. A brief dedication ceremony and reception will formally open the gallery space. Meet the artists and view their original artwork. This premiere exhibit will feature a variety of pieces, including paintings, ink drawings, photographs and sculpture. Community members are invited to partake in the evening's festivities, which will include live music and light refreshments.

The gallery space is located on the second floor, in a special nook along the north window vista. It will be open to the public all hours that the library is open.

Funding for the gallery furnishings was generously provided by the Friends of the Oak Lawn Library.

Art Gallery applications are available at the library's Reception Booth. If you would like to have additional information, please feel free to contact Linda Olsen, public relations officer, at (708) 422-4990.

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Five Local Contractors Named In Lawsuits

The Cook County State's Attorney Office Consumer Fraud Division filed consumer fraud lawsuits on May 14th against five local home repair and remodeling contractors for violating the Illinois Home Repair and Remodeling Act and the Illinois Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Business Practices Act.

The lawsuits were filed in the Circuit Court of Cook County against Grzegorz Greda a/k/a Greg Greda and Greda Construction, 88 South 84th Court in Hickory Hills; Samir M. Mansour and his company, Precision Iron & Welding, Inc., 8800 S. Harlem Ave. in Bridgeview; Milton Cole d/b/a Mcl's Construction, 5359 W. Crystal in Chicago; and Willie Clark d/b/a Clark's Mechanical Services, James Rios and Marshall Brescia d/b/a Rios Construction, who operate their businesses from unknown locations.

Greg Greda, James Rios and Marshall Brescia were also charged with violations of the *Illinois Roofing Industry Licensing Act*.

The lawsuits allege that the contractors collected thousands of dollars from customers for home repair, did not start or complete the work they were hired to perform and then failed to refund deposits due to customers, even after letters were served on them by the State's Attorney's Office. Furthermore, according to the lawsuits, the contractors failed to notify customers of their rights to cancel the contracts, failed to provide consumer rights brochures to customers, and failed to maintain mandatory liability and property damage insurance.

Greg Greda of Greda Construction is accused of failing to install vinyl windows under contract for a Chicago woman and failing to install a new roof and siding on a building owned by a senior Country Club Hills woman. In each case, Greda did not provide the refunds due to the women. Greg Greda is additionally charged with engaging in the business of roofing without a license and misrepresenting in "door knocker" advertisements delivered to area homes that he was authorized to perform roofing work when, in fact, he was not a licensed roofer.

Samir M. Mansour, owner/operator of Precision Iron & Welding, is accused of failing to install wrought iron fencing on the property of a Chicago man, failing to refund the consumer's deposit, and failing to notify contracted customers of a change in business address.

James Rios and Marshall Brescia, joint operators of Rios Construction, are charged with roofing without an Illinois license and fraud for misrepresenting themselves as authorized roofing contractors.

Milton Cole and Willie Clark, both owners/operators of their respective companies, are charged with taking deposits from seniors pursuant to contracted home repair work and failing to perform any work, or refund monies paid under the contract.

The lawsuits seek to enjoin the defendants permanently from engaging in fraudulent and unlawful business practices in Illinois, and requests that those defendants who engaged in the business of roofing without a license be shut down permanently. Refunds for consumer victims and the imposition of $50,000 civil penalty against each of the defendants are also being sought.

Consumers should be aware that Illinois law requires roofing contractors to be licensed by the Illinois Dept. of Financial and Professional Regulation. Also, consumers should know that when a home repair contract for $25 or more is made in a consumer's home, by law the contractor must notify the consumer orally and in writing of their right to cancel the transaction within three business days. Furthermore, prior to the execution of a contract for home repairs of $500 or more, a contractor must provide the customer with the consumer information pamphlet entitled "Home Repair: Know Your Consumer Rights." Contractors are legally required to maintain public liability and property damage insurance in the amount of $50,000 per occurrence for property damage, $100,000 per person and $300,000 per occurrence for bodily injury, and $10,000 per occurrence for home repair or remodeling not in conformity with applicable state, county or municipal codes.

The State's Attorney's Consumer Fraud Division initiated the lawsuits after it received numerous citizen complaints about the five contractors. If you feel you have been the victim of fraud, the Consumer Fraud Division may be able to help you recover your losses, prosecute the person or business responsible for the fraud, and prevent other members of the public from falling victim to the same scheme. Cook County residents who have a complaint about a fraudulent home repair contractor are urged to contact the Cook County State's Attorney's Office, Consumer Fraud Division, at (312) 603-8700.

Waffle & Sausage Breakfast

Trinity Lutheran High School Youth will sponsor a breakfast featuring homemade waffles and sausage this Sunday, May 20th from 9 to 11 a.m. The breakfast will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church, 97th and Brandt Ave. (2 blocks west of Cicero). The cost for tickets is $6 for adults and $4 for children. The menu will include waffles (with fruit or syrup) and sausage. Milk, juice and coffee will be available. This is a fundraising event for the youth summer trip to New York State. Any questions, call the church office at (708) 422-0193.

Last Coffee House For The Season

"TLC Heavenly Brew" coffee house is sponsored by Trinity Lutheran Church, 97th and Brandt Ave. There will be a final coffee house before summer on Sunday, May 20th from 6 to 9 p.m. The "Brew Crew" will be serving coffee along with specialty coffee drinks and sweet treats. Entertainment will be piano music. The coffee house will have a "Welcome Home" reception for Craig Lanigan, a member of the church and lifelong resident of Oak Lawn, who has been in the reserves stationed in Afghanistan this past year. We welcome everyone to come and say "thank you" to Craig. For questions, call the church office at (708) 422-0193.

Rummage Sale

The Pointe at Kilpatrick supportive living facility, 14230 S. Kilpatrick Ave., will hold its annual Rummage Sale on Saturday, May 19th from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Clothing, furniture, children's items, small appliances, TVs, VCRs, radios, along with hot dogs and the trimmings, will be sold. All proceeds will benefit the Activity Fund. Donations of goods are also welcome. You may contact Kimberley Kogi oncs, program director, at (708) 293-0010, ext. 212.

4-H Horse Show

The public is invited to watch the South Cook County 4-H Horse Show at the Children's Farm, 12700 Southwest Highway in Palos Park, on Saturday, May 19th, beginning at 8:30 a.m.

Participants in the horse show are members of 4-H clubs in South Cook County. Riders will participate in a variety of classes from Western Pleasure to English Equitation to Bareback Riding. For further information, interested persons should call The Center at (708) 361-3650.

Brother Rice National Honor Society Inductees

Brother Rice High School students light candles symbolic of their entrance into the National Honor Society (NHS) at a May 1st ceremony attended by students, parents and faculty. This spring, a total of 180 Brother Rice sophomores, juniors and seniors were inducted into the NHS.

The NHS is a service organization whose membership at Brother Rice is open to students who have a minimum 3.4 GPA on a 4.0 scale. This is higher than the national norm of 3.0. Members are accepted based on leadership, scholarship, character and service within the school and are nominated by their teachers. Students are expected to donate a minimum of three free period sessions per week for tutoring as well as donate their time for various school events such as Open House and parent/teacher evenings.

SCORE Workshop

Attend a half-day workshop on Tuesday, May 22nd from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., offered by SCORE, Counselors to America's Small Business. Learn to protect yourself and your business from potential damage and lawsuits. You will also learn the basics of record keeping, federal, state and local taxes. The workshop is one required for a SCORE Workshop Completion Certificate, helpful when seeking a loan. Attendees should be in business or planning to start one.

Register and pay the $35 fee on line, www.scorechicago.org. Walk-in same-day registration and pay at the door $45. Space is limited. Call (312) 353-7724 any weekday morning with questions.

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Amendment Establishes Early Warning And Notification System For Human Food

Last week, the United States Senate approved the Prescription Drug User Fee Act, S.1082, commonly referred to as the FDA Reauthorization bill. The bill as passed includes an amendment offered by U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin (D-IL) that will strengthen the nation's food safety system. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), one of the federal agencies charged with safeguarding the U.S. food supply, has come under fire recently in the wake of nationwide recalls and quarantines of tainted pork, spinach, peanut butter and pet food. On May 8th, the Senate approved the FDA Reauthorization bill by a vote of 93 to 1.

"With the passage of this legislation, we have begun to address the growing food safety concerns across our nation. My colleague, Congresswoman DeLauro, will be working to include this measure in the House version of the bill and we will be working together to ensure that the House and Senate include it in the final version when they go to conference on the bill," said Durbin.

Durbin's amendment establishes an early warning and notification system for human food, as well as pet food, establishes fines for companies that don't promptly report contaminated products, improves inspections/monitoring of imports, and provides better, more uniform pet food safety standards. Durbin's amendment was accepted as part of the FDA Reauthorization bill by a vote of 94-0.

Some of the new responsibilities given to the FDA under Durbin's amendment include:

- Establishing an early warning and notification system for human food as well as pet food products. The legislation directs the FDA to work with professional organizations, veterinarians and others to disseminate information about pet food contamination and in cases of both pet and human food, to keep up-to-date, comprehensive, searchable recall lists on their web site.
- Improving FDA's ability to detect problems, and alert consumers of contaminants by creating an adulterated food registry for imported and domestically produced food. The amendment requires the FDA to establish a registry to collect information on cases of potentially dangerous food adulteration to improve risk-based surveillance of food safety and improve the speed at which consumers and firms are notified. Importers and domestic processors and manufacturers of food would have to submit information pertaining to actual or suspected adulteration of food. The submission would be made to the FDA for inclusion in a centralized database through an electronic portal. The sources of the recent human and pet food contamination were wheat gluten and rice protein concentrate that originated in China. Neither shipment was inspected by FDA; in fact, FDA inspects fewer than 1.5% of imports. A database would give FDA better information on which to base inspections.
- Requiring companies to maintain records and make them accessible to FDA as part of an investigation. This provision would prevent delays that could keep contamination from being traced as quickly as possible. In the case of the recalled peanut butter this past winter, an FDA report showed that inspectors were denied documents when they requested them. The bill would clarify that when FDA conducts inspections, it will have timely access to those documents needed to safeguard the food supply.
- Establishing uniform federal standards and better labeling of pet food. The guidance and practices that today govern the pet food industry are implemented on a voluntary basis by manufacturers and state departments of agriculture. However, there is no requirement for states to adopt these practices and they don't have the force of federal guidelines. Inspections are not coordinated state to state and some states have different standards than others.

Sen. Durbin and Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro (D-CT) have been actively engaged on food safety issues for over a decade. This Congress they introduced legislation that calls for the development of a single food safety agency and the implementation of a food safety program to standardize American food safety activities (the Safe Food Act – S. 654 and H.R. 1148 in the Senate and House respectively). Currently, there are at least 12 different federal agencies and 35 different laws governing food safety. With overlapping jurisdictions, federal agencies often lack accountability on food safety-related issues.

Guilty Of Medicaid Fraud

Attorney General Lisa Madigan said a Lake County woman and the Illinois corporation she operated were found guilty recently of three felony counts based on a scheme to defraud the state's Medicaid program for more than $2.9 million.

In separate bench trials on April 18th and 19th, Cook County Circuit Court Judge James Linn found Irit Gutman and Universal Public Transportation, Inc. guilty of Public Aid Vendor Fraud, Theft in excess of $100,000 and Money Laundering, all Class 1 felonies. In November 2004, co-defendant Ilya Lubenskiy pled guilty to Vendor Fraud.

In January 2001, Universal Public Transportation applied to the Illinois Dept. of Healthcare and Family Services (DHFS) to provide transportation services to Medicaid recipients. According to DHFS, however, the application listed another person's name as the sole owner of Universal when, in fact, the corporation was operated by Gutman and Lubenskiy. The Illinois Medicaid program had previously permanently excluded Gutman and Lubenskiy following a 1999 civil settlement that resolved a federal investigation into three transportation companies that they operated.

Upon the approval of Universal's application, the corporation began to illegally bill Medicaid and submit false claims using methods that Gutman and Lubenskiy developed while operating the companies that had been the target of the earlier federal investigation. A majority of the bills submitted were for services that were never provided. In the cases where services were provided, fraudulent invoices were submitted that included excessive mileage charges or improperly charged higher "medicar" rates when "service cars" had been utilized. To further disguise the true ownership of Universal, Gutman laundered money through various personal and corporate accounts and received laundered funds indirectly from Universal. Additionally, Gutman also used corporation funds to pay various personal expenses.

The court will hear post trial motions filed by Universal on May 16th, and post trial motions filed by Gutman on June 5th. The court will hold Gutman's sentencing hearing on June 5th. Judge Linn revoked Gutman's bond and ordered her held in the Cook County Jail pending the sentencing hearing. The court also entered an order freezing Gutman's assets and Universal's assets.

For his role in the scheme, Lubenskiy is scheduled to be sentenced on June 4th to 63 months in the Illinois Dept. of Corrections and time served in the Cook County Jail and federal custody. Lubenskiy also will be ordered to pay restitution of a sum not exceeding $335,000.

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Stroger Releases Auditor's Report On Juvenile Detention Center

Last week, Cook County Board President Todd Stroger released a Cook County audit of financial operations at the Juvenile Temporary Detention Center, and outlined a series of recommendations and policy changes designed to address issues the audit had identified. Among the changes include the appointment of Jennifer Koehler, a senior policy advisor to President Stroger, as a full-time senior administrator at the Center.

"My administration launched this audit to identify ongoing challenges at the Juvenile Detention Center, and we embrace our responsibility to push forward in the wake of its results," said President Stroger. "Sound fiscal practices are an essential component of good management practices, and the recommended improvements will continue to move the Center forward in its effort to improve oversight and management at the facility. I'm delighted that Jennifer has agreed to be part of the team that will implement those improvements."

The audit is part of the Stroger administration's ongoing efforts to eliminate waste and mismanagement in County Government. As part of that commitment, Stroger has given County Auditor Laura Burman broad latitude to review financial and operational practices throughout the units of County Government under his leadership.

The audit reviewed practices in purchasing, inventory control, petty cash, payroll, overtime, unclaimed and/or confiscated funds and property, and current written policies and procedures, and has recommended a series of fixes designed to enhance management oversight, increase transparency and improve accountability.

The recommendations come in the wake of a series of improvements that the Stroger administration has implemented since Jan. 1, including new overtime procedures, an employee review process designed to tackle excessive absenteeism and plans to implement a swipe system for employees to sign into the worksite. The Stroger administration, which initiated the audit after Stroger took office, is currently conducting audits of policies and procedures throughout the Juvenile Temporary Detention Center in an effort to improve operations as the President's Office prepares to turn oversight of the facility over to the Office of the Chief Judge.

Stroger testified in Springfield this March in favor of legislation that would formally authorize the Chief Judge to assume responsibility for the facility. House Bill 236 is positioned for a vote before the full senate this week, and will then go to Illinois Governor Rod Blagojevich for his consideration.

Commend City Of Chicago

U.S. Senator Dick Durbin (D-IL) has announced the passage by both the House and Senate of a concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that the City of Chicago should be commended for being chosen to represent the United States in the International Competition for the 2016 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

"It has been over 100 years since a Midwestern city has hosted the Olympic Games," said Durbin. Chicago is recognized as a city with a remarkable amount of diversity, culture and history that inspires people around the world. From its beautiful downtown parks to the magnificent lakefront to its terrific sports venues, Chicago is truly a world-class city that has what it takes to bring the Olympics back to the United States."

On April 14, Chicago was selected by the United States Olympic Committee to represent America in its bid for the 2016 Summer Olympic and Paralympic Games. The last time a Summer Olympic Games was held in a U.S. city was in Atlanta, Georgia in 1996. The resolution encourages the International Olympic Committee to select Chicago as the site of the 2016 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

On April 15th, Representative Rahm Emanuel (D-IL) and Durbin (D-IL) announced plans to introduce legislation that will ensure international Olympic officials, coaches and athletes receive visas efficiently in order to compete in the 2016 Summer Olympic Games.

The legislation is cosponsored by Senators Barack Obama (D-IL) and Ted Stevens (R-AK).

Award Grants

U.S. Senator Dick Durbin (D-IL) announced that the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has awarded nearly $22,000,000 in federal funding grants to the state of Illinois.

According to FEMA, this year's grants are as follows: Chicago Illinois, $6,811,74 for the City of Chicago Office of Emergency Management and Communications for port security; $11,456 for Kinder Morgan Liquids Terminals, LLC.; and $44,580 for Mittal Steel USA, Inc. Chicagoland Area, $12,837,834 to enhance security measures for critical transit infrastructure including bus, rail and ferry system; and State of Illinois, $1,540,000 to the state of Illinois for buffer zone protection programs.

All Points Southwest

By THOMAS E. GAVIN

Voters are pleased with touch screen and optical scan voting in suburban Cook County, according to an exit poll held during the April 17th Consolidated Election. Ninety-seven percent of those interviewed rated their Election Day experiences as "very satisfactory" or "satisfactory," according to the poll conducted by Data Prompt International.

Cook County Clerk David Orr told All Points that "I'm pleased the voters responded so well to the new equipment. And those who used the touch screens were especially positive about their experience.

Nearly 2,000 people were interviewed at 20 large, multi-precinct polling places in the suburbs. At each location, interviewers approached voters after they had cast their ballots and asked them a short series of questions about their Election Day experience. Of those surveyed, 1,328 chose to vote on the touch screens, while 603 chose to vote a paper ballot.

According to the survey, older and less educated voters were more likely than others to vote on a paper ballot. Differences by gender and ethnicity were less pronounced, although men and Hispanics were slightly more likely to choose the paper ballot rather than the touch screen.

The Consolidated Election marked the fourth time that suburban Cook County had used the dual-system voting equipment. To comply with the federal Help America Vote Act, the county began using optical scan and touch screen machines in March 2006.

The findings mirror results of a survey of early voters. Over 99 percent of the 3,070 voters surveyed reported an "excellent" or "very good" experience after casting ballots on touch screens.

The Consolidated Election consisted of 730 races, approximately 2,400 candidates, 767 ballot styles, 530 jurisdictions, 52 referendums and 81 write-in candidates. It involved 2,370 precincts with 10,100 election judges and utilized 10,000 pieces of equipment and 7,500 cartridges.

A copy of the exit poll can be found on the Clerk's web site at www.voterinfonet.com or can be obtained by calling (312) 603-0931. Information about other services from the County Clerk's office can be seen at www.cookcteclerk.com.

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After meeting with President Bush at the White House recently, U.S. Senator Dick Durbin (D-IL) said that if the President doesn't want to implement timelines created by the U.S. Congress, he should enforce deadlines for political reforms that the Iraqi government has set for itself.

Senator Durbin called on the President to join Congress in enforcing political reforms along the timelines the Iraqi government has set for itself: *Approve a provincial election law by early 2007. *Approve a law to regulate the oil industry and share revenues by early 2007. *Approve the de-baathification law to reintegrate officials of the former regime and Arab nationalists into public life by early 2007. *Approve a law to rein in sectarian militias by early 2007. *Approve laws controlling militias by May 2007. *Approve the amnesty agreement by May 2007. *Complete all reconciliation efforts by May 2007. *Hold provincial elections by June 2007. *Increase the number of battle-ready Army units. *Take over total control of the Iraq Army by April 2007. *Be given full civil control of all provinces in September 2007. *And achieve total security self-reliance by December 2007.

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Legislation initiated by Secretary of State Jesse White increasing fines of up to $1,000 for people who continually abuse disability parking placards and license plates was approved Tuesday by the Illinois Senate.

Under White's proposal (SB 1318), those caught parking with a fraudulent disability placard or license plate in places reserved for people with disabilities will face fines of $750 for their second offense and $1,000 for their third or subsequent offense.

The violator may also have his or her driving privileges, as well as the disability license plates or placard, suspended or revoked. This legislation also clarifies that placards are not transferable and the authorized holder must be present, entering or exiting the vehicle at the time the parking privileges are being used.

The proposed legislation also states that 50 percent of each fine collected will be distributed to the law enforcement agency or agencies that issued the citation or made the arrest. This includes the Secretary of State Department of Police, where 50 percent of the fine will go into the Secretary of State Police Services Fund.

The measure now moves to the Illinois House of Representatives.

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Palos Township Clerk Jane Nolan tells All Points that the 2007 Cook County vehicle stickers for residents of unincorporated Palos Township are available at the Township office, 10802 S. Roberts Road in Palos Hills, now. All residents in unincorporated Cook County must purchase a vehicle sticker for every vehicle in their household by July 1, 2007. If residents purchase their stickers after July 1st, they must pay a penalty which is double the sticker fee in most cases.

Clerk Jane Nolan will be opening the Township office on Saturday, June 16th and Saturday, June 23rd from 10 a.m. to 12 noon for sticker sales. The office will also be open on Wednesday, June 27th until 7 p.m.

The Clerk's office is offering this option to make stickers available to those who are unable to purchase them during the regular Township office hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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Belated congratulations to Comptroller Dan Hynes and his Comptroller's Office personnel on their selection as recipients of the prestigious Abraham Lincoln Ethics Award from the Executive Ethics Commission, the only Constitutional Office to receive the honor. The award is given for exemplary adherence to the principles of integrity, fairness and public service.

The Commission lauded the Comptroller's Office for providing annual small-group ethics training for the 300 employees in the office; imposing rules to limit campaign contributions from entities holding contracts with the office and banning the acceptance of gifts of any value.

The award was created in 2006 to recognize extraordinary ethical behavior of state employees. It was presented to Hynes at the Commission's ethics conference in Springfield on April 17th.

Hynes Offers Comprehensive Look At Illinois' Revenues

Comptroller Dan Hynes issued an expanded May issue of Fiscal Focus Magazine recently providing a comprehensive perspective on Illinois' major revenue sources, including an analysis of the governor's proposed Gross Receipts Tax now under consideration by the legislature.

"The State of Illinois' finances have reached a flash point," Hynes said. "It is my hope that as lawmakers weigh the various revenue and spending options available to them for fiscal 2008 and beyond, that this in-depth look provides a useful tool for evaluating the state's current tax system and the changes that have occurred during the last several decades."

Highlights from the issue include:

- Growth in state source tax revenues deposited into the General Funds has been consistent with increases in Illinois' Gross State Product since 1976, largely due to strong growth in individual income tax collections and ongoing changes in tax policy that have expanded the state's tax base.
- Corporate income tax collections and sales tax collections have not grown at the same rate as the state's economy in the last 30 years.
- Growth in Illinois' corporate income tax collections has lagged growth in individual income tax collections since 1973 and may be primarily attributable to changes in corporate tax policy and to relatively strong growth in partnerships, S Corporations, and Limited Liability Companies which pay income tax through individuals instead of as corporations.
- If corporate income tax collections had mirrored growth in individual income tax collections since fiscal year 1980, this would have generated approximately $632 million in additional General Fund revenues in fiscal year 2006.
- The Gross Receipts Tax is a corporate taxation model that has been used in several other states with mixed results. In many states with a GRT system, it is in lieu of other taxes such as property taxes or sales taxes.
- Illinois ranked 40th among the states in 2005 in state tax revenue collections as a percent of personal income. If local tax revenues are included, Illinois moves to 25th among the states.
- Illinois' sales tax rate of 6.25% is the 9th highest sales tax rate, while 5 states have no sales tax at all.
- Over the last 10 years, the state's revenues from so-called "sin taxes" have increased from $1.693 billion in FY97 to $2.609 billion in FY06, an increase of $916 million or 54.1%, primarily due to growth in riverboat gaming taxes and cigarette taxes.

Hynes has already stated his opposition to the GRT and his criticized the governor's proposed spending proposal for failing to address a $2 billion funding deficit in the Medicaid program. Nevertheless, the Fiscal Focus presents an objective analysis of current state revenues and the GRT in an effort to provide legislators with the information they need to consider the proposals and pass an FY08 budget.

Fix Illinois' Mental Health System

For the 6th year in a row, over 1,500 mental health advocates representing patients and families from across the state traveled to Springfield to rally in support of critical services and funding measures needed to treat persons with mental illness. Scheduled to address the rally were Representatives Barbara Flynn Currie, Patti Bellock, Kathleen Ryg, Lou Lang and David R. Leitch and Senators Donne Trotter and Susan Garrett.

The National Alliance on Mental Illness gave Illinois a grade of F because mental health services are dramatically under-funded and disorganized. "People with serious mental illnesses continue to be turned away from or discharged from psychiatric hospitals without being linked to community services because we do not have a cohesive or adequate array of mental health services," said Mark Heyrman, Mental Health Summit Chairman. "Just in the past few months the lack of services in Illinois has resulted in horrible consequences for people with mental illnesses, their families and communities." These include:

A tragic fire in Chicago resulting in four deaths apparently caused by a person with a long history of untreated mental illness who set the fire while trying to keep warm; and

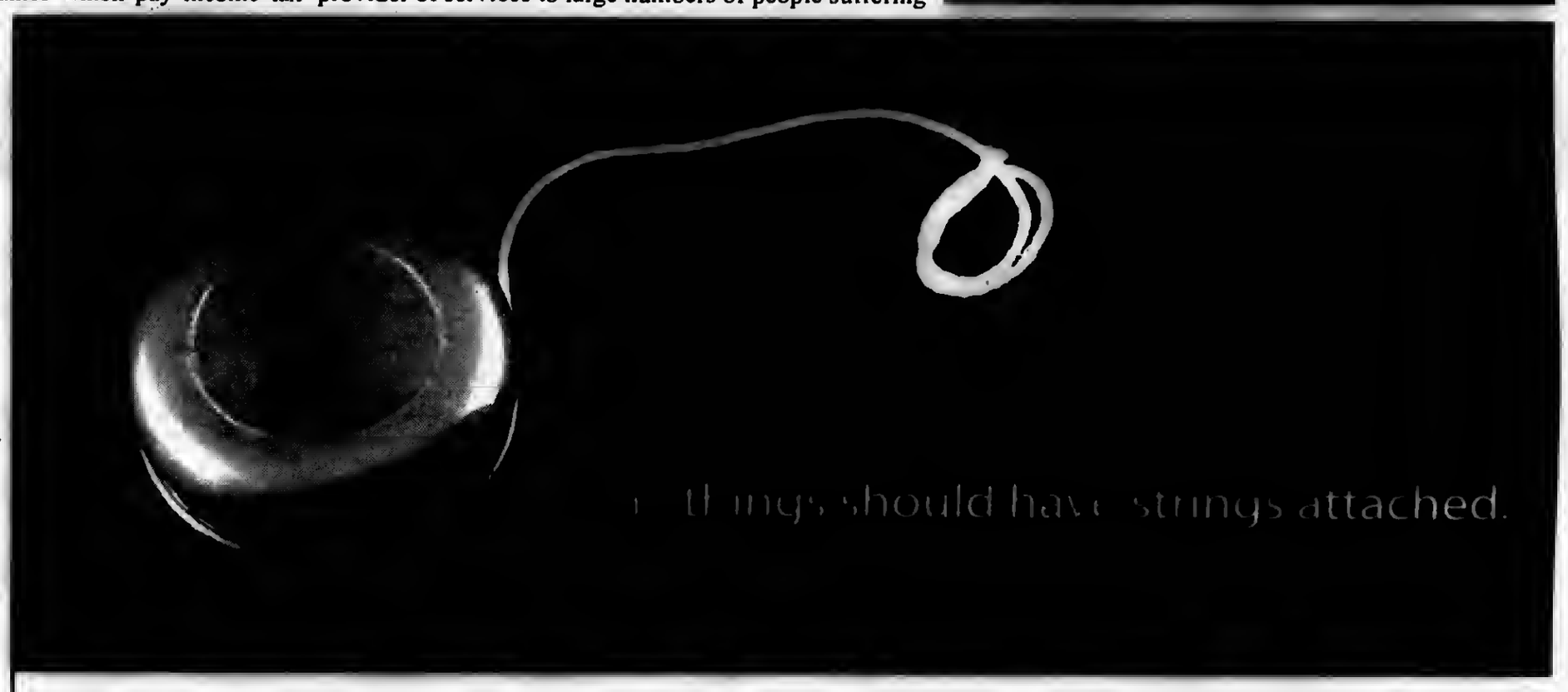
A person with serious untreated mental illness being shot to death by the police in his own home after his family sought their help in getting him treatment.

The shortage of mental health services ultimately places a heavy and unfair burden upon county and municipal social services agencies because without timely treatment, many persons will lose their jobs, their families and often, their home.

"In addition, our jails have become the largest Illinois provider of services to large numbers of people suffering from untreated mental illnesses," Heyrman continued. "Our jails are struggling to provide mental health services to these persons and to comply with their legal obligations. Jails in Illinois have been repeatedly sued because of their inability to provide mental health services and suicides by inmates, and one jail is even being investigated by the Justice Department in this connection."

Mental illnesses affect more than 62 million Americans – 22.2% of the population every year. With the help of new generation medications and community support, those suffering from mental illnesses can now hold jobs, pay taxes, maintain relationships, and contribute to their communities.

"We are in Springfield today saying: No more tragedies, no more wasted lives, no more wasted resources, said Heyeman. "We have carefully reviewed the programs and services currently in place and those desperately needed, and we have brought with us today specific cost-effective recommendations to present to Governor Blagojevich and the members of the General Assembly. By working together, we believe Illinois can develop programs and services that will effectively identify, support and provide access to medical care and the most effective medications for those suffering from mental illnesses rather than continuing to suffer from the high costs and tragic consequences of untreated mental illness."



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ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

20 Years Of Turkey Legs & Holes-In-One

Inspired by a ride at Busch Gardens, Ben Jones designed Congo River Golf & Games in Kenosha, Wisconsin around an African jungle theme, incorporating the history of Central Africa and two great explorers, Stanley and Livingstone. A little Polynesian and Indiana Jones influence were mixed in as well. Meanwhile, jousting knights, raucous, earth-clad mud beggars, strolling jesters, Robin Hood, and Her Majesty's Royal Parade and Progress, are set on the streets of an Elizabethan English Village at the Bristol Renaissance Faire. Both entertaining, one-of-a-kind attractions are celebrating 20-year anniversaries this year in the Kenosha area.

Located just miles from Lake Michigan, midway between Chicago and Milwaukee, Congo River and Bristol Renaissance Faire have both made their mark in the lives of numerous visitors. In 20 years time, Congo River has hosted countless birthday parties, group outings, family reunions and fundraisers. It features 18 holes of Adventure Golf, an Arcade, Concessions/Gift Shop, and a Jungle-themed scavenger hunt. Educational fun facts are placed on signs throughout the course and explain about the geographic region of Central Africa, the two explorers Stanley and Livingstone, and their discoveries. The multi-level course is a picturesque setting, full of artificial rockwork and man-made mountains, waterfalls, streams, caves and bridges. The course is designed so some holes require skill, some are based on chance, and still others call for a choice (262-857-7888,) www.congorivergolf.com.

Meanwhile, countless turkey legs have been consumed, ripe tomatoes have been hurled, and knighting ceremonies have taken place at the Bristol Renaissance Faire. This year promises to be no different as the Faire's special anniversary Feast of Fooles festival begins July 7th for nine weekends through Labor Day, Sept. 3rd. "We're going to party like it's 1599," said Linda McFeters, general manager of the Bristol Renaissance Faire. One thing is certain when visiting the Faire – expect the unexpected. Jugglers, stilt-walkers, flying falcons, 16th century court dancers, world-class singers, wine tasting, Tea with the Queen and more will create lifetime memories for Faire-goers (847-395-7773, www.RenFair.com)

For more information about these and other Kenosha-area attractions or to receive a free 2007 Kenosha Area Visitors Guide, log on to www.KenoshaCVB.com or call the Kenosha Area Convention & Visitors Bureau at (262) 654-7307 or (800) 654-7309.

Exhibit "Cicadas And Emerald Ash Borers"

Cicada season is almost upon us; after 17 years, the cicadas of Brood XIII will emerge from the ground in enormous numbers this June. The insects, which have musical mechanisms in their abdomens, will certainly be hard to ignore once they have arrived in the Chicago area. To mark the emergence of the 17-year periodical cicadas, The Field Museum will open a new exhibition, Cicadas and Emerald Ash Borers, on Friday, May 18th.

The exhibit, which will be housed in several cases on the ground floor of the Museum, will feature an extraordinary video of a 17-year periodical cicada emerging from the ground, marching up trees and shrubs and bursting out of their exoskeletons to become adult cicadas. The exhibit also contains insect specimens from the Museum's collection, a letter about cicadas written by Charles Darwin to a Chicago-area scientist about the cicadas and nine different pieces of art from Asia depicting the insect and different cultural perceptions of them – including jade cicada amulets from China that were once placed in the mouths of the dead to symbolize rebirth. Cicadas will give insight to the life cycle of the cicada, the longest-living species in the world, and their astonishing behavioral adaptations.

Visitors will also get a chance to learn about the emerald ash borer, an invasive species of beetle, that is wreaking havoc on ash trees throughout the Chicago region. One fifth of all trees in the Chicago area are ash trees, and thus endangered. Visitors can examine emerald ash borer and damaged ash specimens, as well as learn how to prevent further damage.

If the Cicadas exhibit whets your appetite for all things creepy-crawly, be sure to also visit Underground Adventure to learn more about cicadas, as well as other subterranean life forms. Underground Adventure shrinks you to the size of a bug and turns you loose in an underground soil ecosystem. You will come face-to-face with giant earwigs, ants, a wolf spider and more. True cicada fans can even climb into a cicada exoskeleton.

Cicadas and Emerald Ash Borers will be on display at The Field Museum from Friday, May 18 through Labor Day. Admission is free with basic admission. The Museum is open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., with last tickets sold at 4 p.m. For more information, call (312) 922-9410, or visit www.fieldmuseum.org. The Field Museum is located at 1400 S. Lake Shore Drive in Chicago.

Outdoor Jazz Concert

The 15th annual outdoor jazz concert will be held in the Pine Forest at The Center, 12700 Southwest Highway in Palos Park, on Sunday, May 20 at 5:30 p.m.

The Darlene Baresch Quartet of piano, drums, sax, and bass, with singer Darlene Baresch, will return to The Center's outdoor stage with an evening of jazz standards. The stage is located in a grove of pine trees on the northeast corner of The Center's farm property.

Guests are invited to park in the Children's Farm parking lot and ride the farm hayrack to the concert site. Guests should bring lawn chairs or blankets for seating, and may choose to bring a picnic supper (no alcohol please). The Center will serve punch and cookies.

There is no admission fee to the concert, as the jazz concerts are The Center's gift to the community. For further information, interested persons should call The Center at (708) 361-3650.

Big Run Wolf Ranch

Big Run Wolf Ranch will hold a Family Day Open House on Saturday, May 19th from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is $1. Kids can bottle feed baby wolves! There will be food, drinks, T-shirts, raffles and music.

Big Run Wolf Ranch is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, federally licensed, wildlife education facility featuring rescued North American wildlife. Come see "Kuma" the bear, 10 wolves, lynx, raccoons, and many other wild and domestic animals. Come enjoy up close and personal wildlife lectures going on continuously throughout the day along with guided and unguided tours of the facility.

Big Run Wolf Ranch is located at 14857 Farrell Road, Lockport. For more information, call (815) 588-0044 or visit www.bigrunwolfranch.org.

Class Reunions

Bloom Trail class of 1987 will hold its 20-year reunion on June 23rd. For information, visit www.bloomtrail1987.classquest.com.

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Bremen High School – Class of 1987 reunion on Sept. 15th at DiNolfo's Banquets, Mokena/Orland Park, 6 to 11:30 p.m. Call Terri (Lenart) Rickerson at (815) 485-3864 or email bremen87@gmail.com.

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St. Joseph and St. Anne Elementary School class of 1967 is seeking graduates for its 40th anniversary in 2007. Contact Charlene Koestner Smolik at dcsmolik@hotmail.com or call (361) 455-1625.

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St. George School (Tinley Park) seeks alumni to form alumni association. Call the school office at (708) 532-2626 or visit www.stgeorgeschool.org.

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Morrill Elementary School – Students from the classes of 1943, 1944 and 1945 are sought for an upcoming reunion. Call Howard Siebalt at (708) 720-1848.

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Incarnation Alumni are looking for graduates for an Alumni Directory. Call the school at (708) 385-6250 or e-mail to alum@incarnationcatholic.com.

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Bloom High School class of 1939 seeks alumni. Call (708) 756-2315.

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Morgan Park High School class of 1962 is still looking for classmates for a reunion on Oct. 27th. Call Barb at (773) 779-9296.

'Sanctuary' Looks At The Meaning OF Shavuot

The many dimensions of Shavuot, also known as the Jewish Festival of Weeks or Pentecost, will be explored in "Shavuot in the Jewish Community," the next episode of "Sanctuary," which airs at 11:30 a.m. Sunday, May 20, on ABC7-Channel 7.

Shavuot, one of the major holidays on the Jewish calendar, celebrates the giving of the Torah at Mount Sinai, and also is a harvest festival. In Jewish communities around the world, it is marked with celebrations, late-night study sessions, special prayers and more. "Sanctuary" will look at all of those aspects, and at how synagogues of different denominations come together for a joint observance in Chicago's Lakeview/Lincoln Park neighborhood.

Guests for the half-hour discussion are: Rabbi Asher Lopatin of Anshe Shalom B'nai Israel Congregation, Rabbi Aaron Petuchowski of Temple Sholom of Chicago, and Rabbi Michael Siegel of Anshe Emet Synagogue.

The program is hosted by Deborah Palmer Herst.This episode of "Sanctuary" is produced by the Jewish Television Commission of the Chicago Board of Rabbis and the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago. "Sanctuary" is broadcast monthly on ABC7. Other episodes are produced by the Archdiocese of Chicago and the Greater Broadcast Ministries.

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Bands Featured At Irish Fest

It's time to begin the season of summer festivals with one of the largest Irish Fests in America. Gaelic Park, 6119 W. 147th St., Oak Forest and the 21st Annual Irish Fest promises to have more variety of music than ever with Tommy Makem, Gaelic Storm, Black 47, American English, The Glengarry Bhoys, Solas, Damien Dempsey, Tin Horse, Siochain and many, many more. As always, there is a huge carnival midway with unlimited rides, an assortment of activities for kids such as contests, magicians, storytelling, a petting zoo and face painting, theatre, an Irish Tea Room, all kinds of food vendors, 20 Irish import stores and free parking. New to Irish fest this year is an Irish Dog Exhibition, a high school Tug of War Competition, and Gaelic sports.

American English appearing at Gaelic Park's Irish Fest Memorial Day Weekend.

Black 47 appearing at Gaelic Park's Irish Fest Memorial Day Weekend.

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Irish Dog Exhibition

Gaelic Park, 6119 W. 147th St., Oak Forest and the 21st Annual Irish Fest celebrates the best in Irish culture and heritage and this year is no exception with the all new first Irish Fest Irish Dog Exhibition.

Ireland has long been recognized for its dogs and is the breeding ground for many of the world's most loyal and celebrated breeds. There are nine recognized Irish breeds including the Irish Setter with its shiny mahogany coat, the Irish Water Spaniel first bred in the 1800's, the Irish Wolfhound the national dog of Ireland for over 2,000 years, the extremely rare Kerry Beagle, the Glen of Imaal Terrier from the Wicklow Mountains, the Kerry Blue Terrier that has been bred for over 100 years, the Wheaten Terrier one of the oldest terriers and the Red and White Setter, the true Irish Setter.

This year, Chicago Gaelic Park brings in Irish dog breeds for the first annual Irish Fest Dog Exhibition. All of the breed contestants will participate in a parade after the exhibition throughout Irish Fest for all to see.

Gaelic Park's Irish Fest will also include over 40 music acts, Gaelic sports, a high school Tug of War Competition, a huge carnival midway, all kinds of food vendors, an Irish Tea Room, 20 Irish import stores and free parking. Kids entertainment includes face painting, a petting zoo, magic shows, pony rides and more.

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Benefit For The Animal Welfare League

A benefit dinner will be held for the Animal Welfare League in memory of Darlene Delgaro. It will be held on Friday, May 18th at 6 p.m. till ? There will be a Spaghetti Dinner for $6 each and raffle tickets at $1each, $6 for $5. Music will be provided by Thermal Sounds at 9 p.m. The event will be at the Lamplighter Lounge, 8214 S. Kedzie in Chicago, which was owned and operated by Darlene Delgaro for many years. All donations are welcome. For further information, call (773) 434-8820.

Field Museum Celebrates Ancient Americas Festival Days

Explore artistry throughout the Americas during The Field Museum's Ancient Americas Festival Days, a free, outdoor summer series, on the museum's Southeast Terrace during the summer months of 2007. Each day of the series will be filled with performances, craft demonstrations and hands-on activities for adults and families with children of all ages. All festival events are free with general admission to the museum.

Saturday & Sunday, May 26th & 27th from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

There will be a noon performance by the talented One Drum. Visitors can create their very own pinch pot with self-drying clay and have a chance to watch stone artisan John Whitaker practice the ancient art of making stone tools, also known as flintknapping. Potter Mary Jane Holwalt will also demonstrate her craft for visitors.

Saturday & Sunday, June 30th & July 1st from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

There will be a noon performance by the Native American Educational Services College Dance Troupe. The featured hands-on activity will be Catching Dreams, where visitors can learn one of the origin stories of the Dreamcatcher as told by the Chippewa and weave a spider-like web to catch bad dreams and funnel good dreams to their minds as they sleep. David Anderson will be showcasing his flintknapping skills.

Saturday & Sunday, July 28th & 29th from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

There will be a performance by members of the American Indian Center at noon. Known for their traditional regalia and entertaining jingle dances, the performance is a colorful and entertaining event. The featured hands-on activity will be A Watchful Eye, where participants will wrap brightly colored yarn around crossed sticks, with the four points representing earth, air, water and fire. Visitors can also create a Huichol style Ojo de Dios, which translates to "eye of God." Frank Stevens from the Great Lakes Lithic Supply Company will demonstrate his remarkable flintknapping skills.

Saturday & Sunday, Aug. 25th and 26th from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Gingarte Capoeira, a student organization from the University of Chicago whose mission is to promote African-Brazilian culture and provide instruction in capoeira, maculele, samba and other arts, will perform at noon. The featured hands-on activity will be A Woodpecker's Gift, where participants make a flute using their arm, fist and thumb. Visitors will also have the opportunity to learn some of the origin stories of the flute, which traces its roots to the Ancient Pueblo people. Flintknapper Jeff Ferguson will showcase how he crafts exquisite stone tools.

General admission is $12 for adults, $7 for children 4-11, seniors and students with ID. For more information, call (312) 922-9410 or visit www.fieldmuseum.org.

Sacred Music Concert

A concert of sacred "Music of the Psalms" by The Center Singers will be held on Sunday, May 20 at 4:30 p.m. at The Center, 12700 Southwest Highway in Palos Park. The service will include concert hymns by the choir and also hymn singing by all those who attend. Led by Penny Wills and Jolanda Probasco, both of Palos Park, The Center Singers practice on Monday evenings at 7 p.m. and always welcome new members.

All persons who wish to participate are invited to attend the service and then to enjoy fellowship and coffee. For further information, interested persons should call The Center at (708) 361-3650.

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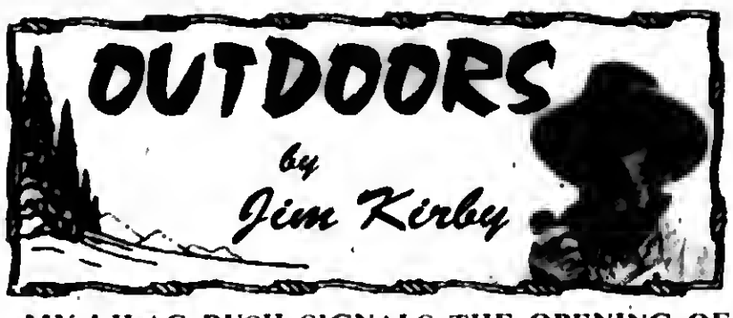

MY LILAC BUSH SIGNALS THE OPENING OF FISHING SEASON: It is a tried and proven fact that when my lilac bush is in bloom, the crappies are hitting on the local lakes and ponds. And now is the time to take advantage of the White Bass runs on the Wolf River in Wisconsin, and Illinois River near Starved Rock.

In preparation for these events, I took the time to get my tackle in order, sharpen the hooks, sort out the lures, check the fishing rods for nicks in the guides and oil my spinning reel. Speaking of spinning reels, my new **U.S. Super Caster 230 SX Reel,** the world's *only* lightweight spinning reel with large diameter spools, shows great promise as a most versatile spinning reel. It is lighter than most reels, is smooooth, and casts a country mile. The Super Caster comes with two huge 2.30" diameter spools. I filled one spool with **Sulfix Siege** 10-lb. Smoke Green monofilament line and the other spool with **Sulfix Elite** 6- lb. clear monofilament. All Sulfix lines have *near zero* memory.

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Food Source Lures come in all sizes, shapes and colors for fresh and saltwater species of fish. Food Source Lures don't merely mimic a food source; they are a food source and are fully digestible by fish and other wildlife. I'm anxious to try out the *Crappie Creature* Food Source Lure, and some of the other lures available in a variety of scents, colors and shapes.

■**SPORTSMEN'S TAXES DELIVER $416.9 MILLION FOR STATE FISH & WILDLIFE AGENCIES:** Excise taxes paid by the nation's anglers, hunters, shooters, archers and boaters will provide $416.9 million for state fish and wildlife agencies this year, according to preliminary reports from the USFWS. The funds collected on hunting and fishing equipment purchased by sportsmen are distributed to the states for conservation and education programs, including species protection, habitat improvement, hunter/angler access, and hunter safety.

Also referred to as the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration and Dingell-Johnson/Wallop-Breaux Sportfish Restoration programs, these sportsmen-supported funding mechanisms have been the foundation for conservation efforts in this country for more than a half-century.

■**GARLIC MUSTARD WEED ALERT:** Like dandelions, if you have them, your neighbor has them and vice-versa. Take my word for it. The garlic mustard weed can be a big problem. It is one of the first green plants to appear in the spring, and one of the most aggressive invasive plants in the area, crowding out many native and planted plants. *A classic example is Plum Island at Starved Rock. This island in the Illinois River is completely overrun with garlic mustard weed.*

Because of its dominating nature, control of garlic mustard must be done in an equally aggressive fashion. I have had a running battle with this weed for four years. Garlic Mustard can be recognized at this time of year because of its lush basil leaves and early growth. Once it flowers it is the only plant ranging from 1 to 40 inches high that produces small white flowers. When crushed, the green rosettes give off the smell of garlic.

Hand pulling is the easiest and most effective way to control new or small populations. It is important to pull the entire root or new flowering stalks will emerge. Larger populations can be controlled with a combination of hand pulling or herbicides. Consult your local garden center for the best approach to handle these nasty weeds.

■**DUCKS UNLIMITED:** Tickets are still available for the Palos Chapter of Ducks Unlimited 43rd Anniversary Dinner to be held next Wednesday, May 23rd at the Lexington House in Hickory Hills. The evening includes the $5,000 Grand Raffle; Gun Boards; Gun Raffles; Silent and Live Auctions; Sit Down Dinner and Open Bar. For information and tickets, call **Jim Mayer** at (708) 429-8696.

■**CONGRESSIONAL SPORTSMEN'S CAUCUS:** In February, the Congressional Sportsmen's Caucus held a reception to welcome the Members of the 110th Congress and familiarize them with some of the issues facing sportsmen. More than 25 Members of Congress joined together with outdoor industry and conservation organization leaders as the Caucus members were recognized for their stewardship of fishing and hunting in the United States.

■**ACTIVISTS RANSACK GAME FARM, LEAVE ANIMALS FOR DEAD:** Animal extremists vandalized a New Jersey quail farm on Dec. 18th and sealed the fate of thousands of pen-raised birds who were forced into the night without food, water or shelter. The birds scrambled out of their cages directly into the path of oncoming traffic on a nearby highway, or froze to death. *(The Sentry)*

Family Biking Outing

"Ride the Rock," a free, 15-mile bike riding event sponsored by the Forest Preserve District of Will County, will be on Saturday, May 19th from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The bike ride will begin from the Rock Run Greenway – I&M Canal Access, on Empress Road in Joliet.

"Ride the Rock" is intended to introduce the public to a 15-mile looped trail formed by the Rock Run Trail and Joliet Junction Trail. These trails run through Joliet, Crest Hill and Rockdale.

Participants can bike the entire 15-mile loop or any portion of the trails at their own pace. Four refreshment areas will be located along the route. Riders can begin as early as 9 a.m. or as late as 11 a.m. Children should be at least 11 years old to participate.

Riders will begin by going north on the Rock Run Trail. Refreshment areas are located at the Houbolt Fire Station, near the intersection of Houbolt Road and Jefferson St.; at the Forest Preserve's Black Road Access; at the Forest Preserve's Theodore Marsh, on Theodore St. in Crest Hill, where riders pick up the Joliet Junction Trail to begin southward; and at Applebee's on Joyce Road. Activities such as bike decorating and making a mural will be available for kids at Black Road Access and Theodore Marsh.

Food will be available for purchase from Aurelio's Pizza and Maui Wowi Fresh Fruit Smoothies at the I&M Canal Access Preserve. Those who register are guaranteed a goodie bag, and the first 300 registrants will also receive a bike repair kit. All who register will also be entered in a raffle for free bikes, gift cards and more. The raffle drawing will take place at 11 a.m. and winners' names will be posted for when riders return. In addition, WJOL Radio will be on hand from 9 to 11 a.m. with free handouts.

The Rock Run Trail and Joliet Junction Trail both have asphalt surfaces. A portion of the route is along street routes and the I&M Canal State Trail, which has a crushed stone surface. In addition to urbanized areas, the trail runs through woodlands and open prairie.

I&M Canal Access is located on Empress Road (Houbolt Road), 0.25 mile south of I-80 and just north of Route 6 in Joliet.

To register, call the Forest Preserve District of Will County at (815) 727-8700 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Bolts Trade Trevino & Lisk For Pair Of Pitchers

The Windy City ThunderBolts completed a trade on Saturday, May 12th sending pitcher Toro Trevino and catcher Charlie Lisk to the Gateway Grizzlies for pitchers Cory Lapinski and Anthony Rebyanski.

Lapinski spent his first two seasons of professional baseball with Class A Tri-City in the Houston Astros organization. Combined between both years, the left-hander went 3-2 with a 4.22 ERA in 36 relief appearances. He struck out 87 batters and allowed just 38 hits in 70.1 innings pitched. Opponents batted just .158 against Lapinski while he pitched for Tri-City.

Rebyanski played most of 2006 for the Grizzlies. He was 2-4 with a 3.62 ERA in 19 games out of the bullpen. Frontier League hitters managed just a .179 average against Rebyanski. The right-hander fanned 36 batters and gave up only 17 hits in 27.1 innings pitched.

"I think it was a very fair trade for both sides. It was a trade where both teams were able to strengthen certain areas of their clubs. I really feel like we acquired two guys who show the ability to strike hitters out," said ThunderBolts manager Andy Haines.

Trevino led the ThunderBolts with seven wins last year. He finished 7-3 with a 3.86 ERA in 15 starts. The Corpus Chisti, TX native struck out 68 batters and walked 31 in 95.2 innings pitched.

Lisk signed with Windy City last August and hit .316 in 26 games. He was picked up by the San Diego Padres in September and began this season at Class A Lake Elsinore. Lisk appeared in 10 games before being released, giving his rights back to Windy City.

The ThunderBolts will host the Rockford RiverHawks for Opening Night at Hawk Ford Field on May 23rd. The complete schedule can be found at www.WCThunderBolts.com.

Southwest Ball Hockey Final Registration

Southwest Ball Hockey will be holding its final registration for the upcoming Summer League for children ages 5-15 years old on Saturday and Sunday, May 19th and 20th from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Registration will be held at the Southwest Ball Hockey Rink, 5801 W. 115th St. in Alsip.

For any further information, you can contact Rob Pyznarski at (708) 424-8379.

Live GAA Games At Irish Fest

Gaelic Park, 6119 W. 147th St., Oak Forest hosts its 21st Annual Irish Fest Memorial Day Weekend. This year be sure to visit Irish Fest to catch the live Gaelic Football friendly match sponsored by the Gaelic Athletic Association. Gaelic Football, which has been around for more than 5,000 years, is a physically challenging game, requiring great skill and is very exciting to watch. This year, the Chicago St. Brendan's Gaelic Football Club and the San Francisco Celtic Gaelic Football Club face off on Saturday, May 26th, beginning at 2 p.m. with youth, games also played on Sunday, May 27th beginning at 1 p.m.

Along with Gaelic sports, Gaelic Park's Irish Fest will also include tons of music by Tommy Makem, John McDermott, Damien Dempsey, Solas, Black 47 and many, many more, an Irish Dog Exhibition, a high school Tug of War Competition, a huge carnival midway, all kinds of food vendors, an Irish Tea Room, 20 Irish import stores and free parking. Kids entertainment includes face painting, a petting zoo, magic shows, pony rides and more.

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Eight Week courses are also being offered.

Host Ghosthunter At Mt. Greenwood Cemetery

The Ridge Historical Society (RHS) will host Chicago's first and foremost ghosthunter Richard Crowe for a program on "Weird, Weird Chicago and Summertime Ghosts" on Friday, June 1st at 7 p.m. The event will be held at the Mt. Greenwood Cemetery Rudd Chapel, 2900 W. 111th St. A brief self-guided tour of some of the cemetery's most interesting sites will be available, and attendees may even catch sight of the cemetery's resident owl family on its nighttime hunt.

"Weird, Weird Chicago and Summertime Ghosts" will delve into stories such as the Eastland boating disaster, Oprah Winfrey's haunted studio, the phantom monks of St. Rita's Church, and baseball's Billy Goat Curse. Other summertime stories include St. John's Eve (June 23rd) when fairies troop and witches mount their broomsticks; and August in far eastern countries when stories about ghosts are told to "chill the blood" during the hot summer.

A native Chicagoan, Richard Crowe has been researching Chicago ghost stories and giving tours of haunted sites since the 1970s. He holds a B.A. and M.A. in English Literature from DePaul University and has authored a book on Chicago's haunted places. Widely interviewed on the subjects of folklore and ghostlore by the local, national and international press and media, he is a popular speaker throughout the Midwest. His firsthand personal experiences in investigating Chicago's and other cities' haunted sites (and sights) make his presentations all the more interesting. Crowe includes an extensive slide program as part of his presentation.

Mt. Greenwood Cemetery is the oldest park-like burial setting in the community. The charming chapel building began as a stable in 1892. The family of Willis N. Rudd updated the building in 1937 to be a memorial chapel. The building maintains its Victorian ambience and makes a great venue for hearing folklore tales.

"Weird, Weird Chicago and Summertime Ghosts" will cost $15 for RHS members and $25 for non-members. Refreshments will be served in the cemetery's administrative building following the program. Reservations are required as seating is limited. The program may not be suitable for younger children. To make reservations or for more information, call RHS at (773) 881-1675 Monday through Friday between 2 and 5 p.m.

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Memorial Day Grilling Tips

Not only is May National Barbeque Month, but consumers across the U.S. will be firing up their grills for Memorial Day. And that is a lot of grilling.. according to the Hearth, Patio and Barbecue Association, 81 percent of all U.S. households now own a grill.

Magic American Products offers these simple solutions for grilling success: 1. Place the grill in an open area away from buildings and low hanging brush or trees. 2. Place a heat resistant pad beneath your grill to protect your deck or patio from greasy messes. 3. Be sure to keep baking soda nearby to control a grease fire, as well as a fire extinguisher, and never leave a grill unattended while hot. 4. Heat the grill for 5-10 minutes before grilling, this will ensure any cleaning residue has burned off. 5. Apply a light coat of cooking oil or spray to the grill grate prior to use, this will make clean up a cinch. 6. Clean the interior grill completely after every use to prevent food from sticking; it makes the surface easier to cook on and the food taste better. Use an interior grill cleaner like Goo Gone BBQ Grill Cleaner, removing baked-on food and dirt, drippings, grease and soot. It clings to the grate to clean better. 7. And don't forget about the exterior as well. If you have a stainless steel grill, clean the exterior with a cleaner like Goo Gone Outdoor Stainless Steel Grill Restoration Kit (Stainless Steel Grill Cleaner, Polish and Restoration Compound) to clean, buff out scratches, remove and repel fingerprints and remove tarnish spots and rust stains.

For more ideas on safe and enjoyable grilling experiences or for Magic American products call (440) 333-0001 ext. 104 or katie@sweeneypr.com or visit www.magicamerican.com to review more than 100 cleaning and bath products - from grease and grime cleaners to patio furniture and BBQ grill cleaners.

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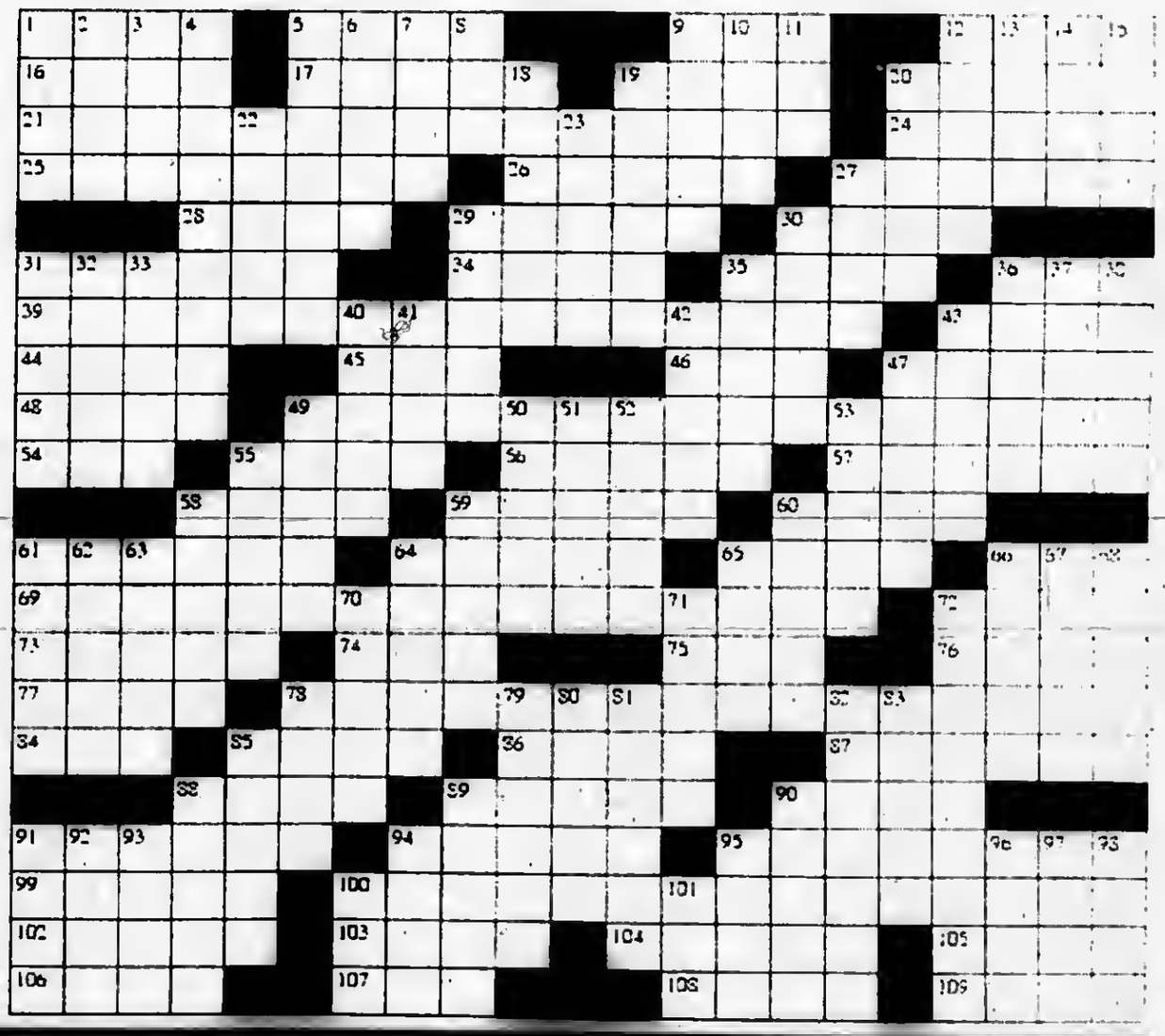


Look on page 18 for the solution to this weeks puzzle

Promote Internet Safety Education For School Children

As part of her continuing efforts to promote Internet safety education, Attorney General Lisa Madigan is encouraging parents and guardians to take an Internet safety quiz titled, "How Aware R U?" The quiz demonstrates the risks that children face online and can serve as a starting point for parents as they learn to recognize online dangers and how to educate their children about these issues.

Madigan's "How Aware R U?" quiz is part of her office's ongoing efforts to educate parents and children about the ever-changing dangers that children face online. Last month, Madigan unveiled her Internet Safety Education Act (ISEA), SB 1472, to encourage Illinois schools to adopt an age-appropriate Internet safety curriculum for students in grades K through 12. Sponsored by Senator Dan Kotowski, Senator Arthur Wilhelmi, and State Representative David Miller, SB 1472 identifies key topics for instruction, including safe and responsible use of the Internet, and the risks posed by online predators, identify theft, cyber-bullying and harassment, and illegal downloading. The Illinois Senate passed the bill and it is currently in the House Committee on Elementary and Secondary Education. Also as part of her outreach efforts, Madigan's office is distributing Internet safety educational videos to schools throughout the state.

The quiz calls parents' attention to the abbreviated language which children use in e-mails, chat rooms, instant messages, and text messages. Some abbreviations are red flags to parents for a potential danger. For example, a seemingly harmless text message "LMRL" is an invitation: let's meet in real life. When parents become familiar with these cues, they can take an active role in protecting their children.

Approximately 13 percent of teenagers reported that they received an unwanted sexual solicitation online, according to a recent study conducted by University of New Hampshire researchers for the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC). In addition, 34 percent of children ages 10 to 17 post their real names, telephone numbers, home addresses or the names of their schools online, where anyone can access that personal information.

These new Internet safety initiatives join the overall efforts by Attorney General Madigan to protect children from online predators, including the Illinois Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) task force, which is located within her office. Since January 2006, ICAC has investigated 462 cyber tips from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, arrested 74 Internet predators, and trained more than 30,000 parents, children and educators. More information can be located at http://www.illinoisattorneygeneral.gov/children/child_hitech.html.

Library Membership Drive

Last year, nearly 900 people joined the Friends of the Oak Lawn Library, a non-profit organization committed to promoting use of the Oak Lawn Public Library, furnishing equipment and materials that are beyond the library's budget and bringing opportunities for cultural enrichment to area residents.

Each spring, the Friends reach out to remind current members to renew their membership and invite newcomers to join up for the first time. The Friends 2007-2008 membership year will run June 1st through May 31st.

Annual dues are $5 for an individual and $8 for a family, which includes a spouse and any children under age 18. Members receive news updates from the Friends, a $5 discount on most bus trip tickets and access to special members-only events, which includes the annual book sale. Membership forms are available at the library's Reception Booth and via the Friends web site, www.oaklawnlibrary.org/friends.htm.

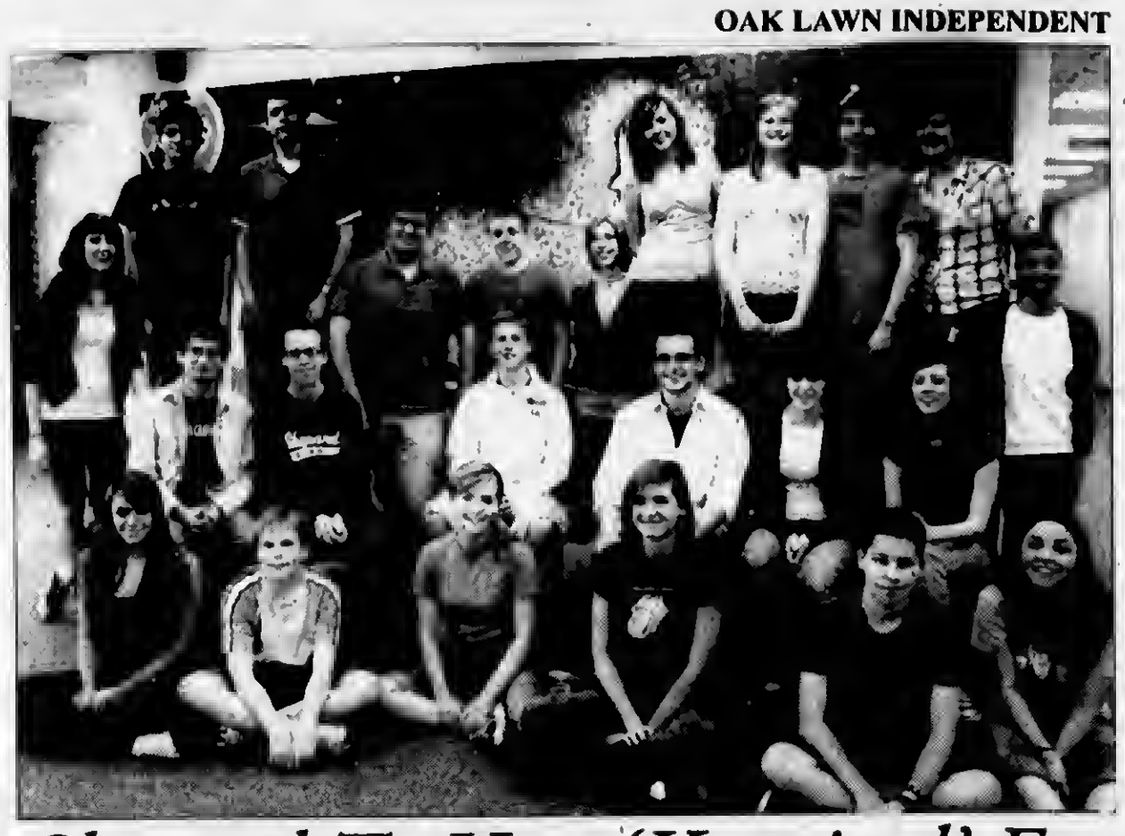
Marist Summer Camps

Marist High School will host a variety of sports and activity camps this summer for grammar school students. Camps include co-ed running, co-ed track & field, boys' baseball, boys' basketball, boys' football, boys' soccer, boys' volleyball, boys' wrestling, girls' basketball, girls' soccer, girls' softball, girls' volleyball and cheerleading. There are also co-ed kiddie camps for basketball and volleyball. All camps are run by Marist's accomplished coaching staff.

In addition, Marist High School will offer a co-ed art camp focusing on drawing, printmaking, painting and sculpture. There will also be a co-ed speech and acting camp.

Camps begin June 18 and run through July 26. Complete schedules along with registration forms are available in the main office of the school or online at www.marist.net. For more information, call (773) 881-5300.

Founded by the Marist Brothers in 1963, Marist High School, 4200 W. 115th St. in Chicago, is a private Catholic school educating young men and women in heart, mind, and body.



Shepard To Host 'Karnival' For Elementary School Students

Shepard High School will host its second annual spring community festival, 'Karnival,' for elementary school students on Saturday, May 19 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. That weekend also will feature a special presentation of The Complete Works of William Shakespeare, a drama that somehow includes every play written by The Bard.

Karnival will include a host of traditional carnival games, plenty of food, face painting, sidewalk chalk drawing competition, and caricature drawing. Activities include the school Science Club performing assorted experiments and Shepard athletes – football, soccer, baseball and softball players – hosting tutorials.

The Palos Heights police and fire departments also will be on hand to conduct demonstrations.

Shepard's drama department will present The Complete Works of William Shakespeare on Friday and Saturday, May 18 and 19 at 7 p.m. Tickets are $5. The production, which is a comedy, includes themes and portions of every play written by Shakespeare.

Pictured, left to right, are cast members of the Shepard High School production of 'The Complete Works of William Shakespeare': (back row) Kelly Sullivan, Christian Castro, Jimmy Ramelli, Peter Korbakous, Kyle Whitney, Megan Lyons, Anna Whitcomb, Jillian Burnickus, Jared Synal, Rachel Green, Jasmine Lockett, (middle row) Joe Anderson, Mike Medley, Justin Gainer, Mike Haverty, Chloe Pastore, Amy Ramelli and (front row) Nadine Dawud, Jim Vanderwarren, Jackie Vanderwarren, Shannon O'Connell, Abe Del Toro, and Julia Hernandez.

Students Of The Month

Every month each classroom teacher chooses a student to have the honor of being "Student of the Month" based on outstanding attitude, excellent efforts, superb citizenship or good grades. Congratulations to the following students who will have their pictures displayed on the bulletin board and be invited to have lunch with Mrs. Novak. Their picture then goes into the Hall of Fame Display Case to be displayed all year. Students chosen for the month of April pictured left to right: (row 1) Timothy Schmelzer, Cencire Sanders, Lyth DMour, Karolina Budz, Natalie Escobedo; (row 2) Mitch Ternes, Ryan Elchwedel, Omar Abedai-rahman, Allyson Collins; (back row) Myranda Gmyrek, Edward Gallag-her, Rebecca Kleina and Kathleen Schofield.

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SHOP AND SAVE IN OAK LAWN

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The Oak Lawn Park District has many opportunities to Take Time for Fun during the summer. For more information on a particular camp or event, call the Oak View Center at (708) 857-2200 or visit www.olparks.com.

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Summer Camps at the Oak Lawn Park District - Registration is underway for all of the Oak Lawn Park District's summer camp programs. The park district offers a variety of fun summer camps for children ages 3 to 17. Camps range from traditional day camps to horseback-riding camps. Other camps include sports camp, preschool camp sunshine, dance camp, jr. naturalist outdoor adventure camp, and special recreation camps.

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Oak Lawn Park District Pre-Teen & Teen Center, 9400 S Oak Park Ave., David J. Center, across from the Community Pavilion. The cost is $2; must have photo ID to enter (school or state). What's There: pool, air hockey, foosball, ping pong, over 30 board games, TV, Wii, and more. The hours: May 15th, 22nd, 29th, and June 5th, 18th, and 28th from 4-6:30 pm.

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Adult Sand Vo''.yball League Registration – Registration is underway for the men's, women's and coed sand volleyball leagues. Fee per tem is $325. Games will be played at Centennial Park (behind the Community Pavilion, 9401 S. Oak Park Ave.). Teams will participate in round robin play with game times varying each week. League play begins the first week of June. Participants must have a signed waiver on file. Registration is taken at the Pavilion only. For more information on days and times, call the Community Pavilion at (708) 857-2420.

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Stony Creek Practice Center - Enjoy indoor golf indoors and improve your golf game at the Stony Creek Indoor Learning Center, call the pro shop at (708) 857-2433 for more info or to schedule your lesson today.

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Golf Simulators - You can play golf everyday at the Stony Creek Golf Course on the newly updated simulators. Enhanced graphics improve your golfing experience as you play over 40 different courses from across the country. Stony Creek Golf Course is located at 5850 W. 103rd Street in Oak Lawn. Call the clubhouse at (708) 857-2433 to book a tee time.

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Teen Advisory Group – Oak Lawn Park district is looking to start a Teen Advisory Group. To get your ideas for the Teen Center, open tween & teen hours, trips, programs and events. Contact Colleen O'Gorman at (708) 857-2420 for more information.

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Massage Therapy at the Community Pavilion - Sandra Coffey is available by appointment only. Massage therapy is used to reduce stress, increase circulation and detoxify overexerted muscles. Open to men and women. Children under age 12 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. There is a 24-hour cancellation policy. To schedule a massage, call (708) 857-2420.

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Personal Training at the Community Pavilion - Meet with a certified Personal Trainer who will design a program to improve your cardiovascular fitness, muscular strength, and endurance. Increase flexibility, improve body image, lose weight, and-in general-just make you feel good about yourself. Call for an appointment: (708) 857-2420.

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Stony Creek Junior Golf League - League starts on June 21st and plays on Thursday. Enjoy playing with your friends, meet the golf pros and learn how to play golf for fun and competition. Junior Golf Championship will be the final week of the golf league. Call the golf pro shop for details, (708) 857-2433.

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Save the Date - The Special Recreation Department is having its first Families and Friends Night on June 29. For more info, please email Jacqueline Canty, Special Recreation Coordinator, at JCanty@olparks.com. Look out for our new summer programs in the summer guide!

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New -The Socializers - Come out once a week to meet other kids just like you that share the same interests!! This new program will meet on Saturday afternoons from 1-2 pm at the Oak View Center (4625 W. 110th St.) and is open to those ages 6 -18 with disabilities. You can play board games, do crafts and most importantly, have fun. A light snack will be provided. Fee for this program is $44 for Oak Lawn residents and coop members and $66 for non-residents.

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Parent Forum & Support Group for Parents of Children with Disabilities - Come out once a month to discuss, review and suggest new ideas or program strategies! Also, meet other parents of children with disabilities. Staff will be provided to watch children during meeting. For meeting topics and information, contact: Jacqueline Canty at 857-2200 or jcanty@olparks.com. This group meets on the third Thursday of every month at 7 p.m. at the Oak View Center, 4625 W. 110th St.

Science Club Goldberg Competition

Although the Science Club from Shepard High School did not return with trophies from the national Rube Goldberg Machine Contest, teacher and former mechanical engineer Jeff Partynski knows they're better engineers for the experience. For a teacher, that's really the point.

The machine contest challenges students to design complex contraptions that complete simple tasks. This year's edition required teams to design and build machines that would juice an orange and pour the liquid into a glass.

"The Goldberg competition is really an exercise in new product development. Our students followed the same steps in creating our juicer that companies like GM or Sony take in creating their new products. It all starts with defining the problem. A team of people with diverse talents then begin brainstorming different ways to solve that problem," said Partynski, who worked as a mechanical engineer for more than 20 years before coming to Shepard in 2005.

"That's the kind of thing I would like to do (professionally), build and design things," junior Mike Gabriel said.

For junior Matt Bellassai, the experience proved transformational. "Before this, I hadn't really thought a lot about a major in science. But the Goldberg project has taught me to (consider it.) I'll probably major in something related to science," he said.

As Partynski knew, the teamwork and collaboration made the experience more memorable for students than the design and construction of the juicer.

"After some debating, haggling and even arguing at times, the team came to consensus and began designing, building and testing a prototype. In the end each team member contributed to the final product," said Partynski.

Indeed, for students collaborating with one another proved as great a challenge as constructing their juicer.

"The most challenging aspect was working with everyone to bring all our ideas together and getting all of the things we built to work together," said Lindsay Drabek.

"Working together and all coming together on an idea," Gabriel said was the most challenging part of constructing the juicer.

Bellassai thought meeting deadlines challenged the Shepard team the most. "Our lack of time was probably the most challenging thing. Even though we didn't place, we win in the long run because we learned a lot and laughed along the way.

For other students, taking disparate parts or mechanisms and connecting them to achieve a singular goal overshadowed any of the 'human' obstacles.

"Definitely, the most challenging part was piecing together the ideas in our minds and making everything work. Seeing them actually work was a great accomplishment," said Brittany Leddy.

Hosted by Argonne National Laboratory, the Shepard team competed late last month at the Chicago Children's Museum at Navy Pier.

Rube Goldberg was a Pulitzer Prize-winning cartoonist whose drawings sometimes featured complex machinery made from everyday parts. The contest is "designed to pull students away from conventional problem-solving and push them into the endless chaos of imagination and intuitive thought," according to www.rube-goldberg.com.

Pictured left to right are members of the Science Club from Shepard High School who competed in the Rube Goldberg Machine Contest Joe Bosas, Jon Edling, Nick Moeller, Jimmy Dreger, teacher Jeff Partynski, Brittany Leddy, Matt Bellassai and Ken Rodriguez. Not pictured are design team members Mike Gabriel, Marijo Lombardo, Lindsay Drabek, Christina Barajas, Kirk Douglass, Justin Cabel, Chassidy Dillard and Walter Schnoor.

Pizza Garden Art Classes

A pizza garden art class for families will be hosted at the Children's Farm on Sunday, May 20, from 1 to 2:30 p.m. The Children's Farm is located at 12700 Southwest Highway in Palos Park.

Families with children of any age are invited to paint and plant a large flower pot garden of tomatoes and pizza herbs. According to Center program director Lois Lauer, "Our monthly Family Art Workshops are fun and creative and focus on cooperative family effort." The class fee is $6 per person plus a $6 materials fee per family. Advance reservations are required. The class will meet at the farm pavilion.

For further information, interested persons should call The Center at (708) 361-3650.

Library Holiday Closing

The Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St., will be closed on Sunday and Monday, May 27th and 28th in observance of Memorial Day. The library's regular hours are: Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Starting May 27th, the library will be closed on Sunday until mid-September.

Red, White & Blue And Flower Sale Too

The Oak Lawn Park District will kick the summer season off with its annual Memorial Day Celebration, Red, White & Blue and Flower Sale, Too, at Memorial Park, 102nd St. and Major Ave., on Monday, May 28.

2007 Memorial Day Itinerary

8:00am-3:00pm	Fishing Derby
10:00am-12:00pm	Perennial Divide Drop Off
11:00am-	Free Ladybugs while they last
11:00am	1-5 year olds Treasure Hunt
12:00pm	6-10 year olds Treasure Hunt
11:00am-12:00pm	Kids Bingo
1:00pm-3:00pm	Kids Bingo
11:00am-3:00pm	Flower Sale
11:00am-3:00pm	Open Swim at baby pool
12:00pm-1:00pm	Magician
12:00pm-3:00pm	Tattoos
12:00pm-3:00pm	Sand Volleyball Tournament
1:00pm-3:00pm	Perennial Exchange
1:00pm-3:00pm	Sand Castle Building
1:00pm-3:00pm	Chicago Outskirts Band
3:00pm	Salute to the Veterans – Marine Corp League Burbank Detachment

Memorial Day Plant Sale - Everyone needs more flowers! It is spring and time for the OLPD Memorial Day plant sale! Pick up a few more flats of annuals to adorn your garden or patio! How about a hanging basket to dress up the front stoop or the garage? Full flats are $12, half flats $6 and Hanging baskets and bags are $15.

Memorial Day Perennial Exchange - How does your garden grow? Too crowded? Lucky for you the OLPD is having its annual Perennial Plant Exchange on Memorial Day. If you are a seasoned gardener or a beginner this exchange is for you! This is your chance to share and trade a piece of your garden with others and meet local gardeners too. Who knows you may even meet a garden buddy or two. Master gardeners and members of the Oak Lawn Garden Club will be on hand to answer questions.

Perennial Plant Drop-off: 10 am – 12 Noon

Perennial Plant Exchange: 1 – 3 pm

Here are Guidelines for any Newcomers:

- Dig and divide your plants or seedlings, and place into pots. They need not be fancy. Milk cartons, cottage cheese containers and yogurt containers work well. Poke a couple of holes in the bottom for drainage. Water them well and bring them along.
- Bring a plant to get a plant!
- Please bring them tagged and identify if they are sun or shade loving, the type and color of bloom, if known. If you have a picture of the plant, it is a handy thing for other gardeners. A perennial reference book can help in identifying plants. Only healthy, pest-free plants may be exchanged.
- This is a free exchange. Please do not bring plants to sell. It will not be allowed.
- Also why not bring your old and gently used gardening magazines or books to share with other gardeners.

The most important thing to do at a plant swap is to have fun, make new gardening friends and enjoy the spring weather. Please join us, won't you?

Open Mic Readings

Budding wordsmiths and people who enjoy listening to original creative works are invited to attend an Open Mic Short Story and Poetry Reading at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, May 30th at the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St. Bring your best piece and register at the door. Five- minute time limit. Those who wish to read are asked to rehearse in advance to ensure that they stay within that time frame. Coffee and light refreshments. Admission is free.

If you need additional information, call (708) 422-4990.

Thoughts On Health & Nutrition

by
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MEDICAL MARIJUANA BILL REJECTED

Last Thursday, a vote on the floor of the State Senate rejected the medical marijuana bill--SB 650--by a vote of 22-29. The measure, sponsored by Sen. John Cullerton (D-Chicago) would have protected seriously ill patients from arrest for using marijuana to relieve pain nausea, muscle spasms and similar symptoms of specific medical conditions, if their medical practitioner recommended it.

Opposition to the bill came from those who worried that their support would have signaled that they are "soft on crime".

"The Illinois Nurses Association supports this legislation because nurses know that there are some patients who suffer excruciating pain that cannot always be relieved by standard pain medications," said INA President Kathleen Perry, Ph.D., R.N. "The INA supports the rights of patients to have safe access to therapeutic marijuana under appropriate prescriber supervision, and supports the ability of health care providers to discuss and recommend the therapeutic use of marijuana without the threat of criminal penalties."

As proposed, anyone with cancer, multiple sclerosis, AIDS, or similar weakening conditions would have been able to use the drug, and caretakers could have access to it for their patients as well.

"New research has shown that medical marijuana can be both helpful and safe for many people living with HIV," said John Peller, director of state affairs for the AIDS Foundation of Chicago. "A University of California study found that marijuana relieves a type of incapacitating nerve pain that causes great suffering to people debilitated by AIDS, while other research has shown that vaporization allows patients to use medical marijuana without the risk of smoking. It's time for Illinois to act so t' ' the sick and suffering don't have to face arrest and ja..

The statements by the Nurses Association and the AIDS Foundation continue a trend of medical and professional support for compassionate legal access to medical marijuana. Over 900 Illinois doctors, more than 300 nurses and 50 Illinois clergy members individually endorsed SB650. In addition, the American Public Health Association, American Bar Association, American Nurses Association, and Lymphoma Foundation of American have issued statements of support for access to medical marijuana nationwide.

State legislation approved a medical marijuana law in 1978 but it was halted amidst political debates and other restraints. Before last Thursday, no other state action had been taken.

If Sen. Cullerton is able to garner the 30-vote minimum, he said he would reintroduce the issue before the end of May.

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Greater Chicago Epilepsy Walk

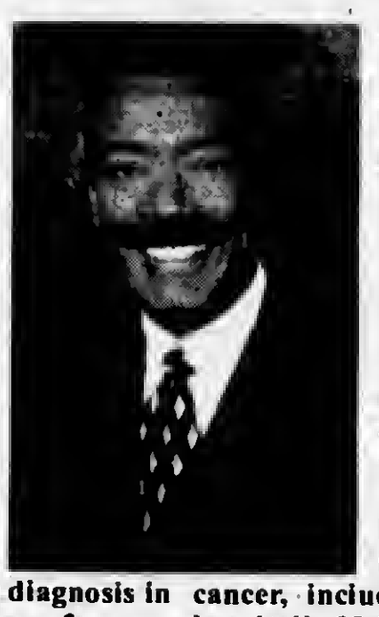
The seventh annual Greater Chicago Epilepsy Walk takes place on Saturday, May 12 in the Danada Forest Preserve in Wheaton, and on Saturday, May 19 in Chicago's Lincoln Park. Both 5K (3.1 miles) Walks begin at 9:30 a.m., with participant check-in starting at 8 a.m. Refreshments and family-friendly entertainment will follow both walks.

Individuals may sign up on-line at www.epilepsychicago.org. Registration forms are also available at Chicago-area Jewel-Osco locations. Registration is $25 for adults and teens 13 and older, and $15 for children ages 7 to 12. There is no registration fee for children six and under. Proceeds will help fund epilepsy support and education throughout the Chicago area.

For more information about the Greater Chicago Epilepsy Walk, call (312) 939-8622 or visit www.epilepsychicago.org.

WGN-TV News Anchor And Cancer Survivor Speaks On Cancer Survivors Day

A Sunday, June 3 Cancer Survivors Day Celebration, sponsored by The Cancer Center of Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care Centers, will begin at 10 a.m. at the Hilton Oak Lawn Hotel and will include a spiritual liturgy, brunch and feature guest speaker, Robert Jordan (pictured), WGN-TV Channel 9 weekend news anchor and prostate cancer survivor.



Jordan will address cancer survivors and their families and friends from the Chicagoland area next month in celebration of National Cancer Survivors Day. Jordan was diagnosed with prostate cancer in October 2005 and underwent a da Vinci® surgical prostatectomy in January 2006. He will speak about his battle with cancer.

The Cancer Center at Little Company of Mary (LCM) is ranked in the top 27 percent of the nation's cancer programs accredited by the American College of Surgeons' Commission on Cancer. Cancer statistics at Little Company of Mary are more hopeful than ever. In the case of breast cancer, the most common cancer treated at LCM, statistics show a diagnosis in its earliest stages, the better is the chance for survival. Stage 0, Stage 1 and Stage 2 breast cancer patients diagnosed at LCM have a greater than 80 percent chance of surviving more than five years.

In 2006, Little Company of Mary joined the ranks of the academic medical centers as it offers physicians the opportunity to employ the da Vinci® Surgical System in prostate cancer surgery. A minimally-invasive da vinci® robot helps surgeons perform complex surgeries through tiny openings using state-of-the-art robotic technology. Patients who undergo da Vinci® prostatectomies typically enjoy shorter hospital stays and earlier returns to full activities.

In addition, LCM also performs High Dose Rate Brachytherapy (HDR) for prostate cancer patients. HDR involves placing temporary radioactive catheters directly into the prostate with sophisticated computer planning to deliver the most precise radiation treatment available. This technique maximizes the cancer treatment and minimizes side effects.

"As a cancer survivor myself, I am deeply honored to serve as the guest speaker for Little Company of Mary's Cancer Survivor Day," Jordan said.

Jordan first joined WGN-TV in 1973 as a general assignment reporter and he also served as an anchor for the One O'Clock News. He left WGN-TV in 1978 and joined the CBS News Midwest Bureau in Chicago where he worked for two years as a reporter, covering stories in the Midwest for network nightly news with Walter Cronkite. He then returned to WGN-TV in 1980. Among the work, Jordan has completed at WGN-TV are several documentaries and news series.

LCM also is known for providing high quality screening and diagnostic testing and therapeutic treatment for cancer, including PET/CT combination scan. The hospital's 33,000-square-foot cancer facility features private chemotherapy treatment bedrooms as well as suite chemotherapy treatment bays.

The Cancer Center provides the latest in linear accelerator technology for radiation therapy, including IMRT, and a wide range of integrative therapy services – including massage, acupuncture and healing touch. The Center also has The Ellyn Rose Cronin Community Resource Library which was recently designated an American Cancer Society Community Resource Center, private conference rooms, laboratory and meeting rooms for support groups. The Cancer Center's treatment modalities and programs reinforce the hospital's commitment to the community's health and comprehensive cancer care.

Issue Warning About Food Borne Illness Linked To Ground Beef

Dr. Eric E. Whitaker, state public health director on May 15th issued a warning about *E.coli* O157:H7, a specific strain of *E.coli*, associated with the consumption of some beef trim meat used to make ground beef. The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service announced that a Minnesota company has recalled 117,500 pounds of beef trim products due to possible contamination. The beef trim products were used to make ground beef including fresh beef patties, fresh or frozen meatloaf and ground chili meat. Additional products subject to recall include boxes of mechanically tenderized steaks and ground beef varying in weights. Labels on the boxes bear the establishment number "Est. 1947A" inside the USDA mark of inspection and a date code (on the top right corner of the label) between "060" and "120." Only products with those date codes are subject to recall. Each box also bears a net weight declaration ad the message "Manufactured for Gordon Food Service" or "Distributed by Gordon Food Service." For a detailed list of the recalled beef products, log on to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service website at www.fsis.usda.gov. Consumers with recalled beef products should return the items to the point of purchase.

The trim was produced on March 27 and was shipped to distributors and retail outlets in Arizona, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, Virginia, Wisconsin and Illinois. Because these products later became ground beef sold under many different retail brand names, consumers should check with their local retailers to determine whether they may have purchased any of the products subject to recall.

E.coli O157:H7 is a virulent strain compared to other strains of *E.coli*. It causes diarrhea, often with bloody stools. Although most healthy adults can recover completely within a week, some people can develop a form of kidney failure called Hemolytic Uremic Syndrome (HUS). HUS is most likely to occur in young children and the elderly. The condition can lead to serious kidney damage and even death.

Free Seminars: For Individuals With Autism Spectrum Disorders

Free half-day workshops will address sexuality and intimate relationships for individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder, including educational approaches. designed to assist people in creating healthy intimate relationships. The discussion will incorporate differing values related to sexuality, and will provide recommendations to help individuals with ASD protect themselves in sexual situations.

The presentations are provided by The Autism Program in collaboration with the Autism Society of Illinois: Champaign-Urbana Autism Network, The Arc of Illinois, with special guest speaker Mary E. Van Bourgondien, Ph.D.

June 1st at St. Xavier University in Chicago from 1 to 5 p.m.

June 2nd at the Holiday Inn Hotel and Conference Center in Urbana from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

To register, call toll-free: The Autism Society of Illinois, 1(888) 691-1270, or for additional information, contact Heather Winkler, The Autism Program, at (217) 525-8332.

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Therapists Provide Music, Comfort

Have you ever listened or sung along to a favorite tune to lift your spirits? If you have used music in this way, you have experienced one of the many ways in which music can serve to motivate or relax you, and also to elicit positive emotions.

Research demonstrates that listening to music can directly and positively influence our health. Board certified music therapists use techniques that are scientifically researched and clinically designed to meet a variety of needs including pain management, reducing anxiety, improving coping skills and rehabilitating physical abilities. Music therapists work with people of all ages and abilities in settings such as schools, hospitals, long term care facilities, as well as hospice and community programs.

Nearly thirty percent of the hospices in the greater-Chicago area employ at least one board certified music therapist. They honor cultural and religious diversity of their patients by integrating the person's favorite music into the therapeutic experience. "Research and clinical experience show us again and again that the music a person likes is often the most therapeutic for them," said Laura Pawuk.

Among those who participated in hospice music therapy was an eight year old boy who wrote and recorded songs for his dying grandmother. A middle-aged man with lung cancer breathed effortlessly and without pain while listening to his favorite songs that were improvised on the guitar to match his breathing and mood. And, a mother with breast cancer was supported in her final days by her family who sang her favorite spiritual songs to the accompaniment of the music therapist's folk harp. These illustrations demonstrate some of the ways that music therapy provides physical, emotional and spiritual support for hospice patients and families.

Music therapists are employed in a variety of settings, including but not limited to, schools, hospitals, nursing homes, adult day centers, psychiatric facilities, hospice and community programs. A wide body of scientific research demonstrates music therapy's effectiveness with people of all ages and needs, including those in end of life care, premature infants, persons with special needs, cancer, strokes, Alzheimer's/dementia and Parkinson's disease. Music therapists are trained in one of more than seventy colleges and universities across the country. Currently more than four thousand music therapists are board certified. Most are members of the American Music Therapy Association.

For more information about music therapy in your community, contact Todd Schorle at (847) 292-2355, TSchorle@RainbowHospice.org.

Dental Exams Key To Personal Control Of Oral Health

You take pretty good care of your teeth, brushing and flossing daily. You don't really have any major dental issues. Is it really necessary for you to schedule dental exams unless there's a problem?

Oral health professionals point out there are numerous reasons to keep those checkups on your calendar, even if you take good care of your teeth.

"Just because it's been awhile since you've had a cavity or a dental health issue, don't give up on those visits to the dentist," said Dr. Max Anderson, DDS, a national oral health advisor for Delta Dental Plans Association. "Dental checkups continue to be an important part of taking good care of teeth, preventing problems and providing people with greater control of their oral health."

Preventive checkups provide dentists with opportunities to identify and intervene early in dental diseases. This can reduce any pain and the financial costs associated with more severe forms of dental diseases.

For example, periodontal disease that goes unnoticed for lack of a checkup can progress into more serious stages possibly resulting in pain, tooth loss and other problems. If caught early, periodontal disease is easier to manage and, in some cases, reverse.

Dental professionals can also use today's dental exams to screen for periodontal (gum) disease, oral cancer and other health issues that can be difficult to spot on your own. More than 120 diseases can cause specific signs and symptoms in and around the mouth and jaw. Dental professionals performing checkups can spot symptoms that could indicate serious health problems elsewhere in the body that need attention.

The prevention connection extends to recent changes in your health. Regular checkups allow your dentist to keep up with changes to your health status. Upon learning of medical conditions you've developed or treatments you're receiving, your dentist can recommend strategies to help you proactively counter the negative effects the conditions and treatments would otherwise have on your oral health.

Visiting the dentist for exams is certainly easier if your employer has dental benefits. Most dental plans cover preventive care and a limited number of checkups each year. If you aren't getting dental coverage though your employer, ask your company's human resources department or benefits administrator if getting dental benefits is possible. Most employers, when briefed on the many business-friendly reasons for offering dental benefits, will recognize their worth.

"Your smile and your breath, the foods you can eat and social interactions are all enhanced through better oral health," said Dr. Anderson. "Dental checkups are a great investment in your oral and overall health."

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Veterans And Soldiers News

By Lori Taylor Ph: 708.388.2425

The PRYME TYMERS are inviting everyone, especially Korean War Veterans, to their meeting on Thursday, May 24th at 11 a.m. at Trinity Evangelical Covenant Church, 9230 S. Pulaski Rd., in recognition of Memorial Day. Korean War Veterans under the leadership of Paul Guerrero, a member of Midlothian VFW Post 2580 and the Korean Vets who meet in Tinley Park, will present a program entitled "Tell It America". Bob and Charlene Oehmen of Tinley Park will also be featured. They are the couple who were treated to an Extreme Home Makeover by Tinley Park VFW Post 2791 and the Village of Tinley Park for their work with the veterans organizations in the south suburban area. In addition, Bill Lythberg of Oak Lawn will share a personally written military story and Richard Hellermann of Evergreen Park will have poppies available. "If you love America, you'll love this program," said Tom Panush, program coordinator of PRYME TYMERS.

Tom said red, white and blue are the suggested colors for your attire. A chop suey luncheon, prepared by Chef Pitluck, will be served at noon. The cost is only $6 and requires reservations. Call the church office at (708) 422-5111 or Tom Panush at (708) 636-7548 by Friday, May 18th. Transportation is provided upon request. A canned goods item will also be collected for the Salvation Army Food Pantry. (If you receive this paper too late for the May 18th deadline, call Tom anyway, I am sure he will be able to help you.) Sounds like a great program, have fun.

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The Alsip Mayor's Office of Special Events will present Memorial Day Services on Sunday, May 27th at 11 a.m. at the Alsip Memorial VFW Post 450, 11800 S. Old Cicero Ave. (Veteran's Way). The guest of honor will be Tammy Duckworth, Illinois Veterans' Affairs Director. Featured will be a full Army color guard, The Emerald Society, 21-gun salute, a live bugler, fly over, unveiling of Oak Memorial Carving and releasing of the Doves.

Hamburgers and hot dogs will be served following the services. Shuttle buses will be provided from Sprinkler Fitters Hall, 11900 Laramie, and from Hazelgreen School on 118th St.

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Orland Park Memorial Day Services will be held on Monday, May 28th at 1 p.m. at the Veterans' Memorial, Ara Pace – Place of Peace, adjacent to the Village Hall, 14700 Ravinia Ave. At this ceremony veterans' names added to the granite wall are read aloud.

The ceremony will conclude at 1:30 p.m. with a P-51 Mustang Fly Over, the fee for this was paid by Orland Park resident Glenn Boley. The North American P-51 Mustang was an American long-range single-seat fighter aircraft that entered service with Allied air forces in the middle years of World War II. The P-51 became one of the conflicts most successful and recognizable aircraft.

Attendees are invited to bring damaged American flags to the ceremony, as members of the VFW and American Legion will perform a flag retirement ceremony immediately following the Memorial Day observance.

Refreshments will be served in the Orland Park Civic Center immediately following the ceremony. For more information, call Gail Blummer at (708) 403-6203.

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All veterans and currently enlisted service men and women are invited to march in the Beverly Hills/Morgan Park Memorial Day Parade. The men and women who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces will lead the parade as grand marshals. Community groups, scout troops, bands and families are also invited to participate. The parade steps off at about 10:30 a.m. from 110th and Longwood Dr. and proceeds north to Ridge Park, 97th and Longwood Dr. Memorial Day activities are held following the parade at Ridge Park and include a Color Guard ceremony remembering men and women of the U.S. Armed Forces, both past and present.

Families and friends of men and women serving in the U.S. Armed Forces are welcome to show their support of the troops by marching behind the grand marshals. Schools, civic associations, social groups, businesses, organizations and others are all welcome to march. Included can be stroller or lawnmower brigades, vintage cars, families or groups dressed all in red, white and blue, or kazoo bands. Applications to participate are available. For more information, call (773) 233-3100.

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The Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs invites you to attend the May 2007 Veteran of the Month Award Presentation to Geno Pierson on Wednesday, May 23rd from 1 to 2 p.m. at the Matteson Village Hall Council Chambers, 4900 Village Commons. For more information, call Michael Smith at (312) 814-539.

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This week's quote: "In case you're worried about what's going to become of the younger generation, it's going to grow up and start worrying about the younger generation." Roger Allen.

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Good-bye until next week. God bless you and your family and God bless America.

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A message from Director James P. Sledge
Illinois Dept. of Employment Security

As Director of the Illinois Dept. of Employment Security, I am asking you to partner with me in an effort to employ our nation's veterans. As you know, payroll represents a significant portion of your budget. A major cost associated with operating a business is hiring, training and preparing new employees. All too often, individuals are hired who are simply wrong for the job, resulting in lack of retention and increased costs for your business. We at the Illinois Dept. of Employment Security (IDES) understand the urgency to address these issues head on. IDES can help. In fact, we have at our fingertips one of the most time-tested plans for successful employee placement – and that plan is simple...hire a veteran.

Your organization, no matter how large or small, depends on resilient and reliable employees to ensure its success and viability. IDES can provide you with resources at no cost, including Illinois Skills Match, an on-line data based system that utilizes precise skills matching to match job candidates to your employment needs. There is also one-on-one assistance with a local IDES Veterans Employment Representative who can provide information to assist your business in receiving federal tax credits for each eligible veteran you hire.

Veterans are dependable and disciplined, trained and trainable, team players with strong work ethics who are accustomed to diversity. A veteran is a high quality candidate worthy of your consideration. When you hire a military veteran, you are not only fulfilling a crucial need within your company, but also in the process providing a service to your country's economic base. With their unique experiences enhancing their qualifications and making their skills easily transferable to a work assignment, it is very likely that they will prove to be a substantial benefit to your company. The positive advantages of hiring a veteran make the choice clear: "partner with us to change the lives of many and do our part to serve the country." Hire a veteran first!

I invite you to contact Bill Harrison at 1(309) 343-3100, ext. 202, or e-mail William.Harrison@Illinois.gov to learn more about the resources IDES has available for employers.

Sincerely,
James Sledge, Director
Illinois Dept. of Employment Security

Pryme Tymers Invite Vets

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"Quality Of Life" Lottery Scratch-Off

State Senator Jacqueline Y. Collins (D-Chicago) passed Senate Bill 774 from the Senate recently, bringing funding for HIV/AIDS treatment and prevention one step closer with a new lottery scratch-off ticket.

"The increasing trends in HIV acquisition rates are alarming, especially in minority communities. The need for prevention and education is very real, and Senate Bill 774 will provide a revenue source to bring those

dollars to the communities and individuals who need them," said Senator Collins.

Collins said that as an anti-gaming legislator, her decision to sponsor the bill was somewhat conflicted. "I feel compelled to move forward on this legislation because it seems as though we have lost a sense of urgency as this disease has begun to devastate poor constituencies and

communities of color. And with African American women representing 64% of all new cases, it seems as though the epicenter of the diseases has shifted, said Collins. "I feel that in order to curb the increasing rate of HIV/AIDS, we need to take immediate action."

Collins modeled the game after the Ticket for the Cure, which was first released in 2006 to provide funding for breast cancer research. The ticket was expected to generate around $3 million in the first year, but had surpassed that level after just eight months.

Money raised by the game will be dispersed in the form of grants to public or private entities that serve at-risk populations. Recent data indicates that HIV rates are on the rise not just in inner-city areas, but also in rural areas where testing and treatment options may not be as prevalent. The bill provides that organizations of various sizes will receive grants. "AIDS is a statewide problem and the Quality of Life Ticket will provide a statewide response," said Collins. "The bill will sunset in 2012 and hopefully by then we will have a handle on the devastating disease."

March Against Hunger

Staff and volunteers of Operation Blessing and more than 4,000 others will join the march against hunger on Saturday, June 16th at Montrose Harbor. The 22nd Annual Hunger Walk directly benefits participating food pantries, soup kitchens and shelters that are member agencies of the Greater Chicago Food Depository, including Operation Blessing. Funds raised help provide nutritious food to hungry people in our community.

In addition to an approximately 2.5-mile walk, the Hunger Walk features an array of fun activities for the whole family. Festivities include entertainment by the Jesse White Tumblers, choral groups and more as well as face painting, caricature artists, jugglers and stilt walkers. Hunger Walk participants receive an event T-shirt, goodie bag, beverages and snacks.

Every week, nearly 90,000 people turn to the Greater Chicago Food Depository and its network of member agencies, including Operation Blessing, for food assistance. Most agencies are run entirely by volunteers and raise their own operating funds in addition to assistance they receive through the Greater Chicago Food Depository in the form of equipment, grants and training opportunities. The Hunger Walk is a unique fundraiser which helps agencies raise money through an event planned and coordinated by the Greater Chicago Food Depository, Chicago's food bank.

Operation Blessing is seeking walkers and donors for this year's Hunger Walk. To pledge your support, call (708) 597-6326. Registration on the day of the event begins at 8 a.m. and step-off is at 9:30. Free parking is available on a first-come, first-served basis.

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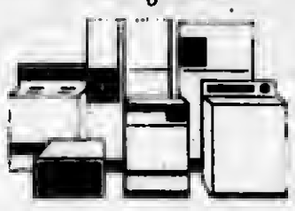

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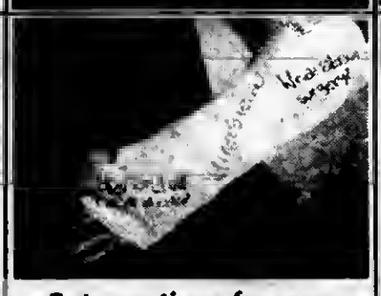

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PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on January 8, 2007 Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, June 5, 2007 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate: P.I.N. 28-12-400-056. Commonly known as: 14802 S. Harrison St., Posen, IL 60469.
The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence. This information is considered reliable but is not warranted. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. This sale is subject to unpaid real estate taxes, assessments, covenants, conditions, easements and restrictions of record. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
This pleading is a communication for the purpose of collecting the mortgage debt, under the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act. If you fail to dispute, in writing, the validity of this debt within thirty days, it will be assumed to be valid. Finally, any information you provide will be used for the purpose of collection. Upon payment of each portion of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Receipt of Sale. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the mortgaged real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection, except by the arrangement and agreement of the current owner or occupant.
For information: JAROS, TITTLE & O'TOOLE, LIMITED, Plaintiff's Attorney, 20 North Clark Street, Suite 510, Chicago, Illinois 60602, (312) 750-1000. Phone calls will be taken only between the hours of 9:00 thru 11:00 A.M. When calling, please refer to file number 06-31217. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I35496

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION WELLS FARGO BANK N.A. AS TRUSTEE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE CERTIFICATE HOLDERS OF ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 2004-WCW1 Plaintiff Vs. HIAWATHA JONES, Defendant 05 CH 13189 NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE Fisher and Shapiro file # 64999 (It is advised that interested parties consult with their own attorneys before bidding at mortgage foreclosure sales.)
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered on April 10, 2006, Kallen Realty Services, Inc. as Selling Official will at 12:30 p.m. on May 30, 2007 at 205 W. Randolph Street, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real property: C/K/A 3606 LYDIA AVENUE, ROBBINS, IL 60472. TAX ID# 28-02-326-007-0000 The mortgaged real estate is improved with a dwelling. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
The judgment amount was $68,170.65. Sale terms: 10% of successful bid immediately at conclusion of auction, balance by noon the next business day, both by cashier's checks; and no refunds. The sale shall be subject to general real estate taxes, special taxes, special assessments, special taxes levied, and superior liens, if any. The property is offered "as is," with no express or implied warranties and without any representation as to the quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to review the court file to verify all information. For information: Sale Clerk, Fisher and Shapiro, 4201 Lake Cook Rd., 1st floor, Northbrook, Illinois 60062, (847) 498-9990, between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. weekdays only. I34989

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION AMERICAN HOME MORTGAGE SERVICING, INC. Plaintiff, -v.- RAFAEL GARCIA, et al Defendant 06 CH 23505 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 10, 2007, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on June 12, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 9429 S. 77TH COURT, Hickory Hills, IL 60457 Property Index No. 23-01-314-005
The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was $201,138.73. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE OF AMERIQUEST MORTGAGE SECURITIES, INC., ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-R11 UNDER THE POOLING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT DATED AS OF DECEMBER 1, 2005, WITHOUT RECOURSE, ASSIGNEE OF AMERIQUEST MORTGAGE COMPANY, Plaintiff, vs. RISHARD BOURNES, VILLAGE OF ROBBINS, UNDER LIEN RECORDED AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 0322417059, Defendants, 06 CH 22993 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on January 23, 2007, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, June 5, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 3457 West 135th Street, Robbins, Illinois 60472. P.I.N. 28-02-201-003/004/005.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION CITIMORTGAGE MASTER SERVICING ON BEHALF OF U.S. BANK, N.A., SUCCESSOR TO EAGLE HOME LOAN, INC.; Plaintiff, vs. CAROLYN LEE; ET AL; Defendants, 06 CH 18371 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on January 9, 2007 Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, June 4, 2007 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate: P.I.N. 24-01-206-059. Commonly known as: 8842 S. Talman, Evergreen Park, IL 60805.
The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence. This information is considered reliable but is not warranted. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. This sale is subject to unpaid real estate taxes, assessments, covenants, conditions, easements and restrictions of record. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. This pleading is a communication for the purpose of collecting the mortgage debt, under the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act. If you fail to dispute, in writing, the validity of this debt within thirty days, it will be assumed to be valid. Finally, any information you provide will be used for the purpose of collection.
Upon payment, of each portion of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Receipt of Sale. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the mortgaged real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection, except by the arrangement and agreement of the current owner or occupant.
For information: JAROS, TITTLE & O'TOOLE, LIMITED, Plaintiff's Attorney, 20 North Clark Street, Suite 510, Chicago, Illinois 60602, (312) 750-1000. Phone calls will be taken only between the hours of 9:00 thru 11:00 A.M. When calling, please refer to file number 06-31090. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I35454

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION U.S. BANK, N.A. AS TRUSTEE Plaintiff, -v.- JOSE D. GALENO, et al Defendant 06 CH 23233 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 31, 2007, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on June 12, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 7918 NASHVILLE AVENUE, Burbank, IL 60459 Property Index No. 19-31-202-027-0000 The real estate is improved with a white vinyl frame single family 1 story home with no garage.
The judgment amount was $188,114.55. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, TRUSTEE Plaintiff, -v.- TROY E. SPENCER A/K/A TROY SPENCER, et al Defendants 06 CH 18544 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on March 13, 2007, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on June 15, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 14454 KOSTNER AVENUE, Midlothian, IL 60445 Property Index No. 28-10-115-020-0000 The real estate is improved with a 1 story white vinyl siding single family home. The judgment amount was $162,874.77. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
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PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered on January 9, 2007, Kallen Realty Services, Inc., successor to Kallen Financial & Capital Services, Inc., as Selling Official will at 12:30 p.m. on June 19, 2007, at 205 W. Randolph Street, Suite 1200, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real property: C/K/A 14735 S. WHIPPLE AVE., POSEN, IL 60488. TAX ID# 28-12-303-056
The mortgaged real estate is improved with a dwelling. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
The judgment amount was $106,791.55. Sale terms: 10% of successful bid immediately at conclusion of auction, balance by noon the next business day, both by cashier's checks; and no refunds. The sale shall be subject to general real estate taxes, special taxes, special assessments, special taxes levied, and superior liens, if any. The property is offered "as is," with no express or implied warranties and without any representation as to the quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to review the court file to verify all information.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION CITIMORTGAGE, INC., ASIGNEE OF MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. Plaintiff, vs. GERONIMO CUEVAS, LORI CUEVAS, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, UNDER HUD MORTGAGE RECORDED AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 0534316119, CACV OF COLORADO, L.L.C., SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO CHASE MANHATTAN BANK, UNDER MORTGAGE UNDER JUDGEMENT RECORDED AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 0625640252, Defendants, 06 CH 22592 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on January 23, 2007, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, June 5, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 8620 S. Parkside Avenue, Burbank, Illinois 60459. P.I.N. 19-32-415-023/046.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION LASALLE BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR CERTIFICATE HOLDERS OF BEAR STEARNS ASSET BACKED SECURITIES I LLC, ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-HE8 Plaintiff, -v.- GEORGE THOMAN, et al Defendant 06 CH 22232 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 23, 2007, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on May 31, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: THE WEST 182 FEET (EXCEPT THE EAST 30 FEET THEREOF OF LOT 7) IN ROBERTSON'S THIRD ADDITION TO MIDLOTHIAN, A SUBDIVISION OF THE EAST 1353 FEET OF THE SOUTH 1/2 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 11, TOWNSHIP 36 NORTH, RANGE 13, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS. Commonly known as 14941 SOUTH HAMLIN AVENUE, Midlothian, IL 60445 Property Index No. 28-11-318-023-0000 The real estate is improved with a grey vinyl frame single family 1 1/2 story home with a detached 2 car garage.
The judgment amount was $175,294.78. Sale terms: 26% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION JP MORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE Plaintiff, -v.- ARIE R. CARTER, et al Defendant 06 CH 25397 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on March 6, 2007, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on June 13, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 3712 WEST 86TH PLACE, Chicago, IL 60652 Property Index No. 19-35-333-053-0000
The real estate is improved with a 1.5 story single family brown brick home with no garage. The judgment amount was $177,224.13. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the prop[illegible] Prospective bidders are admonished t[illegible]k the court file to verify all informati[illegible]
For information: Vi[illegible] our website at http:\\service.atty-pierce.com. between the hours of 3 and 5 pm. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602. Tel No. (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number PA0614725. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE I36460

REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION CHASE HOME FINANCE LLC Plaintiff, -v.- JESUS VALENCIA, et al Defendant 07 CH 2593 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on April 18, 2007, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on June 19, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 7926 S. LAVERGNE AVENUE, Burbank, IL 60459 Property Index No. 19-33-208-014
The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was $277,415.36. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney. The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department.. Please refer to file number 14-07-1568. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE
NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I36427

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY AS TRUSTEE FOR MASTER SPECIAL LOAN TRUST 2006-1 Plaintiff, -v.- MARY SPANN, et al Defendant 06 CH 10377 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 4, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on June 1, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 3556 W. 83RD PLACE, Chicago, IL 60652 Property Index No. 19-35-400-023
The real estate is improved with a single family residence.. The judgment amount was $168,316.31. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department.. Please refer to file number 14-06-6777. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE
NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I36408

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE; Plaintiff, vs. LISA J. YOUNG; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR FINANCE AMERICA, LLC; Defendants, 06 CH 23454 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on January 3, 2007 Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, June 12, 2007 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 10014 S. Merrimac Ave., Oak Lawn, IL 60453. P.I.N. 24-083-110-28-000 and 24-08-311-029.
The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection
For information call William E. Dutton, Jr./Barbara J. Dutton at Plaintiff's Attorney, DUTTON & DUTTON, P.C., 10325 West Lincoln Highway, Frankfort, Illinois 60423. (815) 806-8200. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I36154

REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY AS TRUSTEE; Plaintiff, vs. MARK E. SZPARKOWSKI; NANCY A. SZPARKOWSKI; Defendants, 06 CH 23196 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on January 29, 2007 Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, June 5, 2007 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 8153 Natoma Ave., Burbank, IL 60458. P.I.N. 19-31-211-050.
The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection
For information call William E. Dutton, Jr./Barbara J. Dutton at Plaintiff's Attorney, DUTTON & DUTTON, P.C., 10325 West Lincoln Highway, Frankfort, Illinois 60423. (815) 806-8200. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I35498

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION WELLS FARGO BANK, NA SUCCESSOR BY MERGER WITH) WELLS FARGO HOME MORTGAGE, INC.; Plaintiff, vs. JAMES BURGESON; ET. AL.; 06 CH 23005 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on February 1, 2007, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Thursday, June 7, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 8425 Oak Park Ave., Burbank, IL 60459. P.I.N. 19-31-415-011.
The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence.. Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
For information call Ms. Diane Thomas at Plaintiff's Attorney, Freedman Anselmo Lindberg & Rappe, LLC, 1807 West Diehl Road, Naperville, Illinois 60563-1890. (877) 729-6734. W0610086 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I35526

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION WM SPECIALTY MORTGAGE, L.L.C., WITHOUT RECOURSE, ASSIGNEE OF AMERIQUEST MORTGAGE COMPANY; Plaintiff, vs JULIE G. AMES; Defendants, 06 CH 24774 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on January 8, 2007, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, June 19, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 7626 S. Odell Ave., Bridgeview, IL 60455. P.I.N. 18-25-403-018.
The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
For information call Sales Clerk at Plaintiff's Attorney, Law Offices of Ira T. Nevel, 175 North Franklin Street, Chicago, Illinois 60606. (312) 357-1125. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I37141

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR MORGAN STANLEY LOAN TRUST 2006- HE4; Plaintiff, vs. GREGORY VAN KERKHOVE; ET. AL.; Defendants, 06 CH 24478 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on January 18, 2007, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, June 18, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 15252 Ridgeway Ave., Midlothian, IL 60445. P.I.N. 28-14-105-038.
The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
For information call Ms. Diane Thomas at Plaintiff's Attorney, Freedman Anselmo Lindberg & Rappe, LLC, 1807 West Diehl Road, Naperville, Illinois 60563-1890. (877) 729-6734. W0611022 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I37138

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR MORGAN STANLEY ABS CAPITAL I, INC., TRUST 2006-WMC2; Plaintiff, vs SCOTT W. OGLESBY; ET AL; Defendants, 06 CH 23318 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on March 6, 2007, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Thursday, June 7, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 4212 W. 90th Street, Hometown, IL 60456. P.I.N. 24-03-208-027.
The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds. The property will NOT be open for inspection
For information call Ms. Diane Thomas at Plaintiff's Attorney, Freedman Anselmo Lindberg & Rappe, LLC, 1807 West Diehl Road, Naperville, Illinois 60563-1890. (877) 729-6734. W0610036 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I35545

REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION NATIONAL CITY HOME LOAN SERVICES, INC., Plaintiff V. BRIAN COOPER; LAKESHA COOPER; AMERICAN GENERAL FINANCIAL SERVICES OF ILLINOIS, Defendants 05 CH 6456 NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE Fisher and Shapiro file #63857 (It is advised that interested parties consult with their own attorneys before bidding at mortgage foreclosure sales.)
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered on January 3, 2006, Kallen Realty Services, Inc., as Selling Official will at 12:30 p.m. on June 5, 2007, at 205 W. Randolph Street, Suite 1200, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real property: C/K/A 14921 SOUTH HARRISON AVENUE, POSEN, ILLINOIS 60469. TAX ID# 28-12-441-038
The mortgaged real estate is improved with a dwelling. The property will NOT be open for inspection. The judgment amount was $157,879.91. Sale terms: 10% of successful bid immediately at conclusion of auction, balance by noon the next business day, both by cashier's checks; and no refunds. The sale shall be subject to general real estate taxes, special taxes, special assessments, special taxes levied, and superior liens, if any. The property is offered "as is," with no express or implied warranties and without any representation as to the quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to review the court file to verify all information
For information: Sale Clerk, Fisher and Shapiro, 4201 Lake Cook Rd., 1st floor, Northbrook, Illinois 60062, (847) 498-9990, between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. weekdays only. I35952

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION LASALLE BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, TRUSTEE; Plaintiff, vs SANDRA J. PHELAN, MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR BNC MORTGAGE INC.; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF SANDRA J. PHELAN, IF ANY; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants, 06 CH 22557
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on 3/7/2007, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, June 18, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property: P.I.N. 28-15-118-013. Commonly known as 15423 Kilpatrick Ave., Oak Forest, IL 60452.
The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence with a detached garage. Sale terms: 25% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.
For information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com. Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602. Tel No. (312) 476-5500. Refer to File Number 0612334. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I37094

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE STRUCTURED ASSET SECURITIES CORPORATION MORTGAGE PASS-THOROUGH CERTIFICATES, 2006-EO1 Plaintiff, -v.- RAYPHEAL A. ARMSTRONG SR, et al Defendant 06 CH 24073 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 9, 2007, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on June 18, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 14923 S. BLAINE AVENUE, Posen, IL 60469 Property Index No. 28-12-402-039. Property Index No. (28-12-402-008 UNDERLYING)
The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was $235,943.41. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
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If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department.. Please refer to file number 14-06-E308. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE
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REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION BANK OF NEW YORK AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATE HOLDERS OF CWABS 2004-09, Plaintiff V. MARIA RUIZ; ROSA E. FAZ; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR MILA, INC., D/B/A MORTGAGE INVESTMENT LENDING ASSOCIATES, INC.; Defendents 06 CH 24640 NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE Fisher end Shapiro file # 06-9856D (It is advised that interested parties consult with their own attorneys before bidding at mortgege foreclosure seles.)

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given thet pursuent to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered on Januery 31, 2007, Kellen Reelty Services, Inc., successor to Kellen Financiel & Capital Services, Inc., as Selling Official will et 12:30 p.m. on June 19, 2007, at 205 W. Randolph Street, Suite 1200, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public euction to the highest bidder tor cesh, as set forth below, the following described reel property: C/K/A 14710 SOUTH MOZART AVENUE, POSEN, IL 60469. TAX ID# 28-12-320-020

The mortgaged real estate is improved with e dwelling. The property will NOT be open tor inspection. The judgment emount was $152,006.66. Sale terms: 10% of successful bid immediately et conclusion of auction, balance by noon the next business day, both by cashier's checks; end no refunds. The sale shall be subject to general real estate taxes, special taxes, special essessments, special taxes levied, and superior liens, il any. The property is offered "as is," with no express or implied warranties end without any representation as to the quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to review the court file to verify all information.

For information: Sale Clerk, Fisher end Shapiro, 4201 Lake Cook Rd., 1st floor, Northbrook, Illinois 60062, (847) 498-9990, between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. weekdays only. I26635

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE; Plaintiff, vs. JUAN SERNA; PATRICIA SERNA; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR WMC MORTGAGE CORPORATION; Defendents, 06 CH 23455 NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN thet pursuent to a Judgment of Foreclosure end Sale entered in the above entitled cause on January 9, 2007 Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Wednesday, June 13, 2007 at the hour of 11 e.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cesh, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged reel estete: Commonly known es 10025 S. Karlov, Oak Lawn, IL 60453. P.I.N. 24-10-406-041

The mortgaged reat estate is improved with e single lamily residence. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For informetion call William E. Dutton, Jr./Barbara J. Dutton at Pleintiff's Attorney, DUTTON & DUTTON, P.C., 10325 West Lincoln Highway, Frenkfort, Illinois 60423. (815) 806-8200. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I36180

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE OF ARGENT MORTGAGE SECURITIES, INC.; ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-W5 UNDER THE POOLING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT DATED AS OF MAY 1, 2006, WITHOUT RECOURSE, ASSIGNEE OF ARGENT MORTGAGE, COMPANY, LLC; Plaintiff, vs JEAN PHILLIPS; Defendants, 06 CH 23723 NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given thet pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on January 10, 2007, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, June 19, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicego, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 8000 South Oketo Ave., Bridgeview, IL 60455. P.I.N. 18-36-204-020.

The improvement on the property consists of a single tamily residence. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open tor inspection.

For information call Sales Clerk at Plaintiff's Attorney, Lew Offices of Ira T. Nevel, 175 North Franklin Street, Chicago, Illinois 60606. (312) 357-1125. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I37127

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION US BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE MORTGAGE PASS THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 2006-EO1, Plaintiff, vs ZITA HERNANDEZ, ET AL.; Delendants, 06 CH 20914 NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on March 20, 2007, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Thursday, June 21, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash the following described mortgaged real estate. Commonly known as 9100 S. 51st Ave., Oak Lawn, IL 60453. P.I.N. 24-04-401-026.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call Ms. Diane Thomas at Pleintitt's Attorney, Freedman Anselmo Lindberg & Reppe, LLC, 1807 West Diehl Road, Naperville, Illinois 60563-1890. (877) 729-6734. W0609119 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I37174

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The United States of America President's Award for Educational Excellence has been awarded to 85 Mother McAuley Liberal Arts High School seniors. The President's Education Awards program recognizes academic success in the classroom. Since 1983, the President's Education Awards program has provided individual recognition from the President and the U.S. Secretary of Education to those students whose outstanding efforts have enabled them to meet challenging standards of excellence.

The following area members of the Class of 2007 received this award: Kathryn Adamonis of Oak Lawn, Julie Adams of Oak Lawn, Lisa Adams of Blue Island, Margaret Allison of Orland Park, Esperanza Arroyo of Ashburn, Andrea Augustinas of Evergreen Park, Caitlin Barski of Morgan Park, Jacqueline Bilder of Palos Heights, Mary Kate Boyce of Oak Lawn, Sasha Breneckl of Blue Island, Katherine Bukowski of Mt. Greenwood, Julia Carey of Morgan Park, Brittany Cermak of Evergreen Park, Mary Cullina of Beverly, Jessica Doherty of Oak Lawn, Christine Dujka of Evergreen Park, Briana Dunne of Evergreen Park, Megan Dunne of Palos Heights, Maura Farrell of Orland Park, Catherine Fitzpatrick of Evergreen Park, Danielle Fleckenstein of Oak Lawn, Megan Flynn of Midlothian, Michele Foy of Evergreen Park, Lauren Garvey of Beverly, Pamela Gronkowski of Beverly, Bridget Kelly of Evergreen Park, Caitlin Kelly of Mt. Greenwood, Erin Knightly of Oak Lawn, Karen Kowalesik of Oak Lawn, Katherine Latham of Mt. Greenwood, Steffi Leung of Chicago Lawn, Diana Lorenzini of Palos Heights, Christine Lucas of Oak Lawn, Kathleen Maciejko of Crestwood, Bridget Mallaney of Oak Lawn, Marissa Mathis of Blue Island, Sarah McAuliffe of Morgan Park, Anne McCarthy of Beverly, Katie McGowan of Mt. Greenwood, Michele McGuire of Mt. Greenwood, Stephanie McLaughlin of Beverly, Eileen Meslar of Chicago Ridge, Elizabeth Mizera of Mt. Greenwood, Maura Moran of Evergreen Park, Ashley Moroz of Mt. Greenwood, Kaila Mueller of Beverly, Eliyn Newell of Evergreen Park, Bridget Newquist of Evergreen Park, Rana Nino of Oak lawn, Kaleigh Nolan of Lemont, Kara Noland of Beverly, AshleyO'Brien of Oak Lawn, Kimberly O'Brien of Oak Lawn, Kimberly O'Byrne of Oak Lawn, Heather O'Donnell of Midlothian, Danielle O'Meara of Aisip, Amy Paprocki of Evergreen Park, Alison Patzin of Oak Lawn, Christina Pham of Oak Lawn, Rebecca Pikula of Orland Park, Amanda Pudli of Beverly, Patricia Radecka of Oak Lawn, Bridget Rohan of Mt. Greenwood, Brittany Rollheiser of Palos Park, Stephanie Seweryn of Chicago Ridge, Bridget Simpson of Evergreen Park, Kelly Stewart of Beverly, Katie Vanek of Chicago Ridge, Caitlin Walsh of Beverly, Mallory Ybarra of Orland Park, and Jacqueline Yerkes of Oak Lawn.

DOT Grants For Airports

U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin (D-IL) announced recently that the U.S. Dept. of Transportation (DOT) has awarded $33,000,000 in grants to the City of Chicago.

"Illinois airports are vital arteries that support our economy and national defense," Durbin said. "Today's grants will go a long way towards ensuring that these airports continue to serve their customers with maximum efficiency."

According to DOT, the grants will be used for:

City of Chicago: $18,000,000 toward noise mitigation measures for residences within a certain area surrounding O'Hare International Airport.

City of Chicago: $15,000,000 to improve runway safety areas at Midway International Airport.

"Spring Fling Night Hike"

A "Spring Fling Night Hike," sponsored by the Forest Preserve District of Will County, will be on Friday, May 18th at 8 p.m. at Plum Creek Nature Center in Beecher. This all-age, family program is free of charge.

Come discover the wonders of a spring evening in Goodenow Grove Forest Preserve. Many animals are emerging after the long winter. Learn about the animals that live there and enjoy the forest at night.

The hike will be over paved, gravel and natural earth terrain.

Plum Creek Nature Center is located in Goodenow Grove Forest Preserve, 1.25 miles east of the intersection of Routes 1 and 394 on Goodenow Road in Crete Township.

For information, call the nature center at (708) 946-2216 Tuesday through Sunday.

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Southwest Area Obituaries

Daniel R. Avery

Services were held at the Becvar & Son Funeral Home, Crestwood, on Saturday, with interment at Resurrection Cemetery, for Daniel R. Avery, 58.

He is survived by his wife Joan; his children Daniel and Kary (Marcus) Manzo; one grandchild and his mother Ruby.

John J. Becvar

Services were held at the Becvar & Son Funeral Home, Crestwood, on Wednesday, with a private cremation, for John J. Becvar, and Army Veteran serving as an Engineer in WWII.

He is survived by his wife Marie A.; his children John (Carol) and Patricia (Joseph) O'Connor; ten grandchildren; his stepson Daniel J. (Kathy) Hamzik; ten great-grandchildren; on great-great-grandchild; and his brother Robert.

Estelle Belohlavek/Bell

Mass was Sid at Sacred Heart Church, Palos Hills, on Saturday, with interment at St. Mary Cemetery, for Estelle Belohlavek/Bell, 97.

She is survived by her sister Sally Wojcik.

Robert "Fuzzy" Boyd

Mass was said at St. Stephen Church, Orland Park, on Tuesday, with interment at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, for Robert "Fuzzy" Boyd, a Marine Veteran of WWII. He was an employee of Illinois Bell and retired from AT&T. He was a graduate of St. Sabina Grammar School and St. Rita High School. He was a former parishioner of St. Catherine of Alexandria Church.

He is survived by his wife Gladys; his children Kathy (Tony) Janik, Karen (Jim) Ritchie, Donna (Scott) Grandchamp and Bill (Meriellen "Meg") Boyd; his sister Mary Lou (Jim) Bamicle and his brother Tom (Marie) Boyd.

Cathy L. Breault-Schmidt

Services were held at the Brady-Gill Funeral Home, Evergreen Park, on Saturday, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Cathy L. Breault-Schmidt, 48.

She is survived by her daughter Jeanette Breault, her sisters Deborah (Kevin) Summers and Denise (Donald) Frank.

Frank Chor

Mass was said at St. Louis de Montfort Church, Oak Lawn, on Monday, with interment at Resurrection Cemetery, for Frank Chor.

He is survived by his wife Zdenka; his children Goranka "Cindy" Harden and Frank (Cindy) Chor; one grandchild and one great grandchild; and his sister Franka Antonic

Joseph R. Drumm

Services were held at Kenny Brothers, Evergreen Park on Tuesday, with a private interment, for Joseph R. Drumm.

He is survived by his father Joseph E.; his sister Patricia (Gerald) Means; and his brothers Michael (Vicky) and Edward (Dawn) Drumm.

Nick Gavrilos

Mass was said at SS Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church, Palos Hills, on Saturday, with interment at Bethania Cemetery, for Nick Gavrilos.

He is survived by his father Panagiota, his brother bill and his sister Georgia (Mike) Rousis.

Douglas A. Marcinek

Mass was said at St. Daniel the Prophet Church, Chicago, on Monday, with interment at St. Adalbert Cemetery, for Douglas A. Marcinek, 55, a longtime member of the Teamsters, Local #714.

He is survived by his wife Julie; his children Jennifer, Kelly and Hunter; two grandchildren and his brother Dennis (Mary Ann).

Marlene J. Martin

Mass was said at St. Fabian Church, Bridgeview, on Tuesday, with interment at Mt. Glenwood MemorialGardens, for Marlene J. Martin.

She is survived by her husband Herbert J. Martin; her children Terri(Don) Baron, Michael (Cynthia) Martin; four grandchildren; and her sisters Lorraine Foote and Marge Procopio.

John Weldon McDougall

A memorial service was held at the Abraham Lincoln Cemetery, on Monday, for John Weldon McDougall, 80. He was a Navy Veteran of WWII and a resident of Palos Park and Midlothian. He was the owner of Pressure Sensitizes, Inc., and Weldon Industries, Inc. he was also a 44-year member of the Midlothian Country Club.

He is survived by his wife Martha "Molly" McDougall, his children The Honorable Donald McDougall, Kathleen Colleen (J.T.) Heater, Timothy (Maureen) and Mary (Mark) Perini and 3 grandchildren.

Alvin J. Mucha

Services were held at the Kosary Funeral Home, Evergreen Park, on Saturday, with interment at Resurrection Cemetery, for Alvin J. Mucha. He was a member of the Dorman Dunn Post #547 American Legion and the Berwyn Eagles (REAC).

He is survived by his wife Geri; his children Cynthia (Steve) Whitehead and Susan Thomas; four grandchildren; and his brother Edward.

Clarence J. Noort

Services were held at the Colonial Chapel, Orland Park, on Tuesday, with interment at Chapel Hill Gardens South Cemetery, for Clarence J. Noort, 80, a WWII Navy Veteran.

He is survived by his wife Helen; his children David (Beverly), Donald (Janet), Diane (Thomas) Rigterink and Debra (Thomas) Lindemulder; nine grandchildren; his brother Albert (Betty), and his sister Maria (Jake) Dykstra.

Florence O'Reilly

Mass was said at St. Alexander Church, Palos Heights, on Tuesday, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Florence O'Reilly.

She is survived by her children Jo Ann O'Reilly, Dr. Rita Pucci (Robert Sedlacek), Mary Ellen DeAndrea, and Dr. Kathleen Halleran, Margaret (Layl) Olorunsola, Maureen (Michael) Lowe, sixteen grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Rose Pavoni

Services were held at the John Sheehy & Sons Funeral Home, Palos Heights, on Tuesday, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Rose Pavoni.

She is survived by her children Lorraine Phifer and Don Pavoni; nine grandchildren; twenty great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

William H. Salmons Jr.

Services were held at the Hills Funeral Home, Ltd, Palos Hills, on Wednesday, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for William H. Salmons, Jr. a WWII Veteran.

He is survived by his wife grace M., his children Linda C. and Bill H.

Julia M. DiMucci Sisto

Mass was said at Our Lady of the Ridge Catholic Church, Chicago Ridge, on Saturday, with interment at Mt. Carmel Cemetery, for Julia M. DiMucci Sisto.

She is survived by husband Salvatore DiMucci, her children Vito (Betty Jane) Di Mucci, Kathleen (Wayne) Sisto Lape and four grand children.

Edward C. Smith

Services were held at the Robert J. Sheehy & Sons Funeral Home, Orland Park, on Wednesday, with interment at Evergreen Cemetery, for Edward C. Smith, 88, and Army Veteran of WWII. He was a 50-year Mason contractor with Union Local 21.

He is survived by his children Marcia, Marilyn, Edward J., William and Sancra (Keith) Conaway; and seven grandchildren.

Frank Zuber, Sr.

A memorial service was held Wednesday at St. Benedict Church, Blue Island, with interment at St. Benedict Cemetery, for Frank Zuber, Sr.

He is survived by his wife, Sophie; daughters, Mary (Bob) Smith, Angie Zuber and Michelle (Wally) Habbal; son, Frank Jr. (Joyce) Zuber; 9 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

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Relay For Life: Youth Inspiring Hope

Fifteen years ago, the first American Cancer Society Relay For Life event was held in Illinois. For those involved in Relay For Life it is more than just an event, it is an experience - a life-affirming opportunity to share hope with cancer survivors, caregivers and other supporters in the fight against cancer.

While participants in the American Cancer Society Relay For Life of Oak Lawn applaud the successes made over the last 15 years, they are also busy getting ready to welcome teams, cancer survivors, community supporters and the general public to this year's event that is being held from 6 p.m. on May 19th until 6 a.m. on May 20th at TOak Lawn Community High School, 9400 Southwest Highway.

Relay For Life brings together the community in the fight against cancer. Armed with comfortable shoes and an array of supplies needed for their overnighter, young and old alike will use the illuminated path to guide their feet and hearts as they walk around the clock. Throughout the night, teams of local businesses, schools, churches, community groups and families designate at least one team member at a time to walk or run on the track.

Relay For Life starts with local cancer survivors uniting to walk the first lap of the event. Then, the survivors are joined by family, friends and co-workers who have helped them through their battle with cancer.

A Luminaria Ceremony will be held after dark to honor cancer survivors and those who have lost their battle against cancer. Luminaria, bags filled with sand and a candle that bear the names of those being honored, line the track and continue to burn throughout the night to remind participants of the incredible importance of their contributions. Luminaria are available for purchase online at www.acsevents.org/relay/il/tinleypark or by calling Marshawn Brown at (708) 633-7770.

According to the Illinois Department of Public Health, more than 61,000 Illinois residents, or 168 Illinoisans a day, will be diagnosed with cancer this year and approximately 26,000 will die from the disease. In Cook County alone, more than 121,000 will be diagnosed and nearly 53,000 will die from cancer. Lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer related death in Illinois, followed by colon and rectal cancer.

The goal of this year's Relay For Life of Tinley Park is to raise more than $117,000 for cancer research, community educational programs and advocacy initiatives, and support services for area patients and their families.

As the American Cancer Society's signature fundraiser, Relay For Life helps fund programs such as Road to Recovery, a program that provides cancer patients with transportation to and from treatments; Look Good...Feel Better, which focuses on the inner and outer beauty of women going through chemotherapy and radiation treatments; Wig Bank, that offers free wigs, turbans and other head gear; Support for Recovery, which matches newly diagnosed patients with cancer survivors to help them cope with their diagnosis, treatment and recovery. Relay For Life also helps support the Society's Patient Navigation Services, which offers a place where cancer patients and their families can meet face-to-face with a social worker to discuss questions and concerns about diagnosis including subjects such as insurance support, clinical trials, financial assistance, family counseling and treatment .

For 15 years, Relay For Life of Illinois has been celebrating cancer survivors while honoring those in the community who lost their battle with cancer. For more information on how to get involved in Relay For Life, contact the American Cancer Society at (708) 633-7770 or visit www.acsevents.org/relay/il/tinleypark.

The American Cancer Society is dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by saving lives, diminishing suffering and preventing cancer through research, education, advocacy and service. The Illinois Division has more than 120,000 volunteers and staff fighting cancer in the state. For the most up-to-date cancer related information and to join the fight against cancer, call 1-800-ACS-2345 or visit www.cancer.org.

Seniors Named Evans Scholars

Brother Rice High School seniors Robert Henehan (left) of Oak Lawn and Spencer Hayne of Beverly have been awarded Chick Evans Scholarships. They were presented scholarship certificates by Ed McMahon of Orland Park, a 1980 Brother Rice graduate and Evans Scholar alumnus at the school's award night May 3rd. The scholarships are based on high school grades, financial need, moral character and record as a golf caddie. The award covers tuition and housing for one year, and may be renewed for a total of four years by meeting the standards of the Evans Scholarship Program. Henehan, ranked 71st in his class of 254, will attend Indiana University and Hayne, ranked 37th, will attend the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

They are two of approximately 200 winners of Evans Scholarships this year. The scholarships, awarded since 1930, are supported by the financial contributions of the 100,000 golfers who contributed to the Evans Scholar Foundation.

Challenge Park Extreme Paintball

Join the Oak Lawn Park District and travel to Challenge Park in Joliet, one of the best paintball facilities in this region, on Saturday May 19. You will be able to play on several different fields, all with bunkers, towers, bridges, forts and destroyed buildings. Be sure to wear extra layers to protect against paint ball hits. This trip is open to teen's ages 12-16. Fee is $55 with equipment rental and $40 without equipment rental (must provide your own goggles, gun & CO2). Fee includes transportation, semi-automatic paint gun, 200 rounds of paint balls, facemask & referees. Additional paint balls may be purchased if you choose.

For futher information, call Colleen O'Gorman at (708) 857-2420.

Kid DVDs Will Premiere

The Children's Museum in Oak Lawn has partnered with 20th Century Fox and Fox Kids to premiere the release of some of their new child-oriented DVDs (Strawberry Shortcake, Bob the Builder, Barney, Care Bears, etc.). Special thanks to the Trinity Lutheran Rainbows program for sponsoring these afternoon shows. Call Barb McMillin at (708) 423-6709 for more information.

On Saturday, June 9, the Children's Museum in Oak Lawn will celebrate its 4th Birthday! There will be outdoor games, crafts and other activities for the kids. We'll start things off at 10 a.m. and end at 2 p.m. Be sure to bring the family! All the details will be in the June newsletter, including how to paint a tile that will be displayed in the new Children's Museum.

To donation to the Children's Museum, visit its website at www.cmoaklawn.org.

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Baseball Scoreboard Donation

Founders Bank President and Chief Executive Officer Tom Bugielski threw out the first pitch prior to the varsity baseball game on Tuesday, May 1 between Richards and Evergreen Park high schools. Although he claimed to not have touched a baseball for years, Bugielski threw a strike to catcher Kevin Lee and thus celebrated the donation of the new baseball scoreboard by Founders to Richards.

Founders Bank pledged $15,000 to purchase the new scoreboard. District 218 Superintendent Dr. Kevin Burns, Richards athletic director Ken Styler, and Richards varsity baseball coach Brian Wujcik all took turns thanking Bugielski and Founders Vice President Roberta Bauer for the generous donation. District 218's Eileen Neary worked closely with Founders Bank to secure the donation.

Pictured, left to right are Founders Bank President and CEO Tom Bugielski, District 218 Superintendent Dr. Kevin Burns, and Founders Bank Vice President Roberta Bauer.

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At The Oak Lawn Village Board Meeting Three New

Police Officers Sworn In

Three new police officers were sworn-in at the Oak Lawn Village board meeting Tuesday night. After administering the oath of office, Patrol Officers Anthony Capron, Charles Zylius, Jr. and William O'Connor were introduced to the audience. Trustee Robert Streit, who was acting as mayor pro tem due to the absence of Mayor Dave Heilmann, welcomed the new officers to the force.

In other business, Trustee Hurckes brought up the suggestion of Oak Lawn getting information on supplying the public with birth and death information. He stated that the Village of Evergreen Park has been supplying birth and death certificates for people who used Little Company of Mary Hospital. Hurckes said that since Christ Hospital is in Oak Lawn, he would like to see village hall supplying the same information. Hurckes said that Evergreen Park makes money providing this service and he would like to see the same program in Oak Lawn. He asked that the village look into the program.

Hurckes also suggested that information on Cicadas be available to village residents. He has received calls already asking what effects the insects will have on the village. He suggested that the information be put on the village website.

Trustee Rosenbaum asked the board members about lowering the number of board meetings during the months of July and August. He stated that this is something that the village did every summer to accommodate vacation schedules. Rosenbaum made a motion to cancel two meetings, July 24th and August 28th. This motion was passed.

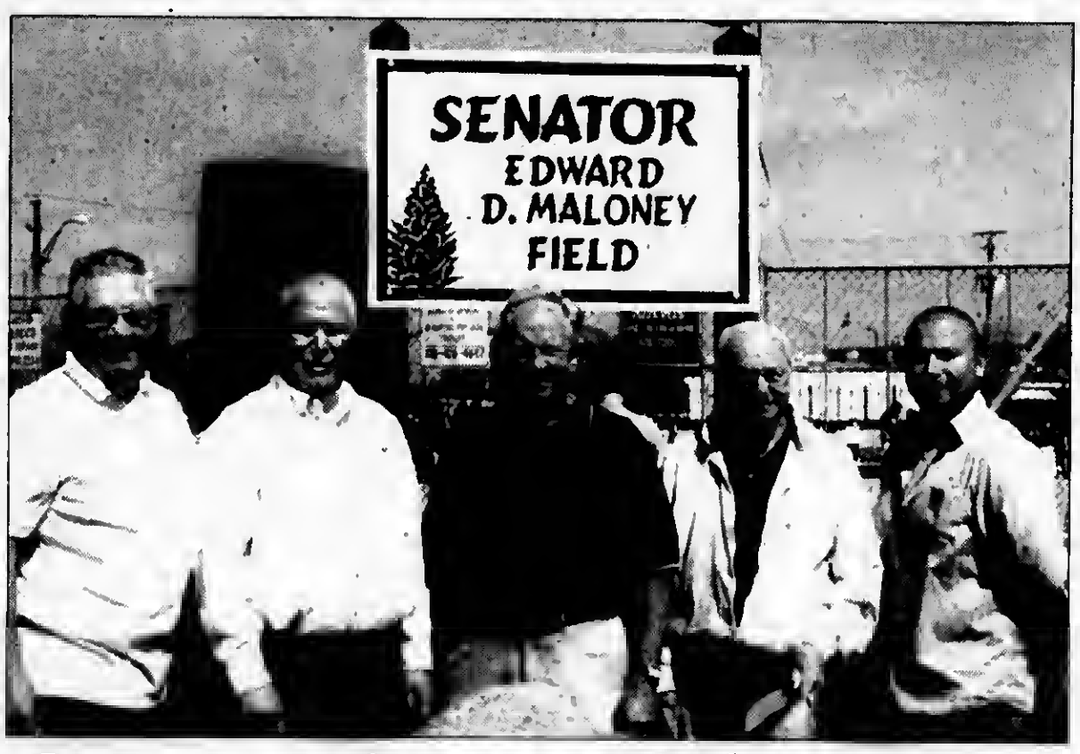
Rosenbaum also announced a District Four meeting at Salem United Church at 97th and Kostner. He said that Veolia Waste Haulers representatives would be on hand to explain the new waste management schedules and regulations. For date and time, call village hall.

Trustee Phelan asked the status of the Brunswick Zone restriction. He said that the time restrictions for the bowling complex had been put off when they were approved last year and Phelan wanted to know when they were going to start. It was stated that the reason that the restrictions were set aside was to accommodate the leagues that were already playing.

Last year, the bowling complex came under scrutiny due to the many police calls that were being made there. The complex was ordered to be closed by midnight to stem the incidents. It was reported that the number of calls have decreased since last year, but summer was coming and no one wanted to take chances.

Trustee Streit reported on a police report that he had read. It involved a dog bite where a pit bull jumped a three-foot fence to go after a 24-year-old man. The bite was not serious for the man, but Streit wondered what would have happened if the victim were a child. Streit reported that the owner was not cited for the loose dog and he wanted to know why. It was stated that Oak Lawn has a leash law where animals cannot be off their owner's property without control. It was stated that the police department would look into the incident.

Clerk Quinlan reported that the village hall would be closed Monday, May 28th due to the Memorial Day Holiday. She also reported that the Johnson Phelps VFW 5220 will have a Memorial Day Ceremony at the Veteran's War Memorial on the Village Green at 11 a.m.



Designate Senator Maloney Field

The City of Hometown had designated a local baseball diamond the "Senator Edward D. Maloney Field" in honor of the local senator. Mayor Don Roberton dedicated the field to Senator Maloney (D-Chicago) in April in honor of his efforts that enabled Hometown to purchase lights for the baseball and softball fields.

"I believe that the construction of the lights will expand the opportunities for both children and adults to participate in sports, especially giving our children the ability to learn teamwork while increasing opportunities for family activities," said Maloney.

The field, located in Patterson Park, is used for both little league baseball and youth softball games in addition to adult softball leagues. There is also a walking path around the perimeter of the fields and playgrounds nearby, both of which will now be more desirable for evening use as a result of the new lighting.

Mayor Roberton expressed his gratitude to Maloney, emphasizing his instrumental role in the funding of the light project for the ball fields in Patterson Park. He further stated that his efforts demonstrate a strong dedication to the citizens of his district.

Senator Maloney's familiarity with the area and the need for such an improvement stems from his years as a teacher and coach at Oak Lawn High School. He felt that by making this improvement to the field, baseball, as well as other activities, would be an even more enjoyable experience for people of all ages who will use the field and surrounding park.

National Merit Scholars

Queen of Peace High School juniors Veronica Eskra (left) of Palos Hills and Cynthia Wojtaszek (right of Oak Lawn have been named National Merit Program qualifiers. Both students completed the 2006 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test and have met requirements to enter the 2008 National Merit Scholarship Program. With a Selection Index score of 200 or above, both students are among the 50,000 highest scoring participants of the 1.4 million program entrants.

Because these scorers show outstanding academic potential, the National Merit Scholarship Corporation has invited the students to be referred to the two colleges or universities in which the students are most interested. This service will encourage college officials to communicate directly with these scholastically-able students about the educational opportunities available to them.

In September, 16,000 of the 50,000 honored students will be announced as National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists. Semifinalists then will have an opportunity to continue in the competition for the 8,200 Merit Scholarship awards offered in 2008.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MAY 28 – Monday – School District 123 Board of Education Meeting, Oak Lawn Hometown Middle School, 5345 W. 99th St.

MAY 31 – Thursday – Worth Township Regular Board Meeting, 11601 S. Pulaski, 7:30 p.m.

JUNE 1 – Friday – Worth Township Senior Citizens Meeting, Worth Township Center, 11601 Pulaski Rd., 12:30 p.m.

JUNE 2 – Saturday – District II "Trustee Is In," Municipal Center, 9446 Raymond, 9 a.m. to noon.

JUNE 4 – Monday – Planning & Development Commission Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 8 p.m.

JUNE 4 – Monday – Fire Department Club Meeting, VFW, 9514 S. 52nd Ave., 8 p.m.

JUNE 5 – Tuesday – Civil Service Commission, 9446 Raymond, 5:30 p.m.

JUNE 6 – Wednesday – Appeals Board, 9446 Raymond Ave., 8 p.m.

JUNE 7– Thursday – Alzheimer Support Group, Christ Hospital, 4440 W. 95th St., 6 p.m.

JUNE 7 – Thursday – Historic Preservation Commission, 9446 S. Raymond, 7 p.m.

JUNE 7 – Thursday – Athletic Club Meeting, VFW Hall, 9514 S. 52nd Ave., 8 p.m.

JUNE 7 – Thursday – Traffic Review Committee Meeting, Municipal Center auditorium, 9446 S. Raymond, 8 p.m.

We Remember... This Memorial Day

16th District VFW Memorial Service

The 16th District VFW and Ladies Auxiliary held their annual Memorial Service on Sunday, May 20th at Chapel Hill Gardens South Cemetery at the grave side of Ray Shaffer, father of Donna Simon 16th District Chaplain of the VFW Ladies Auxiliary. Donna was the organizer and chairman of the event. Donna and her twin sister Bonnie Jones are both members of the Markham Memorial VFW Auxiliary 9801.

16th District VFW Commander Robert White of Palos Heights VFW Post 7454 and 16th District VFW Auxiliary President Sheila Mysliwiec member of Ehinger Brothers VFW Auxiliary 8141 in Calumet City, presided at the solemn ceremony.

The Rifle Squad and bugler from Owen W. Winter Jr. VFW Post 4241 in Oak Forest, under the direction of Wayne Snedden commander of 4241, rendered the rifle salute and taps.

Refreshments were served at the Markham VFW following the ceremony for all who attended the service.

Pictured left to right are: Robert White; Bonnie Jones; Donna Simon; Sheila Mysliwiec.

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Unveil The New Veterans Cash Lottery

As the nation prepares to honor veterans this coming Memorial Day weekend, Tammy Duckworth, Director of the Illinois Dept. of Veterans' Affairs (IDVA), on May 22nd joined Jodie Winnett, Acting Superintendent of the Illinois Lottery, outside Rockford to unveil the new *Veterans Cash* lottery ticket on behalf of Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich. Director Duckworth and the Illinois Lottery also encouraged veterans' organizations to apply for *Veterans Cash* grants.

Veterans Cash grants are made available through the funding generated by the *Veterans Cash* lottery ticket. *Veterans Cash* grants are currently available for organizations that help provide services to Illinois veterans in one of the following five categories: long-term care; post-traumatic stress disorder treatment or research; health insurance costs; disability benefits; and housing assistance.

Launched by Gov. Blagojevich in February 2006, *Veterans Cash* is the Lottery's first lottery ticket where 100 percent of proceeds go to support Illinois veterans. Proceeds from the sale of this ticket are deposited into an interest bearing account in the State Treasury called the Illinois Veterans Assistance Fund. IDVA awards the money in grants to fund additional services or conduct research relating to Veterans' Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, homelessness, health insurance costs, and disability benefits.

The Veterans Cash ticket has raised more than $3 million for the Illinois Veterans' Assistance Trust Fund. Combined with the proceeds from this year's previous ticket, *Two for the Dough*, the new *Veterans Cash* ticket is expected to generate more than $3 million this year for veteran services throughout the state.

Since the beginning of 2007, IDVA has granted over $1.4 million to veterans' organizations from around the state. Grants have ranged from $2,500 for clothing, food and transportation to local VA hospitals for sick homeless veterans, to $125,000 for the expansion of a homeless shelter. Director Duckworth is encouraging organizations that provide a wide range of services to our veterans to submit a grant application.

Veterans Cash is currently available at all Illinois Lottery retail locations. Each ticket costs $2 and has a top prize of $20,000.

Chicago Bulls Search For New Female Dancers

The Chicago Bulls are searching for new dancers to join its female dance team, the Luvabulls.

One of the most recognized dance teams in sports history – the Luvabulls – is now accepting applications for new members. Female dancers 21 years and older who are interested in joining the 28-year tradition of the Luvabulls are encouraged to submit an application for consideration prior to Tuesday, May 29th.

Auditions for the 25-member team will be held on Saturday, June 2nd at the United Center, 1901 W. Madison, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. for pre-approved applicants. Once selected, the dancers will be scheduled to perform at all Chicago Bulls home games and have the opportunity to appear and perform at numerous other events across the country including banquets, corporate parties, conventions, promotional events, trade shows and charity events. Additionally, the Luvabulls perform internationally in such places as Holland, England, France, Costa Rica, Japan, Cyprus and, most recently, Greece..

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Propose Two Changes To Firearms Law

Attorney General Lisa Madigan announced new legislation in response to the Virginia Tech tragedy to require Illinois to participate in the federal government's National Instant Criminal Background Check System and to close loopholes in existing Illinois law to keep guns out of the hands of prohibited purchasers. Senate Bill 940, sponsored by Senator Dan Kotowski (D-33rd) and Representative Harry Osterman (D-14th), proposes two key changes to make sure that Illinois law effectively prevents access to firearms by those who are prohibited from purchasing or owning guns.

First, the bill requires Illinois to share information about persons who are prohibited gun purchasers under federal or state law with the federal government's National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS). NICS was established under the 1993 Brady Handgun Violence Prevention Act and is designed to allow any federal firearm licensee to be immediately supplied with information concerning whether a prospective gun purchaser is prohibited under state or federal law from owning a firearm.

Currently, 22 states share information with NICS regarding individuals prohibited from purchasing firearms under state and federal law. Illinois does not share information with NICS. It is critical that Illinois begin sharing information regarding prohibited gun buyers and owners with the NICS database so that persons who are prohibited gun purchasers cannot circumvent state or federal law by crossing state lines. Illinois' participation in NICS will give other states the information they need to prevent individuals prohibited under state or federal law from purchasing firearms.

"The background check databases exist to make sure that we can enforce the gun laws and protect people throughout the country," Madigan said. "The Illinois and federal background check databases should work together seamlessly to prevent prohibited purchases of firearms. Every state needs to do this."

Second, SB 940 would close a significant gap in the laws governing gun purchases. Illinois law currently mandates that the Illinois State Police deny an application for or revoke a current Firearm Owner's Identification Card (FOID card) for a person whose mental condition poses a clear and present danger to themselves, to others or to the community. However, under the present law, the Illinois State Police only receive notice of people who have received inpatient mental health treatment. Information concerning a person whose mental condition poses a clear and present danger to themselves, to others or to the community, but who has received outpatient, and not inpatient, mental health treatment is not submitted to the Illinois State Police. Consequently, the Illinois State Police background check system does not capture the information needed to ensure that a person who is precluded under the law from holding a FOID card cannot purchase a firearm.

SB 940 would close that loophole by mandating that the Illinois State Police receive sufficient information to effectively enforce the FOID Act. Specifically, SB 940 requires that hospitals and mental health facilities report information to the Illinois State Police concerning individuals who because of their mental condition are prohibited from purchasing a gun, regardless of whether the individuals received inpatient or outpatient mental health treatment.

Illinois State Police acts as the Point of Contact for the National Instant Background Check System and all federally licensed firearm dealers in Illinois are required to contact the Illinois State Police to determine whether the prospective gun purchaser is prohibited under federal or state law from purchasing a firearm.

Additionally, SB 940 is designed to make sure that Illinois State Police records are up-to-date by requiring that hospitals and mental health facilities report this information to the Illinois State Police within seven days of admission or provision of mental health services. The current law requires reporting within 30 days of admission to a hospital for inpatient treatment.

"This legislation strengthens existing laws," said State Representative Harry Osterman. "More thorough and timelier reporting requirements will better protect the public."

"Our laws make it clear that people who pose a danger to themselves or others should not be able to purchase or own a firearm. But those laws are only as effective as the information available to prevent unlawful purchases," said Madigan. "By closing this loophole in Illinois law, we can make it significantly harder for people who cannot legally own a gun to obtain one."

Offenders Registry

Governor Rod R. Blagojevich recently unveiled two new features to the ISP's website which will provide communities with more information about those convicted of sex offenses, child murderers, and violent offenders who have harmed children. The enhancements are the results of legislation signed by the governor to protect communities from sexual predators.

SB 3016 and HB 4193 require the Illinois State Police to enhance mapping capabilities that show names and addresses of offenders on the Illinois Sex Offender Registry (SOR). The legislation also adds the Child Murderer and Violent Offender Against Youth Registry to the ISP home page.

On July 3, 2006, Gov. Blagojevich signed SB 3016 which requires the ISP to add mapping capabilities on the Illinois Sex Offender Information website (http://www.isp.state.il.us/sor). Individuals making an inquiry on the site can determine the residence of a registered sex offender through a map with a radius from 500 feet to five miles from their home or any other address. Locations of schools and city, county and state parks are also displayed. Users can also obtain a photograph, if available, physical descriptions and information about the crime(s) for which the individual was convicted and is required to register.

Also now available through the Illinois State Police website is the Child Murderer and Violent Offender Against Youth (CMVOY) registry, accessible at http://www.isp.state.il.us/cmvo. The CMVOY registry contains individuals convicted of specific crimes in which the victim was a minor, but the crime was not sexually motivated. The crimes – as defined by HB 4193, signed by Governor Blagojevich on June 27, 2006 – include kidnapping, aggravated kidnapping, unlawful restraint, aggravated unlawful restraint, and any attempt to commit any of these offenses when the victim is under 18 years of age and when the defendant is not a parent of the victim. Other offenses include forcible detention, child abduction or murder when the victim was a person under 18 years of age and the defendant was at least 17 years of age.

Similar to the Sex Offender Information website, the CMVOY reflects individuals who have been determined by the county state's attorney to qualify under the provision of the new statute. Until proper verification and notification is received by law enforcement from the state's attorney, these individuals will remain on the Sex Offender Information website. All sex offenders who may be eligible for registration under the Child Murderer Violent Offender Youth Act have been notified of the process he or she must initiate to be transferred from the SOR to the Child Murderer and Violent Offender Against Youth registry. These offenders must continue to register as sex offenders until the appropriate determination has been made and information has been received by law enforcement.

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CAGW Names Rep. Don Young "Porker Of The Month"

Citizens Against Government Waste (CAGW) has named Representative Don Young (R-Alaska), the "Congressman for all Alaska," as Poker of the Month for defending earmarks and pledging to continue his state's disproportionate harvest of federal tax dollars.

During an April 9 KTUU-TV (Channel 2, Anchorage) interview, Rep. Young said, "People don't understand that this so-called cry for stopping earmarks, it does not add to the national debt. If you have a budget – that's the budget we just voted on that we work in, what we do is decide within the budget where those dollars will go." He also called President Bush's criticism of earmarks "dead wrong."

The annual budget resolution is non-binding. Since Congress can exceed its spending limits without penalty, the budget does not negate the cost of earmarks. Second, Congress has no obligation to spend all of the money in the budget. Instead of going to pork projects, the money could go toward reducing the national debt or, even better, back into taxpayers' wallets. In 2006, the last year all appropriations bills were passed, total pork spending reached $29 billion. With roughly 300 million people in the U.S., each person could have received almost $100.

Earmarks add to the national debt by acting as the gateway drug to Congress's spending addiction. Pork-barrel spending allows politicians to target benefits to specific groups at taxpayers' expense. That vote-buying mentality spills over into other areas of the budget, like entitlements, leading to higher overall spending. Pork also conditions voters to re-elect incumbents based on their ability to "bring home the bacon." Democracy is corrupted when Congress stops acting in the national interest and becomes source of handouts to lobbyists and special interests.

Although members of Congress profess the wisdom to fund the most worthy projects, the record of congressional earmarking is rife with waste, abuse, and inequity. Members of the House and Senate Appropriations Committees make off with the lion's share of pork. KTUU reported that Rep. Young "is confident Alaska will continue to be successful securing more than its share of federal funding." Last week, the Office of Management and Budget's 2005 earmark database confirmed CAGW's 2005 *Congressional Pig Book* ranking of Alaska as the number one state in pork per capita. Members routinely seek projects that benefit themselves, relatives, or campaign contributors. The 2005 highway bill included an earmark of $229 million for the Knik Arm bridge in Alaska, which was to have been renamed "Don Young's Way," before public outrage forced Congress to remove the earmark. The elimination of earmarks would filter more money through competitive grant programs, making it harder for such narcissistic boondoggles to pass muster.

For ignoring the detrimental effect of earmarks and pledging to fortify Alaska's status as America's earmark welfare state, CAGW names Rep. Don Young its April 2007 Porker of the Month.

Joyce's City Parks Resolution

A resolution sponsored by state Rep. Kevin Joyce (D-Chicago) urging Congress to support funding for the rehabilitation of parks and recreation areas in Chicago unanimously passed the House State Government Administration Committee last week.

"Clean, safe parks are something that every community deserves," Joyce said. "Parents and children should be able to play catch or fly a kite in a maintained public park. Federal funding will go a long way towards encouraging recreation programs and park upkeep in urban communities."

Joyce's resolution appeals to the U.S. Congress to support funding for the Urban Park and Recreation Recovery Program (UPARR). UPARR has distributed over $270 million – nearly $16 million to Illinois – in grants since being established in 1978. However, funding for UPARR grants was eliminated in 2004.

As the Illinois General Assembly continues to work on the state budget, Joyce's resolution aims to find an alternative source of funding for park improvements in Chicago. In the past, UPARR has offered grants to fund renovations of public recreation facilities, support recreation programs and assist local governments in improving existing programs.

"Budget talks provide a constant reminder of how many programs the state is responsible for," Joyce said. "This resolution works towards improving and developing our neighborhoods without creating another state program. I will continue to pursue fiscally responsible ways to improve our communities."

"Years ago the federal government made a commitment to rehabilitating parks in urban areas by creating the UPARR program, benefiting cities like Chicago," Chicago Park District Superintendent Tim Mitchell said. "It's impossible to imagine our city without the hundreds of parks and facilities that our residents enjoy every day. Without the proper care, our parks deteriorate. The federal government must renew its commitment to helping provide the funding needed to reserve our world-class recreation areas."

House Resolution 395 passed the House State Government Administration Committee 7-0 and now goes to the full House for consideration.

All Points Southwest

By THOMAS E. GAVIN

Illinois State Treasurer Alexi Giannoulias has drafted a resolution urging members of Illinois' congressional delegation to support the federal Savings For Working Families Act, which encourages the working poor to save money. The Savings For Working Families Act would establish Individual Development Accounts (IDA) for nearly one million families according to Giannoulias representatives.

IDA's are modeled after 401(K)s and other defined contribution plans and provide matching funds for each dollar saved. In addition, the act would require participants to take financial education courses.

"The Savings for Working Families Act would help lower wage workers and their families achieve financial independence," said Giannoulias, noting that the United States has a negative savings rate for the first time since the Great Depression.

"IDA's provide working Americans with strong incentives to build assets, and receive financial education and access to basic banking services that they normally would not have," he added. "IDA's help families save their way out of poverty and move towards long-term prosperity."

Under the program, which has bipartisan support and the endorsement of President Bush, the federal government would provide tax incentives to banks and community organizations to offer savings accounts to low income families. Participating families would receive a dollar-for-dollar match on the money they put away for education, buying a home or starting a small business.

Giannoulias urged state lawmakers to support a resolution he drafted that call the Illinois congressional delegation to approve the act. State Rep. Marlow Colvin (D-Chicago) is sponsoring the resolution in the Illinois General Assembly.

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Congressman Daniel Lipinski is presently accepting nomination request letters from young men and women in the Third Congressional District to the U.S. Service Academies for the classes entering in the summer of 2008. The service academies include: Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, CO; Naval Academy, Annapolis, MD; West Point Military Academy, West Point, NY; Merchant Marine Academy, Kings Point, NY; Coast Guard admissions are based on nationwide competition with no congressional nominations.

Potential candidates must have reached their 17th birthday and not past their 23rd birthday on July 1st of the year they would enter the academy, be a United States citizen, graduated from high school, unmarried, taken the ACT and/or SAT tests and meet the stringent entrance requirements of their preferred Academy.

The selection of nominees is based upon the "whole person" evaluation. Although nominations will not be made until January 2008, all interested persons are encouraged to submit their written requests as soon as possible. Closing dates for completed files is December 3rd. Contact Lenore Goodfriend at Lipinski's office in Oak Lawn, 5309 W. 95th St. at (708) 424-0853.

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Cook County Treasurer Maria Pappas tells All Points that the Tax Year 2005 Certified delinquent notices were mailed May 1st. The 2005 Annual Tax Sale begins June 5th.

Delinquent payments may only be made by certified check, cashiers check or money order, and cash is acceptable when paying in person. No personal, company or business checks are accepted. Payments can be made at: ?More than 290 Chase Bank locations throughout Chicagoland, on or before June 1, 2007. ?The Treasurer's Office, 118 N. Clark St., Suite 112, Chicago, 60602, prior to the sale date in person or by mail. The First Installment 2006 taxes were due March 1, 2007.

For more information call Treasurer Pappas' Office at (312) 443-5100 or visit their website at: www.cookcountytreasurer.com.

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St. Francis Hospital & Health Care Center in Blue Island is offering free skin cancer screenings on Tuesday, May 29th from 5 to 7 p.m. According to Mike Harrison, Media Relations Coordinator for St. Francis Hospital & Health Care Center, more than 1? million skin cancers are diagnosed each year in the U.S. alone. There are more new cases of skin cancer each year than the combined incidence of breast, colon, lung and prostate cancer. To participate in this free screening, registrations are required. Call (708) 385-4433 or visit www.stfrancisblueisland.com.

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Palos Community Hospital's 16th Band on the Run "Run" – an annual tradition in the Southwest suburbs that features five bands along the course route – will be held on Sunday, June 10th.

The event starts at 8 a.m. at the Palos Health & Fitness Center, 153rd St. and West Ave. in Orland Park. Band on the Run "Run" features a 5K run, 5K and ? mile "fun walks," and a free Kid's Dash for children ages 12 and younger. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Illinois affiliate of Y-ME National Breast Cancer Organization.

Advance registration cost for the 5K run is $17-20; $24 on-site. Cost to participate in the 5K and ? mile walks is $10 (children ages 12 and under are free). To register in advance online, visit www.chicagoevents.com. More information can also be obtained by calling (708) 923-4740.

Palos Community Hospital, founded in 1972, is a 436-bed, not-for-profit facility serving Chicago's southwest suburbs.

Palos Health & Fitness Center – located across the street from the hospital – features state-of-the-art exercise equipment and offers personal fitness programs.

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South Suburban College is now accepting in-person, online and touch tone registration for the 2007 summer semester. New students and returning students can register on the second floor of the main campus in South Holland or at the University and College Center in Oak Forest. Students can likewise register online at www.SouthSuburbanCollege.edu or by touch tone phone at (708) 210-5700 with a pin number. Pin numbers are available in the New Student Center on the second floor of the main campus.

Established in 1927, SSC is a fully accredited, comprehensive community college offering over 30 career education programs awarding certificates and Associate Degrees. SSC offers tuition waivers and scholarship opportunities in addition to Financial Aid assistance. Visit the New Student Center to obtain tuition waivers and special tuition rates information. Full-time students without any financial assistance attend SSC for around $2,600 per year.

For more information and expanded services and programs available at South Suburban College call (708) 210-5718.

Illinois Is Charter Member Of Climate Registry

Governor Rod R. Blagojevich recently announced that Illinois joined 30 states as charter members of The Climate Registry, marking the largest multi-state effort to address climate change. The newly formed organization, which Illinois helped develop, creates national standards that businesses and governments will help measure and track, and other organizations can use to document their current level of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and track progress over time. Currently in the U.S., there is no common set of standards for measuring and reporting GHG emissions.

The Climate Registry is a broad-based effort. The states involved represent the length and breadth of the United States, Republicans and Democrats, east and west, north and south, coastal and interior. They all share a common concern about climate change and a desire to take action.

The federal government generally does not require companies to report GHGs, and Illinois and most other states do not either. Companies and other organizations located throughout the U.S. can voluntarily report GHG emissions to The Climate Registry beginning in January 2008. States that do require GHG reporting are expected to utilize The Climate Registry as well.

Many companies – including Midwestern companies operating in Illinois, support this effort and see it as an opportunity to demonstrate environmental leadership and to document emissions reductions that may count towards future requirements to reduce GHGs. Common reporting standards allow businesses to follow the same rules in all states. This reduces the cost of reporting and better manages risk.

Moreover, The Climate Registry is building off of existing internationally-recognized measurement standards and will allow global companies to consistently measure GHG emissions from facilities located any where in the world.

The registry, which will begin accepting new members in January, creates national guidelines that businesses, governments and other organizations can use as they document their current level of GHG emissions and track their progress as they shrink their carbon footprint by conserving energy, using renewable energy or investing in energy saving technologies.

Currently, GHG emissions are not required to be reported. The lack of leadership at the federal level – combined with the scientific consensus that global warming is occurring – has compelled more than half of the states throughout the U.S. to cooperatively create The Climate Registry.

Illinois joins Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Hawaii, Kansas, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Utah, Vermont, Washington, Wisconsin, Wyoming and the Campo Kumeyaay Nation as charter members of The Climate Registry. Two Canadian provinces, British Columbia and Manitoba, have also committed to participate.

Scientists have reached a consensus that increasing emissions of carbon dioxide from the combustion of fossil fuels, methane from landfills and other sources of GHGs are trapping heat and warming the earth's atmosphere. These gases remain in the atmosphere for decades or even centuries. Earlier this month, the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change reported that heat trapped by GHGs are raising the temperature of the air and oceans, causing snow and ice to melt and sea levels to rise. More than 1,200 experts from 113 countries wrote and reviewed the report.

According to scientists, global warming could cause a variety of serious problems in Illinois, including more frequent droughts, flooding, and extreme heat. Such changes could endanger public health, decrease agricultural production, overwhelm sewage infrastructure, and cause property damage. Increased temperatures could also lead to dangerous increases in the level of air pollution and to the introduction of non-native invasive species that could damage Illinois' ecosystems.

By working together, Registry members are laying the foundation for climate actions that will benefit generations to come.

Memorial Day Service

Chapel Hill Gardens South Cemetery and Funeral Home will hold their Annual Memorial Day Service on Monday, May 28th at 11 a.m. on the lawn in front of the funeral home, 11333 S. Central Ave. in Oak Lawn. All are invited to bring lawn chairs and join in paying tribute to those who have served our country in all branches of service and our deceased loved ones. All those attending the ceremony that served in the armed forces are encouraged to wear something designating their branch of service.

Everyone is welcome to stop in the funeral home and cemetery office before Saturday, May 26th to add the names of any deceased family members to the list of loved ones that will receive special recognition during the ceremony by having their names read out loud.

The ceremony will take place rain or shine and flags will be provided to decorate the graves of your loved ones. For directions, call (708) 636-1200.

Educational Support

Congressman Dan Lipinski, Vice Chairman of the House Science and Technology Committee, addressed the 2007 recipients of the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching. Approximately 100 outstanding math and science teachers from around the country received this prestigious award for their leadership in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education.

"There is nothing more important to our future than having the best math and science teachers available to inspire and guide our next generation of leaders in science and industry," said Lipinski. "As a former college professor and one of only a handful of members of Congress with an engineering degree. I have a unique perspective on this issue. I have often talked to my wife, Judy, who has a degree in math, about the teachers who inspired us. I will always remember how my high school calculus teacher, Father Thul, inspired me in math, and how my high school physics teacher, Father Fergu, inspired me to pursue a degree in engineering. It is vital that we provide ample support to our science and math teachers to continue inspiring more students."

"In my position as Vice Chairman, I have worked to advance critical legislation aimed at improving STEM education," stated Lipinksi. "I will continue to work in Congress to improve funding for STEM research and education, with a special emphasis on funding for the National Science Foundation (NSF), which serves a needed role preparing teachers and students."

With the Congressman's support, the U.S. House Committee on Science and Technology this month approved and the full House passed a key piece of legislation, H.R. 362, the "10,000 Teachers, 10 Million Minds" Science and Math Scholarship Act. This legislation enacts the foremost recommendation of the National Academies' report Rising Above the Gathering Storm: increase the number of highly qualified math and science teachers in grades K through 12.

"Good teachers are integral to educating our youth, but they often do not have the tools or training opportunities needed to prepare students for the increasingly competitive economy," said Lipinski. "We must do more to ensure that more highly qualified teachers are in the classroom. Investing in the education of our youth in science, technology, engineering, and math is essential. I thank today's awardees and all science and math teachers for their dedication and hard work that is key to our children's future and our nation's continued prosperity."

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ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

Taste Of Chicago Sports New Look

Think you know Taste of Chicago? Well, take another look.

When the 27th Annual Taste of Chicago returns to its home in Grant Park from June 29th to July 8th, the event will sport a new look of bright white tents for food vendors, new ticket and beverage booths, three new areas of free entertainment and information, not to mention brand new food items. Each night the event will be capped off with a closing ceremony at Buckingham Fountain with a light and water spray display that begins at 8:50 p.m.

Taste goers will still find all their favorites, from the many food traditions to entertainment areas such as the Dominick's Cooking Corner, the Illinois Lottery Taste Stage featuring local talent and the ever-popular Family Village.

Adding new dimension to this summertime favorite will be the Taste Sports! Pavilion, the LG Hi-Macs Eden "Goin' Green" area and an International Pavilion. Seven new daily food booths including restaurants such as BB's (22 E. Hubbard), Blu 47 (4655 S. Martin Luther King Dr.) and Deleece (4004 N. Southport) will round out the dining pleasure. The Daily Special, restaurants that sell menu items one day only, will return with some new destinations, which include Sangria (901 W. Weed) and Tamarind (614 S. Wabash).

Taste fans know that Grant Park is the place to be on July 3rd for the Macy's Independence Eve Fireworks Spectacular, which is preceded by an 8 p.m. concert from the Grant Park Orchestra. An added treat this year will be two additional and abbreviated fireworks displays at Taste on July 4th and 5th.

In addition to new menu items, this year Taste has a new meal...breakfast. On Saturday, July 7th, enjoy "Toons at Taste" when the big screen in Butler Field plays your Saturday morning favorite cartoons. Classics from the Warner Bros. collection including "Duck Amuck" and "Rabbit Fire" will play and breakfast items will be available. Only Butler Field will open on this day at 8 a.m. and only during the breakfast period will cash be taken instead of tickets.

Food and beverage tickets will again sell for $7, which is a strip of 11 tickets and can be purchased on site at six different ticket booths. Dominick's will sell food and beverage tickets in advance for only $5.50 beginning June 21st until Taste opens.

Taste of Chicago opens each day at 11 a.m. and closes most nights at 9 p.m. Taste food booths will remain open until 9:30 on July 3rd with the entire event closing following the fireworks; the 2007 Taste of Chicago closes at 8 p.m. on the final day, July 8th.

For more information, call (312) 744-3315, TTY (312) 744-2964 or visit www.tasteofchicago.us.

Appearing At The Carraig

Gaelic Park, 6119 W. 147th St. in Oak Forest, is also home to the Carraig Pub, the place for a great night out with delicious food. The Carraig serves delicious favorites such as corned beef sandwiches, shepherd's pie, fish & chips, chicken and many other selections. Music is big at the Carraig with traditional music sessions every Thursday night, which the whole family is invited to attend, as well as free entertainment every Friday and Saturday night with the best local performers. This month hear:

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Patrick Guinee on Saturday, June 9th
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Mulligan Stew on Saturday, June 16th
Jerry Eadie on Friday, June 22nd
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Magnificent Mile

Consistently listed as one of the top art festivals in the United States by Sunshine Artist Magazine, the 16th Annual Magnificent Mile Art Festival returns to the city with the most magnificent display of contemporary art yet. The three-day festival is set for Friday, July 13 and Saturday, July 14 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday, July 15 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is free.

"This is our most competitive juried show featuring the 'best of the best' in the art scene. Two days are not enough to enjoy all this show has to offer," said Howard Alan, festival producer. "Festival goers will enjoy new works of art from longtime favorites and discover new talent that recently joined our tour."

Scenic and energetic, this art festival is situated in the heart of downtown Chicago on North Michigan Avenue, along the Chicago River - across from the Wrigley Building and directly in front of the Chicago Tribune Tower. Magnificent Mile will turn into a living outdoor art gallery with original photography, mixed media, acrylic paintings, woodwork, life-size sculptures, 3-D metal creations, blown glass, hand-crafted jewelry and much, much more.

Like all Howard Alan events, the 16th Annual Magnificent Mile Art Festival is a juried show, which means each participating artist is hand-selected from hundreds of applicants to ensure a first-class festival with only the highest quality, original artwork. All exhibiting artists are required to be at the festival the entire weekend, giving you the unique opportunity to meet the creators of the art on display; commission a specific piece; ask questions about techniques; learn the sources of their inspirations; and purchase fine works of art at affordable prices. All of the work on display is available for purchase, and with prices ranging from $15 earrings to $50 prints to $20,000 sculptures, there is always something for everyone.

For more information visit www.artfestival.com or call (954) 472-3755.

Present Miss Saigon

The Oak Lawn Park District Theatre production of Miss Saigon will run at the Oak View Center of 4625 W. 110th St., for two consecutive weekends: June 1-3 and June 8-10. Friday and Saturday shows are at 8 p.m. and Sunday shows are at 3 p.m. Tickets are $19 for adults and $18 for seniors and children.

Production staff includes: Dave Heilmann, producer; Brad Kisner director; Renee Redican, assistant director; Dawn Schnolis, choreographer; Diane Madden, musical director; Bill Hansen, conductor; Gil Oliva, lighting and set design.

Cast of performers and their role includes: Brian Brady of Evergreen Park as Chris; Monica Reyes of Chicago as Kim; Scott Podraza of Mokena as John; John B. Boss of Oak Lawn as Engineer; Mike Apuada of Chicago as Thuy; Mara Goldman of Chicago as Ellen; Gina Guarino of Orland Park as Gigi; Rocco Ayala of Chicago as Asst. Comissar; Theresa Reyes of Chicago, Amber Rzepka of Lisle, Michelle Lindich of Bedford Park, Marie Piotrowski of Chicago, Marita Miller of Oak Lawn, and Maureen Shaffer of Frankfort, all Bar Girls; Ruthie Morales of Oak Lawn , Kim Brines of Evergreen Park, Christina Connor of Oak Forest, Jamie Martinez of Alsip, Sharon Canariato of Palos Hills, Lauren Carroll of Tinley Park, Laura Swiat of Tinley Park, Alexis Ayala of Aurora, Kyle Ryan of Oak Lawn, Brian Whitlock of Chicago, Matt Murphy of Evergreen Park, Ryan Martinez of Alsip, Jeff Kurysz of Oak Lawn, Orlando Gonzalez of Chicago, Stephan Gerez of Blue Island , and Chris Hasson of Tinley Park, all members of the Ensemble.

For more information on the production, call the Oak Lawn Park District at (708) 857-2200.

Class Reunions

Bremen High School class of 1967 will hold a 40th reunion weekend on Sept. 14th, 15th and 16th in conjunction with the Bremen Homecoming. Events planned all three dates. Contact Ken Nayder at (708) 687-0716 or redyan6@aol.com.

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Infant Jesus of Prague – School Staff Reunion (past and present) of all who worked at the school during the last 50 years, in conjunction with the 50th Anniversary Curtain Call Reunion on June 16th at 7 p.m. in the gym and cafeteria. Forward addresses to Mary Ann Savage at msavage@dist57.org or Jane Sweeney at jsweeney@ijpparish.org.

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Bowen High School classes of 1942 will celebrate a 65th reunion on Sept. 26th at Glenwood Oaks Restaurant. Classmates from 1940, 1941, 1943 and 1944 are also invited. For more information, call John Scopelite at (773) 734-2467, Jack Meyer at (630) 834-8093 or Ruth Gustafson at (708) 333-5923.

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Loretto High School class of 1956 is looking for classmates for a 50th reunion. Call (773) 586-8404.

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Chicago Vocational High School class of 1981 is looking for classmates. Email cvs1981@aol.com.

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Farragut High School, classes of 1952-1954, looking for classmates. Call Carolee (Fotka) Michalek at (815) 407-1934.

"Defending The Caveman" Showing

"Defending the Caveman," the longest running solo play in Broadway history and now a worldwide blockbuster, will be performed at 8 p.m., Friday, June 15 and Saturday, June 16 at the Beverly Arts Center, 2407 W. 111th St. (111th and south Western Ave.), Chicago. Chicago actor Tyler Bohne will star as the Caveman.

Written by comedian Rob Becker, "Defending the Caveman" is a prehistoric look at the battle of the sexes. It played for two years on Broadway and is an international hit with productions in 30 countries including Canada, South Africa, Iceland, Sweden and Germany. With hilarious insights on contemporary feminism, masculine sensitivity and the erogenous zone, the play addresses the common themes in relationships that go straight to the funny bone.

Described as "An outrageously funny and surprisingly sweet exploration of the gender gap..." in the Chicago Sun Times, tickets to the Beverly Arts Center performances of "Defending the Caveman" are on sale now, in time for Father's Day giving.

An actor since he played Oliver Twist at age nine in his hometown, Milwaukee, Tyler Bohne has performed in everything from "Jesus Christ Superstar" to "The Crucible," and has found a real crowd pleaser in "Defending the Caveman."

Comedy is Bohne's favorite vehicle. After winning a national award for his work on the sketch comedy television show "Joy Farm," Bohne moved to Chicago in 1997 and began performing improv comedy at such noted venues as the Apollo Theatre, Mercury Theatre, National Pastime Theatre, The Second City, and Noble Fool, to name a few.

With partner and fellow actor Patrick Zielinski, Bohne formed the touring company "HeadCheese Fat Boss Productions," creating and performing original children's shows throughout the Midwest.

For tickets to see "Defending the Caveman" at the Beverly Arts Center, call (773) 445-3838 or buy online at www.beverlyartcenter.org. Tickets are $35. The show is produced by Theater Mogul, a global theatrical production company with shows in more than 30 countries and in 16 different languages. For more information on the show, visit www.defendingthecaveman.com.

ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

Irish Musicians Featured At Annual Irish Fest

Once again Gaelic Park, 6119 W. 147th St., Oak Forest will bring in the talents of great Irish musicians for its 21st Annual Irish Fest, Memorial Day Weekend. This year, Gaelic Park hosts ballad singer Tommy Makem, tenor John McDermott, Damien Dempsey, Siochain The Willie Lynch Band from Dublin, Solas, county music star Susan McCann from Down and Tommy Fleming and His Band from Sligo, just to name a few.

Other groups and singers such as The Irish Brigade, Brendan Loughrey, The Larkin & Moran Brothers, Brigid's Cross, Gaelic Storm and Glengarry Bhoys are also scheduled to appear, along with well-known local artists such as Elevation, Pat Daly & the Sounds of Green, Sean O'Donnell, Joe McShane and the Silverbridge Band, Velvet Green, The Shannon Rovers Pipe Band and the Pipes and Drums of the Emerald Society.

New this year to Gaelic Park is an Irish Dog Exhibition, a high school Tug of War Competition, and Gaelic sports. As always, Gaelic Park's Irish Fest also includes a huge carnival midway, an assortment of activities for kids, all kinds of food and refreshment vendors, 20 Irish import stores and free parking.

The 21st Annual Irish Festival begins Friday, May 25th from 3 until 11 p.m. with half-price admission from 3 to 4 p.m., and continues Saturday, May 26th and Sunday, May 27th noon until 11 p.m. with a special Mass at 10:30 a.m., and Monday, May 28th noon until 8 p.m. Regular admission is $15 including unlimited carnival rides. Admission is $12 for adults 65 and over and kids 12 and under. For children three and under admission is free. Call Gaelic Park at (708) 687-9323 for more details or visit www.chicagogaelicpark.org.

Siochain appearing at Gaelic Park's Irish Fest Memorial Day Weekend.

Gaelic Storm appearing at Gaelic Park's Irish Fest Memorial Day Weekend.

Elevation appearing at Gaelic Park's Irish Fest Memorial Day Weekend.

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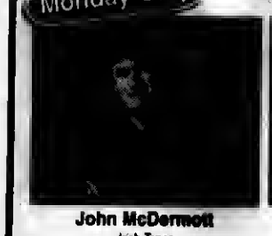

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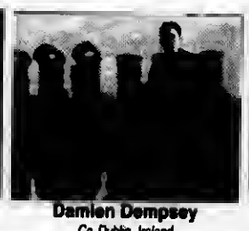

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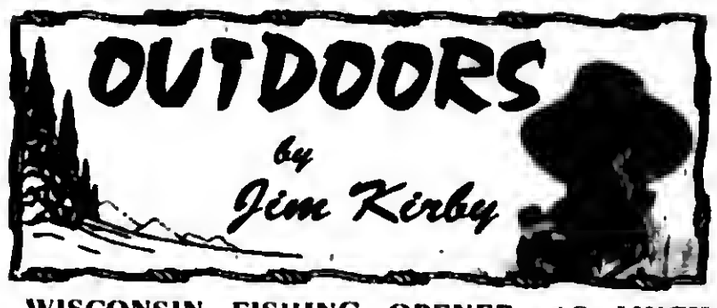


WISCONSIN FISHING OPENER, AS MUCH ABOUT TRADITION AS FISHING: May 5th was the official season opener for all species with the exception of bass (catch and release only, until June 15th to allow them to spawn) and muskies (May 24th). A group of us gathered the evening before the opener to plan our assault on our favorite species the next morning. Our planning was interrupted by a black bear looking in the window. **Don Terry** volunteered to step outside and get me a photo for this column, which he did.

This black bear paid us a surprise visit. (Don Terry photo)

After the bear incident settled down, several of us made plans to stream fish for brook, rainbow and brown trout. The Cable, Wisconsin area and Bayfield County have many fine trout streams including the White; Brule; Namekagon and Big Brook, just to mention a few.

Now comes the tradition part of the opener. About noon, the gathering of friends takes place at the home of **Ed** and **Donna Lind**. Those folks who were lucky enough to harvest some trout, clean them and turn them over to Donna to be pan-fried, as only Donna can do. Others bring goodies such as walleye, crappie, northern pike filets and smoked suckers. One gentleman just returned from a turkey hunt, and donated his smoked tom turkey that Lind proceeded to carve up as we took samples almost as fast as he could slice it. In addition to contributing a limit of 'brookies,' **Walt Marek** brought a cake he baked the night before. Of course, everyone brought a cooler with liquid refreshments.

Donna, with very little help (stay out of my kitchen) put everything together and set a buffet that was fit for a king. Like the saying goes, "It just doesn't get any better." During the course of the feast the usual stories were told of bygone openers, "the big one that got away" and "let's continue the tradition and do it again next year." I had enough to eat and drink, found an easy chair and settled in for an afternoon nap.

The next day, my friend **Metro** and I fished for walleyes under very adverse conditions. Winds were gusting at 30 miles per hour, that is no problem if your drift fishing. But we jig and minnow fish over structure that requires precision boat positioning. After doing battle with the waves and wind for five hours, we called it a day, with plans to resume the next day, hopefully under better conditions.

An answer to our dilemma occurred at dinner that night. **Walter** and **Barbara Marek** stopped in and we invited Walt to join us the next day in our quest for walleyes. Of course, we would fish out of Walt's 'roomy' Smoker Craft boat with all its bells and whistles, *including electric anchors.*

The next day was ideal for walleye fishing, a light chop, very little wind and mild temperatures and, more important, precision boat control. With Metro jig and minnow fishing at one end of the boat and Walt at the other end, I kept out of their way by drop-shoting minnows off the side of the boat. We caught enough slot-size fish for a good meal that night, our last night before heading for home.

We spotted this "rare" Albino Deer as we left for home.

We were staying at **Norway Lodge** on beautiful Lake Owen and would like to have stayed a few more days, but wife **Mary** had some commitments that involved, what else – grandchildren. Departing early in the morning in hopes of beating the heavy afternoon traffic back home, we spotted some whitetail deer in a field. Among the herd was a 'pure-white' **Albino Deer,** a rarity indeed. After a short-stalk, I was able to get a photo of the deer. Only in the North Woods could you start a fishing trip off with a 'Black Bear' and end it with a white 'Albino Deer.'

Sen. Ed Maloney Appointed IHSA Liaison

Sen. Ed Maloney (D-Chicago) has been appointed by the governor to serve as the General Assembly liaison to the Illinois High School Association (IHSA). This position ensures effective communication between the IHSA and the Illinois General Assembly in order to aid in adequately and successfully resolving issues that affect Illinois high school athletics.

"As a former high school teacher, basketball and cross country coach, and 15-year veteran official for IHSA basketball games, I am well acquainted with the extra-curricular activities associated with the IHSA, and look forward to bringing those many years of experience to the table," said Maloney.

Sen. Maloney's role will largely involve giving input from his various experiences as a teacher, coach, official and legislator to the IHSA Board of Directors during meetings, and creating a channel between the legislature and the IHSA in which issues can be addressed and resolved.

Marty Hickman, Executive Director of the IHSA, said he is looking forward to working with Sen. Maloney over the next year. "I believe he will be a great asset to the IHSA not only because of his experience with schools, years of officiating, but also because of his experience as a parent of participants in IHSA athletics. I also am looking forward to working with him because I believe he will strengthen and enhance the relationship between the IHSA and the legislature."

Hickman also added that with 760 member schools in the IHSA it is essential for the legislature to know what issues are occurring in high school athletics as well as for the IHSA to know what education issues the legislature is dealing with in order to effectively and promptly address them.

Reoccurring issues Sen. Maloney is likely to encounter while working with the IHSA involve topics such as school classification, fairness in competition, and individual eligibility. However, there are the occasional issues that arise which also need addressing. In recent years, those issues have involved home school eligibility and steroid education.

The IHSA Board of Directors typically meets once a month to discuss various issues related to high school athletics.

Bolts Beat Rockford

The Windy City ThunderBolts beat the Rockford RiverHawks 6-2 on Friday, May 18th at Hawk Ford Field in the exhibition finale for both teams.

The ThunderBolts jumped out to a quick lead with a two-out, two RBI double by Phillip Hawke in the bottom of the first. Rockford got one run back with a solo home run by Matt Sauls in the top of the second.

The RiverHawks tied the game with a run in the top of the fifth. Rockford had the bases loaded with no outs, but ThunderBolts reliever Billy Phillips got a double play ball and a groundout. The run scored on the double play groundout.

Nick Trzesniak put the ThunderBolts up for good with an RBI single in the bottom of the fifth. Mike Wadowski tripled home a run in the sixth and Hawke added another RBI double in the seventh. Wes Long capped off the Windy City scoring with a solo home run in the tenth.

Tickets for games are available by calling (708) 489-2255 or visiting the ThunderBolts box office.

Athletes Recognized

The St. Xavier University softball team had seniors Jory Bodi, Marie Barker and Nicole Barker, in addition to junior Holly Kennedy, all recognized as 2007 Daktronics-NAIA Softball Scholar-Athletes when the national office released the names in conjunction with the 2007 NAIA Softball National Championship Tournament, which is taking place this week in Decatur, Ala. Bodi played first base for the Cougars, while the Barkers and Kennedy saw action in the outfield this past spring.

To be named a Daktronics-NAIA Softball Scholar-Athlete, a student-athlete must have at least a 3.50 grade point average (GPA) on a 4.00 scale and be at least a junior in academic standing with one full academic year completed at the nominating institution.

Growth Of The Game Grant

The eighth cycle of 35 PGA Growth of the Game grants totaling $228,516 has been awarded from The PGA of America's Growth of the Game grant program. The RevelationGolf Program, an organization committed to providing golf as a physical and emotional therapeutic tool for children with cancer as well as juniors and adults with physical disabilities, received a $5,000 grant for their golf program. The PGA Growth of the Game grant programs, which touch 19 states, involve juniors, inner-city young adults, college students, the physically challenged and veterans. The program highlights The PGA of America's commitment to partner with its PGA Professionals to grow participation in golf.

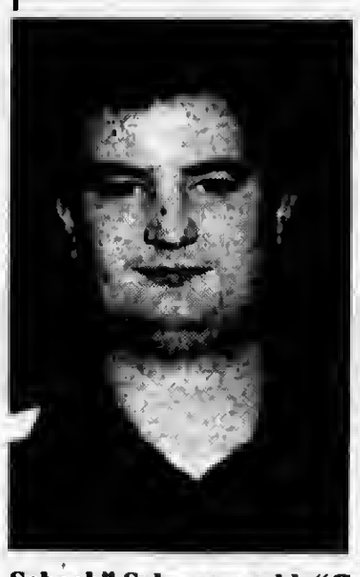
These funds combined with grants awarded from 2001 through April 2007 bring the total donation from The PGA Growth of the Game grant program to more than $4.8 million for a combined 447 grants.

The PGA Growth of the Game grants touch virtually every level of society and individuals of all abilities – from programs for U.S. troops and their families, the physically challenged, Latin Americans, seniors, women, Golf in Schools, Police Athletic League, collegiate-based golf, For Business & Life programs and junior programs.

The program is one of a number of initiatives administered by The PGA of America through its PGA Foundation, which was established in 1954 as the Association's charitable arm to provide resources and professional expertise to make golf more accessible to all segments of the population. The PGA Foundation receives donations from PGA members and apprentices, families of PGA members, philanthropists and individuals to further its philanthropic goals.

For more on The PGA Growth of the Game grant program, the PGA Legacy Society and the PGA Planned Giving Program, visit www.pgafoundation.com or call 1(888) 532-6662.

Schergen Is Appointed



Larry Tucker, principal of Marist High School, announced the appointment of Tom Schergen (pictured) as Athletic Director. Schergen comes to Marist from Bremen High School in Midlothian, where he served for three years as the assistant athletic director, as well as serving as head boys' varsity soccer coach, girls' varsity soccer assistant coach and special education teacher.

"I am excited about the tremendous opportunity to serve as the athletic director at Marist High School," Schergen said. "Catholic education has played an integral part in my life and I am honored to be a part of the RedHawk tradition where faith, academics and athletics culminate to produce the young minds of tomorrow."

Schergen hopes to build on the strong foundation Marist's program has. "This position presents the incredible opportunity to work with an outstanding coaching staff, impressive student-athletes, and to experience the tremendous amount of support for athletics through the best cheering section in the state-the RedHawk Rowdies," Schergen said.

Schergen, an Evergreen Park resident, has previously worked as Maria High School's athletic director and as the director of Evergreen Park's Summer Day Camp Program. He is a product of Catholic education, having graduated from De LaSalle High School and St. Xavier University.

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SSC Accepts Special Needs Applicants

A program to help students with autism and other special needs attend college is opening in suburban Chicago and is accepting applications for the 2007-2008 academic year.

College Living Experience (CLE) provides intensive assistance with academic, independent living and social skills to college students with special needs such as Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), Asperger's Syndrome, non-verbal learning disorders and other learning disabilities as they attend college. CLE already operates programs in Austin, Texas, Denver and Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., and is opening programs in Monterey, Calif., and suburban Washington, D.C., this summer. Students from around the country can enroll at the location of their choice.

Students participating in the Chicago program may attend classes at Oakton Community College in suburban Skokie as well as other colleges and universities in the area. Students will live in apartments near the CLE offices and the student center at, the locations of which will be announced later. CLE professional staff members work closely with students to provide structured tutoring sessions, independent living skills training and social outings. In addition, CLE will assist students who are accepted at any nearby college, university, technical or vocational school.

CLE provides intensive support in three primary areas to complement a student's higher-education goals: Academics: Students attend three 50-minute tutoring sessions conducted by professional tutors. They also attend a weekly course review and study-hall sessions three or four times a week. Independent living: CLE staff work individually with students to introduce apartment living and provide support for the development of life skills. Students receive assistance with establishing and maintaining a checking account, paying monthly bills, shopping, preparing meals, cleaning and managing other daily-living necessities. Social skills: All students enrolled in CLE are paired with a mentor who takes on the role of a big brother or big sister. Students also have the chance to participate in social-skills groups that gather around specific activities, such as bowling or movies. CLE also offers a variety of events each week, such as attending art openings, a local festival or a fishing outing.

"The greatest fear of parents of exceptional children is, 'What will happen to my child when I'm gone?,'" Mark Claypool, president and CEO of ESA, said. "Many parents never consider college as an option and they worry their children will not be prepared for independent adulthood. With the support and services of CLE, exceptional students can attend college, earn degrees and achieve the academic and social skills they need to live independently."

The local CLE program will be directed by Judith Gethner, who has a decade of experience as a special needs educational consultant and more than 20 years of business experience. She holds a master's degree in special education from Northeastern Illinois University. Gethner has served on the local boards of Children and Adults with Attention Deficit Disorder (CHADD), the Learning Disabilities Association (LDA) and the Northern Suburban Special Education District Board (NSSED). She is a member of National Counsel of Jewish Women, and her leadership positions within the synagogue include Sustaining Gift Chairperson, member of the Executive Board of Sisterhood and member of the Marketing Committee. Gethner also does community-based organizing for the United Power for Action and Justice, an advocacy organization that is currently working to organize support for universal healthcare legislation in the state of Illinois. She is the mother of a 20-year-old son with special needs.

CLE is a division of Educational Services of America, the nation's leading national provider of special, alternative and post-secondary educational programs.

"By offering daily tutoring, independent living assistance, social events and access to a staff psychologist, we make sure all the needs of our students are met," Steven Roth, Ed.D., executive director of CLE, said. "We focus on students' needs so they can focus on their dreams."

For more information on CLE, visit www.cleinc.net or contact Patricia Giner, national director of admissions, at 800-486-5058.

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Wujcik Wins 300th Game

Brian Wujcik, who literally and figuratively has built his program from the ground, recently won his 300th game as varsity baseball coach at Richards High School.

Wujcik, a Richards graduate, set out in 1992 to build a first-rate baseball facility as well as a winning program at his alma mater. With the help of players, their parents, and coaches, Wujcik started constructing a baseball facility that today rivals any in the Chicago area.

The donation of a new scoreboard by Founders Bank provided the capstone earlier this semester. Over the years, Wujcik and many others have funded and constructed new dugouts, a new press box, new fencing, and a completely reconditioned field.

"It's no coincidence that the consistent record at Richards mirrors the consistency of the coaching staff. We're successful at Richards because the staff has been together so long. Joe Mendez and I have been together for 13 years now, Jeff Kortz has been with us for 10 years (the past 6 at the varsity level) and Kevin Quinn is in his 7th season as pitching coach. I'm blessed to work with three knowledgeable guys who not only share my vision and philosophies, but who are a lot of fun to be around. 300 wins is as much their accomplishment as it is mine," said Wujcik.

Wujcik's all-time record stands at 307-212-4. This season, the Buildogs have posted records of 24-7-2 overall and 14-2 in conference.

Richards High School Athletic Director Ken Styler (with microphone) and District 218 Superintendent Dr. Kevin Burns present Richards High School baseball coach Brian Wujcik with a baseball signed by the 2007 team commemorating his 300th win as varsity coach.

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27 @Kal	28 @Kal	29 Kal 11am	30 Kal 6	31 TC 7:05		

JUNE

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 TC 3:05	4	5 @Rck	6 @Rck	7 Rck 7:05	8 Rck 7:05	9 Kal 7:05
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Thoughts On Health & Nutrition

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DAILY SHAPE UP FOR HEALTH

Exercise at the gym is not the only way to burn up calories and lose weight! If you have read one of any number of news reports lately concerning diet and exercise, you have already learned the benefits of some simple moves to get your body in shape. So get off the couch and get your body moving for summer!

1. Straighten up the house! Vacuuming, or even walking your dog, can significantly lower your blood pressure; a study at Indiana University has demonstrated this. Four hours of accumulated activity over the course of the day will do it; running up and down the stairs and mowing the lawn are most beneficial.

2. Squeeze aerobics into your day at the office! Engaging in physical activity during your lunch hour can improve your mood and productivity. "On days that people exercised, they were better able to manage time demands, and were more tolerant of mistakes, regardless of who made them," said researcher Jim McKenna at Leeds Metropolitan University in Britain.

3. Stay active in general--this might lower the risk of Alzheimer's disease. Exercise protects against age-related loss of brain tissue and may affect the expression of genes, which influence the disease, according to a mice study at the University of California. Further studies are needed to determine how much brain tissue and what type, but it is clear that cognition is enhanced with exercise--at any age.

4. Exercise can improve oral health. At Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, experts have found that people who work out significantly reduce their chances of gum disease. It is now becoming widely believed among health practitioners that physical activity reduces stress and inflammation. "Any type of moderate or vigorous exercise such as walking a mile without stopping, bike riding, dancing or yard work—three to five times a week—will work," according to researcher Nabil F. Bissada at the university. He also stated that you need to maintain a good diet and a normal weight to make this possible.

5. Regular exercise fights depression. A half-hour of exercise three to five times weekly can reduce moderate depression by 50%. "The effect of using exercise alone to treat the condition is comparable to the effect of antidepressants," said researcher Dr. Madhukar Trivedi from the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center.

Springtime is the opportunity to get moving! Now is the time!

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Knee Replacement

Every year, approximately 400,000 Americans who suffer from osteoarthritis undergo knee replacement surgery. When all other options for treating severe osteoarthritis of the knee have been exhausted, artificial knee joints offer a solution with a high rate of success. But how should you prepare for this major operation, and what can you do afterwards, to protect the new joint and keep it intact for years to come?

The American Arthritis Society has compiled some useful and practical tips for self-care, which are available on the Society's web site. Developed with the help of some of the world's leading knee surgeons, each tip is easy to follow and can be helpful in preparing for your operation.

These and many more suggestions regarding osteoarthritis can be viewed online at www.americanarthritis.org.

Survey Of Cancer Attitudes And Beliefs

If you feel that you are fated for cancer, your belief could turn into a self-fulfilling prophecy. According to a national survey of more than 6,000 U.S. adults published in the May issue of Cancer Epidemiology, Biomarkers & Prevention; a substantial number of American adults hold fatalistic beliefs about cancer and are correspondingly less likely to take basic steps to lower their cancer risk, such as exercising, quitting smoking and eating a healthy diet rich in fruits and vegetables.

The study, which analyzes data from the National Cancer Institute's Health Information National Trends Survey, is the first national survey in almost 20 years to assess Americans' knowledge about and attitudes toward cancer prevention. The findings have implications for cancer education efforts.

"Many Americans seem to feel afraid and helpless in regards to cancer, which may be exacerbated by conflicting news reports and a general lack of education on the causes and prevention of cancer," said Jeff Niederdeppe, Ph.D., professor at the University of Wisconsin, Madison. "They say 'well, there is nothing much you can do about it' and, as our survey shows, they indeed do nothing about it."

The survey asked respondents if they agreed with three statements about cancer. About 47 percent of those surveyed agreed with the statement that "It seems like almost everything causes cancer," while 27 percent agreed that "There's not much people can do to lower their chances of getting cancer." Moreover, 71.5 percent of American adults agreed that "There are so many recommendations about preventing cancer, it's hard to know which ones to follow."

People who maintained at least one of these three beliefs were less likely than others to exercise weekly and eat five daily servings of fruits and vegetables. People who believed that "it's hard to know" what to do were more likely to smoke. All three beliefs, the researchers say, were associated with lower levels of education.

Despite the ready availability of cancer information, the researchers conclude, there has been little progress in changing the belief that "everything causes cancer" in the last 20 years. According to the researchers, it is unclear whether and to what degree media coverage of cancer influences beliefs. While this study did not specifically address the news media's role in enforcing cancer fatalism, Niederdeppe believes that the constantly changing messages people get from the news are often confusing.

"Cancer is a difficult thing to talk about in the space of a single news story," Niederdeppe said. "Science values repetition, while the media values novelty. Those two concepts naturally butt heads, which can confuse people."

If conflicting news accounts of cancer prevention science are the cause of confusion, Niederdeppe says, educators ought to focus on developing simple, straightforward messages in teaching the general public about what they can do to prevent disease.

The mission of the American Association for Cancer Research is to prevent and cure cancer. Founded in 1907, AACR is the world's oldest and largest professional organization dedicated to advancing cancer research. The membership includes nearly 26,000 basic, translational, and clinical researchers; health care professionals; and cancer survivors and advocates in the United States and more than 70 other countries. AACR marshals the full spectrum of expertise from the cancer community to accelerate progress in the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of cancer through high-quality scientific and educational programs. It funds innovative, meritorious research grants. The AACR Annual Meeting attracts more than 17,000 participants who share the latest discoveries and developments in the field. Special Conferences throughout the year present novel data across a wide variety of topics in cancer research, treatment, and patient care. AACR publishes five major peer-reviewed journals: Cancer Research; Clinical Cancer Research; Molecular Cancer Therapeutics; Molecular Cancer Research; and Cancer Epidemiology, Biomarkers & Prevention. Its most recent publication, CR, is a magazine for cancer survivors, patient advocates, their families, physicians, and scientists. It provides a forum for sharing essential, evidence-based information and perspectives on progress in cancer research, survivorship, and advocacy.

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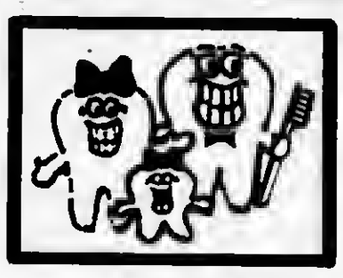
Asthma Emergencies

Sixty-four percent of coaches and physical education teachers in the Chicago area have not been trained to handle asthma emergencies putting an estimated 412,000 Cook County children with asthma or asthma symptoms at risk, according to a survey from the Chicago Asthma Consortium.

The American Lung Assn. of Metropolitan Chicago and a coalition of physicians, asthma specialists, and school and park district officials released the 2007 Asthma Action Plan for Chicago calling for more asthma education and asthma emergency training for all gym teachers, volunteer and part-time coaches.

The 206,000 Cook County children diagnosed with asthma is thought to be half of the estimated 412,000 who have asthma symptoms. All Illinois students in kindergarten through tenth grade are required to take physical education classes. Many take to area baseball, football and soccer fields in programs supervised by an estimated 2100 full, part-time or volunteer coaches.

Coaches can obtain free asthma education on-line through Winning With Asthma, a 30-minute web-based program at www.winningwithasthma.org or in person by signing up for asthma training classes at the American Lung Assn. of Metropolitan Chicago, 1440 W. Washington. Call (312) 243-2000 or click on www.lungchicago.org.



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ISMS Voices Concern For Illinois Covered Plan

While affirming wholehearted support for universal patient access to medical insurance coverage, the Illinois State Medical Society recently revealed it cannot support the Administration's Illinois Covered initiative without significant change to key provisions. The ISMS announcement, which came after its annual House of Delegates policy session held in late April, is based on the organization's newly-adopted ISMS Principles for Health System Reform.

"We commend Gov. Blagojevich for jump-starting this important debate," said ISMS President Rodney C. Osborn, M.D. "Illinois doctors want a plan that can truly improve health care access for all Illinois residents. We stand ready to work with him to strengthen Illinois Covered toward meeting that goal."

Core concerns voiced by ISMS include the following:

Patients should be able to choose from several private and public health insurance options to find one that meets their diverse health care needs and budgets. A single, one-size-fits-all insurance coverage plan, built on a state-designed framework, lacks flexibility and discourages innovation. "We must embrace multiple health insurance options that empower patients to take charge of their health care and insurance costs, such as the ideas contained in the recently-announced recommendations of the Adequate Health Care Task Force," said Dr. Osborn.

While acknowledging the program will require a substantial new funding source to sustain it, ISMS staunchly opposes inclusion of physician services in an Illinois gross receipts tax. Unlike most other businesses, doctors are prevented by federal and state law and by health plan contracts from passing along the cost of these new taxes to consumers. Because both government and private insurers strictly regulate physician reimbursements, doctors alone would be forced to absorb the additional cost of this tax. "Some of our members have crunched the numbers and let us know this tax could put them out of business," said Dr. Osborn. "We also remain concerned about the hidden economic implications of a GRT on all the citizens of Illinois. The GRT will have a predictably negative impact of the growth of business in Illinois, causing a decline in the availability of employer-based health insurance. This will further erode access to health care in the state."

Illinois Covered makes it mandatory that physicians accept the plan as a condition for participating in private sector health insurance plan contracts. This automatic state-controlled tie-in is wholly unacceptable. "Just like patients, doctors should be able to choose participation in Illinois Covered, based on it being a good fit for their patient population and medical practice model," said Dr. Osborn.

Fair reimbursement is crucial to assure patient access to care. Illinois Covered fee schedules should mirror the reimbursement rates for the private sector networks it utilizes. In addition, full, fair and timely Medicaid reimbursement must become the norm, rather than the exception, for the state's payment policies to physicians. "Doctors are small employers who must balance their checkbooks and pay their bills on time to keep the doors open for patient care," noted Dr. Osborn. "The state has an obligation to pay fairly and on time for the patient care it has promised to fund, not only for the current Medicaid program, but also for any new programs."

"ISMS believes all these concerns can be successfully resolved," explained Dr. Osborn. "Doing so right away will make the plan stronger, more viable over the long run and ensure patients have real access to care. The practical core of Illinois Covered is getting doctors and patients together to improve health outcomes, so it's vitally important that the details actually support this."

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E.Coli Warning

Dr. Eric E. Whitaker, state public health director, issued an alert expanding the recent warning about E.coli O157:H7, a specific strain of E.coli, which can be associated with the consumption of some ground beef products. After the recent recall from a Minnesota company, the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service has announced that a Michigan company has recalled 129,000 pounds of beef products due to possible contamination.

The beef products were produced between March 1st and April 30th, 2007 and were shipped to foodservice distribution centers and Marketplace stores in Arkansas, Florida, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Missouri, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia, Wisconsin and Illinois. Because these products later became ground beef sold under many different retail brand names, consumers should check with their local retailer to determine whether they may have purchased any of the products subject to recall. The possible contamination of beef products in this recall was discovered by the Michigan Dept. of Community Health as part of an illness investigation.

"We still have no cases in Illinois of anyone becoming sick with the same type of E.coli O157:H7 after eating these recalled ground beef products," said Dr. Whitaker. "But with the expanded recall we advise consumers to be extra careful. People should only eat ground beef patties that have been cooked to a safe internal temperature of 160 degrees F. Anyone who thinks they may have experienced symptoms of illness after eating ground beef are urged to contact their health care provider."

E.coli O157:H7 is a virulent strain of E.coli. It causes diarrhea, often with bloody stools. Although most healthy adults can recover completely within a week, some people can develop a form of kidney failure called Hemolytic Uremic Syndrome (HUS). HUS is most likely to occur in young children and the elderly. The condition can lead to serious kidney damage and even death.

Products subject to recall include boxes of mechanically tenderized steaks and ground beef of varying weights. Labels on the boxes bear the establishment number "Est. 1947A" inside the USDA mark of inspection and a date code (on the top right corner of the label) between "060" and "120." Only products with those date codes are subject to recall. Each box also bears a net weight declaration and the message "Manufactured for Gordon Food Service" or "Distributed by Gordon Food Service." For a detailed list of the recalled beef products, log on to the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service web site at www.fsis.usda.gov.

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Volunteers Participate In Park Lawn Tag Days

During the month of April, Park Lawn volunteers spread throughout the South Metropolitan area to collect donations from complete strangers that will forever remain anonymous and in the process gained interesting observations.

Some people have tagged for 10 years or more and others are brand new to the experience, but no matter how long they have tagged, they all notice certain human characteristics.

Whether it is one dollar or twenty dollars, people will freely give a monetary donation without worrying about their own circumstances. At the end of the day that one dollar adds up to thousands of dollars for an organization.

One local volunteer has collected donations at the same intersection for the past 10 years and truly enjoys every minute because he has noticed several observations.

"I received about 14 'God Bless You' in one day," he said after tagging on a cold day. "You meet so many types of people; it almost seems like a behavior analysis. I have noticed that women are the best givers at my intersection and people with expensive cars provide the smallest amount possible."

All of the volunteers noticed that people are hesitant to donate when it is cold outside because they do not want to roll their windows down. When the weather is sunny and breezy, they are in a better mood and willing to donate five, ten, twenty or more to the non profit organization.

The ages of the tag volunteers range from 12 to 80 years old. They all agree that they meet a lot of interesting people when they are donning the Park Lawn gear.

Volunteers are manned with Park Lawn tags for donors to display their car rear view mirror, a collection bucket, a Park Lawn safety vest and lots of sour licorice to hand out. The licorice is generously provided by the American Licorice Company.

When the day is done and the volunteers drop off the money collected and left over supplies, they have numerous stories to share about all of their observations. They use these stories to recruit other a group of volunteers for future tagging events.

Mike Maty, a volunteer with ten years of experience, said that he tries to relate to peoples interest when recruiting more volunteers for his tag team.

"I told my brother, who loves to fish, that tagging is like fishing," Maty said. "When things are slow you feel cold, tired and want to go home. But when you look through the bucket and see a large bill, it's like catching a big one. You want to stay and get some more."

Park Lawn employees also joined in on the fun. Debbie Sample, manager for Park Lawn's Adult Development Training program, said that she was very proud of her departments 100% participation.

"It was a lot of fun because we were competing to receive the most money among each other and it was a good bonding experience as well," Sample said.

Erica Goolsby, another employee of Park Lawn, tagged for the first time this year and she said that it was a fun experience and "it felt good to volunteer my time for a worthy cause. "

While different behaviors of donors are noticed by the volunteers, Park Lawn notices that the volunteers themselves demonstrate the best characteristics.

It did not matter if the weather was in the low 30's, like the beginning of April or if a beaming hot sun was out in late April, they stayed out all day to help raise money for individuals with developmental disabilities.

"Our volunteers are amazing and truly inspire me," said Kristen Wells, one of the coordinators of Park Lawn's Tag Days. "They came in from the cold weather wearing layers of clothes and they still have a smile on their face."

All proceeds from Tag Days benefit Park Lawn, a nonprofit agency located in Chicago's southwest suburbs that provides vocational services, supported employment, adult developmental training, and residential services to individuals with developmental disabilities. To learn more about Park Lawn visit www.parklawn.com.

Park Lawn Employees participated in tag days are pictured from left to right: (back row) Erica Goolsby, Kelly King, Clydice Lawrence-Dorch, Debbie Sample, Julie Sanchez; (middle row) Robyn Forbes, Latonia Norwood, Michelle McKinney, Starlette Doxy, Vanessa Allen, Maureen Smith; and (front row) Sandra Rakowski, Carmen Westen-Brown.

SUMMER CONCERTS ON THE VILLAGE GREEN

The Village of Oak Lawn is planning a music-filled outdoor season with the Oak Lawn Summer Concert Series held on the Village Green in June, July and August. The Village Green is located north of the Oak Lawn Library and directly east of the Municipal Center. The concerts begin at 7 p.m. (weather permitting) and end at 9:30.

This summer, the Summer Concert Series features an eclectic music selection ranging from country with a rock-edge to Big Band & Swing music to classic rock-and-roll. The specific performances are as follows:

Sunday, June 24th from 7 to 9 p.m.
The Skylarks

Come hear the best of the Big Band & Swing eras performed by a local favorite.

Sunday, July 22nd from 7 to 9:30 p.m.
Yard Fulla Cars

Modern country with a rock edge, you owe it to yourself to come see *Yard Fulla Cars*.

Sunday, Aug. 26th from 7 to 9:30 p.m.
Railroad Gin

Come hear one of the south side's most energetic rock bands demonstrate their range from Pink Floyd to Elvis Presley and a whole lot more.

Performances are free and no reservations are required. Bring your own refreshments and don't forget your blankets or lawn chairs. Any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Chad Weiler at (708) 499-7821 or by email at cweiler@oaklawn-il.gov.

Little League For Disabled Youth

South West Special Recreation Association, an agency that provides programs for individuals with disabilities, is offering Challenger Little League for youth and teens from Alsip, Blue Island, Justice, Merrionette Park, Midlothian, Palos Heights, Posen, Summit and surrounding communities. The program starts on Thursday, May 31st and runs through July 26th. The special fee for this program is $25 for in-district participants which includes a uniform, hat and trophy!

To register, or for more information, call (708) 389-9423.

VFW & Auxiliary Hold Memorial Day Observance

Hometown-Murray VFW and Ladies Auxiliary Post #9773 will hold a Memorial Day ceremony on Monday, May 28th at 11 a.m. at the Veterans Memorial in Patterson Park, Pulaski Road and 87th St. in Hometown. Join us in remembering those who gave their lives in service to our country. Refreshments immediately following at the Post home, 9092 Main St. in Hometown.

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SHOP AND SAVE IN OAK LAWN

SUMMER PROGRAMS

Richards High School will sponsor a wide assortment of summer athletic camps for middle school and high school students starting in early June.

All camps will take place on the Richards campus, located at 10601 S. Central Ave. Parents should send checks, made payable to District 218, to Richards High School, Principal's Office, 10601 S. Central Ave., Oak Lawn, IL 60453. Individual camps include:

Baseball – Incoming freshmen, 7th and 8th graders; June 12, 14, 19, 21, 10 a.m. to noon; $40, includes camp T-shirt. Richards also will offer a co-ed baseball camp for students in grades 1 to 6 from Monday, July 9 through Thursday, July 12. This camp costs $35. For information, call coach Brian Wujcik at (708) 499-2550, ext. 5087 or at brian.wujcik@chsd218.org.

Boys Basketball – For students in grades 5 to 8, June 25 to 29, 10 to 11:30 a.m., $35. Includes a camp T-shirt. For information, call coach John Chappetto at (708) 499-2550, ext. 5340 or e-mail at john.chappetto@chsd218.org.

Cheerleading – For students in grades 1 to 8, July 10 to 12, 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., $40. For information, call Kelly Cummins at (708) 499-2550, ext. 5388 or e-mail at Kelly.cummins@chsd218.org.

Football – For 8th graders and incoming freshmen, Jne 11, 13, 18, 20, 10 a.m. to noon, $50 (includes T-shirt). For information, call Gary Korhonen at (708) 499-2550, ext 5343.

Softball – For students in grades 3 to 8, June 11 to 14, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., $40. For information, call Julie Folliard at (708) 482-2710, ext. 1108 or jfolliard@d105.net.

Volleyball, boys and girls – For students entering 6th grade and above, June 18 to 21, 12:30 to 3 p.m., $40. For information, call Troy Grevengoed at (708) 499-2550, ext. 5286 or e-mail at troy.grevengoed@chsd218.org.

Cross Country – For incoming freshmen through seniors, starts June 9 through the start of new school year, free. For information, call Wendy Stambaugh at (708) 499-2550, ext. 5187 or e-mail at wendy.stambaugh@chsd218.org.

Basketball – girls – For students entering grades 6 to 8, June 25 to 29, Noon to 1:30 p.m., $35. For information, call Jeff Kortz at (708) 499-2550, ext. 5180 or e-mail at jeff.kortz@chsd218.org.

Property Auction

The Oak Lawn Police Dept. will be conducting an auction of unclaimed bicycles, tools and other miscellaneous property for all interested buyers on Saturday, June 9th starting at 9 a.m. until all property is sold. The auction will be held in the Police Garage, 9446 S. Raymond Ave. (located on the west side of the building).

There will be no pre-sales of any items. Purchases can be paid by cash or personal check with a driver's license. All sales are final. No warranties are given.

Student Awarded

Michelle Gerrity, a senior at Shepard High School and a 2003 graduate of Prairie Junior High School, will be awarded the 22nd annual Clark Alford Scholarship at the Prairie Junior High School graduation on Wednesday, May 30th at 7:30 p.m.

The Clark Alford Prairie Junior High District 126 Scholarship was established from the Clark Alford Memorial Fund. Mr. Alford of Alsip served for 18 years (1965-1983) as a School Board Member in District 126, the Alsip, Hazelgreen and Oak Lawn Elementary Schools.

He gave extraordinary time and effort to many voluntary activities such as Red Cross, Alsip Fire Dept., Alsip Kiwanis, and the Palos Methodist Church. When Mr. Alford died in 1984, a Clark Alford Memorial Fund was created. It was decided to present a one-year scholarship award annually to a deserving former Prairie Junior High School graduate, now a high school senior, who exemplified through action and deed a commitment to volunteer service.

Free Lawn Passes

The Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St., is now offering a limited number of free lawn passes to 44 select Ravinia Festival "Words & Music" summer concerts. The guidelines for distribution and available dates are posted at the library's Ravinia display. "All "Words & Music" concerts are classical music programs. No popular artists.

Free lawn passes (sets of 2) will be distributed to Oak Lawn residents on a first-come, first-served basis and cannot be reserved by telephone. Patrons must present their library card to claim tickets. One set of lawn passes per patron, not per household. If an Oak Lawn resident has not claimed a set of tickets one week prior to the performance date, they will be offered to the public at large. This program ends when the library's supply of lawn passes runs out. For additional information, please feel free to call (708) 422-4990.

Mae Parnell Was Honored By Operation Able

An Oak Lawn resident, 65-year-old Mae Parnell, was honored by Operation Able at its 26th annual awards luncheon, Tuesday, May 15th at the Palmer House Hilton Hotel. Parnell, a health education case manager working with HIV/AIDS clients, had 20 years of experience in substance abuse counseling before coming to Haymarket Center.

As a case manager in the HIV/AIDS program, she builds relationships with substance-abuse clients who have HIV/AIDS, continuing to work with them when they leave Haymarket Center and return to their homes and communities. Holding periodic "booster sessions" for these discharged clients, Parnell helps them to reinforce and maintain their sobriety, and find and use services available to them in their communities.

Operation ABLE cited Parnell's work as influential when the AIDS Foundation of Chicago made a substantial special grant to Haymarket Center to provide direct service to this population segment: people living with HIV or AIDS, newly sober and in transition back to living in their communities.

She also is a volunteer mentor at (Stroger) Cook County Hospital, and works with clients on such issues as relationships, health and life skills. She also serves her church as a member of its advisory board on substance abuse.

The Operation Able program recognizes those workers who might be preparing for retirement but who can—and do—continue to contribute to their communities. These workers are, as Operation Able puts it, "...example[s] of talent, dependability and dedication which mature workers bring to the job."

Scholarship Recipients

Six Saint Xavier University students were awarded Tyesa Bowens Memorial Scholarships based on excellent academic work and contributions to the Student Success Program and SXU communities.

The scholarships were awarded to the following students: Kimberly Henderson, a senior majoring in communications from Chicago's West Englewood neighborhood; Robert Pemberton, a senior nursing major originally from San Francisco, Ca.; Krystal Bailey, a senior majoring in communications from Harvey; Dragana Miloradovic (pictured), a sophomore education major from Oak Lawn; Tierra Powell, a sophomore majoring in criminal justice from Chicago's Chatham neighborhood; and Larissa Campos, a sophomore nursing major from Chicago's Garfield Ridge neighborhood.

"These six students have displayed exceptional commitment to their education and have made significant contributions not only in the SSP and SXU communities, but in their local communities as well," said Josiah Fuller, director of the Student Success Program.

The awards were presented at the Student Success Program's annual Spring Awards Ceremony in the Butler Reception Room at Saint Xavier. The University established the scholarship in memory of Tyesa Bowens, a well-liked, successful freshman who was slain in her Matteson home in March 2006 during her second semester at Saint Xavier. She was majoring in biology and had graduated at the top of her class from Fenger Academy High School.

This spring, SSP honored 64 of its students for their academic work. Participants in the program were acknowledged for attaining grade point averages between 3.0 and 3.49 (38 students recognized) and between 3.5 and 3.9 (26 students recognized) out of a possible 4.0 grade point average. The program also honored 47 of its participants who either graduated last December or will graduate in May.

The Student Success Program is a federally funded TRIO program that assists first generation college students, students from lower income families, and students with disabilities. Historically, these groups of students have been at risk for not completing their college degrees.

Forensics Team "Speaks Up"

The Moraine Valley Forensics team knows when to "speak up"—and they did just that at the 2007 Phi Rho Pi National Forensics Tournament, taking third place at the tournament April 9-14 in Houston, Texas. The week-long event, hosted by Phi Rho Pi, the national honor society for community college speech, saw more than 500 individuals compete from more than 70 schools in the nation.

Individually, eight students represented Moraine Valley at the national tournament with six students earning medals. Students competing in the event included Elvia Angulano (Blue Island), who earned a bronze in Poetry and a bronze for Informative Speaking; Jalrus Bellamy (Palos Heights); Patrick Cooper (Oak Lawn), who earned a gold in Prose Interpretation, silver in Duo-Interpretation (with Amanda Goodyear), and a silver in Dramatic Interpretation; Amanda Goodyear (Hometown), who earned a gold in Prose Interpretation and a silver in Duo-Interpretation (with Cooper); Jacqueline Lill (Alsip); who earned a bronze in Persuasive Speaking and a bronze in Prose Interpretation; Andy Perez (Palos Heights); Jaciyn Quintana (Alsip); who earned a silver in Speech to Entertain; and Billy Walsh (Burbank), who earned a bronze in Oral Interpretation.

This season, the team went undefeated in Illinois competitions, including earning first place at the Illinois State tournament.

"I'm proud of our team's achievements this year," said Krista Appelquist, assistant professor of Communications and one of the team's coaches. "Watching how these students can impact their audiences has been impressive all year, and their hard work and dedication has once again resulted in national success."

John Nash, instructor of Communications and team coach, also agreed. "This year's team really represented Moraine Valley with poise and confidence. I could not have asked for a better group of students."

Quintana, the team's captain, remarked, "We came home from the national tournament drained, but also feeling more accomplished than ever because the members of this team gave their all to this tournament and to each other. You can't ask for more than that."

"The best part of our season wasn't our win-loss record, but the fact that we were a team," Angulano added.

Moraine Valley's forensics (competitive speech) team has quickly become a national force in its seven-year existence. Last year, the team won first place and was awarded a gold medal at the national tournament in Kansas City, and took third in nationals in Philadelphia in 2005. Many of the students have been offered scholarships by forensics programs at Bradley University, Northern Illinois University, and Illinois State University.

For information call Josh Reinhart in the office of College and Community Relations at (708) 974-5742, or e-mail reinhart@morainevalley.edu.

Oak Lawn Library Programs

Puzzling over what to do this summer? If you're an Oak Lawn resident or you attend an Oak Lawn school, you can enroll in the Oak Lawn Public Library's annual summer reading program for eight weeks of activities and a treasure trove of prizes. Registration begins Monday, June 5 and the program ends Tuesday, July 31.

The Youth Services Department sponsors two separate programs for children in preschool through fifth grade and students entering sixth through eighth grade. Young reading club members will keep track of how much time they spend reading. The goal is 18 hours. Prizes are awarded each time a participant reaches three hours, up to a limit of six prizes. Bring your child's library card to register at the Youth Services Desk.

Children in preschool through fifth grade, who are Oak Lawn residents or students of Oak Lawn schools, can enroll in "Get a Clue @ Your Library." Activities open to reading club members include a "Guinness Challenge" competition, treasure hunt, weekly "Mysteries at Lunchtime," a variety of theme parties, a magic show, movie viewings, crafts projects and more.

Students entering sixth through eighth grade, who are Oak Lawn residents or students of Oak Lawn schools are invited to join "007: License to Read." Registered members may participate in several interactive activities, including game nights, a window painting project, a junior volunteer group, and Book Buddies, a program offering young adults the opportunity to read one-on-one to younger children while earning service hours.

Patrons high school age and up may register for "Summer Sleuths" at the Readers Advisory Desk. To be eligible to win prizes, members must read five books and submit a brief book review form for each one. This year, participants are invited to enroll in a six-week basic sign language class. There is a limit of 30. Special activities are also planned for first and second year high school students in conjunction with the Youth Services Department.

Be advised that many activities have age restrictions and several have limited enrollment, so early registration is recommended.

For more information, call (708) 422-4990, or visit the library's web site at www.oaklawnlibrary.org. The Oak Lawn Public Library is located at 5300 W. 95th St.

Veterans And Soldiers News

By Lori Taylor Ph: 708.388.2425

Air Force Reserve Staff Sgt. Karl J. Morgan has been mobilized and activated for a future deployment to an undisclosed overseas location in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. He is the son of Thomas and Glenda Morgan of Midlothian. The sergeant is a 1999 graduate of Bremen High School in Midlothian.

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Air Force Airman 1st Class Ryan M. Cluckey has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. He is the son of Rita Cluckey of Crestwood. Cluckey is a 2002 graduate of Alan B. Shepard High School in Palos Heights.

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Air Force Airman Jeremy G. Hermes has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. He is the son of Sandra Hermes of Bridgeview and brother of Ryan Conrad of LaGrange. Hermes is a 2006 graduate of Argo Community High School in Summit.

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Army Spec. Jorge Mendoza has graduated form basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, South Carolina. He is the son of Teresa Mendoza of Burbank. Mendoza graduated in 1992 from St. Joseph High School in Chicago and received a bachelor's degree in 1997 from the University of Illinois at Chicago.

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Governor Blagojevich recently launched a new $15 million pilot mortgage program to help Illinois veterans and active duty personnel afford their own homes. On behalf of the Governor, Housing and Veterans officials announced the program, called the G-I Loan for Heroes, designed to help more than 100 qualified veterans and service men and women secure low-interest mortgages and closing cost assistance. The announcement makes Illinois the first state in the nation to provide significantly below-market interest, 30-year fixed rate mortgages to qualifying former and current service men and women who are working hard to provide for themselves and their families.

The new program offers a low-interest rate first mortgage for 80 percent of the purchase price and an interest-free second mortgage for 20 percent of the purchase price, up to $40,000. Homebuyers under the program will also receive a grant up to $2,500 to help with closing costs and free homeownership counseling, which is compulsory.

Applicants need to contribute $1,000 of their own money toward the down payment on the purchase of a single-family home, condominium or duplex. Income, purchase price limits, and credit qualifications also apply and vary from county to county. To qualify in Cook County, a Veteran or active duty service man or woman with a family of three or more must have a household income of no greater than $83,260 and the purchase price of the home can not exceed $325,890.

Veterans and men and women currently on federal active duty in the Armed Services and the Reserve Forces may qualify for assistance in buying a primary residence even if they owned a home in the past. Only active duty service personnel need to be a first-time homebuyer to qualify for the G-I Loan.

According to figures from the Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs (IDVA), an average of 900 veterans visit the department's field offices every year looking for assistance to qualify for home loans. Presently the only option they had is to apply for the federal VA loan, which has a zero down payment policy, but offers market interest rates (currently 6.33 per cent). The VA loan is also only available to veterans.

The new G-I Loan for Heroes program is available to current active duty service personnel, federally activated National Guardsmen and Reservists, as well as veterans and offers interest rates as low as 4.75 percent in some cases.

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Memorial Day Services: Midlothian Memorial VFW 2580 and its auxiliary, American Legion Post 691 and auxiliary and Sons of the American Legion will hold Memorial Day Services at Memorial Park, 145th and Sawyer Ave. in Midlothian, on Sunday, May 27th at 11 a.m.

Hometown-Murray VFW and Ladies Auxiliary 9773 will hold services Monday, May 28th at 11 a.m. at the Veterans Memorial in Patterson Park, 87th and Pulaski Rd.

Alsip VFW 450 and Ladies Auxiliary will take part in the Village of Alsip's ceremony on Sunday, May 27th at 11 a.m. at 11800 Old Cicero Ave. (Veterans Way). Tammy Duckworth will be the honored guest. There will be a full Army color guard, The Emerald Society, 21 gun salute, live bugler, fly over, unveiling of Oak Memorial Carving and Releasing of the Doves.

Orland Park's ceremony will be held at 1 p.m. on Monday, May 28th at the Veterans Memorial, Ara Pace – Place of Peace, adjacent to the Village Hall, 14700 Ravinia Ave.

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Good-bye for this week. God bless you and your family and God bless America.

Botanic Garden Hosts Wellness Day

The Chicago Botanic Garden hosts its annual Wellness Day, held in partnership with Evanston Northwestern Healthcare on Saturday, June 9. Visitors can learn how gardens boost health and well-being, and discover the benefits of good nutrition, exercise and stress reduction.

Chris Freytag, "The Motivator" columnist, Prevention Magazine, will give the keynote presentation, "Get Energized for Summer," at 1:15 p.m. On the board of directors of the American Council on Exercise, she has been inspiring women to get fit for more than 15 years. Freytag is an ACE-certified personal trainer, the star of numerous Prevention Systems DVDs and author of Move to Lose.

Demonstrations are held throughout the garden, including "Adaptive tools for gardening" in the Buehler Enabling Garden from 10 to 11 a.m. As part of the Garden Chef Series, Steve Nakon prepares healthy recipes in the

Regenstein Fruit & Vegetable Garden at 1:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m.

Exhibitors offer product samples, educational literature and health screenings. Visitors have the opportunity to do body fat analysis, test their blood pressure, check their posture and participate in fun children's activities.

Lectures Include:

9:15-10:00 a.m. Bringing Wellness to Your Everyday Life, Jasmine Jafferali, MPH, Wellness Professional

10:30- 11:30 a.m. Stretch Into Summer and Celebrate the Fire by Creating Warmth Through Touch, Stretch and Yoga, Dr. Leslie Mendoza Temple, M.D. and Polly Liontis, Integrative Medicine Program, Evanston Northwestern Hospital

12-12:45 p.m. Maintaining Your Inner Ecology: Foods To Live By Karyn Calabrese, Holistic teacher, owner of Karyn's Inner Beauty Center, Raw Vegan Gourmet and Fresh Corner Café in Chicago

1:15-2:00 p.m. Get Energized for Summer! Chris Freytag, Columnist and fitness expert, Prevention Magazine Keynote

2:30-3:15 p.m. Gardening Organically: From Healthy Plants to a Healthier You, Mike Bollinger, Green Youth Farm Manager, Chicago Botanic Garden

Fitness and Wellness Demonstrations Include:

9:20 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Tai Chi with Lynn Baumhardt, Lifestyle instructor

10:10 a.m. to 10:50 a.m. Yoga with Steve Nakon, Lifestyle instructor

11:00 a.m. to 11:40 a.m. Core conditioning with Tiffany Crate, TLC Fitness Consulting

11:50 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Acupuncture with Patricia Piant, Evanston Northwestern Hospital

1:30 p.m. to 2:10 p.m. ABCs of Essential Oils with Susan Atchinson, Chicago Healers Practitioner

2:20 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Fitness walk with Esther Gutierrez-Sloan, Lifestyle instructor

Exhibitors include the Chicago Botanic Garden's departments of Horticultural Therapy, Membership, Joseph Regenstein, Jr. School and the Center for Teaching and Learning as well as Evanston Northwestern Hospital's Emergency Medical Services/Trauma, Women's Heart Program, Community Wellness, GI Department, Cardiac Electrophysiology, Outpatient Rehabilitative Services,

Diabetes Education and Medical Exercise Specialist.

Other exhibitors include Open advanced MRI of North Shore, Chicago Healers, Whole Foods, Karyn's Inner Beauty Center, Silver Sneakers, Chicago Park District, Monavie, Midwest Palliative and Hospice CareCenter, HomeCare of Midwest, North Shore Senior Center, Rush North Shore Medical Center, American Cancer Society and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

The restorative environs of the Chicago Botanic Garden provide the ideal setting for wellness and lifestyle programs, which promote a healthy, balanced lifestyle through fitness activities and wellness education.

Prevention Magazine is the major sponsor for the complimentary Wellness Day. Admission to the Garden is free. Parking is $15; free for members. For information on Wellness Day, call the Wellness/Lifestyle Hotline at (847)

835-6880, or visit www.chicagobotanic.org/wellness.

For information on other Chicago Botanic Garden activities and programs, call (847) 835-5440, or visit www.ohwow.org.

Memorial Day Masses

On Memorial Day, Monday, May 28, you are invited to a special Field Mass Program at one of the Catholic Cemeteries. Programs are scheduled for 10 a.m. with the Mass beginning at 10:30 a.m. Local cemeteries are listed with the presiders for the masses:

GOOD SHEPHERD CEMETERY, Orland Park
Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.
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Most Rev. Gustavo Garcia-Siller, M.Sp.S.
Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago

HOLY SEPULCHRE CEMETERY, Alsip
Most Rev. Francis Kane
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Pastor, St. Linus Parish, Oak Lawn

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Most Rev. Thad Jakubowski
Retired Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago

Dahlia Club Meets

The Southtown Dahlia Club will host a Memorial Day Weekend Meeting on Sunday, May 27th beginning at 1:30 p.m. at the Crestwood Civic Center, 14205 S. Kostner Ave. For information, call (708) 361-1123.

It's time to plant the dahlias. Whether you are a first-time dahlia grower – or a seasoned grower with questions – come and get help getting started. Lots of good information and a fun presentation.

There will be free coffee, desserts, and door prizes.

Install Visitor Kiosks

The Northern Illinois Tourism Development Office (NITDO), along with regional partners, the Illinois Tollway and the Illinois Bureau of Tourism, recently unveiled new Visitor Information Kiosks installed at Illinois Tollway Oases throughout the Chicago suburbs and Northern Illinois. This unique partnership will enhance travelers' experiences at the highly visited oases by showcasing some of the great attractions the region has to offer.

"The current 14 Illinois Tourism Information Centers are great tools to capture visitors as they enter the state. Now these new kiosks at the Illinois Tollway Oases will serve additional visitors educating them about some of the great attractions the state has to offer, and helping them to make informed travel decisions," said Bonnie Heimbach, Executive Director of the NITDO.

As travelers cross through the Chicago suburbs and throughout Northern Illinois, visitors to the Illinois Tollway Oases will be greeted by the stand-alone information kiosk featuring brochures, visitor guides, and traveler information from regional destinations and tourist attractions. The kiosks were designed and funded by various regional tourism partners. In addition to the kiosk unveiled at O'Hare Oasis, kiosks have also been installed at the Des Plaines Oasis, Belvidere Oasis and the DeKalb Oasis. In June, a Visitor Information Kiosk will debut at the Hinsdale Oasis.

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Stop Gambling Bill

In spite of people's cry for relief from exorbitant gasoline prices and energy bills, legislators have found time to vote on a gambling bill. HB 1124 will legalize video gambling in bars. That may sound harmless to some, but it is not.

Children have grown up playing video games. Adding the element of cash and prizes will make the activity even more attractive to young adults. Many will become addicted to gambling.

HB 1124 legalizes gambling on video games "simulating contests" in bars, restaurants, convenience stores, bowling alleys, and truck stops. HB 1124 defines a bona fide contest as being between two or more individuals. Hundreds of thousands of such "contests" could be played each year in every community statewide.

While HB 1124 states that card games are not included, this type of gambling will expand in increments. Gambling interests will come back each year until video poker is legalized in every community.

HB 1124 will make it impossible to police these establishments to determine if illegal gambling is going on. Gamblers will expect a "payout" on all video machines in bars, convenience stores, bowling alleys, restaurants, and truck stops. Organized crime and money laundering are real concerns.

Video machine gambling is very addictive. Research has shown that gamblers take more risks and gamble longer when they are drinking alcohol.

Call your Senator (217-782-2000) and the Governor (800-642-3112) and ask them to stop this expansion of gambling in every community.

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4 Pond growth
8 Glutton
11 Hamlet, for one
15 Hunted one
16 Reel backward
17 Conifer droppings
19 Hoedown
22 Gagarin or Glenn
23 Prefix for screen or occupy
24 Make-up maker
25 Mr. Alighieri
27 __ Davis
28 "__ Goes By"
30 Hoglike animal
33 Earth
35 Permanent name
36 Return to an original position
42 States further
44 Essay
45 Perfume
47 Prognostication
50 Yank
52 Limb
54 __ Carlo
55 Parkers
57 Music style
60 __ word; briefly
61 Summon
62 Video game maker
63 Fix
65 Originally
87 Writer Deighton
68 Romantic conflicts
72 Gift for baby
75 Suffix for violin or canoe
76 Broke God's law
77 Capital city
79 Plant destroyer
84 Wool bearer
86 Ending for wind or rain
87 Roof support
88 Do very well
89 Three in 38 Down
90 Bench warmer
92 Measurements
93 Boston __
95 Rouse to action
100 "Yes, yes!" to Charo
102 Ten
105 Class for a business major: abbr.
108 Elec. unit
109 Of the moon
110 Lovely to view
112 Works for
117 Clinton & others
119 Adore foolishly
121 NNW plus 90°
122 Starting point
124 Made orderly
128 Judge's word
129 Cut
130 Greek letters
131 Munches
132 Mr. Beatty
133 Trigonometry student's word
134 1440 minutes

DOWN
1 Run __ form; act as expected
2 Vast expanse
3 Egyptian monument
4 Mr. Ray
5 Attached shed
8 Schwarzkopf or Eisenhower: abbr.
7 Electrical discharge
8 Revolver
9 Room-to-room communication system
10 Eur. language
11 Over
12 Med. school subject
13 Nonaligned: abbr.
14 This: Sp.
15 Vowel separators
17 Stovetop item
18 Corn holder
19 Baden-Baden, e.g.
20 Tempted one
21 Instruct
26 In __; doing the same old thing
29 Less sensible
31 Quantity: abbr.
32 Capita's forerunner
34 Offer
36 Fort Collins sch.
37 Give temporarily
38 "Eternal City"
39 Swamp dweller, familiarly
40 Long and lean
41 Within: pref.
43 Wino's woe, for short
46 Bedtime, for many
47 Skating rink
48 Matching sock
49 Liveliness
51 Welcoming one
53 Texas __
56 Lit up?
58 Likely
59 Break down grammatically
60 Shiraz resident
61 School competition
63 Motor homes, for short
64 Clock numeral
66 Antiquity
69 Paint base
70 Albuquerque-to-Santa Fe direction: abbr.
71 Org. for little cos.
72 Chomp
73 "¡Comprendo!"
74 Sesame Street fellow
78 White-collar workplace
79 Like winter weather
80 Company pres.
81 Earth tone
82 Part of speech
83 Mr. Nastase
85 __ Virginia
87 Baseball stat.
89 Band instrument
91 WWII dance sponsor
94 Geologic period
96 Survey opinions
97 Make __ over; treat royally
98 __ Tin Tin
99 RV camp ground chain
101 Withdrew
103 Supposed
104 Decree
106 Like some streets
107 Little señoritas
110 Sault __ Marie
111 Baseball's Ron
112 Being, in Latin
113 Bluish-green
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120 "Coffee, Tea __?"
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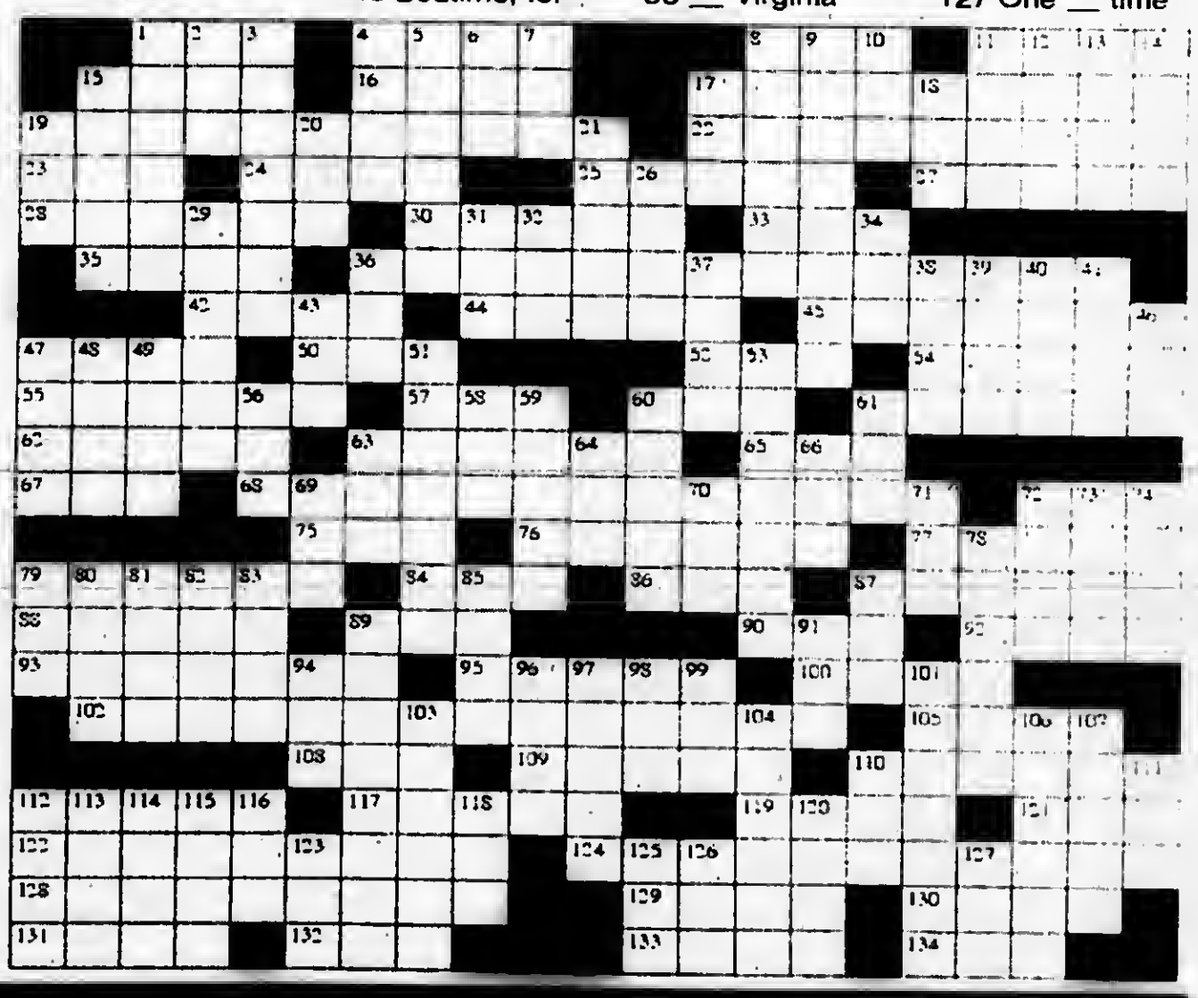

Look on page 17 for the solution to this weeks puzzle

Precautions To Avoid Home Remodeling And Repair Scams

The summer weather prompts many homeowners to consider hiring a contractor for their home repair or remodeling project. However, your home repair project could turn into a nightmare if you fall victim to a scam. After taking your money, con artists may never start or complete the job. Materials and workmanship may be grossly inferior to what was promised. Undisclosed charges for permits, cost overruns, and other fees may significantly increase the total cost of the repairs. The selection of a qualified and reliable home repair contractor can be a difficult task, and consumer complaints about contractors are among the common situations reviewed by both the Better Business Bureau of Chicago & Northern Illinois, Inc. and the Consumer Fraud Division of the Cook County State's Attorney's Office.

"Most home repair and remodeling companies are operated by honest people, but there are some unscrupulous people who prey on trusting consumers," said Richard A. Devine, Cook County State's Attorney. "There are warning signs that a homeowner can look for and steps that they can take to avoid becoming the victim of home repair fraud," said Steve J. Bernas, president & CEO of the Better Business Bureau of Chicago & Northern Illinois, Inc.

The Cook County State's Attorney's Office and the Better Business Bureau recommend the following precautions to avoid disappointment in your dealings with home repair and remodeling contractors:

*GET RECOMMENDATIONS AND REFERENCES: Find a reliable contractor through recommendations from local utility companies, your insurance company, local government or building department, or through referrals from satisfied customers. Ask each contractor for references and a written estimate. Contact the references and ask them if they are satisfied with the home repairs provided by the contractor.

*CHECK WITH THE BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU: Contact the Better Business Bureau on the web (www.chicago.bbb.org) or by telephone (312/832-0500) and obtain a reliability report about a contractor. A reliability report will disclose if anyone has filed a complaint against the contractor within the last three (3) years and, most importantly, if the contractor has resolved the complaint to the satisfaction of the customer. The BBB can also provide a listing of their members in a particular industry so consumer will know they are dealing with companies who meet the BBB's stringent standards.

*RELAX: Be skeptical of any door-to-door salesperson who claims to have just completed a nearby job and offers you a great price because there are leftover materials. Don't feel pressured by a request for an immediate decision or an offer that is good "only if you act now." Compare the estimates of a number of contractors before selecting the most attractive estimate and do not select a contractor solely on the basis of the lowest price or estimate.

*CHECK FOR MANDATORY INSURANCE COVERAGE: Under Illinois law, most contractors are required to carry minimum amounts of insurance for property damage, bodily injury, and improper home repair. Unless they maintain a net worth of $1,000,000, contractors must obtain and maintain public liability and property damage insurance in the amount of $100,000 per person and $300,000 per occurrence for bodily injury and $50,000 per occurrence for property damage. "Even if the contractor has provided you with proof of full insurance coverage, as an additional safeguard, confirm that your homeowner's policy covers accidents to persons working on your property," said James Baumhart.

*GET IT IN WRITING: Don't rely on oral promises because such promises are difficult to prove without written evidence. Make sure that all of the important promises and representations made to you by the contractor are also incorporated in the contract or estimate. Request copies of any application for a credit check, application for financing, estimate, and sales contract.

*GET THE PAMPHLET: By law a contractor must provide customers a copy of the "Home Repair: Know Your Consumer Rights" pamphlet prior to the execution of a home repair contract over $500.00. This is important because the pamphlet sets forth your consumer rights under such contracts and contains lots of helpful consumer information to ensure a smooth transaction.

*REVIEW YOUR CONTRACT: Read a contract carefully before signing. Don't sign an incomplete contract or a contract with any blank spaces. In general, only contracts signed at your residence have a three (3) day "cancellation" period. Consider all other contracts to be final.

*LIMIT UP FRONT PAYMENTS: Don't pay for the entire job prior to the start of work. Payment of a deposit or advance payment for building materials is customary and fair in the home repair and remodeling industry.

*GET LIEN WAIVERS: Find out where the contractor will obtain his materials and whether the contractor plans to use any sub-contractors. You should obtain a lien waiver from the contractor or sub-contractor at the same time that you make a payment for materials and work. A lien waiver constitutes proof of payment and is a defense if the contractor or sub-contractor later files a mechanic's lien against your property for nonpayment.

*DOCUMENT ANY DIFFICULTIES WITH THE CONTRACTOR: If problems arise with the contractor, prepare a list and take photographs of the work and materials already furnished to you. Document all of your efforts, including telephone conversations and meetings, to resolve the dispute. Try to acquire as much information from the contractor about his reasons for nonperformance so that this information can be provided later to the Better Business Bureau, a private attorney, or the authorities.

*SEND A CERTIFIED DEMAND LETTER: If telephone calls and meetings do not resolve the dispute, you should notify the contractor in writing of the exact nature of your problem. This demand letter should request a refund or completion of the work within a reasonable time period of at least ten (10) business days, and it should be sent by regular and certified mail. Retain a copy of this demand letter and your certified mail receipt for your own records

.If you cannot resolve the dispute on your own, you should file a complaint against the contractor with the Better Business Bureau. A complaint can be initiated by contacting the Better Business Bureau on the web (www.chicago.bbb.org), by telephone (312/832-0500) or by mail (330 North Wabash - Suite 2006, Chicago, IL, 60611). After the receipt of your complaint, the Better Business Bureau will seek an explanation from the contractor. Because the Better Business Bureau is not a government or law enforcement agency, the Bureau cannot force a reply from a contractor. However, most contractors will voluntarily resolve a consumer complaint in order to maintain a satisfactory record with the Bureau. If the company chooses not to address the complaint the BBB's public Reliability Report will be amended to reflect that fact. This empowers future customers to be advised that they have an unsatisfactory record with the BBB.

If you feel that you have been the victim of fraud, the Consumer Fraud Division of the State's Attorney's Office may be able to help you recover your losses, prosecute the person or business responsible for the fraud, and prevent other members of the public from falling victim to the same scheme. You can contact the Consumer Fraud Division at (312) 603-8700.

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List Top Ten Traps Investors Should Avoid

Secretary of State Jesse White released his securities department's annual list of the Top 10 Traps that investors should avoid.

"The path to safe investing is littered with traps that are likely to catch unwary investors. It always pays to remember that any investment that sounds too good to be true, usually is," said White.

Before making any investment, White urged investors to make sure that the salesperson is licensed with his Securities Dept. and the investment is registered. Investors should also be sure to obtain adequate written information that fully explains the investment.

White strongly advised investors to contact his office with any questions about an investment product, broker or adviser, before making an investment. He urged them to visit the office's web site at www.AvoidTheScam.net or to call (800) 628-7937.

The following is an alphabetical listing of the Illinois Secretary of State's Top 10 Traps that investors face:

Affinity Fraud – Some con artists may be members of a particular group or pretend to be members in order to gain trust. Cons often recruit a respected member of a community or religious congregation to promote their schemes by convincing them that a fraudulent investment is legitimate. In many cases, even these leaders become victims of what turns out to be a Ponzi scheme. In a recent case, an Illinois pastor was indicted on 30 counts of securities fraud and theft for luring congregants into a 'Christian' development investment.

Foreign Exchange Trading – Foreign exchange (forex) trading can be legitimate for governments and businesses concerned about fluctuations in international currencies, and it can even be appropriate for some individual investors. But the average investor should be wary when it comes to these complex markets. Forex scams attract customers with sophisticated-sounding offers placed in newspaper advertisements, radio promotions, or on Internet sites.

Internet Fraud – Scammers continue to take advantage of technology to lure investors into "pump-and-dump" stock schemes. The Securities Dept. recently issued an order against an individual who used the Internet to get investors for a purported movie deal. Assets of the individual were seized including a $400,000 home that was paid for in cash.

Investment Seminars – Promoters of unsuitable investments are increasingly seeking potential investors, particularly seniors, by offering seminars, many of them promising a free meal along with "higher returns and little or no risk." Unfortunately, in many of the cases that securities regulators see, it's just the opposite: high risk and no returns.

Oil and Gas Scams – Rising oil and natural gas prices have made a variety of traditional and alternative energy projects attractive to investors. A recent scam in Southern Illinois resulted in investors losing millions. The perpetrators are facing criminal prosecution.

Promissory Note Schemes – Con artists peddling promissory notes promise above market interest rates and safety of principal. They often claim that the investors' monies will be invested in small businesses, real estate ventures, trading programs and other moneymaking deals. In reality, the investors' funds are often spent on the con artist's personal expenses. The Department handles numerous cases involving promissory note fraud, many leading to criminal convictions.

Private Securities Offerings – Con artists are turning increasingly to private securities offerings under Rule 506 Regulation D of the Securities Act of 1933 to attract investors without having to go through the full registration process. Although sometimes legitimate, these offerings are often risky and at times even involve fraud. Generally, private offerings are designed for financially sophisticated investors.

Real Estate Investment Contracts – Despite the recent decline in property values, investments in real estate long have been viewed as a "sure thing," one with little downside risk and the potential for substantial returns. Some real estate investments are securities subject to full regulation under the state and federal securities laws, including registration requirements and antifraud rules. An investment professional lost his license to sell securities because he lured investors into a 'guaranteed safe' real estate deal but instead diverted the money for a speculative investment in a hotel.

Unlicensed Individuals & Unregistered Products – Anyone selling securities or providing investment advice about buying or selling securities must be appropriately licensed. Anyone engaging in these activities without a valid license to do so should be a red alert for investors. Con artists also bypass stringent state registration requirements to pitch viatical settlements, pay telephone and ATM leasing contracts, and other investment contracts with the promise of "limited or no risk" and high returns.

Unsuitable Sales – What might be a suitable investment for one investor might not be right for another. Securities professionals must know their customers' financial situation and refrain from recommending investments that they have reason to believe are unsuitable. For example, variable and equity indexed annuities are often unsuitable for senior citizens because those products are generally long-term investments that limit access to invested funds. Make sure your investments match up with your age, your need for access to money, and your risk tolerance.

Junior Farmers Class

Registration is now open for summer sessions of Junior Farmer Classes at The Center's Children's Farm, 12700 Southwest Highway in Palos Park.

Four two-week sessions of Junior Farmers classes are offered this summer, beginning on June 18th, July 2nd, July 16th and July 30th. Classes meet each session on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Older children meet for 3 hours in the mornings, beginning at 9 a.m. Younger children meet for 1 hour in the afternoons, beginning either at 1 p.m. or at 2:30 p.m.

The cost of 3-hour morning Junior Farmers for ages 6-8 is $195 per session. Afternoon classes for children ages 3-6 cost $82 per session. Advance registration is required. For further information, call (708) 361-3650.

March Against Hunger

Staff and volunteers of Faith United Food Pantry and more than 4,000 others will join the march against hunger on Saturday, June 16th at Montrose Harbor. The 22nd Annual Hunger Walk directly benefits participating food pantries, soup kitchens and shelters that are member agencies of the Greater Chicago Food Depository, including Faith United Food Pantry. Funds raised help provide nutritious food to hungry people in our community.

In addition to an approximately 2.5-mile walk, the Hunger Walk features an array of fun activities for the whole family. Festivities include entertainment by the Jesse White Tumblers, choral groups and more as well as face painting, caricature artists, jugglers and stilt walkers. Hunger Walk participants receive an event T-shirt, goodie bag, beverages and snacks.

Every week, nearly 90,000 people turn to the Greater Chicago Food Depository and its network of member agencies, including Faith United Food Pantry, for food assistance. Most agencies are run entirely by volunteers and raise their own operating funds in addition to assistance they receive through the Greater Chicago Food Depository in the form of equipment, grants and training opportunities. The Hunger Walk is a unique fundraiser which helps agencies raise money through an event planned and coordinated by the Greater Chicago Food Depository, Chicago's food bank.

Faith United Food Pantry is seeking walkers and donors for this year's Hunger Walk. To pledge your support, call (773) 568-7612. Registration on the day of the event begins at 8 a.m. and step-off is at 9:30. Free parking is available on a first-come, first-served basis.

"Click It Or Ticket"

The Illinois Dept. of Transportation (IDOT) and Illinois State Police (ISP) are teaming up with more than 300 local police agencies to mount the largest ever nighttime safety belt enforcement effort in Illinois. During the Memorial Day "Click it or Ticket" mobilization, motorists can expect more than 3,600 safety belt enforcement zones statewide, with almost 700 enforcement zones planned for after dark, the time when surveys show more drivers fail to buckle up.

Studies have shown high-risk drivers buckle up less at night. In 2005, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, nearly 60 percent of all motor vehicle occupants killed during the night were unbelted.

The statewide Memorial Day enforcement effort comes as IDOT's Division of Traffic Safety (DTS) and its traffic safety partners across the state are aiming to reach 90 percent safety belt compliance statewide and build on the safest year on Illinois roads in more than 80 years. Traffic fatalities fell below 1,300 for the first time since 1924, with more than 100 fewer people killed on Illinois highways during 2006 than 2005.

Preliminary data shows there were 1,254 traffic deaths on Illinois roadways in 2006, the lowest total since 1,065 deaths recorded in 1924. Since 2003, traffic fatalities have dropped from 1,454 to 1,355 in 2004 and 1,363 in 2005. During that same time frame safety belt usage has increased each year from 76 percent usage in 2003 to 88 percent in 2006.

Illinois is striving to reach 90 percent safety belt compliance – during a statewide annual survey conducted in June – through high visibility enforcement, community education, and paid media. IDOT is calling on communities to join their Click it or Ticket campaign to reach 90 percent safety belt compliance statewide.

Jesse White Receives Award

Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White's office was honored by the International Association of Commercial Administrators (IACA) with an Award of Merit for his Business Services site on the CyberdriveIllinois.com website.

The award, presented May 14th in Seattle, Washington, at IACA's 30th Annual Conference recognized the website for its overall appearance, round-the-clock accessibility, user-friendly design, and compliance with ADA standards.

"This award is recognition that my office is running like a successful business," said White. "My goal is to use technology to better serve the public in a manner that allows them to conduct business 24 hours a day, seven days a week, from the comfort of their offices or homes."

The Illinois Business Services site on CyberdriveIllinois.com accepts online transactions for Uniform Commercial Code (UCC) filings and searches, Certificates of Good Standing for corporations and limited liability companies, and filings of Annual Reports for corporations and limited liability companies.

Within the last year, the Business Services site has seen an exponential increase in online filings. Over 50 percent of all UCC transactions are now filed online, and more than 80 percent of Certificates of Good Standing are purchased through the website.

The website placed third in an international competitive judging process that included government agencies throughout North America, including the United States and Canada.

Solution To This Weeks Puzzles

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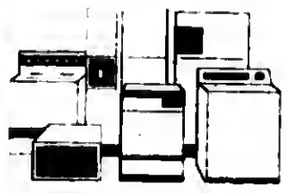

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PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on 3/7/2007, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, June 18, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property: P.I.N. 28-15-118-013 Commonly known as 15423 Kilpatrick Ave., Oak Forest, IL 60452.
The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence with a detached garage. Sale terms: 25% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.
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PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered on January 3, 2006, Kallen Realty Services, Inc. as Selling Official will at 12:30 p.m. on June 5, 2007, at 205 W. Randolph Street, Suite 1200, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described property: C/K/A 14921 SOUTH HARRISON AVENUE, POSEN, ILLINOIS 60469. TAX ID# 28-12-441-038
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION JP MORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE Plaintiff, -v.- ARIE R. CARTER, et al Defendant 06 CH 25397 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on March 8, 2007, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on June 13, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 3712 WEST 86TH PLACE, Chicago, IL 60652 Property Index No. 18-35-333-053-0000
The real estate is improved with a 1.5 story single family brown brick home with no garage. The judgment amount was $177,224.13. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, TRUSTEE Plaintiff, -v.- TROY E. SPENCER A/K/A TROY SPENCER, et al Defendants 06 CH 18544 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on March 13, 2007, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on June 15, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 14454 KOSTNER AVENUE, Midlothian, IL 60445 Property Index No. 28-10-115-020-0000 The real estate is improved with a 1 story white vinyl siding single family home. The judgment amount was $162,874.77. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, ON BEHALF OF THE HOLDERS OF THE HOME EQUITY ASSET TRUST 2005-8, HOME EQUITY PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-8, Plaintiff V. ARTURO U. GUERRERO, MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR FREMONT INVESTMENT & LOAN, Defendants 06 CH 24504 NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE Fisher and Shapiro file #06-9874D (It is advised that interested parties consult with their own attorneys before bidding at mortgage foreclosure sales.)
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered on January 9, 2007, Kallen Realty Services, Inc., successor to Kallen Financial & Capital Services, Inc., as Selling Official will at 12:30 p.m. on June 19, 2007, at 205 W. Randolph Street, Suite 1200, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real property. C/K/A 14735 S. WHIPPLE AVE., POSEN, IL 60469. TAX ID# 28-12-303-055
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For information: Sale Clerk, Fisher and Shapiro, 4201 Lake Cook Rd., 1st floor, Northbrook, Illinois 60062, (847) 498-9990, between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. weekdays only. I23004

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION CHASE HOME FINANCE LLC Plaintiff, -v.- JESUS VALENCIA, et al Defendant 07 CH 2593 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on April 18, 2007, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on June 19, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 7926 S. LAVERGNE AVENUE, Burbank, IL 60459 Property Index No. 19-33-206-014
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For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department. Please refer to file number 14-07-1568. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY AS TRUSTEE FOR MASTER SPECIAL LOAN TRUST 2006-1 Plaintiff, -v.- MARY SPANN, et al Defendant 06 CH 10377 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 4, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on June 1, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 3556 W. 83RD PLACE, Chicago, IL 60652 Property Index No. 19-35-400-023
The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was $168,318.31. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department. Please refer to file number 14-06-5777. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE
NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I36408

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE; Plaintiff, vs. LISA J. YOUNG; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR FINANCE AMERICA, LLC; Defendants, 06 CH 23454 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on January 3, 2007 Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, June 12, 2007 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 10014 S. Mermmac Ave., Oak Lawn, IL 60453. P.I.N. 24-083-110-28-000 and 24-08-311-029.
The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
For information call William E. Dutton, Jr./Barbara J. Dutton at Plaintiff's Attorney, DUTTON & DUTTON, P.C., 10325 West Lincoln Highway, Frankfort, Illinois 60423. (815) 806-8200. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I36154

REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION AMERICAN HOME MORTGAGE SERVICING, INC. Plaintiff, -v.- RAFAEL GARCIA, et al Defendant 06 CH 23505 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 10, 2007, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on June 12, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 9428 S. 77TH COURT, Hickory Hills, IL 60457 Property Index No. 23-01-314-005
The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was $201,136.73. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.
If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department. Please refer to file number 14-06-E003. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE
NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I36740

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION OEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR MORGAN STANLEY LOAN TRUST 2006- HE4; Plaintiff, vs. GREGORY VAN KERKHOVE; ET. AL.; Defendents, 06 CH 24478 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on January 18, 2007, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, June 19, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 15252 Ridgeway Ave., Midlothian, IL 60445. P.I.N. 28-14-105-038.
The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
For information call Ms. Diane Thomas at Plaintiff's Attorney, Freedman Anselmo Lindberg & Rappe, LLC, 1807 West Diehl Road, Naperville, Illinois 60563-1890. (877) 728-6734. W0611022 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I37138

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION OEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY Plaintiff, -v.- WILLIE GREEN, et al Defendant 97 CH 7012 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on May 8, 2007, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on June 15, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 14004 GRACE, Robbins, IL 60472 Property Index No. 28-02-416-010
The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was $60,169.34. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.
If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.
The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department. Please refer to file number 14-07-4528. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I38243

REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE STRUCTURED ASSET SECURITIES CORPORATION MORTGAGE PASS-THOROUGH CERTIFICATES, 2006-EQ1 Plaintiff, -v.- RAYPHEAL A. ARMSTRONG SR, et al Defendant 06 CH 24073 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 9, 2007, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on June 18, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 14923 S. BLAINE AVENUE, Posen, IL 60469 Property Index No. 28-12-402-039, Property Index No. (28-12-402-008 UNDERLYING)
The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was $235,943.41. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.
If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department. Please refer to file number 14-06-E308. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE
NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I37040

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION FIRST FRANKLIN FINANCIAL CORPORATION Plaintiff, -v.- JULIA GOMEZ, et al Defendant 06 CH 21651 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 13, 2007, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on June 19, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 7531 SOUTH ROBERTS ROAD UNIT 1B, Bridgeview, IL 60455 Property Index No. 18-25-300-048-1002
The real estate is improved with a black and white brick 1 condo within a 12 unit 3 stories, no garage. The judgment amount was $106,573.32. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information call Ms. Diane Thomas at Plaintiff's Attorney, Freedman Anselmo Lindberg & Rappe, LLC, 1807 West Diehl Road, Naperville, Illinois 60563-1890. (877) 729-6734. W0604078 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I37998

REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION LASALLE BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE UNDER THE TRUST AGREEMENT FOR THE STRUCTURED INVESTMENT LOAN TRUST BERIES 2004-8 Plaintiff, -v.- PATRICK J. PHELAN A/K/A PATRICK PHELAN, et al Defendants 06 CH 26550 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 14, 2007, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on June 29, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 15423 S. KILPATRICK AVENUE, Oak Forest, IL 60452 Property Index No. 28-15-118-013
The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was $33,526.49. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.
If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department. Please refer to file number 14-06-F914. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE, IL 60527 (630) 794-9876 Attorney File No.: 14-06-F914 ARDC# 00468002 Attorney Code. 21762 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I38498

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION THE BANK OF NEW YORK TRUST COMPANY N.A. AS SUCCESSOR TO JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A. F/K/A JPMORGAN CHASE BANK AS TRUSTEE, RESIDENTIAL FUNDING COMPANY, LLC F/K/A RESIDENTIAL FUNDING CORPORATION Plaintiff, -v.- ABDELHAFIZ MAHGOUB, et al Defendant 06 CH 25906 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 14, 2007, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on June 28, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 7015 W. 100TH STREET, Chicago Ridge, IL 60415 Property Index No. 24-07-304-007
The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was $116,496.42. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department. Please refer to file number 14-06-F549. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE
NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I38502

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REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC AS NOMINEE FOR WEBSTER BANK, OR ITS SUCCESSOR OR ASSIGNS; Plaintiff, vs. BYRON BECK AKA BYRON W. BECK; TRACIE BECK AKA TRACY BECK AKA TRACIE L. MILLER AKA TRACIE MILLER; AMERICAN GENERAL FINANCIAL SERVICES OF ILLINOIS, INC.; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants, 05 CH 20758
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on 1/25/2006, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Thursday, June 28, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property: P.I.N. 24-17-124-012. Commonly known as 10647 Lyman Ave., Chicago Ridge, IL 60415.
The improvement on the property consists of a ranch sytle, brick single family residence. Sale terms: 25% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.
For information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com. Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602. Tel.No. (312) 476-5500. Refer to File Number PA0509139. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I38062

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK F/K/A WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, FA Plaintiff, -v.- VERONICA BARAJAS, et al Defendant 07 CH 5692
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on May 10, 2007, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on June 16, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 5784 W. 109TH STREET, Chicago Ridge, IL 60415
Property Index No. 24-17-414-030
The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was $195,388.83. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the saleThe property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. , 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department.. Please refer to file number 14-07-3676. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I38304

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION GMAC MORTGAGE, LLC Plaintiff, -v.- JOHN CORTILET, et al Defendant 06 CH 24317 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 6, 2007, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on June 25, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 4588 W. 131ST STREET UNIT #1N, Alsip, IL 60803
Property Index No. 24-34-116-049-1025
The real estate is improved with a condominium. The judgment amount was $97,370.26. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. , 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department.. Please refer to file number 14-06-E449. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I37886

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION US BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR CREDIT SUISSE FIRST BOSTON MBS HEAT 2004-5 Plaintiff, -v.- ISRAEL PONCE, et al Defendant 06 CH 24216
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 9, 2007, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on June 21, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 12630 S. KEELER AVENUE, Alsip, IL 60803 Property Index No. 24-27-405-005
The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was $167,840.43. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
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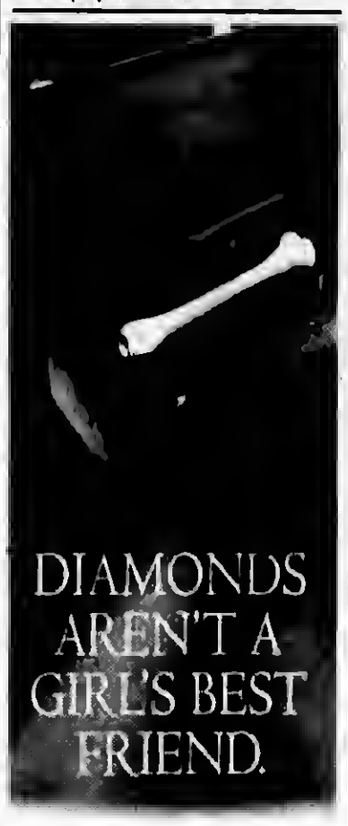
For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. , 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department.. Please refer to file number 14-06-E569. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I37709

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION NATIONAL CITY MORTGAGE, INC. F/K/A NATIONAL CITY MORTGAGE CO. Plaintiff, -v.- JAMES J. MARTIN, et al Defendant 06 CH 23589
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 6, 2007, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on June 21, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 13308 W. CIRCLE DRIVE PARKWAY, UNIT #109, Crestwood, IL 60445 Property Index No. 24-33-403-112-1105/1119
The real estate is improved with a condominium. The judgment amount was $136,544.82. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. , 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department.. Please refer to file number 14-06-E059. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I37703

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION WELLS FARGO BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR FREMONT INVESTMENT AND LOAN SABR 2005-FR1 BY: SAXON MORTGAGE SERVICES INC., AS ITS ATTORNEY-IN-FACT; Plaintiff, vs. MATTHEW E. HOFFMAN; ET. AL.; Defendants, 06 CH 25164 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on January 11, 2007, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, June 26, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 5258 Alexander Place, Oak Lawn, IL 60453. P.I.N. 24-04-107-054 & 060.
The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
For information call Ms. Diane Thomas at Plaintiff's Attorney, Freedman Anselmo Lindberg & Rappe, LLC, 1807 West Diehl Road, Naperville, Illinois 60563-1890, (877) 729-6734. X0611053 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I38038

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, as Trustee for Long Beach Mortgage Loan Trust 2006-2, Plaintiff, vs. EDWARD A. ZUR, WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, as successor in interest to Long Beach Mortgage Company, and 51ST AVENUE STATION CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, Defendants 06 CH 25559
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of the above Court entered in the above entitled cause on January 25, 2007, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on July 2, 2007 in its office at One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, Illinois 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Permanent Index Number: 24-04-417-046-1007, 24-04-17-046-1121 Commonly known as: 9440 S. 51st Avenue, Unit 2, Oak Lawn, Illinois
The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was $228,429.66 Sale terms: The bid amount shall be paid in cash immediately by the highest and best bidder at the conclusion of the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
The purchaser of a condominium unit at a judicial foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, who takes possession of a condominium unit pursuant to a court order or a purchaser who acquires title from a mortgagee shall have the duty to pay the proportionate share, if any, of the common expenses for the unit which would have become due in the absence of any assessment acceleration during the 6 months immediately preceding institution of an action to enforce the collection of assessments, and which remain unpaid by the owner during whose possession the assessments accrued. If the outstanding assessments are paid at any time during any action to enforce the collection of assessments, the purchaser shall have no obligation to pay any assessments which accrued before he or she acquired title.
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.
For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: Heavner, Scott, Beyers & Mihlar, 111 E. Main St., Suite 200, Decatur, Illinois 62525 (217) 422-1716 ext. 23. Note: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that the Law Firm of Heavner, Scott, Beyers & Mihlar is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I35666



Looking good on the outside begins by being strong on the inside. That's because later in life, especially for women, strong bones help prevent fractures and height loss. Your window to build maximum bone density is now, during your late teens and early twenties. So eat wisely, get plenty of calcium and vitamin D, and do weight-bearing exercises every day. To devise a plan that's right for you, go to aaos.org or rjos.org.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION BANK OF NEW YORK AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATE HOLDERS OF CWABS 2004-09, Plaintiff V. MARIA RUIZ; ROSA E. FAZ; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR MILA, INC., D/B/A MORTGAGE INVESTMENT LENDING ASSOCIATES, INC.; Defendants 06 CH 24640 NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE Fisher and Shapiro file # 06-9856D (It is advised that interested parties consult with their own attorneys before bidding at mortgage foreclosure sales.)
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered on January 31, 2007, Kallen Realty Services, Inc., successor to Kallen Financial & Capital Services, Inc., as Selling Official will at 12:30 p.m. on June 19, 2007, at 205 W. Randolph Street, Suite 1200, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real property: C/K/A 14710 SOUTH MOZART AVENUE; POSEN, IL 60469. TAX ID# 28-12-320-020
The mortgaged real estate is improved with a dwelling. The property will NOT be open for inspection. The judgment amount was $152,006.66. Sale terms: 10% of successful bid immediately at conclusion of auction, balance by noon the next business day, both by cashier's checks; and no refunds. The sale shall be subject to general real estate taxes, special taxes, special assessments, special taxes levied, and superior liens, if any. The property is offered "as is," with no express or implied warranties and without any representation as to the quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to review the court file to verify all information.
For Information: Sale Clerk, Fisher and Shapiro, 4201 Lake Cook Rd., 1st floor, Northbrook, Illinois 60062, (847) 498-9990, between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. weekdays only. I26635

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE; Plaintiff, vs. JUAN SERNA; PATRICIA SERNA; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR WMC MORTGAGE CORPORATION; Defendants, 06 CH 23455 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on January 6, 2007 Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Wednesday, June 13, 2007 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 10025 S. Karlov, Oak Lawn, IL 60453. P.I.N. 24-10-406-041.
The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection
For information call William E. Dutton, Jr./Barbara J. Dutton at Plaintiff's Attorney, DUTTON & DUTTON, P.C., 10325 West Lincoln Highway, Frankfort, Illinois 60423. (815) 806-8200. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I36180

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE OF ARGENT MORTGAGE SECURITIES, INC.; ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-W5 UNDER THE POOLING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT DATED AS OF MAY 1, 2006, WITHOUT RECOURSE, ASSIGNEE OF ARGENT MORTGAGE COMPANY, LLC; Plaintiff, vs JEAN PHILLIPS; Defendants, 06 CH 23723 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on January 10, 2007, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, June 16, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 8000 South Oketo Ave., Bridgeview, IL 60455. P.I.N. 18-36-204-020.
The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
For information call Sales Clerk at Plaintiff's Attorney, Law Offices of Ira T. Nevel, 175 North Franklin Street, Chicago, Illinois 60606. (312) 357-1125. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I37127

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION US BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE MORTGAGE PASS THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 2006-EO1; Plaintiff, vs. ZITA HERNANDEZ; ET. AL.; Defendants, 06 CH 20914 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on March 20, 2007, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Thursday, June 21, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 9100 S. 51st Ave., Oak Lawn, IL 60453. P.I.N. 24-04-401-026.
The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
For information call Ms. Diane Thomas at Plaintiff's Attorney, Freedman Anselmo Lindberg & Rappe, LLC, 1807 West Diehl Road, Naperville, Illinois 60563-1890. (877) 726-6734. W0609119 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I37174

NOTICE

The Classified headings in our Help Wanted Section are used only for the convenience of our readers to let them know which jobs have been historically more attractive to persons of one sex more than the other. The placement of an advertisement by an employer or employment agency under one of these headings is not in itself an expression of a preference, limitation, specification or discrimination based on sex. Those who advertise here will consider any legally qualified applicant for a job without discrimination as to age or sex.

Suspend Lane Closures

With thousands of people traveling over the upcoming holiday weekend, the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) and the Illinois Tollway announced they will be suspending roadwork where possible to make for a smoother drive this Memorial Day weekend. IDOT and the Tollway also want to remind folks to buckle up in the midst of Illinois State Police's 2007 "Click It or Ticket" campaign.

Holiday travelers are reminded that work zone speed limits will continue to be in effect 24/7 in all construction zones. Motorists should continue to watch for changing traffic patterns and use caution, especially when workers are present. The minimum fine for speeding in a work zone is $375, whether there are workers present or not. Posted signs advise motorists of a $10,000 fine and 14-year jail sentence for hitting a roadway worker.

In the greater Chicagoland area, all lanes on the Edens, Eisenhower, Kennedy, Stevenson, Tri-State Tollway (I-94, I-294, I-80) Northwest Tollway (I-90), North-South Tollway (I-355) and Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88), as well as I-80 and I-57 will be open.

Areas that will continue to have lane closures are as follows: Tri-State Tollway (I-94/I-294/I-80), Motorists may notice workers behind barricades on the Tri-State Tollway at the Waukegan, Joliet Road and 163rd Street Toll Plazas, as work continues on the cash sides of the plazas. Construction will continue behind barricades only in closed plaza lanes, and all ORT lanes will remain available.

South Tri-State – On the South Tri-State Tollway, traffic is shifted to the left between 159th Street and 95th Street for off-system advance work in preparation for a Rebuild & Widen project to begin in 2008.

Bishop Ford – There is construction in South Holland, 2 lanes in each direction from 159th to I-80. Ramp SB Ford (EB I-94) to WB I-80 (tristate tollway) is open. Ramp from EB 159th to EB I-94 closed with Detour posted.

IL 394 – There is reconstruction in Thornton/Lansing, SB IL-394 has all lanes (2) open south of I-80. NB IL-394 still 1 lane open between Thornton-Lansing Rd. and I-94. Ramp from WB I-80/94 to SB IL-394 is open.

(U.S. Rt. 41 North) is closed with detour posted. Ramp from EB I-80/SB I-294 to WB I-94 (Bishop Ford) closed with detour posted. Ramp from WB I-80/94 to SB IL-394 is open.

IL & from 143rd to 135th – Bridge Reconstruction in Orland Park, road closed with posted detour.

IL 50 (Cicero Avenue) over the North Branch of the Chicago River, Bridge Replacement in Chicago, one land of traffic will be open in each direction at all times.

Dan Ryan Expressway – Mainline reconstruction along the Dan Ryan is scheduled for completion in November 2007, weather permitting. Motorists can expect numerous lane and ramp closures. Consecutive ramps will not be closed.

The construction configuration along the inbound and outbound Dan Ryan Expressway is set, with the local lanes completely closed for reconstruction from 71st to 31st. There are now three lanes open from 95th to 71st, four lanes open from 71st to 31st and back to three lanes on the elevated section from 31st to Roosevelt Rd. The outbound and inbound elevated bridge places into its construction configuration.

Oak Park Ave. – Widening and Resurfacing on Oak Park. SB Oak Park Ave. closed (159th Street) to Justamere Road.

US 30 from Essington to Larkin – Reconstruction in Crest Hill and Joliet, 2 lanes in each direction with a center turn lane.

159th Street (US Route 6) under CNRR Bridge – Bridge Reconstruction in Harvey, Road closed between Park Ave. and Center St. mid to June 1, 2007. The detour route is as follows: Dixie Highway to Sibley Blvd. (IL route 83) to Halsted (IL Route 1).

I-55 from I-80 to Weber – Bridge and Interchange Reconstruction in Troy Township – Lane shifts, narrow lanes, drop in speed limit to 55 mph at various work zone locations. Occasional night time lane closures.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given to all interested persons that a hearing will be held by the Planning and Zoning Commission of the Village of Alsip, Illinois, to consider text amendments to the following sections of Article 14 ("I-2 Industrial District") of the Village of Alsip Zoning Ordinance: (1) to amend Article 14. Section 102 to allow permitted uses in the I-1 Industrial District as permitted uses in the I-2 Industrial District: and (2) to amend Article 14. Section 103 to delete permitted uses in the I-1 Industrial District as special uses in the I-2 Industrial District. The public hearing on said text amendments will be held in the Board Room, Village Hall, 4500 West 123rd Street, Alsip, Illinois, on June 13, 2007, at 7:30 p.m. The Planning and Zoning Commission will hear evidence and testimony presented on this matter, and such other matters as may properly come before the Planning and Zoning Commission. The compete text of the proposed text amendments may be viewed in the office of the Village Clerk, Village Hall, 4500 West 123rd Street, Alsip, Illinois from 8:00 a.m. through 4:00 p.m. during regular business days. Comments on the text amendments may be submitted in writing and filed with the office of Village Clerk before the public hearing, or may be offered orally at the public hearing. The hearing may be adjourned to another date without further notice other than a motion to be entered upon the minutes of the hearing fixing the time and place of its adjournment. All interested persons are invited to attend the public hearing and to be heard.

Jack R. Golomb, Chairman
Planning and Zoning Commission

Dated this 24th day of May, 2007

Do You Really Need A Lawyer?

Sometimes it's obvious. You've been accused of a crime or you are sued for damages in a civil suit, and you become very aware of the urgent need for professional legal help.

Other times, it's less clear. The fact is that legal assistance is often desirable, even essential, in situations which may have nothing to do with crime or a court action.

How do you determine if you need a lawyer? It depends on the issue. If you've received an ordinary parking ticket, you probably don't need legal help. But if you're facing a situation involving a significant amount of money or your personal rights are in jeopardy, it may be wise to seek out professional legal advice.

Common situations where you need a lawyer include the following:

When You Enter into a Contract. Any agreement, oral or written, which involves a consideration – that is, the exchange of something of value in return for some goods or service rendered – may be binding and enforceable. Generally, oral agreements should be avoided. Written agreements should be either prepared by or examined by a lawyer before you sign anything.

When Your Personal Status Changes. Marriage, the birth or adoption of children and moving to a different state may result in new or different legal and personal responsibilities. Your lawyer can help you plan for an meet new obligations, including the preparation of various legal documents which may be required.

When You Make Or Revise A Will or Estate Plan. The planning and drafting of your Will is an important legal matter. Your lawyer can plan your estate in a way that will be most beneficial to you and your heirs. In addition, your lawyer can suggest ways to organize your estate so that substantial savings in taxes and other estate costs are realized.

When You Buy Or Sell Real Estate. Buying and selling real estate is a huge financial transaction for most people. Your lawyer will review all legal documents necessary to the transaction and participate in the closing, in order to avoid legal pitfalls that could lead to losing your home.

When You Are Involved In An Accident. If you are involved in an accident of any kind resulting in personal injury or property damage you should immediately consult with a lawyer. Your lawyer may also be helpful if you believe that a doctor or other professional has committed malpractice.

Whenever Your Personal Rights Are Threatened. The law exists to protect your rights, but often you must take definite action to make those laws work for you. For example, you may need a lawyer if you've been fired from work or have faced discrimination or immigration problems.

When Financial Problems Arise. If you have tax problems or face personal or a business bankruptcy, your attorney can help you wade through the maze of legal issues towards a satisfactory solution.

When Organizing a Business. Your attorney can help with the formation of your business and assist in the ongoing concerns about employment law, workplace safety issues, immigration issues, intellectual property rights and other matters.

When You Are Arrested. If you are arrested for any reason or are accused of or questioned about your involvement in a crime, you should consult with an attorney immediately. If you cannot afford an attorney, one will be provided to you free of charge.

For further information about law-related issues, contact an Illinois State Bar Association-member lawyer in your area or visit www.isbalawyers.com.

Daley Announces New Zoning Web Page

Cook County Commissioner John P. Daley is informing residents of unincorporated Cook County about a new, convenient web site for obtaining building permits, and information about contractors, who are licensed to work in unincorporated Cook County. On line applications are available for building, electrical, and plumbing permits, as well as detailed information and supporting documents to help explain the county's application process.

The complete text of the Cook County Zoning Ordinance, completely overhauled in 2001, is also available. Future plans are being considered to add the complete text of the Cook County Building Code to the web site.

"This convenient new web site will save residents time and money," said Commissioner Daley. "Some of these tasks used to require a trip downtown to process paperwork. Now, it can all be done from the comfort of your own home."

To view the website, go to www.cookcountygov.com and click on "agencies."

Governor Announces U Of I's Historic Lincoln Hall Project Will Be "Green"

Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich recently announced that the planned $66.4 million rehabilitation of the University of Illinois' historic Lincoln Hall will be a model "green" project, and will be submitted for an official national designation of projects that place an emphasis on energy-efficient and environmentally-friendly design.

The Lincoln Hall project will be submitted for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Gold certification, which would place the project at the forefront of the national movement for sustainable energy practices.

LEED certification rates projects based on their energy and water use efficiency, indoor air quality, the use of recycled and local materials, design innovation, pollution reduction, erosion control, and the overall impact of the project on the surrounding environment. The Lincoln Hall project goals include the latest energy-saving climate control systems that would also improve indoor air quality; special insulation and window treatments to improve the building's energy efficiency while preserving its historic character; lighting systems that would conserve energy and improve the classroom environment; plumbing fixtures that would reduce water usage; and other measures that will be specifically addressed during the design phase of the project. These planned upgrades would not only save energy but also help cut emissions of greenhouse gases and air pollutants.

The State of Illinois has released $3 million for planning the Lincoln Hall renovation, with the balance of state funds, $55.1 million, included in the governor's proposed FY 08 budget. The University of Illinois is contributing $8.3 million to the project.

Lincoln Hall was built in 1911 and has had no major improvements since the west half and theater were added in 1930. The planned $66.4 million construction project will reconfigure existing space for more classrooms and to meet current life safety codes. Instructional space will be concentrated on the first two floors and the backstage area of the theater, which has not been used for 25 years since the relocation of the Theater Dept. to the Krannert Center. The top two floors will be primarily faculty office space. The building will also receive upgrades to its electrical, lighting, heating, ventilation, air-conditioning, and computer network systems, as well as new flooring, ceilings and wall finishes.

Phosphorus Use Bill

Legislation sponsored by state Rep. Kevin Joyce (D-Chicago) to help keep water cleaner and better protect wildlife in Illinois by banning the use of phosphorus cleaning agents passed the Senate recently.

"This legislation is an encouraging step towards making sure future generations are able to drink a glass of water or go fishing and swimming in the Illinois River without fear for their health," Joyce said. "Phosphorus is used in cleaning agents, yet it has managed to make our beautiful waterways dirty and dangerous. By banning the use of phosphorus we are protecting the people of Illinois."

Joyce's legislation creates the Regulation of Phosphorus Detergents Act. The bill prohibits the use, sale or manufacturing of cleaning agents containing more than 0.5 percent phosphorus. Joyce's bill sets a July 1, 2010, compliance deadline. The legislation also provides that the Illinois Pollution Control board may authorize the use of phosphorus in certain products under specific conditions.

Phosphorus has been linked to the lowering of oxygen levels in water. This in turn upsets the ecological balance in bodies of water and can potentially kill fish. Algae accumulation caused by phosphorus also contributes to pollution in Illinois' recreational waterways.

By prohibiting phosphorus and trying to limit future pollution, Joyce's bill also has the potential to save millions of dollars in infrastructure upgrades and operating costs for water reclamation plants in Illinois.

"The benefits of this legislation are clear," Joyce said. "We're saving money, cleaning our rivers and protecting the people of Illinois. We're moving closer to making sure that Illinoisans can look forward to clean, safe waterways for many years to come."

House Bill 819 unanimously passed the Senate and returns to the House for concurrence.

Homeland Security Education Act

U.S. Sens. Dick Durbin (D-IL), Daniel K. Akaka (D-HI) and Thad Cochran (R-MS) recently introduced the Homeland Security Education Act to strengthen instruction in science, math and foreign language in our nation's schools.

Reports show that prior to 9/11, the Intelligence Community was not prepared to handle the challenge of translating the volumes of foreign language counter-terrorism intelligence it had collected. The Intelligence Community faced backlogs in material awaiting translation, including papers providing details on foreign research and development in scientific or technical areas; a shortage of language specialists and language-qualified field officers; and a readiness level of only 30 percent in the most critical foreign languages.

The Homeland Security Education Act provides the framework to enhance our education system ensuring that our nation will have individuals possessing these critical skills in the future by:

- Awarding scholarships to students as an incentive for them to earn undergraduate degrees in science, technology, engineering, math and foreign language studies.
- Awarding scholarships to practicing scientists and engineers and those who are fluent in foreign languages to return to school to obtain their credentials for teaching in elementary or secondary schools.
- Encouraging public-private partnerships to improve science and math curricula; upgrade laboratory facilities; provide scholarships for students to study math, science or engineering at the university level; and establish internship and mentoring opportunities for students in grades K through 12.
- Developing cultural awareness and immersion programs in colleges and universities that combine science, technology and engineering instruction with foreign language to expand international understanding and scientific collaboration.
- Creating language learning pathways to facilitate proficiency in critical foreign languages from kindergarten through graduate school.

The Homeland Security Education Act also establishes programs to increase the number of teachers in the fields of science, math and foreign language through scholarships tied to service agreements and would improve foreign language teacher professional development through partnerships between local education agencies and institutions of higher education to hold summer workshops and provide distance learning.

Internet Safety Education

Joined by educators from Chicago Public Schools (CPS), CPS Board President Rufus Williams and area lawmakers, Attorney General Lisa Madigan recently unveiled new and concentrated measures designed to help protect today's school children from threats not known to school kids of just a few years ago: online predators and other criminals that use the Internet to perpetrate crimes against children.

At a morning news conference in the library and computer lab at Chicago's Drummond Elementary School, Madigan announced two important tools that will help parents and educators monitor how children use the Internet. Senate Bill 1472 calls on schools to provide yearly Internet safety education to students in grades K through 12. In addition, Madigan announced that her office would coordinate the distribution to schools throughout the state educational videos that promote Internet safety.

Introduced into the General Assembly last month, SB 1472, the Internet Safety Education Act, sponsored by Sen. Dan Kotowski and Rep. David Miller, encourages Illinois schools to adopt an age-appropriate Internet safety curriculum. Intended to serve as a tool to assist education, SB 1472 identifies several key topics for instruction including safe and responsible use of the Internet, online predators, identity theft, cyber-bullying and harassment, and illegal downloading.

Madigan also announced that her office will coordinate the distribution of Think Before You Post, a new public service advertising (PSA) campaign created by NCMEC and the U.S. Dept. of Justice in cooperation with the Ad Council. The PSAs are designed to raise awareness about the prevalence of online sexual exploitation and to help parents, guardians and teens better protect themselves from online predators.

Approximately 34 percent of children ages 10 to 17 post their real names, telephone numbers, home addresses or the names of their schools online where anyone could see, according to a recent study conducted by University of New Hampshire researchers for NCMEC.

Madigan commended Superintendent Arne Duncan and the Chicago Public Schools for partnering with her office in making the Think Before You Post PSA available to over 500 grammar and high schools throughout the city of Chicago.

Madigan used the occasion to stress the ever-changing virtual world and how online predators have new mediums to reach potential victims and perpetrate crimes against children.

According to a 2005 report by the Pew Internet and American Life Project, 87 percent of teens between the ages of 12 and 17 are online.

In 2006, 55 percent of teens reported use of social networking web site of which 48 percent reported visiting such web sites at least daily.

According to NCMEC, approximately 13 percent of youth received a sexual solicitation or approach over the Internet within the preceding year.

Southwest Area Obituaries

David K. Armentrout

Mass was said at St. Terrence Church, Alsip, on Saturday, with interment at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, for David K. Armentrout 60. He was a Navy Veteran of Viet Nam.

He is survived by his Wife Judith, his children Laura and John (Buffy), four grandchildren and his sister Nina Davis.

Louis J. Bakouris

Mass was said at SS Constantine and Helen Greek Church, Palos Hills, on Saturday, with interment at Elmwood Cemetery, for Louis J. Bakouris. He was a former trustee for Lansing Village and A member of the District 171 School Board.

He is survived by his wife Theodora, his children John L. (Cindy) Bakouris, Stephanie (Jim) Apostolos, Mark L. (Mary) Bakouris; eight grandchildren; his sisters Kay Boudos and Jane Constantine and his brother George (Marcia).

Marie A. Butler

Mass was said at St. Linus Church, Oak Lawn, on Tuesday, with a private interment, for Marie A. Butler, 85.

She is survived by her son John (Louise), four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Harriet M. Castine

A memorial service will be held on Thursday, May 24th, at 6 p.m. at the Hickey Memorial Chapel, 147th Keeler, for Harriet M. Castine, 70 of Midlothian. She was the former President of the Midlothian Little League.

She is survived by her h husband Richard; her children Heather (Richard) Hill, Michael Castine, Christopher Castine and Richard (Carol) Castine; six grandchildren and sixteen great-grandchildren.

Pamela A. Fee

Services were held at the Vandenburg Funeral Home, Tinley Park, on Tuesday, with a private interment for Pamela A. Fee, 46, lat of Frankfort.

She is survived by her husband David, her parents Fred and Mary Ruth William, and her brother Fred (Amy) Williams.

Gerhardt J. Gliege

Mass was said at Sacred Heart Church, Palos Heights, on Saturday, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Gerhardt J. Gliege. He was a respected attorney in Oak Lawn for over 50 years. He was the former attorney for the Village of Oak Lawn. He was also a WWII Air Force Veteran.

He is survived by his wife Barbara Kozlarek; his children John Gliege, Carolyn (Dr. Charles) Wait, Michael (Dana) Kozlarek, Kathleen Hruby and Norman (Pamela) Kozlarek; eighteen grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Roxie Mae Gravitt

Services were beld at the Hills Funeral Home, Palos Hills, on Tuesday, with interment at Bethania Cemetery, or Roxie Mae Gravitt, 62, formerly of Justice.

She is survived by her husband Travis; her children Howard (Marie), Tony (Cheri), Joel (Gwendolyn), Malissa (Mike) O'Malley; twelve grandchildren, eight great grandchildren; and her sister Christine (Richard) Kline, and her brothers J.D. (Florence) and Ray (Blondel).

Stacy R. Jones

Services were held at Zimmerman and Sandeman Funeral Home, Oak Lawn, on Saturday, with interment at Resurrection Cemetery, for Stacy R. Jones.

He is survived by her, children Ellen (James) Jatho, Eileen (Thomas) English and Jeffrey Jones; and seven grandchildren.

Joseph W. Kienzle

Mass was said at St. Michael Church, Orland Park, on Wednesday, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Joseph W. Kienzle. He was the former co-owner of Acme Scale.

He is survived by his children Barbara Pechzkowski and carol (Jack) Plano; four grandchildren; and his brother Jack (Marion) Kienzle.

Michael S. Kot

Mass was said at Sacred Heart Church, Palos Hills, on Wednesday, with interment at Resurrection Cemetery, for Michael S. Kot, 95, a WWII Army Veteran.

He is survived by his children Raymond (Yvonne) Michael, William, John (Darlene); six grandchildren; ten great-grandchildren; and his sister Estelle Pajak.

Lillian C. Krieger

Services were held at the Colonial Chapel, Orland Park, on Monday with a private interment at Chapel Hill Gardens South Cemetery, for Lillian C. Krieger, 84.

She is survived by her children Walter (Janet) Gary, Carol (Keith) Schneider and Arlene (Richard) Hybl, three grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Michael F. Mykluz

Services were held at the Blake-Lamb Funeral Home, with St. Niocholas Ukrainian Catholic Cemetery for Michael F. Mykluz, 87. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus.

He is survived by his wife Birute.

Donald R. Norris Sr.

Mass was said at St. Michael Church, Orland Park, on Wednesday, with interment at Good Shepherd Cemetery, for Donald R. Norris Sr.

He is survived by his wife Diane; his children Donald (Dorothy), Cheryl (Terrence) Trend and Michael (Judith) Norris; and nine grandchildren.

Martin J. O'Connor

Mass was said at St. Cajetan Church, Chicago, on Saturday, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Martin J. O'Connor, a veteran of WWII serving with the Navy aboard the USS Tucson. He was also a member of the Builders Tee Club.

He is survived by his children Martin (Joanne), Brian (Diane), Christopher; five grandchildren; and his sister Mary "Nora" Duggan.

Richard A. Rochowicz

Mass was said at St. Julie Billiart Church, Tinley Park, on Tuesday. He was the co-owner of Rannell's Park in Bass Lake, Ind. He was 62. He was a retired member of the Chicago Police Depart-ment and a U.S. Air Force Veteran.

He is survived by his wife Elizabeth "Betty"; his children Wendy Danaher, Richard Jr. CPD (Eleanor) and Kerri (Shane) Green; six grandchildren; and his brother Gerald (Joanna).

James M. Roulo

Services were held at the Krueger Funeral Home, Blue Island, on Wednesday, with interment at Chapel Hill Gardens South Cemetery, for James M. Roulo, 69, of Warrenville, formerly of Blue Island.

He has no immediate survivors.

Rudolph R. Siekman

Services were held at the Hickey Memorial Chapel, Blue Island, on Wednesday, with interment at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, for Rudolph R. Siekman. He was retired US Army and retired Cook County deputy Sheriff.

He is survived by his wife Charlotte; bis children JoAnn (William) Sitarz and five grandchildren.

Robert H. Thomas Sr.

Mass was said at St. Alexander Church, Palos Heights, on Monday, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Robert H. Thomas Sr., of Palos Heights. He was a veteran of the Army during WWII. He was a recipient of two Bronze Star Medals and a Purple Heart for wounds received in the Battle of the Bulge. He was the owner of Thomas Appliances and Furniture in Chicago Ridge, formerly of the Back of the Yards neighborhood in Chicago since 1939. He was a member of the Palos Seniors Citizen Club and the St. Alexander Senior Citizen Club.

He is survived by his wife Violet; his children Robert H. (Jeanine), Glen, Gayle (Danny) Herron and Jim (Sandy); eight grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and his sisters Patricia Kennedy and Jean Woistenholme.

Diane I. Ulrich

Services were held at the Hometown Christian Church, Chicago, on Wednesday, with interment at Fairmount Willow Hills Memorial park, for Diane I. Ulrich. She was a dedicated thirty-year. employee of MidAmerican Cardiovascular Consultants.

She is survived by her children Kristen Ulrich and Kelly Ulrich; her parents Marguerite and Ronald Ketchum and her sister Debra (James) Drape

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Oak Lawn High School Assembly

At the Oak Lawn Community High School's 19th Annual Awards Assembly, the following students were recognized for their achievements.

Top Five freshmen included Dariusz Hareza (Oak Lawn) - 5th; Thomas March (Oak Lawn) - 5th; Michelle Nudo (Oak Lawn) - 5th; Jennifer O'Campo (Bridgeview) - 5th; Kate Fay (Oak Lawn) - 4th; Kirk LaBuda (Bridgeview) - 1st; Farris Matariyeh (Oak Lawn) -1st; and Daniel Synoga (Bridgeview) - 1st.

Top Five sophomores included Nicole Janik (Oak Lawn) - 5th; Brittney Sexton (Oak Lawn) – 4th; Jennifer Nudo (Oak Lawn) - 3rd; Paul Depre (Oak Lawn) - 2nd; and Caitlin Radnis (Oak Lawn) – 1st.

Top Five juniors included Jack Nagel (Oak Lawn) - 5th; Elle Opitz (Oak Lawn) - 5th; Alexis Smith (Oak Lawn) - 4th; Amanda Meza (Oak Lawn) – 3rd; Michael Zero (Oak Lawn) – 2nd; and Kathryn Marovitch (Oak Lawn) – 1st.

The recipients of the J.E. Lynch Award for Outstanding Junior Girl and Boy are Amy Adamow (Bridgeview) and Clayton Carr (Oak Lawn).

The Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership Awards were presented to Meghan Depiaris (Oak Lawn) and Matthew Depiaris (Oak Lawn).

The Johnson-Phelps VFW Post #5220 presented the Voice of Democracy Award to Kathryn Marovitch (Oak Lawn).

Music awards were presented to Jeremy Mozwecz (Oak Lawn) – Illinois Music Educator's Association All District Band; Sally Dikselis (Oak Lawn) – Arion Award; Crystal Mayton (Hometown), Becky Flibort (Oak Lawn), Ashley Peterson (Oak Lawn), Heather Kita (Oak Lawn), Michelle Moyer (Oak Lawn), John Tyrakowski (Oak Lawn), Peter Wojtowicz (Oak Lawn), and Emily Masek (Bridgeview) – IHSA Solo Contest Division II Excellent Rating; Noell Federico (Oak Lawn) and Andrew Roti (Hometown) – IHSA Ensemble Contest Division II – Excellent Rating; Jessica Lopez (Oak Lawn), Philip Armstrong (Oak Lawn), Sara Novak (Oak Lawn), Lauren Cassidy (Oak Lawn), Jeremy Mozwecz (Oak Lawn), Brandon Kurtzweil (Oak Lawn), and Claire Ford (Oak Lawn) – IHSA Solo Contest Division I Superior Rating; Sally Dikselis (Oak Lawn), Jeremy Mozwecz (Oak Lawn) (also Best of Day award) – IHSA Ensemble Contest Division I Superior Rating; Gianni Adorno (Oak Lawn), Nicholas Koziowski (Hometown), Scott Barber (Oak Lawn), Philip Armstrong (Oak Lawn), Ryan Wiederhold (Bridgeview); Randal Gruidl (Oak Lawn), and Jonathan Waterstraat (Oak Lawn) – IHSA Ensemble Contest Division I – Superior Rating.

Farris Matariyeh (Oak Lawn) and Nicole Janik (Oak Lawn) received an Outstanding Achievement in Math award.

Dariusz Hareza (Oak Lawn), Thomas Wodziak (Oak Lawn), and Paul Depre (Oak Lawn) received awards for Outstanding Achievement in Science. Michael Zero (Oak Lawn) was awarded the Rensselaer Medal.

The following students received art or photography awards: Sally Dikselis (Oak Lawn) – Outstanding Junior Art Student; Bryana Volk (Oak Lawn) – Outstanding Sophomore Art Student and Great Frame-Up Art Show Best of School; Edgar Marroquin – Outstanding Freshman Art Student; Elizabeth Yolich (Oak Lawn) - Westfield Art Show – Best of Class Freshman; Anthony Vargas (Oak Lawn) Westfield Art Show – Best of Class Junior; Mario Gomez (Oak Lawn) – Westfield Art Show - Best of Class Junior; Megan Sullivan (Oak Lawn) – Budding Artist – 3rd place 15-18 age group; Elle Opitz (Oak Lawn) – Budding Artist – Best in Show and Best use of Medium – 2nd place; Jaqueline Jimenez (Bridgeview) and Alexandra Rodriguez (Oak Lawn) – Excellence in Photography; Jeny Tan (Oak Lawn) - PTSA Reflections State Semi-Finalist Visual Arts.

Pictured (left-to-right) are Matthew and Meghan DePiaris (Oak Lawn), Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership Scholarship recipients.

Minimize Risks Of Water Illness When Swimming

As swimming pools, water parks and beaches prepare to open for the season during the Memorial Day weekend, Dr. Eric E. Whitaker, Illinois Dept. of Public Health (IDPH) Director, is encouraging healthy swimming behaviors to prevent water illnesses during National Recreational Water Illness Prevention Week.

Outbreaks of recreational water illnesses continue to occur in the United States each year. Sixty-two percent of these outbreaks are related to the chlorine-resistant pathogen, *Cryptosporidium*, ("Crypto") which is introduced into the pool by swimmers who are ill with diarrhea and spread to other swimmers when they swallow the contaminated water, according to Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. These outbreaks underscore the continuing need to educate people about recreational water illness prevention to ensure a healthy swimming experience.

Awareness of recreational water illnesses (RWIs) and healthy swimming behaviors play an important role in stopping transmission of RWIs. Germs on and in swimmers' bodies end up in the water and can make other people sick. Even healthy swimmers can get sick from RWIs, but the young, elderly, pregnant women and immunosuppressed persons are especially at risk.

Specific actions you can take to promote healthy swimming include:

- Do not swim when you have diarrhea or have had it in the past 2 weeks.
- Do not swallow the water or get water in your mouth.
- Shower before swimming (children too!).
- Wash your hands after using the toilet or changing diapers.
- Take children on bathroom breaks or change diapers.
- Change children's diapers in a bathroom, not at poolside.

There are also things you can look at to prevent recreational water illness. You should notice:

- Clean and clear pool water; you should be able to clearly see any painted stripes and the bottom of the pool.
- Smooth pool sides; tiles should not be sticky or slippery.
- No odor; a well chlorinated pool has little odor. A strong chemical smell indicates a maintenance problem.
- Pool equipment working; pool pumps and filtration systems make noise and you should hear them running.

In order to minimize these risks, the Illinois Dept. of Public Health requires the state's 3,500 licensed swimming facilities to meet water quality and safety standards, including engineering design standards that apply to pools, spas, beaches, water supplies, bather preparation areas, and water treatment systems. The Department enforces these rules and regulations through plan approvals and inspections.

Artistic Excellence Awards Presented

De La Salle Institute announces that the following students were presented awards for their artistic excellence by the school's Theatre 100 program for the 2006-07 school year.

Chosen as the Thespian of the Year was senior Gerald Munoz (East Side). Munoz also was feted as the Most Improved Actor. Senior Laura Barbaro (Bridgeport) won Best Actor, while junior Emmanuel Ramirez (Oak Lawn) was deemed Best Supporting Actor. The Best Actor in a Student-Directed Production was senior Charles Williams (Calumet City), while junior Joseph Medina (Bridgeport) was named the Best Improvisational Actor. Junior Jarret Brown (Chatham) earned the Best Slam Poet Award, while sophomore Marcus Clay (Washington Heights) was chosen the Best Swordsman.

Nominations are made by the group's leaders and the adult moderators of Theatre 100. The voting is done by all students who have participated in any part of after-school drama during the current school year. The Theatre 100 program is moderated by Linda Matonich.

De La Salle congratulates all of the winners and wishes them every future success.

Annual Dinner Meeting

Friends of the Oak Lawn Library invites participation in an evening of good food and fellowship at its 29th Annual Dinner Meeting on Thursday, June 7th at the Hilton Oak Lawn, 9333 S. Cicero Ave. The cost is $20 per person. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and the dinner program begins at 6 p.m. Reservation forms are available at the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St. The reservation deadline is Friday, June 1st.

Participants will be treated to a full dinner featuring a delicious chicken entrée, the annual book raffle drawing (where everyone wins), early registrations for two Grant Park Festival concert trips and a special free gift for all who attend.

The Friends of the Oak Lawn Library is a nonprofit organization committed to promoting use of the Oak Lawn Public Library, furnishing equipment and materials that are beyond the library's budget and bringing opportunities for cultural enrichment to area residents. Membership forms are available at the library's Reception Booth and via the Friends' web site at www.oaklawnlibrary.org/friends.htm.

For additional information, call Linda Olsen, public relations, at (708) 422-4990.

Preschool Program

Registration is underway for the Oak Lawn Park District's 2007/2008 preschool programs. The park district offers affordable, quality preschool classes for 3- to 5-year-olds. The preschool programs—Learn As You Grow I, Learn As You Grow II, Play School and Prep School—are offered at the Oak View Center, 4625 W. 110th St., and the Little White Building in Lake Shore Park, 96th St. and East Shore Dr., and are taught by qualified instructors.

The programs, for children ages 3 and 4, offer a balance of structured and free-play activities that are ideal for the young child: story time, singing, art and holiday celebrations. The programs for children ages 4 and 5 are the stepping-stones to kindergarten, emphasizing all readiness skills (numbers, colors, letters, shapes, printing). The programs will run September 2007 through May 2008.

For more information or to schedule a preschool visit, call (708) 857-2200.

Merit Scholar Finalists

Brother Rice High School seniors Ryan Fleharty (left) of Oak Lawn and Patrick Vail of Orland Park are congratulated by assistant principal Ed Maloney on being chosen 2007 National Merit Scholar Finalists. Fleharty and Vail were named Semifinalists in the fall. Semi-finalists represent less than one percent of U.S. high school seniors, includes the highest scoring entrants in each state.

To become a finalist, a semifinalist must have an outstanding academic record throughout high school, be endorsed and recommended by the school principal, and earn SAT scores that confirm the student's earlier qualifying test performance. The semifinalist and a school official must submit a detailed scholarship application, which includes the student's self-descriptive essay and information about the semifinalist's participation and leadership in school and community activities. Approximately 15,000 semifinalists advanced to the finalist level and it is from this group that all Merit Scholarship winners will be chosen this spring.

Fleharty has a grade point average of 4.03 and is ranked 43 out of 254 in his class. Vail has a GPA of 4.92 and has been ranked #1 in his class for four years.

Sidewalk Sale & Pet Parade

People of all ages are invited to come to the Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce inaugural Sidewalk Sale and Pet Parade on Saturday, June 16th.

The Pet Parade will step off from the Oak Lawn/ Hometown Middle School, 99th St. and 54th Ave., at 10 a.m. and proceed to the Village Green near 94th and Raymond Ave.

Local merchants and auto dealers will host a Sidewalk Sale near 95th and Raymond Ave. immediately following the Parade. Items will be available for purchase and there will be food and family entertainment running until 3 p.m.

Those interested in joining the parade can register for free at the following locations:

- Oak Lawn PetCo, 6220 W. 95th St.
- Pet Supplies Plus, 8717 S. Ridgeland
- Online at www.oaklawnchamber.com

4th District Neighborhood Meeting

Residents of the 4th District of Oak Lawn are invited to attend a Town Hall Neighborhood Meeting at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 29th. The meeting will be held at Salem United Church, 9717 S. Kostner Ave., and is hosted by Trustee Steve Rosenbaum. Refreshments will be served following the meeting.

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Moraine Valley's New Student Trustee

As William Obuchowski of Oak Lawn sees it, he has a great opportunity ahead of him while serving as Moraine Valley Community College's student trustee for 2007-08.

Obuchowski, a 2002 graduate of Oak Lawn Community High School, looks forward to working with the Board of Trustees and the administration while representing the student view. "I didn't want to miss out on a life experience—getting a corporate and management perspective on how a college or business operates," he said.

One experience he will be involved in is representing the student perspective with the college's new building program. "I want to make sure student needs are taken in consideration which I believe they are," Obuchowski, who is in the Honors Program, said. He also wants to be sure the students' voice is heard on other topics such as parking, but to have that voice students have to become more involved—more connected to their college experience. He knows of what he speaks. Obuchowski, who wants to pursue a degree in engineering, is a staff writer for the Glacier, the student newspaper; a member of the Student Government Association; treasurer of the Ski Club; and a member of the Honors Program Student Association.

His involvement in college organizations and clubs was not always the case with him. "I came here for a semester after graduating from high school, and I was not terribly motivated," he said. He didn't return until the summer session of 2006. "It's been a completely difference place. I had a second chance. I knew people from high school who already earned a bachelor's degree, and I saw I had no room to move up at my job without furthering my education. i aspired for more," Obuchowski said. The second time at Moraine Valley he felt he was in the right place. "i appreciated and really understood the value of education. I made more friends and felt connected, and my time here opened up more opportunities."

Like many Moraine Valley students, there is an Obuchowski family history at the college. His parents and sister all have attended Moraine Valley. When his father was at the college, there were only two buildings. Now there are eight buildings with another under construction and three on the drawing boards. Obuchowski can understand Moraine Valley's attraction. "It's cost effective and convenient. It's also easy to do want you want here. You have opportunities to excel and get involved. There are wonderful flexible learning opportunities which are great if you work," said Obuchowski, who has worked the past five years at Arch Top Mouldings in Hickory Hills.

He hasn't decided on where he will transfer to earn his bachelor's degree after next school year, but he knows he will be ready. "I feel I will be prepared for engineering school. I will have been taught what I need to know," Obuchowski said.

Chess Team Wins Conference

After winning their third conference title in the past five years in April, the Richards High School chess team set its sights a little higher this month. Traveling to Kansas City for the national high school chess tournament, Coach Manuel Montes felt his players were ready to possibly bring home a trophy or two.

The Bulldogs made the trip more than memorable, placing three in the top 25 players out of 362 competitors. Jim Nowak placed eighth, Jeff Wycislak 10th, and Joe Sinople 25th.

"They exceeded my expectations. The program has grown the past several years. We've had some notable individual achievements at the national level, but never this many at one time," said Montes, who built the Richards chess program from scratch into a consistent winner. During the regular season, Richards won the South Suburban Conference title by posting a record of 8-1.

Pictured, left to right, are Richards chess team members Jim Nowak, (seated) Jeff Wycislak and Joe Sinople with the trophies they brought home from the national tournament in Kansas City earlier this month.

Shriners Opened To The Public

Shriners Hospitals for Children – Chicago invites the public to join in a celebration of the best in medical care for children at its annual Open House on Sunday, June 3, at the hospital, 2211 N. Oak Park Ave. in Chicago, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The hospital will provide tours of the facilities (including the operating rooms), a free picnic lunch, entertainment, games and activities for the kids (including model railroads, pet therapy animals, medical play and medical art, and demonstrations of adapted sports). Current and former patients especially are encouraged to attend; Shriners Hospitals for Children – Chicago is one of the few hospitals in the US with a formal alumni association. The program ends with a parade on the hospital grounds.

A new feature this year will be the Illinois Child Identification Program (iL CHiP), starting at 10 am that day. Parents will be offered the opportunity to have volunteers record identifying information about their children in case of loss or abduction. All information is coded onto a CD-ROM, which the parent holds until the need for the information arises; then it can be decoded by the police to assist in finding the child. Parents can reserve a spot by emailing fellowsquare@gmail.com, but walk-ins may be accepted if time permits.

For information, contact Elise Wachspress, (773) 385-5420, ewachspress@ shrinenet.org.

Milwaukee Is More Than A Beer Town

Join the Oak Lawn Park District and travel to Milwaukee on Thursday, June 7. The trip will include a tour of the Jelly Belly Factory, a sightseeing tour on the Milwaukee Cruiseline, lunch at the Safehouse, and a tour of Usingers Sausage. There will also be time to visit the Basilica of St. Josaphat and the Holy Hill Shrine. The last stop will be the Mars Cheese Factory.

The Travel Services Motorcoach will depart from the Community Pavilion, 9401 S. Oak Park Ave., at 7:30 a.m. and return at 7:30 p.m. The fee is $65 for Oak Lawn residents and $70 for non-residents.

For more information call (708) 857-2200.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

JUNE 1 – Friday – Worth Township Senior Citizens Meeting, Worth Township Center, 11601 Pulaski Rd., 12:30 p.m.

JUNE 2 – Saturday – District 11 "Trustee Is In," Municipal Center, 9446 Raymond, 9 a.m. to noon.

JUNE 4 – Monday – Planning & Development Commission Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 8 p.m.

JUNE 4 – Monday – Fire Department Club Meeting, VFW, 9514 S. 52nd Ave., 8 p.m.

JUNE 5 – Tuesday – Civil Service Commission, 9446 Raymond, 5:30 p.m.

JUNE 6 – Wednesday – Appeals Board, 9446 Raymond Ave., 8 p.m.

JUNE 7– Thursday – Friends of the Library Dinner Meeting, Oak Lawn Hilton, 9333 Cicero Ave., Doors Open at 5:30 p.m.; Dinner Program 6 p.m.

JUNE 7– Thursday – Alzheimer Support Group, Christ Hospital, 4440 W. 95th St., 6 p.m.

JUNE 7 – Thursday – Historic Preservation Commission, 9446 S. Raymond, 7 p.m.

JUNE 7 – Thursday – Athletic Club Meeting, VFW Hall, 9514 S. 52nd Ave., 8 p.m.

JUNE 7 – Thursday – Traffic Review Committee Meeting, Municipal Center auditorium, 9446 S. Raymond, 8 p.m.

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Letter To The Editor

Chunky Peanut Politicians

Blessed are the politicians that mean what they say and say what they mean.

Former-Pres. Jimmy Carter said of Pres. George W. Bush that he was "the worst president in American history," or was it "among the worst presidents ever," or was it "The worst American president, ever, in the field of world affairs." Regardless of his precise words, Carter did not spew out lukewarm or hard-to-understand words. I'm confident he said what he meant and he meant what he said. (And of course he was right when he said it.)

And when Sen. Dick Durbin (D-IL) compared the treatment of detainees at the U.S. military base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to Nazis, Soviet gulags and Cambodia's Pol Pot, he meant what he said and said what he meant. And I understood him despite his later recantation.

Then along comes the after-thought police, the statesmanship sentries, the reporters with tape recorders and politicians become struck by "I better tone it done" second-thoughts.

I meant to say... he meant to say... What he really said...

Oh, baloney.

When a politician speaks his mind in plain and understandable English (the national language), let the words ring forth. Inscribe them on Liberty Bells, the Black Hills of South Dakota and in-your-face bumper stickers. Let him "dis" this or that.

Don't take the words back. Don't dilute their beauty, their simplicity, their heart-felt "genuinity" and insight.

Applaud uninhibited fulsome speech when you get a chance to hear it raw and first draft.

Why I wouldn't give you a handful of peanuts for a few paragraphs of talk like: "In some respects, the policies of the Bush Administration have been inimical to the world's perception of America, internationally. Although some observers may have thought that the U.S. would have supported preservation of the anti-ballistic missile treaty, banned the use of phosphorous weapons, favored the Kyoto Treaty, supported the International Criminal Court, or given the search for weapons of mass destruction a greater chance for peace – these matters upon which reasonable minds can differ. And Democrats and Republicans differ even intra-party."

Malarkey.

Pols should say what they mean and point their finger directly at their target close-up.

Carter pointed his finger at Bush, not his administration. Pres. Carter said, "I think as far as the adverse impact on the nation [the U.S.] around the world, this administration has been the worst in history."

Oh, Carter did turn down the rhetoric right out of the box. He spoke of policies not personalities, administrations not individuals. There goes Carter, again: weak, mincing his words like he was facing re-election instead of enjoying the safety of retirement, a peanut pension, plus a lifetime government presidential stipend. If he's not giving away our Panama Canal, he's assuaging his criticism of the man holding the reins of power.

Come on Jimmy – stop holding back. Tell him like you believe it is. Tell him like Sunday school class is adjourned. Hit him in the Iraq, hit him in the Middle East, hit him in his Guantanamo Bay and right in the nose, too.

Stop apologizing for being right! Get Playboy off your mind and hit 'em again, harder, harder, Carter.

(Prompted by: "Carter takes the prize among the worst presidents," 5-23-07, *Chicago Tribune*)

s/s **James A. Gierach**
Oak Lawn

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CAPS Beat Meetings

The 22nd District of Chicago Police Department has announced the CAPS meetings for the month of June. Meetings are held at 7 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

On June 5th, a meeting will be held at Christ the King Church, 9235 S. Hamilton.

On June 6th, a meeting will be held at St. Helena's at 10115 S. Parnell.

On June 7th and June 9th, meetings will be held at the 22nd District police station, 1900 W. Monterey in the community room. The meeting on June 9th will be held at 11 a.m.

On June 12th, a meeting will be held at the Carter G. Woodson Library, 9525 S. Halsted.

On June 13th, a meeting will be held at Fernwood Park Field House, 10438 S. Wallace.

On June 14th, a meeting will be held at the Ridge Park Field House, 9601 S. Longwood Dr.

On June 19th, a meeting will be held at Fort Dearborn School, 9025 S. Throop.

On June 20th, a meeting will be held at the 22nd District Police Station in the Community Room.

On June 21st, a meeting will be held in the Mt. Greenwood Park Field House, 3721 W. 111th Street.

FOP Recognizes Fallen Officers

Fraternal Order of Police, Chicago Lodge #7, recently recognized the brothers and sisters who have been killed in the line of duty while serving the people of Chicago. Participating in the ceremony were dignitaries from many walks of life. The ceremony took place at the F.O.P. Chicago Lodge, 1412 W. Washington Blvd. The Memorial was dedicated in 1999 and holds the names of over 469 Police Officers killed.

Pictured in front of the Memorial from the left is Mark Donahue, President of F.O.P.; Alderman Ed Burke, 14th Ward and former police officer; Amelia Solorio whose son, Eric, was killed in the line of duty in 2006; and Police Superintendent, Philip Cline.

Performance Gold Award

Commissioner Terrence J. O'Brien, President of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, has announced that the District has received the Peak Performance Gold Award from the National Association of Clean Water Agencies.

Pictured from left to right is Commissioners Frank Avila and Cynthia Santos of the MWRD congratulating Assistant Chief Engineer Antonio Quintanilla on receiving the award being presented by Ken Kirk from Washington, DC, with the NACWA.

School Board Member Workshop

All new and veteran School Board Members in the south are invited to attend the one night "Getting On Board" presentation, Thursday, June 14 at 6:30 p.m. at the Eisenhower Cooperative (#218 Administration Building/Petersen Academy), 10701 Kilpatrick, Oak Lawn. The school board member training evening has been sponsored for 30 years by the Eisenhower Cooperative.

For more information, call Smith at (708) 403-0804. To register call Kristen, (708) 424-9900, Ext. 224

Honor Gloria Alitto Majewski

Commissioner Gloria Alitto Majewski (pictured) of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, will be honored on Thursday, June 7. The event will take place at O'Brien's Restaurant, 1528 N. Wells St., from 5 to 7 p.m.

Commissioner Majewski received her education from Mundelein College. She has served as a commissioner since 1984 and in 1988 was appointed, then elected Chairman of the Finance Committee, the first woman to hold that position. In 1989 Majewski took a leadership role in proposing a voluntary tax-cap on district expenditures. The plan was adopted two years before the State Legislature adopted a mandatory state-wide cap.

Emerald Ash Borer Awareness Week

Governor Rod R. Blagojevich proclaimed May 20-26 as Emerald Ash Borer Awareness Week in Illinois to help make sure people know how to prevent the spread of the tree-killing beetle. The Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) is only capable of flying short distances on its own, so limiting the movement of firewood and other potentially-infested wood products is the single most important step individuals can take to prevent the spread of this destructive pest and save the ash trees.

"Trees enhance our state's landscape and contribute to the quality of life in communities all over Illinois. The emerald ash borer has already killed more than 20 million ash trees since it arrived in North America just five years ago and now is threatening to destroy millions of ash trees here in Illinois. It's important for people who live here and who may travel here to know what they can do to help stop the destruction," Gov. Blagojevich said.

The emerald ash borer is a small, metallic-green insect from Asia that was first discovered in the United States near Detroit, MI in 2002. It likely was transported here in wooden shipping pallets or packing materials. The first beetle detection in Illinois occurred last June in a rural Kane County subdivision west of St. Charles. Subsequent finds were made in the northern Cook County communities of Wilmette, Evanston, Winnetka and, most recently, Skokie.

The Illinois Management and Science Advisory Panel, a team of experts appointed by the governor that includes representatives from the USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA Forest Service, City of Chicago Bureau of Forestry, Illinois Department of Natural Resources, University of Illinois Cooperative Extension and Morton Arboretum, is coordinating the state's response to the beetle.

"Our strategy to eradicate this pest has three components," Agriculture Director Chuck Hartke said. "The first component is a quarantine to stop the movement of ash wood and ash nursery products out of infested areas. The second involves the removal of infested trees to reduce the population of the ash borer and minimize its potential spread while the third, a comprehensive survey of ash trees in northeastern Illinois to determine the exact extent of the infestation, is completed."

Areas under quarantine include all of Kane County and parts of northern Cook, western DuPage, northern Kendall and eastern DeKalb counties. More than 400 infested trees were removed this spring at no expense to homeowners as part of the population reduction strategy. An additional 1,000 trees in the region have been surveyed.

"Memorial Day is the traditional start of the travel and tourism season," Sam Flood, acting director of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, said. "As campers and picnickers prepare for their family outings, we'd like them to remember that it's okay to pack food and equipment, but not firewood. All firewood should be purchased locally from vendors at your destination and then burned before you leave to prevent new infestations of emerald ash borer."

The emerald ash borer is difficult to detect, especially in newly-infested trees. Citizens should watch for metallic-green beetles about half the diameter of a penny on or near ash trees that are showing signs of disease or stress. Other signs of infestation in ash trees include D-shaped holes in the bark of the trunk or branches and shoots growing from its base. Anyone who suspects a tree has been infested is urged to contact their county Extension office. For more information, visit www.IllinoisEAB.com on the internet.

Prevent Cuts In Medicaid Payments To Hospitals

This week, Congress approved an emergency supplemental spending bill that included a provision to place a one-year moratorium on a Medicaid rule that would have cut up to $623 million in federal funding from Illinois' Medicaid program. U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin (D-IL) and U.S. Rep. Rahm Emanuel (D-IL) released the following statements on their successful efforts to include this provision in the final supplemental war bill.

"With passage of this emergency spending bill, Cook County Stroger Hospital and other hospitals throughout the country are one step closer to protecting their critical Medicaid funds. This is money that helps hospitals provide basic services to the uninsured and those with limited insurance," said Durbin.

"This provision ensures that hospitals and providers can continue to provide the most vulnerable and uninsured people of Illinois with the critical health care services they need," said Emanuel.

On Jan. 18th, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) proposed a rule that would limit payments to government health care providers and alter state financing mechanisms. This proposed rule would impact more than 57 million Americans and 2 million Illinoisans who rely on the Medicaid program, as well as health care providers who deliver essential services to them.

Illinois House Approves Teen Driver Laws

Legislation proposed by Secretary of State Jesse White to improve teen driving laws with the aim of reducing traffic crashes and fatalities involving young drivers was approved by the Illinois House of Representatives. The bill now moves to the governor's office for his approval.

Senate Bill 172, sponsored in the House by State Representative John D'Amico (D-Chicago), will improve the Illinois Graduated Driver Licensing (GDL) Program that governs drivers up to the age of 21. Several recent studies have shown that comprehensive GDL programs greatly reduce traffic crashes and fatalities involving teen drivers. The legislation is based on recommendations made by White's Teen Driver Safety Task Force, composed of legislators, traffic safety experts, law enforcement officials, educators, judges and victim advocates.

Senate Bill 172 includes the following nine provisions: (1)Triples the permit phase from 3 to 9 months. (2) Changes the nighttime driving restriction from 11 p.m. to 10 p.m. on weekdays and from midnight to 11 p.m. on weekends. Also extends the nighttime restriction to include 17 year-olds. Allows exemptions for work and school-sanctioned activities. (3)Doubles the period – from 6 to 12 months – that restricts a new driver to a maximum of one unrelated teen passenger. Allows an exemption for siblings. (4)Requires student drivers to complete a minimum of six hours of actual, on-the-street driving with a certified driver education instructor. (5)Implements a true GDL system that requires new drivers to earn their way from one stage to the next.(6)Requires drivers under age 18 who are ticketed for traffic violations to appear before a judge with a parent or guardian to receive court supervision. Requires the attendance of traffic school as a requisite for court supervision for drivers under age 21. (7)Allows for ticketing passengers age 15 to 20 that violate the passenger restriction law. (8)Establishes a stricter law in which the driver's licenses of those under age 21 would be suspended for each additional conviction following a driver's initial suspension for two moving violations in a 24-month period. (9)Establishes tough, new penalties that include license revocation and vehicle impoundment for drivers involved in street racing.

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Durbin Pushes Legislation To Pressure Iran To Dismantle Nuclear Weapons Program

U.S. Senator Dick Durbin (D-IL) joined Senator Gordon Smith (R-OR) recently in introducing legislation to strengthen sanctions against Iran until that country dismantles all nuclear enrichment and reprocessing programs.

"Iran's leaders face a choice between the peaceful development of nuclear power for their citizens or the dangerous development of nuclear weapons," said Durbin. "This legislation provides pressure and incentives to help them choose the path to peace and nuclear non-proliferation."

The Iran Counter-Proliferation Act of 2007:

Tightens economic sanctions on Iran.

Addresses Russia's role in exporting nuclear and military technology to Iran by prohibiting U.S. entry into a nuclear cooperation agreement with Russia until the President has verified that this cooperation has ceased.

Encourages the peaceful development of nuclear power by authorizing $50 million in contributions to the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) to establish an international nuclear fuel bank that would be available to countries that are in full compliance with IAEA safeguards and do not operate uranium enrichment or spent-fuel reprocessing facilities.

Reiterates the requirement to produce a National Intelligence Estimate on Iran mandated under last year's Defense Authorization bill.

The IAEA is the world's center of cooperation in the nuclear field. It was set up as the world's "Atoms for Peace" organization in 1957 within the United Nations family. The Agency works with its Member States and multiple partners worldwide to promote safe, secure and peaceful nuclear technologies.

Legal Rights Brochure

Many of the legal rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender persons are explained in a new brochure published by the Illinois State Bar Association (ISBA).

The free brochure explains protections granted under the Illinois Human Rights Act, which, since January 1, 2006, includes "sexual orientation." The law now extends protections against discrimination in employment, real estate transactions, financial credit and public accommodations to lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender persons.

Other issues covered in the brochure are same-sex marriage and adoption, opportunities to register as same-sex partners, and domestic violence protections. It also covers work-related issues including domestic partner benefits granted by employers and sexual harassment at work.

The brochure contains information about what actions to take if a person is the victim of a hate crime, as well as the various governmental bodies where a complaint based on sexual harassment or discrimination can be lodged.

For further information about law-related issues, contact an Illinois State Bar Association-member lawyer in your area or visit www.isbalawyers.com.

CAGW Calls For Reform Of Sugar Program

Citizens Against Government Waste (CAGW) President Tom Schatz has issued the following statement:

On behalf of its 1.2 million members and supporters, CAGW calls for reform of the sugar program in the 2007 farm bill and applauds the efforts of the congressional Sugar Reform Caucus.

The current U.S. sugar program, which escaped any reform in past farm bills, includes government-set price floors, government-enforced marketing quotas, and strict limits on imports. It distorts markets, hampers trade liberalization, costs consumers, and will become increasingly costly to taxpayers in the years ahead.

The program keeps U.S. sugar prices at least twice the world level. It also encourages opposition to trade agreements, even when the agreements are clearly in the national interest and benefit most other U.S. agricultural producers.

The sugar program's defenders claim that the program has no taxpayer cost and that it is necessary to keep small sugar farmers in business. However, the Congressional Budget Office forecasts that the government will be forced to purchase surplus domestic supplies, costing taxpayers $1.375 billion over the next 10 years. Nobody should be allowed to get by with calling the sugar program a "no net cost" program.

The sugar program has always been costly for U.S. consumers – the Government Accountability Office (GAO) estimates that the sugar program increases the price of sugar and sugar-containing products by $1.9 billion annually.

And who does it help? GAO found that nearly 60 percent of all sugar program benefits go to just the wealthiest one percent of sugar farmers. The sugar program is an unconscionable transfer of wealth from those least able to pay – low-income consumers of sugar and sugar-containing foods – to a small group of growers and processors, most of whom are large corporations or wealthy individuals.

Finally, the sugar program has almost wiped out the U.S. sugar cane refining industry and has forced candy manufacturers to move their operations abroad, destroying hundreds of thousands of jobs for American workers.

It is well past time to end the archaic sugar program.

All Points Southwest

By THOMAS E. GAVIN

All Points hears that Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White's legislation making it a crime to falsify one's military service in order to receive special license plates was approved by the state Senate and now awaits the governor's signature.

Under White's proposal (HB 362) people who falsely claim to be military service personnel or falsely claim to have received military honors in order to receive a military license plate will face a Class A misdemeanor, punishable by up to one year in jail and up to $2,500 in fines, the minimum fine being $1,000.

The funds collected from the fines will be deposited into the Illinois Military Family Relief Fund.

Currently the license plates that are available to service personnel include Disabled Veterans, POW, National Guard, Armed Forces Reserves, Purple Heart, Retired Armed Forces, Pearl Harbor and Golf Star. There is no extra charge for a vanity or personalized plate in these categories.

In addition, people who provide false information on their vehicle title or registration in order to obtain a license plate will also face a Class A misdemeanor with a minimum $500 fine.

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Cook County Board President Todd Stroger is urging County residents to take advantage of the Cook County Department of Environmental Control's Radon Awareness Program. This program was developed to educate the public about the dangers of radon gas and to provide information on testing and mitigation, if necessary. While supplies last, the County's Department of Environmental Control, along with the State of Illinois, is providing vouchers for free radon detectors to area residents.

Radon, a colorless, odorless, radioactive gas comes from the decay of naturally occurring uranium in the earth and can accumulate indoors to dangerous levels if unchecked. Radon can be found in various concentrations practically anywhere on earth, but when concentrations rise indoors, the health risks involved become a concern. Exposure to radon gas is the second leading cause of lung cancer in the United States.

The EPA and the Surgeon General recommend testing all homes below the 3rd floor for radon. It is the only way to know for sure if the levels are sufficiently low and that your family is safe from the long-term effects of radon.

To obtain a voucher for a free radon testing kit or for more information on radon, contact the Cook County Department of Environmental Control's Radon Hotline at (708) 865-6177.

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Mary Jo Vincent from the Palos Hills Resource & Recreation Department informs All Points that there will be a "Free Concert in the Park" at the Palos Hills Town Square Park, located at 8455 W. 103rd St., on Wednesday, June 13th from 7 until 8:30 p.m. Entertainment will be provided by the nation's #1 Polka band, Eddie Blazonezyk's Versatones. For more information, call (708) 430-4500.

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The 10th Annual Golf Invitational and 19th Hole Reception honoring Cook County Assessor Jim Houlihan will take place on Monday, June 18th at Harborside International Golf Course, 11001 S. Doty Ave. East, Chicago. A variety of sponsorship packages are available. Participants can elect to test their skills on one of the regions most challenging courses for $1,000 per player or merely attend the cocktail and dinner party for $250 per person. Event sponsor packages are also available. Reservations are accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis as space is limited. For more information or to RSVP contact David Rosen at (773) 472-8493.

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On Thursday, June 21st, Cook County Commissioner Joan Patricia Murphy (6th District) will be honored at a golf benefit at George W. Dunne National Golf Course, 16310 S. Central Ave. in Oak Forest. The $125 per person ticket entitles players to receive: Valet golf bag service; greens fee and cart; refreshments on the course; cocktails & barbecue dinner; golf prizes, raffle prizes and more. The above dinner is the crown jewel of the day and brings together both golf participants and dinner guests ($50 per person). Check in begins at 1 p.m. with the shotgun start to follow at 2 p.m. Dinner is planned from 6 to 9 p.m.

For more information, contact either (708) 489-1503 or (773) 263-2261. Faxes are being accepted at (708) 388-0305.

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Palos Township Regular Democratic Organization Committeeman Sam Simone will host a "Night At The Races" on Friday, June 22nd, at Hawthorne Race Track, 3501 S. Laramie, in Chicago. A two hour wine and popular beer selection are the warm up for the 7 p.m. buffet. The reservations and tickets are coming in fast so if one has an interest in attending, please contact the Democratic Organization of Palos Township at (708) 233-6610.

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Dashes to Deadline...Looking to enjoy a great day on a championship golf course and help others less fortunate at the same time? Be a part of the Masters of Misericordia and enter the "Bums Golf Outing." Now in its 33rd year the Misericordia Bums Outing is the area's largest charity golf outing. Join veteran players, or bring your own foursome, Monday, June 11th. Enjoy 18 holes of golf at Olympia Fields C.C. (home of the 2003 U.S. Open) or Flossmoor Country Club, breakfast, lunch, dinner, cocktails and prizes. The days donation is $600 per person; sponsorship opportunities at various levels are also available. Join the "Bums" this year by contacting Kevin Connelly at (773) 273-4167 or Kevin@misericordia.com.

Girl Scout Councils Announce Appointment Of New CEO

Seven regional Girl Scout councils realigning into one new council to be known as Girl Scouts of Greater Chicago and Northwest Indiana has appointed its first chief executive officer.

Brooke M. Wiseman will assume her leadership role as CEO on June 11, facilitating the final months of transition as the local councils merge together. Then she will oversee the operations of the new council as it launches on Oct. 1.

"My passion for the Girl Scout organization was ignited when I was a child, growing up as a Girl Scout in northern Indiana. That, coupled with my years as a CEO in the area, has solidified my commitment to ensuring that Girl Scouting fulfills its mission and builds the next generation of women leaders," said Wiseman.

Girl Scouts of Greater Chicago and Northwest Indiana will serve girls and adult volunteers who live and work throughout the Illinois counties of Cook, DuPage, Grundy, Kankakee, Lake, and Will; and the Indiana counties of Jasper, Lake, Newton, and Porter. The council will launch with approximately 100,000 current girl members ages 5-17, making it the largest Girl Scout council in the country.

"Appointing a CEO with the vision and expertise to carry us through this exciting and transformative phase was absolutely critical," said Alice Watrobka, volunteer co-chair of the Council Realignment Committee, a group of 21 volunteers and staff representing the seven existing councils.

According to Watrobka, "Brooke is well-qualified to keep the best interests of our girl and adult members at the forefront during this exciting time of growth for our organization. She is poised to serve as an advocate on behalf of girls from across this area, a region of great diversity, and to ensure that they have every opportunity to develop their leadership skills."

Wiseman has been a pivotal part of the greater Chicago area non-profit landscape for 25 years, and a life-long proponent of the rewards of a career in non-profit management. She has been CEO of Girl Scouts of Chicago since 1992, and was previously executive director of Girl Scouts of DuPage County Council for seven years. She also has served as executive director of Permian Basin Girl Scout Council in Odessa, Texas, and program director for Michigan Capital Girl Scout Council in Lansing, Michigan.

She earned her Bachelor of Science degree from Ball State University in Indiana, a Master's degree in Communications from Michigan State University, and a Certificate in Non-Profit Management from Case Western University. She also completed the national requirements to be designated a certified Girl Scout CEO.

Wiseman is past national president of the Association of Girl Scout Executive Staff and past national chair of the Certified Girl Scout CEO Committee. She is currently involved in numerous organizations including the Economic Club of Chicago, the Union League Club Board of Directors, the Chicago Council on Global Affairs – President's Circle, Leadership Greater Chicago Fellows Association, the Chicago Alliance for Collaborative Effort, and the Junior League of Chicago Advisory Board.

Her past affiliations included involvement with Chicago Women in Philanthropy, Leadership America, and the Chicago Council of the United Way of Metropolitan Chicago, and she was a City of Chicago delegate to the President's Summit for America's Future.

In 2001 she received a Human Relations Award from the Chicago Commission on Human Relations. She also has been recognized as one of the "100 Women Making a Difference" by Today's Chicago Woman magazine, and is a member of Who's Who in America and Who's Who in American Women.

The seven legacy councils that will become Girl Scouts of Greater Chicago and Northwest Indiana on Oct. 1 include: Girl Scouts of the Calumet Council, Inc.; Girl Scouts of Chicago; Drifting Dunes Girl Scout Council, Inc.; Girl Scouts – Illinois Crossroads, Inc.; Girl Scouts – Prairie Winds, Inc.; Girl Scouts of South Cook County, Inc.; and Girl Scouts of Trailways Council, Inc.

"With combined resources, we can create a more consistent Girl Scout experience for girls who live anywhere in the city, the suburbs or rural areas. Together we can focus on increasing our local direct services and offering more innovative program opportunities for girls of all ages," said Wiseman.

For the past two years, girls and adults across the country have been voicing their opinions and sharing ideas about how to implement structural and programmatic organizational changes to ensure that today's girls receive a consistent and rewarding Girl Scout experience no matter where they live.

Part of that work has focused on developing new Girl Scout council structures nationwide that would encourage efficient use of resources. It also focused on enriching program opportunities for girls that focus on the core values expressed in the organization's mission to build girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place.

For more information, visit Girl Scouts of Greater Chicago and Northwest Indiana's transitional Web site at www.gsmetrochicago.org or call (312) 416-2500.

Support Troop Funding

Congressman Dan Lipinski joined a bipartisan majority in the House of Representatives in passing H.R. 2206, a supplemental appropriations bill which contains urgently needed funding for U.S. troops while requiring the Iraqi government to meet benchmarks in reconciliation in order to receive reconstruction aid.

"This is not a perfect bill, but it is a turning point for America's policy on Iraq," said Lipinski. "With this bill we are providing the necessary funding for our brave troops in harm's way and we are also – for the first time – not giving the President a blank check. But we must work to further force the President to put pressure on the Iraqi government to take responsibility for political reconciliation and security in Iraq so that American troops can begin to safely re-deploy soon."

"Today's supplemental, which for the first time sets benchmarks for success in Iraq, passed because it gained broad bipartisan support," said Lipinski. "With the President holding veto power, it is clear that Democrats in Congress need Republican support in order to put meaningful pressure on the Administration."

Congressman Lipinski has been working with over 30 members of Congress from both sides of the aisle to craft legislation that would require the implementation of the Iraq Study Group's recommendations. This bill would set a number of reconciliation milestones for the Iraqi government to meet while requiring the U.S. to engage in a diplomatic offensive with leaders in Iraq and the Middle East to achieve peace and secure reconstruction aid. This legislation would also set a goal of early next year for U.S. troops to transition from full-scale military operations to training Iraqi security forces.

"In the coming weeks and months, I will continue to work with my colleagues in Congress to apply meaningful pressure on the President and the Iraqi government to achieve stability in Iraq and bring our troops home," said Lipinski. "I hope today's supplemental proves to be the first step in this process."

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ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

Chicago Dance Showcase

To highlight the quality and variety of Chicago's dance companies, The Dance Center of Columbia College Chicago, in partnership with Links Hall, will participate in Dance/USA's 2007 Spring Council by presenting a Chicago Dance Showcase Friday, June 15 at 7 p.m. at The Dance Center, 1306 S. Michigan Ave. Dance/USA, the national service organization for professional dance, kicks off its 25th anniversary with the 2007 Spring Council June 14-16 in Chicago.

Chicago companies performing as part of the Chicago Dance Showcase at 7 p.m. include Chicago Human Rhythm Project, The Dance COLEctive, Giordano Jazz Dance Chicago, Hedwig Dances, Lucky Plush Productions, Luna Negra Dance Theater, Mordine & Company Dance Theater, Muntu Dance Theatre of Chicago and River North Chicago Dance Company. In addition to the Showcase performance, Chicago artists Molly Shanahan and Nicole LeGette will provide studio showings beginning at 6:15 p.m. Also performing in the studio showing is an improvisational ensemble including Lisa Gonzales, Darrell Jones, Ayako Kato and Jennifer Kayle.

"In partnership with Links Hall, The Dance Center is delighted to present this diverse cross-section of Chicago dance artists in a showcase for our visiting colleagues from around the country," said Dance Center Chair Bonnie Brooks. "We're honored and proud to help celebrate Dance/USA's distinguished history and 25th anniversary here, in a community where dance, in all its forms, has flourished for decades."

The 2007 Spring Council, which expects to welcome approximately 200 participants, will include sessions on arts participation, relationships with audience using the press and the Web, a conversation with Ben Cameron of the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation and presentations of two successful case studies: the Chicago Dancemakers Forum and Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater's partnership with Target Resource Group.

Established in 1982, Dance/USA is a membership organization serving a broad cross-section of professional dance (currently more than 400 ballet, modern, ethnic, jazz and tap companies, dance service and presenting organizations, individuals and related organizations). Dance/USA's priorities include advocating for dance, providing information and research on the field, convening and networking and building leadership among dance professionals. For more information, visit danceusa.org.

The Dance Center of Columbia College Chicago, named "Chicago's Best Dance Theatre" by Chicago magazine, is the city's leading presenter of contemporary dance, showcasing artists of regional, national and international significance. Programs of The Dance Center of Columbia College Chicago are supported, in part by The Joyce Foundation, Alphawood Foundation, The Chicago Community Trust, The MacArthur Fund for Arts and Culture at Prince, the Governor's International Arts Exchange Program of the Illinois Arts Council, Elizabeth F. Cheney Foundation, Crowne Plaza Chicago The Silversmith, Chicago Public Radio 91.5 FM, New England Foundation for the Arts, The Irving Harris Foundation, The Mayer & Morris Kaplan Family Foundation, The Rudolf Nureyev Dance Foundation, The Richard H. Driehaus Foundation and Arts Midwest. Additional funding is provided by the National Endowment for the Arts and the Illinois Arts Council. Special thanks to Friends of The Dance Center. All programming is subject to change.

The Chicago Dance Showcase, which is free and open to the public, takes place Friday, June 15 at 7 p.m. at The Dance Center, 1306 S. Michigan Ave. Studio showings begin at 6:15 p.m. Seating is general admission. For more information, call The Dance Center (312) 344-8300.

Country Music Festival

Hope for aces and put on your best poker face, the 17th Annual Chicago Country Music Festival is proud to welcome the "Gambler" and award-winning country music legend Kenny Rogers to headline at the Petrillo Music Shell on Saturday, June 30th. Sara Evans, one of Country's top female vocalists, headlines on Sunday, July 1st. The Music Festival will once again highlight the opening weekend of Taste of Chicago. The festival is FREE and features the best in local and national country music acts on two stages, the Taste Stage located just south of Jackson at the entrance to the festival and at the main stage, the Petrillo Music Shell.

The festival will also feature country music all day long at the Illinois Lottery Taste Stage beginning at noon. Saturday features all Illinois bands with Heartsfield, Lisa Perry, Lonsway & Malow, The Hoyle Brothers and Robbie Fulks. On Sunday, don't miss a tribute to Canada featuring Canadian country artists Tracy Millar, Agnostic Mountain Gospel Choir, Songwriter's Circle, Lisa Hewitt and The Swiftys. The Illinois Lottery Taste Stage will also include line dance lessons in between the musical acts.

NEW! Walk the Line, the award-winning film chronicling the life of the "Man in Black," Johnny Cash, will be shown on the big screen in Butler Field following Sara Evans on Sunday, July 1st at 6:30 p.m. Joaquin Phoenix and Reese Witherspoon star in this chronicle of country music legend Johnny Cash's life, from his early days on an Arkansas cotton farm to his rise to fame with Sun Records in Memphis, where he recorded alongside Elvis Presley, Jerry Lee Lewis and Carl Perkins. This movie is rated PG13 and may not be suitable for younger viewers.

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Class Reunions

Evergreen Park Elementary School class of 1947 will hold a 60th Anniversary Reunion on June 27th at Barraco's Restorante at 1 p.m. Call Janet at (708) 422-7048.

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Harrison High School, classes of 1965-1969, looking for classmates. Call (773) 507-4669 or (773) 600-8669.

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Morton East High School class of 1987 is planning a 20th reunion. Contact Kathy Tokarczyk at imqueenmom@sbcglobal.net or Barb Biman at joyride7207@aol.com.

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DuSable High School class of 1985 is looking for classmates. Call (312) 603-0523 or (773) 544-3086.

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St. Laurence School, 72nd & Dorchester in Chicago, is planning a 50th-year reunion for the class of 1957 to be held at Durbin's, 17265 Oak Park Ave. in Tinley Park, on Sept. 29th from 7 to 11 p.m. Contact Judy (Jellison) Graves at (708) 349-8570 or Peg (Kilgallon) Weeden at (708) 748-3499.

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Reavis High School class of 1977 – 30-year Reunion will be held on July 7th, 2007 at the Old Barn in Burbank. Contact reavisclassof77@yahoo.com.

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DuSable High School class of 1951 will hold a 55th-year reunion from Sept. 15th to 17th at the Hilton Oak Lawn Hotel. Call (708) 206-0468.

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Harrison High School - Classes of 1931 to 1960 Reunion on Sept. 24th from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at The Abbington, 3 South 002, Route 53, Glen Ellyn. Call (708) 366-3423.

The Children's Farm

Calves, piglets, lambs and goats await visitors at the Children's Farm, 12700 Southwest Highway in Palos Park, this summer. The farm is open from 1 to 4 p.m. every Saturday and Sunday.

The Children's Farm is a working farm dedicated to the education and enjoyment of visitors. Family visitors to the farm can tour the barns and see and touch the chickens, ducks, goats, cows, pigs, ponies, sheep, bunnies and the farm's favorite animal, Wilbur the donkey. According to farm tour coordinator Kay Ardizzone, the farm is a hands-on opportunity for children to experience the life of the farm. Complimentary pony rides are offered every weekend throughout the summer. Complimentary hayrides are offered when the ground is dry.

Admission to the farm is $4.25 per person or by a $75 annual family pass. No reservations are required on the weekends from 1 until 4 p.m. For further information, call (708) 361-3650.

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ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

This Summer, Crack The Case

Imagine entering a crime scene and being the one responsible for noticing and collecting every trace of evidence. The pressure's on: your analysis of the evidence must be scientifically sound to crack the case.

You've seen the hit television crime drama, CSI: Crime Scene Investigation on CBS. Now, beginning May 25, the Museum of Science and Industry in Chicago will host the world premiere of CSI: The Experience, an immersive, interactive forensic science exhibit related to the TV show. The bilingual exhibit (English and Spanish) will run through Sept. 3rd.

In CSI: The Experience, guests will play the role of crime scene investigator, learning scientific principles and real investigative techniques as they try to solve one of three crime scene mysteries. Two state-of-the-art crime labs will help guests piece together the evidence. With input from investigators from the television show, along with their real-life forensic science counterparts, guests will formulate a hypothesis, validate their findings based on scientific evidence and try to crack the case.

From DNA and fingerprint analysis to forensic anthropology and toxicology, visitors will be captivated by hands-on science in a multi-media environment with dazzling special effects—direct from the CSI television series. A video introduction by cast members from the TV show will welcome guests into the exhibit, lead them through the experience, and then evaluate their crime-solving savvy as they exit.

"This exhibit blends science, technology and innovation into one phenomenal experience that guests will enjoy and learn from," said David Mosena, president and CEO of the Museum of Science and Industry. "It's also our hope that in experiencing this exhibit, children will discover the many different and vital careers that exist within the field of science, and become excited about them."

"With the launch of this exciting new exhibit, we're extending the CSI brand beyond entertainment and licensed merchandise into an engaging learning experience," commented Elizabeth Kalodner, executive vice president and general manager of CBS Consumer Products.

The National Science Foundation (NSF) provided $2.4 million to the Fort Worth Museum of Science and History to develop the exhibit for a national tour of science museums, as well as an online learning adventure. According to Sandra Welch, NSF's program officer for informal science education, this unique project will advance science learning in museums across the country in an exciting new way. "The show CSI has inspired its millions of fans to become interested in forensic science. Recognizing the role the show plays in society, we think this connection with the exhibit will help draw many people into a high quality science learning experience."

The exhibit's "investigators" will enter one of three different crime scenes where they will identify evidence and record findings on a special investigation card. The crime scenes vary in intensity, with the mildest being the presentation of skeletal remains discovered in a remote desert.

In "A House Collided" a car has run through the living room window of a house in a quiet suburb. In the driver's seat is a man with his seatbelt on; he is slumped over. The windshield is shattered and the car door is shut. In the living room, there are muddy shoeprints, drops of blood and a stain near a sofa. A pizza box is open with pepperoni pizza spilled on the floor. A beer bottle is by the car door, and a hand print of blood (or is it pizza sauce?) is found on the car hood.

In "Who Got Served?" a young woman has been found dead in an alley behind an old Las Vegas motel. She is sprawled beneath a dumpster overflowing with trash and is wearing a waitress outfit with a nametag that reads "Penny." There is a tire tread across her abdomen, and tossed nearby is a photo of her, which has been ripped in half. No other injuries are visible. Amongst the trash are a handbag and a cell phone.

In "No Bones About It!" a hiker has stumbled across what looks like a human skull sticking out of the ground. It is partially buried by silt and debris. Other bones are scattered underneath the dirt. The skull has a visible hole in it; and among the remains, there are still tattered remnants of a coat and what appears to be a backpack.

After exiting the crime scenes, guests will refer to a large wall of crime scene photos and clues they may have missed. They will then analyze evidence in two highly interactive lab areas, each featuring multiple stations that allow for various evidence testing.

Guests who are investigating "A House Collided" will compare fingerprints of the victim to the evidence, examine blood spatter patterns, observe the shoes of the victim and tracks found in the room, compare fibers on the victim's clothes with fibers in the room, analyze the victim's blood-alcohol level, compare DNA of the victim with evidence and eventually discover the cause of death.

For "Who Got Served?" the investigation will include reviewing evidence within a cell phone, examining the contents of the handbag, inspecting the purse and headshot for fingerprints, establishing the time of death, reviewing DNA samples, testing powder from the handbag at the scene, and discovering the cause of death.

Sleuths working on "No Bones About It!" will analyze the bullet from the found skull, analyze hairs found with the body, examine a seed found in a pocket of the jacket, study a DNA sample from a tooth, test the DNA of an animal's hair, examine a femur bone to establish the height of the victim, compare dental records to the victim and discover the cause of death.

At the end of the exhibit, guests will present their findings in a re-creation of the office of Gil Grissom— the enigmatic CSI head investigator. They will answer a series of multiple choice questions, based on their scientific findings, on touch screens located in this area. After completing these questions, a case summary is generated and guests can match their results to those of expert crime scene investigators!

CSI: The Experience was developed by the Fort Worth Museum of Science and History with support from CBS Consumer Products, the cast and crew of the television show, and the National Science Foundation. This exhibit, geared toward guests ages 12 and up, requires a ticket with a specified entry time. Tickets, which include Museum general admission, are $19 for adults, $17.50 for seniors and $14 for children 3-11. There is a discount for City of Chicago residents. Advance tickets are on sale now at www.msichicago.org or by calling (773) 684-1414. Groups of 20 or more are eligible for a discount when they book in advance.

Illinois State Fair Announces Its 2007 Theme

"Celebrate and Educate" has been chosen as the theme of the 2007 Illinois State Fair and Twilight Parade. Agriculture Director Chuck Hartke and State Fair Manager Amy Bliefnick announced the selection on behalf of Governor Rod R. Blagojevich on April 24th during a fairgrounds press conference to discuss preparations for this year's event.

In addition to the information available in the tents of state agencies, fairgoers can learn about fire safety in the Illinois State Fire Marshal's Firehouse Museum or about the fair's illustrious 155-year history in the Illinois State Fair Museum. Conservation World offers a wide array of free shows and hands-on activities that educate visitors about outdoor recreational opportunities and the state's natural preserves. Hometown Pride introduces fairgoers to different communities throughout Illinois, and Campus Town allows students and their parents to learn about the educational offerings at state colleges and universities.

With 366 acres of attractions, the fair is Illinois' premiere summer festival. Whether riding the Giant Slide, watching world-class harness racing and motor sports, visiting the famous Butter Cow or sipping a lemonade shake-up and eating a corn dog while strolling through exhibits featuring the handiwork of Illinois artists and craftsmen, there's plenty to see and do.

The 2007 Illinois State Fair will be held Aug. 10 to 19. The Twilight Parade is scheduled Aug. 9. For more information, visit the fair's website at www.illinoisstatefair.info.

Dancers Support Beverly Arts Center

Nearly 100 dancers from throughout Chicagoland performed in "Bringin' It From the Streets II" on Friday, May 11, raising funds to support the not-for-profit Beverly Arts Center (BAC), 2407 W. 111th St. (111th and south Western), Chicago. The show nearly sold out the 400-seat theater.

Organized and produced by BAC dance instructor Chris Nasadowski, 19, the show featured dancers from Hip Hop ConnXion Ti-3, Culture Shock Chicago, MADD Rhythms, Hip Hop ConnXion Elite, Hip Hop Force, Reanimation, Midnight Angelz, Nonstop Dance Productions, 214, Corpo, Chicago Onyx Dance Alliance and Corpo performing hip hop, breakdance, modern, tap, jazz and partner dances.

Nasadowski, who lives in Evergreen Park, got his start dancing at the Beverly Arts Center just a few years ago, and now teaches hip hop at the Center. He has performed with groups such as Culture Shock Chicago, Chicago Dance Crash and Prevail. He has performed with local recording artists, and has traveled to perform San Diego, Washington DC, and other US cities. Last year, Nasadowski organized "Bringin' It From the Streets" to raise funds for the Stand Up for Kids Chicago, an organization that helps homeless youth. This year, proceeds will benefit the BAC.

"This performance brings so much energy and inspiration into the Beverly Arts Center," said BAC Executive Director Mike Nix. "The dancers are so talented and creative; the audience is young and exuberant; and Chris Nasadowski does a tremendous job producing, organizing and promoting the show. This is a fundraiser that works on every level: It bring in funds, introduces new audience to the Center, and showcases young talent."

The Beverly Arts Center, built in 2002, is a state-of-the art, multi-cultural, multi-discipline regional fine arts center that provides fine arts education, outreach, entertainment and programming.

"The BAC is a beautiful venue," he said. "I just want to do my part to make sure it continues for a long time. What better way to show your support for the fine arts and the BAC than by coming to a night of fun, clean music and talented dancers."

For more information on the Beverly Arts Center, call (773) 445-3838 or visit www.beverlyartcenter.org. School of the Arts classes, including hip-hop dance with Chris Nasadowski, begin the week of June 18.

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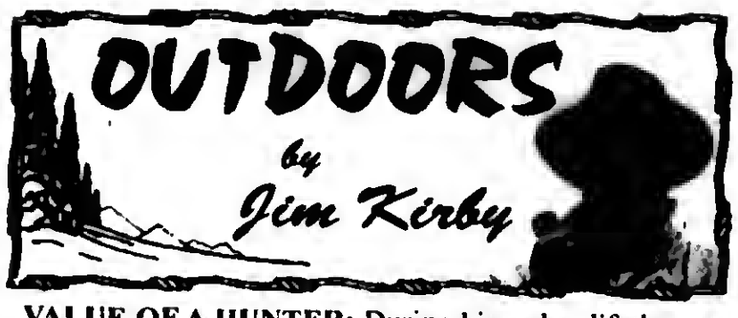

VALUE OF A HUNTER: During his or her lifetime, an average American hunter spends $17,726.59 on hunting equipment. When licenses, and lodging, food and fuel, magazines and meat processing, plus other expenses are included, the average lifetime total spent on hunting jumps to $96,017.92.

These figures were calculated as part of 2006 National Shooting Sports Foundation-commissioned research. The study looked at hunters' total expenditures from age 16 to 75. (Source: NSSF)

■**FLY FISHING TRIP OF A LIFETIME:** Palos Park sportsman **Al Sorenson** spent three days stream fly fishing for SteelHead trout on the Salmon River, Oswego County, New York.

Al Sorenson (right) and fly-fishing guide Walt Geryk with a fine SteelHead trout

Al fished with **Orvis Endorsed** fly fishing guide **Walt Geryk**. Sorenson said Geryk taught him the finer points of fly fishing including 'reading the water,' fly selection, and proper use of the equipment. Before I lost the use of my shoulder and of course the ability to fly fish, I had a lot of trouble mastering the art of roll casting, a method of fly-fishing in tight places. Sorenson said Geryk had him roll casting in short order with no problems, and if I get the use of my shoulder back he will teach me how to do it.

The fishing was done under less than ideal conditions in early May. High and fast water due to heavy rains and snow melt, but they still managed to tie into many feisty SteelHead, the best fly of the trip turned out to be the *Wooley Bugger.*

Sorenson recommends this trip, regardless of your fly fishing ability, accommodations were great, and Geryk is a "top-notch guide," instructor, and a great guy to be on the water with. For more information, contact **Northeast Fly-Fishing Guide Service:** www.neffguide.com. Phone: (413) 247-5579. (An Orvis Endorsed Fly-Fishing Guide)

■**HAZARDS IN YOUR BACKYARD:** Every year, natural hazards occur in the United States that can result in lives lost and cost billions of dollars in the form of disaster aid, disrupted commerce and destroyed public and private property.

To help educate the public about the threat of natural hazards, the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) has launched a new web site and seven easy-to-understand fact sheets on earthquakes, floods, hurricanes, landslides, tsunamis, volcanoes, and wildfires.

The hazards web site highlights resources and information available from the USGS and provides links to the individual hazards web pages for more detailed information. The web site and fact sheets can be accessed at http://www.usgs.gov/hazards/.

■**LAKE MICHIGAN CHINOOK FISHING:** For the fifth straight year, anglers enjoyed fantastic Chinook fishing on Lake Michigan, reeling in the second highest number of fish in 40 years, according to recently analyzed angler surveys.

"The fishery that's out there is world class," says Brad Eggold, the DNR fisheries supervisor for southern Lake Michigan. "Anglers caught nearly 400,000 Chinook again, which is phenomenal, and the fish are bigger, which is an encouraging sign."

"The word is getting out that you can go 1 to 2 miles out on Lake Michigan and catch an 18-20 lb. Chinook," Eggold says. "We saw more anglers fishing Lake Michigan and targeting Chinook in 2006. *(Great Lakes Basin Report)*

■**NEW LEGISLATIVE SESSIONS, SAME ANTI-HUNTING THREATS:** New sessions are beginning in state and federal lawmaking bodies, but sportsmen can bet on one thing – with the sessions will come attacks to eliminate outdoor sports.

The U.S. Sportsmen's Alliance is sorting through thousands of bills to make sure that the sportsmen's community is prepared to fight those that impact sportsmen's rights. Based on trends the USSA has seen, sportsmen will likely find themselves defending dozens of issues in states from coast to coast. One of the easiest ways to make sure you are up to date on important issues is to join the USSA's free e-mail Network for weekly e-mail updates and news. Visit www.ussportsmen.org to register today.

Players Earn Honors, Sign Contracts

The South Suburban College Men's Baseball Team finished its season last weekend in Iowa with a 9-6 loss to Iowa Western, the eventual Midwest Champs. The Bulldogs, however, ended the 2007 season with another NJCAA Division I Region IV Championship and a record of 41-19. The SSC Baseball Team has now earned the Regional trophy for the fourth consecutive year, and five out of the last six.

Head Coach Steve Ruzich was presented with his sixth Regional Coach of the Year Award. Also included in his tenure are four Sectional titles and two trips to the JUCO World Series. His career record with the Bulldogs is now 778 – 415, with a .652 winning percentage.

"We had a great year with a pretty young team," said Coach Ruzich, whose team battled injuries all season long. "I am really proud of the way our players came together and played so well after a slow start."

Three of those players earned All-Region honors including: Ryan Goodman, RHP, Lake Central High School; James Williams, RHP, Bloom Trail High School; and Chris King, 1B, Lockport High School. Of those players, Goodman earned a scholarship to play for Wright State, Williams signed a letter of intent with St. Xavier University, and King is currently undecided while being heavily recruited.

In addition, Billy Murphy, a RHP out of Lake Central High School earned a scholarship to play for IU Southeast. Brett Summers, a RHP also out of Lake Central High, was drafted in the 28th Round by the Chicago Cubs in 2006 but has opted to play for Indiana State University.

The Bulldogs' starting center fielder for the past two years, David Berres of Mt. Carmel High School, has signed a contract with the Atlanta Braves and will begin his professional career at the highly regarded Braves' Single-A affiliate in Danneville, VA. Berres, who was picked in Round 30 by the Braves in 2006, was sidelined near the end of the regular season with a thumb injury. The Braves are flying him out to Atlanta to begin rehabilitation before he heads to Virginia.

Fifteen players under Ruzich's coaching at SSC have now signed professional baseball contracts including Rob Mackowiak of the Chicago White Sox, and 145 players have continued on to play for four-year college programs.

Urban Fishing Clinics

Youngsters can learn to fish and enjoy their time outdoors this summer by attending a free Illinois Dept. of Natural Resources (IDNR) Urban Fishing Clinic scheduled for 40 locations throughout the state. The IDNR also provides fishing opportunities to anglers of all ages through the popular Access to Fishing Initiative in which fishing gear can be borrowed at dozens of locations statewide.

The free Urban Fishing Program clinics are targeted toward children ages 16 and younger, but anyone interested in learning basic fishing techniques may attend.

Fishing clinic instructors present information on fish and other aquatic life, rules and regulations for fishing, as well as basic instruction on baiting a hook, tying a knot, casting, and how to handle and return fish to the water. As part of each clinic, participants are provided with rods, reels, bait and tackle for 90 minutes of catch-and-release fishing.

Urban Fishing Clinics are presented on weekdays during the late spring and summer months. In addition to the scheduled clinics, fishing clinics can also be arranged for scouts, seniors, civic clubs and groups with special needs.

The IDNR Access to Fishing program provides loaner fishing gear to anglers of all ages. The loan program provides the opportunity to borrow rods, reels and tackle packs. Participating loaner locations include many public libraries, park and forest preserve districts, bait shops, recreation departments and other locations. A list of sites offering access to fishing gear is available by checking the web site at www.ifishillinois.org or by phoning the IDNR Urban Fishing Program at (217) 782-6424.

Shepard Athletes Sign With Colleges

Shepard High School announced that 11 student-athletes will continue their playing careers in college starting next fall.

Varsity athletes who will play in college include Ashlee Anton (softball), DePauw University); Dana Eppley (track) St. Xavier University; Kayla Gilbert, (track), St. Xavier; Charnele Harris (basketball and volleyball), Elmhurst College); John Moriarty (football), Valparaiso University); Kyle Rathbun (baseball), Benedictine University; Mike Recchia (baseball), Eastern Illinois University; Wes Sewell (cross country), Moraine Valley; and, Tim Storrs (baseball), Oakton Community College.

Pictured are Shepard High School students who will continue their athletic careers in college starting next fall, left to right, (front) Wes Sewell, Kayla Gilbert, Dana Eppley, (second row) Charnele Harris, Ashlee Anton, Dana VanSyckle (third row) Mike Recchia, Keli McLaughlin, Tim Storrs, (top row) Kyle Rathbun and John Moriarty.

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Test Positive For West Nile Virus

Dr. Eric E. Whitaker, state public health director, announced recently that mosquito samples collected in Cook County have been confirmed as positive for West Nile virus.

The Illinois Dept. of Public Health (IDPH) was notified of the findings as part of its routine surveillance for West Nile virus. A positive mosquito sample each was collected on May 21st from the communities of Lincolnwood and Skokie.

Other positive mosquito samples collected this year were in DuPage County on May 7th and Tazewell County on May 11th.

In 2006, the first positive mosquito sample was reported on May 24th in DuPage County. Last year 77 of the state's 102 counties were found to have a West Nile positive bird, mosquito, horse or human case. A total of 215 human cases of West Nile disease, including 10 deaths, were reported last year in Illinois.

Surveillance for West Nile virus in Illinois began May 1st and includes laboratory tests on mosquitoes, dead crows, blue jays, robins and other perching birds as well as the testing of sick horses and humans with West Nile-like disease symptoms. Citizens who observe a sick or dying crow, blue jay, robin or other perching bird should contact their local health department, which will determine if the bird is to be picked up for testing.

West Nile virus is transmitted through the bite of a mosquito that has picked up the virus by feeding on an infected bird. Most people with the virus have no clinical symptoms of illness, but some may become ill three to 14 days after the bite of an infected mosquito. The first human case in Illinois is not usually reported until July or later.

Only about two persons out of 10 who are bitten by an infected mosquito will experience any illness. Illness from West Nile is usually mild and includes fever, headache and body aches, but serious illness, such as encephalitis and meningitis, and death are possible. Persons older than 50 years of age have the highest risk of severe disease.

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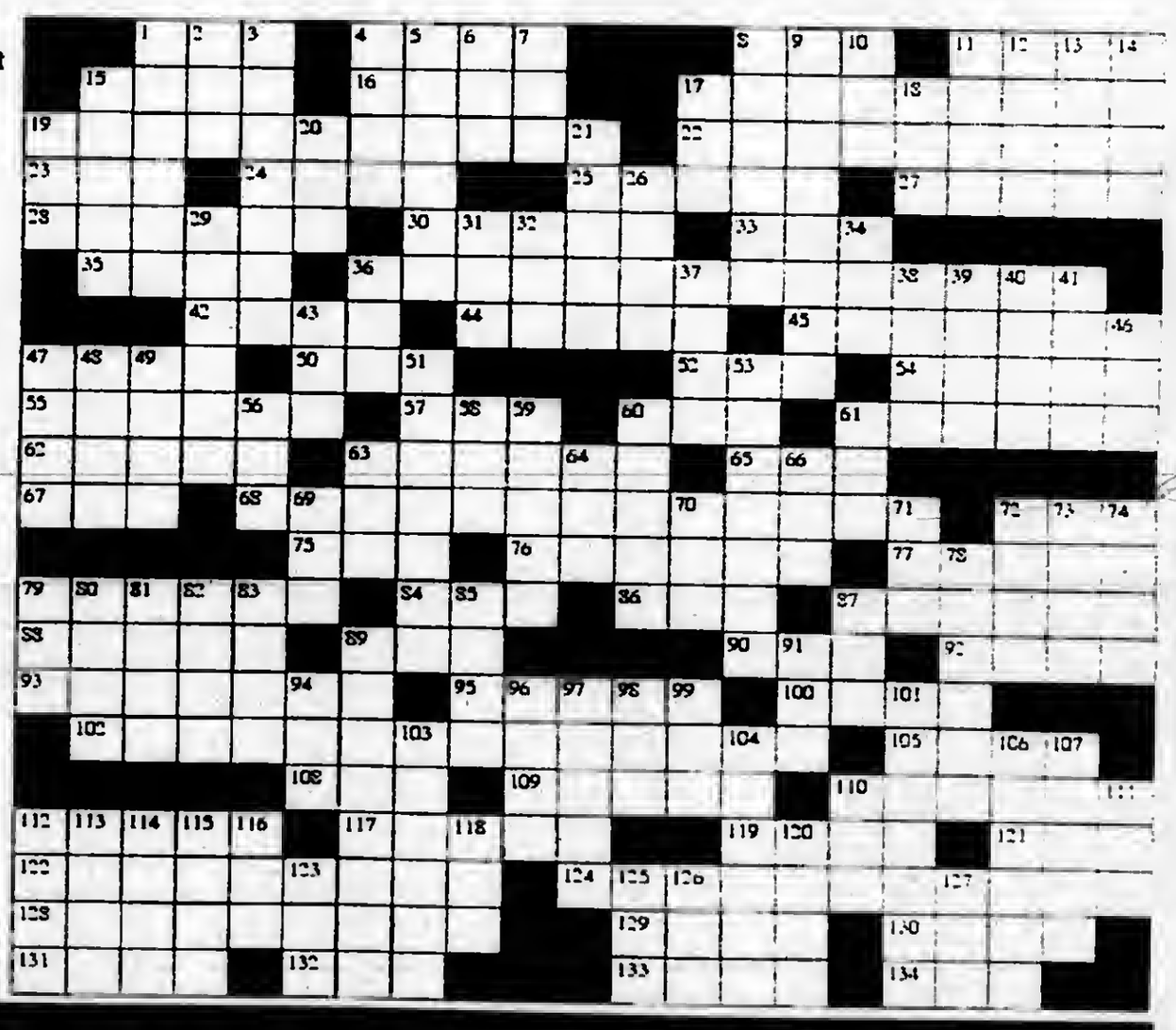

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Thoughts On Health & Nutrition

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YOUR SKIN CANCER PREVENTION PLAN IN THE SUN

Memorial Day has passed and we are on our way to summer! Which means...lots of sunshine and the possibility of sunburn. Statistics show that skin cancer is now the most common cancer in our country. Over a million Americans are diagnosed with skin cancer each year. And it is usually caused by direct exposure of your skin to the sun! Skin cancer is also the most preventable of all cancers. Protecting your skin daily, rather than just when you are at the beach or pool, can make all the difference. People often say "I don't lay out in the sun, so I don't have to worry about skin cancer." But during daylight hours, you are exposed to sun everywhere-- rain or shine. It can even come through the window of your car and your office! Over time, such bits of exposure add up.

Melanoma, the deadliest form of skin cancer, is the leading cancer among women ages 25 to 29 (current and former sun-worshippers) and is rising faster than all other cancers, according to SkinCancerNet, a division of the American Academy of Dermatology. Most skin cancer is easily detected, fortunately. It can be visualized by the trained eye of a dermatologist, and if caught early, it can be removed and cured.

WEAR YOUR SUNSCREEN

Dermatologists recommend wearing sunscreen *every day of the year* and reapplying it every two hours if you are outside. Fair-skinned people are at highest risk for damage, but Hispanics, Asians and African-Americans should wear sunscreen daily as well because they can still get skin cancer. Hats, sunglasses, and dark, tightly knit clothing will act as shields if worn correctly.

THERE ARE BENEFITS TO SUN EXPOSURE

Even as sunlight raises the risk of skin cancer, however, small doses can help prevent other cancers. It's a good source of vitamin D, which may play a role in preventing prostate cancer in men and lymphoma and colon cancers in both sexes. Several years ago, the University of California at San Diego published a review of over 60 articles which showed that getting 1000 International Units (IU) of vitamin D3 daily may reduce the risk of colon, breast, and ovarian cancer by half. Vitamin D3 is the most readily absorbed form of the vitamin.

Cereal, fish, and daily products are high in vitamin D. Add them to a daily supplement containing 400 to 800 IU of vitamin D3, and wear sunscreen, according to dermatologists, with an SPF of 30 or more that contains Parsol 1789, titanium dioxide, or zinc oxide, and you will be ensured of protection against both UVA and UVB light, which can both contribute to skin cancer.

FINAL ADVICE

Read the label on the back of your sunscreen bottle to confirm ingredients. Check the expiration date of the bottle as well, especially if you are using last summer's purchase! An expired product will *not* protect you against harmful rays *or* sunburn!

Visit a board-certified dermatologist yearly for a check-up. To get a list of dermatologists in your area, check with your local hospital.

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A healthy adult takes about 23,000 breaths a day.

Medications To Improve Health Could Be Detrimental To Oral Health

With the coming of warmer weather, millions of allergy sufferers will reach into their medicine cabinets for relief. They'll join the millions more who treat or manage a range of diseases with medications. From antihistamines to blood pressure regulators, many medications can cause side effects that negatively affect oral health.

"Modern medicines do some truly amazing things," said Max Anderson, DDS, a national oral health advisor for Delta Dental Plan Association. "However, it's important to make sure that all of the health professionals in your life, including your dentist, know about the medications you're taking so they can help you manage any side effects."

Xerostomia, known commonly as dry mouth, is listed as a side effect on more than 400 medications. Without adequate saliva flow, bacteria, plaque and the by-products they produce can accumulate in the mouth and make a person more vulnerable to gum disease and tooth decay.

Another effect of medications is gingival enlargement, a condition in which the gums become swollen and begin to grow over the teeth. Eventually, this overgrowth of gum tissue can cause a severe periodontal infection. Calcium channel blockers, sometimes used to control high blood pressure and other health issues, are just one category of medications that can cause overgrowth of gums. Monitoring and early intervention from dental and health professionals can reduce the likelihood of gingival enlargement in at-risk patients.

Oral health can be affected by other medication side effects. Some oral contraceptives and blood pressure control medications have been linked to oral sores and inflammation. One of the agents used in tetracycline, a medication used for acne treatment, can discolor teeth and the underlying bone. A number of medications, ranging from certain antibiotics to ibuprofen, can produce lesions or ulcers in the mouth that often disappear after a patient stops taking the medication.

Many cough drops, liquid medications and antacid tablets contain sugars and can leave behind a sticky residue on teeth, making them more susceptible to decay. Sugar in medications can be particularly problematic for children on long-term therapies for chronic medical conditions. Unable to swallow pills, many children receive medications in liquid form, often sweetened to make them more palatable.

Drugs affecting the central nervous system can negatively affect oral health When patients experience side effects such as fatigue, lethargy and motor impairment, it becomes more difficult for them to take care of their own oral health. In fact, adults, taking antidepressants and antihypertensives were found to have elevated levels of plaque and the clinical signs of gingivitis.

"It's important to tell your dentist about any prescription or non-prescription drugs you are using. They can help monitor your oral health and suggest ways to combat any of the possible side effects," said Dr. Anderson.

13th Annual Fitness Day

The Illinois Dept. of Public Health (IDPH), along with the Illinois Dept. of Human Services (IDHS), held its 13th annual Fitness Day on May 16th to encourage employees who spend most of their day in the workplace to be more physically active. Fitness Day is part of National Employee Health & Fitness Day held every third Wednesday in May.

"Adults who work full-time, especially those who spend most of their time behind a desk, get very little physical activity throughout the day. But without exercise and a proper diet, we face health consequences such as heart disease, diabetes, cancer, asthma and obesity," said Illinois Dept. of Public Health Director Dr. Eric E. Whitaker. "I want to encourage everyone, employers and employees alike, to make physical activity a priority in their lives."

The most recent physical activity statistics for Illinois show that more than half, 64 percent, of working Illinoisans mostly sit or stand during the workday. When asked if they get any exercise, 25 percent said no and 52 percent said they don't think they get enough exercise.

As part of Fitness Day, Dr. Whitaker is challenging all Illinois state agencies to be a part of the 3rd Annual Summer Physical Activity Challenge to help increase physical activity in the workplace. Participating employees will spend 12 weeks tracking either the number of steps or minutes of physical activity they accumulate on a daily basis. Twelve state agencies participated in the 2006 challenge and all together employees recorded more than 267 million steps and more than 1.5 million minutes of physical activity.

"Physical fitness is important to our overall health and well-being, so I am encouraging DHS staff to set an example by participating in this year's challenge," said IDHS Secretary Carol L. Adams, Ph.D. "Even though we work all day, there are still opportunities to get out from behind the desk and start walking; whether it is on a break or during the lunch hour everyone can find time to walk for a few minutes every day."

The importance of promoting work site wellness is recognized and listed as a National Goal in the federal document Healthy People 2010, which is the roadmap created by the U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services to improve our nation's health. Research from the Harvard University School of Public Health finds that moderate exercise, accumulated throughout the day, can lower risk of Type 2 diabetes by nearly 50 percent. A National Health Institute study shows increased physical activity was associated with a reduced risk for breast cancer in post-menopausal women and a Health Professionals Follow-up Study finds that regular vigorous activity could slow the progression of prostate cancer.

This year's Fitness Day included a volleyball tournament, one-mile and two-mile walk, Dance, Dance Revolution and a washers game.

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American Cancer Society Patient Navigation Services

Every day in Illinois, approximately 167 people will discover they have cancer. A diagnosis and subsequent battle against cancer requires that patients and families maneuver through a complex maze to access quality care, information and support services. Oftentimes, people feel as if they are battling the disease as well as "the system."

The American Cancer Society's Patient Navigation Services (PNS) provides comprehensive resources for any cancer-related concern, from medical or health care issues to insurance questions to requests for specific support or simple reassurance.

The Illinois Division's Patient Navigation Services has become a model for other Society divisions nationwide. Strategic expansion of the program into major Chicago hospitals and metropolitan health centers has driven the number of new patients served to more than 10,000

Below are the services PNS provides to Illinois cancer patients and their families:

Comprehensive Navigation Centers and Patient Resource Centers – a place where cancer patients and their families can meet face-to-face with a social worker to discuss questions and concerns about their diagnosis; i.e. insurance support, clinical trials, financial assistance, family counseling and treatment options.

Road to Recovery – provides cancer patients with transportation to and from treatments.

Look Good...Feel Better – helps women focus on restoring their inner and outer beauty by working with a licensed cosmetologist to help them cope with the side effects of chemotherapy and radiation treatments.

Support for Recovery – matches newly diagnosed patients with cancer survivors to help them cope with their diagnosis, treatment and recovery.

Reach to Recovery – similar to Support to Recovery, this program pairs breast cancer survivors with patients.

Wig Bank – supplies patients with free wigs, turbans, hats or prostheses.

Man to Man – one-on-one survivor-patient sessions for men facing prostate cancer.

Special Friends – pairs medical residents with young cancer patients and their siblings to provide a friend that understands the medical situation.

The Society's comprehensive Web site, www.cancer.org, provides a wealth of cancer-related information and the toll-free number, (800) ACS-2345, is staffed around the clock by Cancer Information Specialists.

Ticks And Disease Warning

Dr. Eric E. Whitaker, state public health director, is warning residents to take precautions against ticks and the disease they carry after an increased number of reports from the public to the Illinois Dept. of Public Health (IDPH).

Ticks live in and near wooded areas, tall grass and brush and, if infected, can spread various diseases, including ehrlichiosis, Lyme disease, Rocky Mountain spotted fever and tularemia. The ticks, often no bigger than a pin head, become active and can spread disease any time of the year when the temperature is 40 degrees Fahrenheit or more at ground level. Ticks, which have sticky pads on their feet, wait in ankle-high grass and other low vegetation for a human, a dog or another animal to pass by. Peak months for tick-borne diseases re June and July.

The best way to protect against tick-borne illnesses is to avoid tick bites by taking the following precautions:

Check your clothing often for ticks climbing toward open skin. Wear white or light-colored, long-sleeved shirts and long pants so the tiny ticks are easier to see.

Tuck long pants into your socks and boots. Wear a head covering or hat for added protection.

Apply insect repellent containing DEET (30 percent or less) to exposed skin (except the face). Be sure to wash treated skin after coming indoors. If you do cover up, use repellents for clothing containing permethrin to treat clothes (especially pants, socks and shoes) while in locations where ticks may be common. Follow label directions; do not misuse or over-use repellents.

Always supervise children in the use of repellents.

Walk in the center of trails so weeds do not brush against you.

"Tick Checks" are an important method of preventing tick-borne diseases. In areas where ticks may be present, be sure and check yourself, children and other family members every two to three hours for ticks. Most ticks seldom attach quickly and rarely transmit tick-borne diseases until they have been attached for four or more hours.

If you let your pets outdoors, check them often for ticks. Infected ticks also can transmit disease to them. (Check with your veterinarian about preventive measures against tick-borne diseases.) You are at risk from ticks that "hitch a ride" on your pets but fall off in your home before they feed.

Remove any tick promptly. Do not try to burn the tick with a match or cover it with petroleum jelly or nail polish. Do not use bare hands. The best way to remove a tick is to grasp it with fine-point tweezers as close to the skin as possible and gently, but firmly, pull it straight out. Do not twist or jerk the tick. If tweezers are not available, grasp the tick with a piece of cloth or whatever can be used as a barrier between your fingers and the tick. You may want to put the tick in a jar of rubbing alcohol labeled with the date and location of the bite in case you seek medical attention and your physician wishes to have the tick identified.

Wash the bite area and your hands thoroughly with soap and water, and apply an antiseptic to the bite site.

Keep your grass mowed and keep weeds cut around your home.

Know the symptoms of tick-borne disease and consult with your physician if you have a rash or unexplained fever with flu-like illness (without a cough) during the month following a tick bite – these can be symptoms of a tick-borne disease.

Yearly Health Exams A Must

Every two minutes a woman is diagnosed with breast cancer and one out of every 70 women will develop ovarian cancer within their lifetime. Many of these women can live long, healthy lives if the cancer is detected early enough.

In the U.S., breast cancer is the most common form of cancer and the second leading cause of cancer-related deaths among women. African-American women have the highest rate of death from breast cancer.

Schedule yearly exams with your doctor. A doctor who sees a patient on a regular basis can make the best recommendations for optimal health.

Women who are sexually active or are over the age of 21 should have a yearly Pap test and clinical breast exam. In addition, women over age 40 should have a mammogram annually. Talk to your doctor about a testing schedule that is right for you, especially if breast, ovarian or cervical cancer is in your family history. It is also important to perform a Breast Self Exam (BSE) each month around the same time.

Eat healthy, well-balanced meals. Consider portion size, especially when eating out. Drink six to eight glasses of water each day.

Engage in regular exercise. Exercise doesn't have to be an aerobics class; it can include washing the car, dancing, gardening, biking and walking.

Limit the amount of alcohol. Try to limit alcohol intake to no more than one drink per day.

The CCDPH Breast and Cervical Cancer Program provides mammography screenings, Pap smears and clinical breast exams for financially eligible suburban Cook County women. Women 35 years and older are eligible for cervical cancer screening services through CCDPH; women age 40 and over are eligible for both cervical and breast cancer screenings (mammography) through CCDPH. For more information on income guidelines and eligibility requirements, call (708) 450-5041.

For general information on health services, contact CCDPH at (708) 492-2000. Visit www.cookcountypublichealth.org. TDD for speech/hearing impaired is (708) 492-2002.

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Dr. Riba's Sedation Permit To Be Revoked

The Illinois Dept. of Financial and Professional Regulation (IDFPR) on May 24th issued its final order on the matter of the dental, controlled substance, and specialty licenses, as well as the sedation permit of Hicham Riba, D.D.S. Daniel E. Bluthardt, Director of the Division of Professional Regulation, signed an order indefinitely suspending the general dentistry license of Dr. Riba for a minimum of 18 months, the pediatric dentistry specialty license for at least three years, controlled substance license for at least five years and revoked the permit for Dr. Riba to sedate patients. The terms of these suspensions will be effective from the date of the summary suspension issued on Sept. 29, 2006. Director Bluthardt also ordered Dr. Riba to pay a fine of $10,000, the maximum allowed under the Dental Practice Act.

The Board of Dentistry had recommended a six-month suspension of Riba's general dentistry license, retroactive to the date of the initial summary suspension. Bluthardt instead accepted the recommendations of the Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) for a longer suspension of 18 months.

Bluthardt argues in his order that he is extending the suspension of his general dentistry license beyond the recommendations of the Board due to Riba's failure to ensure his staff was appropriately trained, his inaccurate record keeping, and his willingness to exceed the scope of his sedation permit. In addition to the order signed, Bluthardt filed a report with the Secretary of State and with the Board of Dentistry providing his reasons for disagreement with the Board's recommendations.

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Worth Township Boys Volleyball Tournament Winners

The Worth Township Youth Commission announced the winners of the Boys Volleyball Tournament. The 1st Place winner is The Hamlin School, 2nd Place the Sutherland School and 3rd Place the Sutherland School. The participants are boys from grades 4 – 8.

Donate Blood This June

To maintain an adequate blood supply, Heartland Blood Centers, an independent medical organization serving 35 hospitals in a 12-county region in Illinois and Indiana, urges all area residents to donate the gift of life this June at local blood drives and Heartland centers.

As a thank you for sharing your good health during the critical summer months, Heartland would like to once again treat you to ice cream! Heartland's center locations and select blood drives will be giving all donors in July and August a coupon for free ice cream.

Your summertime donation is extra special to us because about 26% of our blood supply is collected from high school and college students and when they are away for the summer, Heartland relies heavily on community members to continue donating to ensure an adequate supply for patients in need. Heartland greatly appreciates your generosity to give the gift of life during this busy season.

To be a blood donor, individuals must be at least 17 years old or 16 with written parental permission, weigh at least 110 pounds, be symptom-free of cold, flu and allergies, and be in general good health. Donors who have traveled outside the United States within the past 12 months should contact Heartland at 1-800-7TO-GIVE to determine eligibility.

On Sunday, June 3rd from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. a blood draw will be held at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 4660 W. 94th St. To schedule an appointment, call Christopher at (708) 448-6144. All donors will receive a coupon for a free quart of Oberweis ice cream.

On June 11th from 4 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. a blood draw will be held at the Calvin Christian Reformed Church, 101st and Central. To schedule an appointment, call (708) 342-9771. All donors will receive a coupon for a free quart of Oberweis ice cream.

"Light The Way Home" For Missing Children

Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich, along with members of the Illinois AMBER Alert Task Force, joined people throughout the state in observing May 25th, Missing Children's Day in Illinois.

In Illinois, an estimated 38,000 children are reported missing annually, with roughly 95% quickly located and returned safely home. Today, there are still slightly more than 2,000 children missing across the state.

May 25th has been observed as National Missing Children's Day since it was first proclaimed by President Ronald Reagan in 1983. This year, the 25th National Missing Children's Day highlighted a new campaign, "Take 25," to assist parents and others to teach children to be alert to potential threats and provide simple preventive steps that children can take to stay safe. "Take25" encourages families to take 25 minutes to talk with their children about safety and abduction prevention. A new web site, http://www.take25.org, has been established for the campaign that provides 25 safety tips and other information for parents, guardians, educators and the public.

"We know that teaching children about safety works. It is important that parents and others take the time to talk to their children about these issues. The new campaign is designed to provide information to make it easy for parents and others to teach their children about safety," said Ernie Allen, President and CEO of the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. "There is no better way to mark the 25th Missing Children's Day than to launch an initiative designed to empower children and help keep them safe."

"A missing child is every parent's worst nightmare, and IDOT always stands ready and able to help in any way," said IDOT Acting Secretary Milt Sees. "IDOT is able to quickly communicate with thousands of motorists through our statewide system of dynamic message boards and we are very proud to play a part in the AMBER Alert system."

Oak Lawn Writers Group

The Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St., sponsors three writers groups that meet year-round. There is a general interest group that meets the second and fourth Saturday of each month from 10 a.m. to noon. Writers interested in screenwriting meet the second Saturday of each month from 1 to 3 p.m. Writers who strive to sell their work meet the fourth Saturday of each month from 1 to 3 p.m. All three groups are intended for adults high school age and up. These informal meetings consist of readings, critiques and writing exercises. No registration is required.

If you would like to have more information, pleas feel free to call Linda Olsen, public relations officer at (708) 422-4990.

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Oak Lawn Chapter Of Aglow Meets

Rev. June Hamer

Rev. Linda DuPuy

The Oak Lawn Chapter of Aglow international will meet on Thursday, May 10 at Mama Luigi's Restaurant, 7500 S. Harlem, Bridgeview.

Rev. June Hamer and Rev. Linda DuPuy will speak & honor all mothers.

June is the mother of two daughters and is an ordained minister. After 54 years of marriage, she was recently widowed. She is active in Rejoice Ministries and is the Publicity and Prayer Chairwoman in this Aglow Lighthouse. She's in her seventh year of involvement with Boy Scouts and has been Mrs. Claus for the last 10 years. June helps out at Oak Lawn Community Church socials and as a Forester member, gives of herself by promoting fundraising and other activities. She also owned and ran her own business.

Linda is June's daughter, and is the mother of a daughter and son, and stepmother to two daughters. She and her husband of 28 years are raising a grandson and helping with other grandchildren. Linda is also an ordained minister, and is the Vice President of Public Relations in this Aglow Lighthouse. She is the President of the Harvey Branch of Foresters and is the Congregational Life Chairperson at Oak Lawn Community Church, as well as an ordained Elder. She loves music and is active in her choir and New Creations Band. After running her own business, Linda currently works several part time jobs.

Bring a friend to hear about how God has worked in the lives of one who has remained married and of one who was devastated by the death of her spouse.

Dinner tickets are $13 and will be available at the door at 6:30 p.m. Dinner is served promptly at 7 p.m.

For additional information call June at (708) 424-1656. Aglow International is an inter-denominational organization of renewed Christian women, with over 2,600 fellowships which regularly hold meetings, retreats, and conferences on six continents. Aglow holds bible studies and publishes leadership training materials, books, and tracts, reaching out to women in prisons and hospitals, teenage girls, with intercessory prayer groups, and support groups.

Aglow's mission is to lead women to Jesus Christ and provide an opportunity for Christian women to grow in their faith and minister to others.

Squiggles To Grins At Children's Museum

The Children's Museum in Oak Lawn will be giving a special preview of its Squiggles to Grins art classes at its Birthday Bash Event on June 9th.

The classes will be held at the museum on Tuesday mornings beginning on June 26th at 9 a.m.

The Squiggles to Grins classes will focus on 2 to 3 ? year olds – yes, that very active, curious, and impatient age will be challenged with a fast paced & fun combination of: Age-appropriate Art; Original Songs; Group Gross Motor Activity; Poetry; and Story-telling.

Each session will consist of 45 minute classes held once per week for four weeks.

Special introductory Cost per 4 week session is $40 for museum members, and $48 for non-members

In addition – after each session, the parent/child can stay to play for no additional charge! Call Mary Grant at (708) 233-6923 for more information.

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10825 LONG AVE	OAK LAWN	UNKNOWN	KELLEHER DANIEL J	KELLEHER DANIEL J
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9224 TRIPP AVE	OAK LAWN	UNKNOWN	MISSEY BRYANT T	MISSEY BRYANT T
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9416 S MAJOR AVE	OAK LAWN	UNKNOWN	STANDARD B&T CO TR	RADTKE KAREN M
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9724 KARLOV AVE	OAK LAWN	$124,000.00	GREAT LAKES TRUST CO TR	COZZIE ANTHONY
5920 W 88TH PL	OAK LAWN	$379,500.00	MATA JESUS R	WENC RYSZARD
9112 S RIDGELAND AVE	OAK LAWN	$300,000.00	AWAD TALEB	AWAD JAMAL

Veterans And Soldiers News

By Lori Taylor Ph: 708.388.2425

The American Legion and VFW members and their auxiliaries have been seen throughout the month of May on the street corners and at storefronts holding bouquets of poppies and soliciting funds for their annual poppy drive. You have probably read this poem many times, but I feel it is appropriate during this time of remembering those who died for our freedom.

In 1915, during the First World War, Lt. John McCrae witnessed the killing of his friend Lt. Alexis Helmer. In memory of his friend and all who died during the First World War he wrote "In Flanders Fields."

In Flanders Fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We live, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders Fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders Fields.

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Tammy Duckworth, Director of Veterans' Affairs, was recently honored in Washington, D.C. with the Hubert H. Humphrey Civil Rights Award. This is the civil rights community's highest honor. She was given the award for her long-standing public service, outstanding leadership and dedication to serving the country. Did you hear it on the news Monday night that she is considering running for Congress again?

She was one of the three recipients of the award; the other two were President Bill Clinton and Scholar John Hope Franklin.

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In 1965, Tom Lonze was a combat squad leader for the U.S. Marine Corps. That same year, Curtis Colin was a forward air controller for the U.S. Air Force, locating strike targets. Both men served in Da Nang during the Vietnam War.

They did not know one another then, but Lonze depended on Colin for air support, which very well may have saved his life, and Colin knew the Marines were counting on him.

Today, the two men work side by side as Veterans Employment Representatives for the Illinois Department of Employment Security at the Pilsen Workforce Center operated by Mayor Daley's Office of Workforce Development (MOWD) at 1657 S. Blue Island. Both men say their shared history provides each with a sense of mutual respect in working with each other and for helping fellow veterans of all ages.

Thanks to Colin and Lonze, 1,172 are currently registered to obtain employment assistance services through the Illinois Department of Employment Security's Illinois Skills Match program. Approximately 9 percent are women. Thousands more have received employment services.

Chicago is home to approximately 117,000 veterans, according to the Chicago Commission on Human Relations, which opened a Veterans Resource Center last February at 10 S. Kedzie. In the same building, MOWD operates the Garfield Workforce Center under the guidance of Center Director Leigh Diffay, a Vietnam vet and Veterans Employment Specialist.

The number of Pilsen Center sign-ups constantly changes as veterans obtain employment or as new veterans register, but Lonze estimates that 125 to 150 veterans seek services there each month.

In addition to providing career counseling to veterans, all of the centers teach basic job readiness and job search, resume writing, and interviewing skills. Beyond that, Colin and Lonze promote a special brand of self- promotion. "We teach them how to build a 30-second commercial on themselves," said Colin. "We encourage them to talk about their strengths in the military and as an employee. We teach them to talk about raises they received, promotions and why. We also teach them how to deal with the question that trips everyone up: 'Why do you think we should hire you?'"

To find out about employment services for veterans and/or to visit the nearest Chicago Workforce Center location, call (312) 746-7777. To register for support services provided by the City of Chicago Veterans Resource Center, call (312) 743-0703.

If you don't live near one of these centers, or are from the suburbs, I am sure if you call them they will direct you to the proper place to seek help.

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Good-bye until next week. God bless you and your family and God bless America.

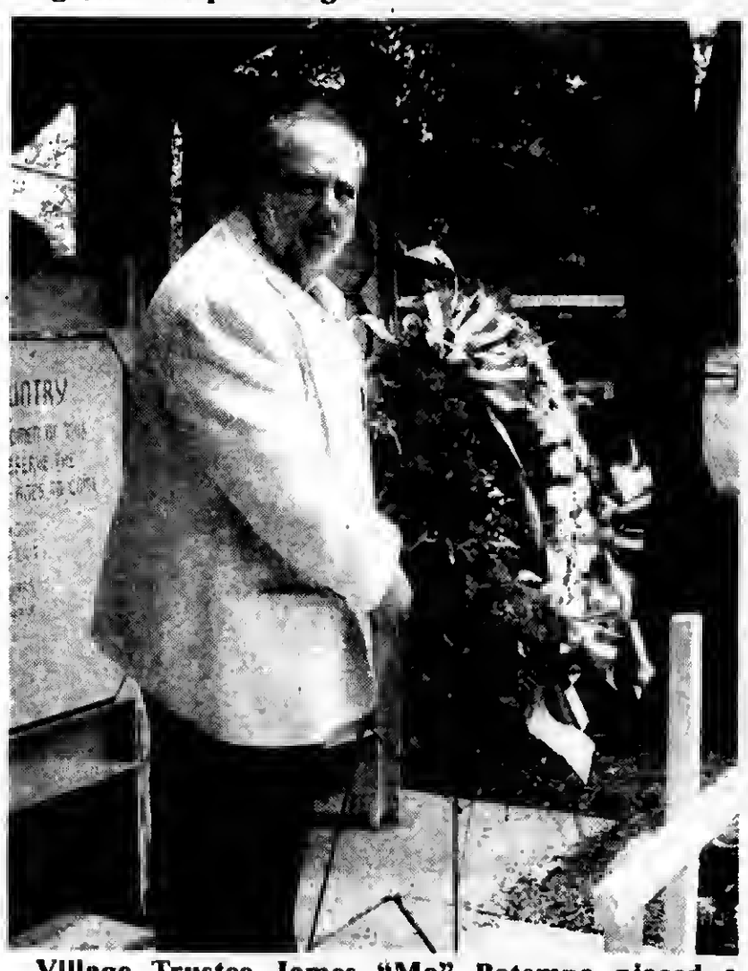
Memorial Day Services

Midlothian VFW Post 2580 and American Legion Post 691 held Memorial Day Services at Memorial Park, 145th and Sawyer Ave., Sunday, May 27th. Taking part in the solemn observance service are left to right: Jerry Gleason who placed a wreath for the American Legion and the Midlothian Park District; Casey Pluska, VFW quartermaster; Bill Burtner, past commander of VFW 2580; James Trevino, Commander of VFW Post 2580; Rich Krulac, VFW and Frank Bock, VFW Chaplain.

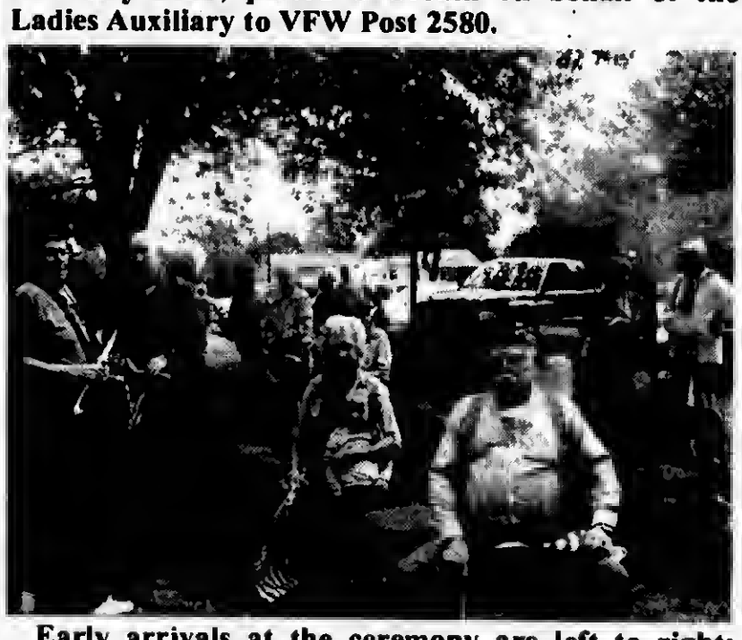
Rendering the 21-gun salute are members of the Milton Mager American Legion Post 691, from left to right: Mike McIntire, Ruben Pesina, Jerry Crittendon, Craig Miller and Paul Klimczak. To the far right is the Bugler, Art Schultz from VFW Post 2580.

The Midlothian VFW color guard led the short parade to the Memorial Plaque and posted the colors. They are left to right: Officer of the Day Paul Guerrero, Steve O'Brien, Rich Krulac, Dave "Joe" Lugo, and Ralph Walhgren

Barbara Nolan, conductress of the Midlothian VFW Auxiliary 2580, placed a wreath on behalf of the Ladies Auxiliary to VFW Post 2580.



Village Trustee James "Mo" Potempa placed a wreath at the Memorial Plaque on behalf of the Village of Midlothian.



Early arrivals at the ceremony are left to right: Frank Bock, chaplain of VFW Post 2580; Chuck Hillyer, a member of Post 2580 and a commissioner of the Midlothian Historical Society; Betty Preston (seated) a member of VFW Auxiliary 2580 and her great-granddaughter Julianna Nolan; Bill Helvey (seated), past 16th District VFW commander and past commander of VFW Post 2580.

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Rep. Murtha Named Porker Of The Month

Citizens Against Government Waste (CAGW) named Representative John Murtha (D-Pa.) the May Porker of the Month for throwing a temper tantrum and threatening his colleagues over a challenge to a $23 million pet project in the Intelligence Authorization Act for fiscal year 2008.

Rep. Murtha became infuriated by Rep. Mike Rogers' (R-Mich.) motion to challenge his earmark for the National Drug Intelligence Center (NDIC) in Johnstown, Pa. According to The Politico, Rep. Murtha, who is not on the Intelligence Committee but does chair the Defense Appropriations Subcommittee, confronted Rep. Rogers on the floor of the House and threatened to remove both any of his earmark requests in the defense appropriations bill and any other earmark "now and forever." Rep. Rogers responded, "This is not the way we do things here – and is that supposed to make me afraid of you?" To which Rep. Murtha arrogantly replied, "That's the way I do it!"

Rep. Murtha also assailed Rep. Todd Tiahrt (R-Kan.) for voting with Rep. Rogers against the NDIC during the Intelligence Committee markup of the bill. Rep. Murtha threatened a Boeing project in Rep. Tiahrt's district.

Rep. Rogers submitted a resolution charging that Rep. Murtha violated a House rule which forbids members from blocking earmarks based on how a colleague votes. The resolution seeks a formal reprimand from the House. Rep. Rogers said, "This is exactly why Americans are disgusted with out of control federal spending. In order to restore the faith of the American people in Congress, we must do better. We can't allow members to be threatened and intimidated when they stand up for hard-working taxpayers' money."

The Hill reported that Rep. Murtha also skirted the rules by submitting his required earmark certification late. The deadline was March 23, but Rep. Murtha's letter was only sent on May 1, the day before the bill mark up.

The Murtha outburst exemplifies how earmarks corrupt the legislative process. The NDIC, which is funded through the Drug Enforcement Administration, was cited last year by the House Government Reform Committee as "an expensive and duplicative use of scarce federal drug enforcement resources." CAGW's 2007 Prime Cuts and the President's budget both recommended that the NDIC should be eliminated. But it will probably be funded, not based on merit, but out of fear of Rep. Murtha's power as an appropriations cardinal.

Rep. Murtha sees Congress as a place where threats and power plays control spending decisions. While pushing the pork-filled 2006 defense appropriations bill through the House last year, Rep. Murtha unleashed his money-hungry wrath upon his colleagues, "If you vote against this bill, you won't have any input at all the next time." The congressman barrels through legislation while inserting whatever he can to serve himself and his district. Since 2005, Rep. Murtha has obtained a total of $26,877,250 in pork.

Rep. Murtha claims that when submitting an earmark he asks, "Is this worthwhile not only to your district but to the country?" However, it is difficult to ascertain what the country gets out of pork projects such as the $194,000 he secured for the construction of a new community center in Green County, Pa. in 2005.

For filling important intelligence and defense bills with pork and threatening anyone that challenges his authority and arrogance, CAGW names Rep. John Murtha its May 2007 Porker of the Month.

Citizens Against Government Waste is the nation's largest nonpartisan, nonprofit organization dedicated to eliminating waste, fraud, abuse, and mismanagement in government. Porker of the Month is a dubious honor given to lawmakers, government officials, and political candidates who have shown a blatant disregard for the interests of taxpayers.

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Welcome Relay For Life Participants

Fifteen years ago, the first American Cancer Society Relay For Life event was held in Illinois. For those involved in Relay For Life it is more than just an event, it is an experience - a life-affirming opportunity to share hope with cancer survivors, caregivers and other supporters in the fight against cancer.

While participants in the American Cancer Society Relay For Life of Tinley Park applaud the successes made over the last 15 years, they are also busy getting ready to welcome teams, cancer survivors, community supporters and the general public to this year's event that is being held from 2 p.m. on June 2nd until 6 a.m. on June 3rd at Tinley Park High School.

Relay For Life brings together the community in the fight against cancer. Armed with comfortable shoes and an array of supplies needed for their overnighter, young and old alike will use the illuminated path to guide their feet and hearts as they walk around the clock. Throughout the night, teams of local businesses, schools, churches, community groups and families designate at least one team member at a time to walk or run on the track.

Relay For Life starts with local cancer survivors uniting to walk the first lap of the event. Then, the survivors are joined by family, friends and co-workers who have helped them through their battle with cancer.

A Luminaria Ceremony will be held after dark to honor cancer survivors and those who have lost their battle against cancer. Luminaria, bags filled with sand and a candle that bear the names of those being honored, line the track and continue to burn throughout the night to remind participants of the incredible importance of their contributions. Luminaria are available for purchase on-line at www.acsevents.org/relay/il/tinleypark or by calling Marshawn Brown at (708) 633-7770.

According to the Illinois Department of Public Health, more than 61,000 Illinois residents, or 168 Illinoisans a day, will be diagnosed with cancer this year and approximately 26,000 will die from the disease. In Cook County alone, more than 121,000 will be diagnosed and nearly 53,000 will die from cancer. Lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer related death in Illinois, followed by colon and rectal cancer.

As the American Cancer Society's signature fundraiser, Relay For Life helps fund programs such as Road to Recovery, a program that provides cancer patients with transportation to and from treatments; Look Good...Feel Better, which focuses on the inner and outer beauty of women going through chemotherapy and radiation treatments; Wig Bank, that offers free wigs, turbans and other head gear; Support for Recovery, which matches newly diagnosed patients with cancer survivors to help them cope with their diagnosis, treatment and recovery. Relay For Life also helps support the Society's Patient Navigation Services, which offers a place where cancer patients and their families can meet face-to-face with a social worker to discuss questions and concerns about diagnosis including subjects such as insurance support, clinical trials, financial assistance, family counseling and treatment.

For 15 years, Relay For Life of Illinois has been celebrating cancer survivors while honoring those in the community who lost their battle with cancer. For more information on how to get involved in Relay For Life, contact the American Cancer Society at (708) 633-7770 or visit www.acsevents.org/relay/il/tinleypark.

The American Cancer Society is dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by saving lives, diminishing suffering and preventing cancer through research, education, advocacy and service. The Illinois Division has more than 120,000 volunteers and staff fighting cancer in the state. For the most up-to-date cancer related information and to join the fight against cancer, call 1-800-ACS-2345 or visit www.cancer.org.

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Plans To Disenfranchise Chicago Local School Councils

An analysis released recently by South Side United Local School Council Federation indicates that the Chicago Board of Education's attack on Local School Council authority eliminates the voice of the largest concentration of African American, Latino and Asian elected officials in the nation. Outside Chicago, the state's 900 school boards are 93% white, the analysis shows.

"Research proves that an effective LSC is one component of those Chicago elementary schools that have substantially raised achievement," said Eben Credit, co-chair of South Side United and a member of the Julian High School Local School Council. "A recent study indicates that 83% of principals believe that LSCs contribute to school improvement. But it appears that the Chicago Board's slogan is 'If it ain't broke, break it'."

Arthur Berman and Miguel del Valle, two former chairs of the Illinois Senate Education Committee, have come out against any changes in the current system. City Clerk del Valle is opposing the plan to disenfranchise the parents and neighbors who voted for our current LSC members, even though del Valle was appointed by the mayor and ran for office as part of his team," said Eric Outten of South Side United.

Chicago's LSCs include about 2,150 African Americans, 1,250 Latinos, and 400 Asians who oversee schools serving nearly 400,000 students. "The proposals that the mayor and Board of Education have been shopping around with legislators would critically weaken the links between the schools and communities when we need everyone to work together to improve our schools and radically decrease violence," said Outten.

"Our analysis, which uses data from the Illinois Assn. of School Boards, indicates that in the rest of Illinois, the 900 school boards are made up of about 5,600 whites, but only 160 African Americans, 90 Latinos, and 130 Asians and others," said Outten. "The tiny number of African American, Latino, and Asian school board members in the rest of the state is far lower than the student enrollment by race and ethnic group in these school districts," said Outten.

"In 1988, the Chicago Board appointed all the principals," said Al Rogers, another South Side United member, "and the school system was considered one of the worst in the nation." More recently, the Central Board has assumed control in schools placed on probation, but the achievement gains of these schools are small and achievement remains very low. Clearly, these schools need help, but the central administration hasn't helped them. In contrast, the schools with the most active LSCs have tended to choose effective principals and have shown the greatest achievement gains."

"We think that a major reason that the Board wants control of principal selection is to be able to dish out 560 four-year principal contracts that are worth more than $500,000 each in salary and benefits," said Rogers, who is also a member of the Morrill Elementary School LSC and Gage Park High School LSC. "Why would you hand more control over to the School Board and mayor, when three of the mayor's closest aides have just been convicted of rigging the hiring process at City Hall?"

"The new Chief of Staff for the Board Chair, Steve Washington, has said that the Board wants to put the Central Board in the driver's seat in selecting principals and will do it in the remaining days of the General Assembly, if they think they can pull it off," said Rogers. "The Chicago Board won't try to abolish LSCs. If they think they can get away with it, they will make small critical changes that gut our authority, like having the LSC submit three names of principal candidates, with the central administration making the final decision. Or the Board will have an LSC's principal renewal decisions they don't like reviewed by one of the school system's 'independent hearing officers.' However, the catch is that the 'independent hearing officers' are not independent. They are paid consultants to the Board's law department and never go against what the Board wants."

"South Side United is a coalition of active LSC members, parents and educators dedicated to improving schools on the south side through local leadership and educational improvement," said Marianne Bly, co-chair of South Side United and a member of the LSCs at Gallistel Language Academy and Washington High School.

Madigan's Bill To Combat Internet Child Pornography Passes House Committee

Attorney General Lisa Madigan recently said Illinois is well on its way to becoming the first state to establish a database that her office and other law enforcement could employ to track down and prosecute child pornographers.

Senate Bill 697, sponsored by Sen. A.J. Wilhelmi (D-Joliet) and Rep. Esther Golar (D-Chicago), was passed unanimously by the Illinois House of Representatives Judiciary Committee.

Senate Bill 697 features five key components:

It requires persons convicted of child exploitation offenses to provide their Internet Protocol (IP) addresses to law enforcement upon conviction.

It requires persons convicted of child exploitation offenses to register their IP addresses as part of the information provided to the sex offender registry.

It also requires that offenders on parole or monitored supervised release must consent to law enforcement searches of any computers, personal digital assistants (PDAs), cellular phones and other devices that are under their control and are capable of accessing the Internet or storing electronic files. Under the provisions of SB 697, these searches are authorized only to allow law enforcement to verify the offender's IP address and ensure compliance with other parole conditions.

SB 697 establishes the Illinois Cyber-Crime Location Database (ICLD) and authorizes the Attorney General to collect, store and use IP addresses to investigate and prosecute child pornographers.

SB 697 creates the offense of aggravated child pornography for those who possess, manufacture or distribute child pornography involving children under the age of 13.

The measure now moves to the full House for passage.

An IP address consists of a unique string of numbers assigned by an Internet provider to identify a particular Internet Account's entry point onto the Internet for the exchange of data. When an Internet user sends content via the Internet, that content carries with it the user's IP address. As a result, law enforcement investigators who obtain child pornography transmitted via the Internet may be able to determine the IP address used to send that pornography and follow the IP address directly to the specific Internet Account used to download or exchange the child pornography.

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With soaring gas prices squeezing many household budgets, AAA is helping consumers with tips on how to save gas.

When fuel prices rise to new record levels, motorists have an understandable interest in finding out why, and need information on what they can do to stay within the family budget, according to AAA.

To help consumers make better decisions regarding their fuel consumption AAA began posting localized, up-to-date fuel information on the Internet in 2000, and now has two Web sites devoted to fuel issues as well as other online tools for consumers.

Perhaps the best known site is AAA's Daily Fuel Gauge Report, www.aaafuelgaugereport.com. That site – a natural extension of the reports AAA has issued in some form since the 1970s – averages prices paid at 100,000 gas stations across the country and posts national, state and local averages daily for each of the major grades of gasoline.

AAA Fuel Cost Calculator, www.aaafuelcostcalculator.com, helps users understand and budget for the amount of fuel they are likely to use on a long-distance trip. After entering the trip's origin and destination, and the type of vehicle being driven, the site calculates the miles driven, the amount of fuel that will be used and the cost. It also can tell motorists the difference in fuel costs for various vehicles, helping them to determine which vehicle is most cost-effective to drive.

Earlier this year, AAA enhanced its online trip-planning tool, TripTik Travel Planner found at www.AAA.com, with location and fuel pricing information for more than 100,000 U.S. gas stations. Using the planner, travelers can note the locations of convenient fuel stops along their vacation-driving route.

AAA provides fuel-saving tips and advice to consumers through many local AAA club Web sites, www.AAA.com, as well as on its AAA Exchange site, www.AAA.com/publicaffairs, which includes fuel conservation information in a downloadable brochure titled AAA Gas Watcher's Guide."

Some tips from the guide include:

- Stick to a routine maintenance schedule. Keeping tires inflated, moving components properly lubricated and ignition and emission systems operating properly will help ensure maximum fuel efficiency and extend the life of your vehicle.
- If you own more than one vehicle, use the more energy-conserving vehicle as often as possible.
- Consolidate trips and errands to cut down on driving time and miles traveled. When possible, combine them with your daily commute.
- If you are going somewhere new, get a map first from an online source such as AAA TripTik, www.AAA.com. Getting lost wastes gas as well as time.
- Comparison shop by phone or online if possible before heading out on the road.
- Slow down. For most vehicles, fuel economy drops off significantly when traveling more than 60 miles per hour. As a rule of thumb, you can assume that each 5 mph you drive over 60 mph is like paying an additional 20 cents per gallon for gas.
- Avoid quick starts and sudden stops. They waste fuel, are harder on vehicle components and increase the odds of a traffic crash.
- Lighten your vehicle by cleaning out the trunk, cargo areas and passenger compartments. A heavier vehicle uses more fuel.
- Keep your eyes open for low fuel prices but don't waste gas driving to a distant filling station to save a few cents.

Large Number Of Identity Theft Is Relative Or Friend

In more than 60 percent of identity theft cases, a person's identity is stolen by a friend, relative or acquaintance, an unprecedented study by a Saint Xavier University professor has found.

Performing a kind of financial CSI, University researchers analyzed a sampling of nearly 30,000 "cold cases" of identity theft that occurred between 2000 and 2006 and were provided by the Chicago Police Department.

The Institute for Fraud Prevention funded the study, which was directed by William Kresse, assistant professor in Saint Xavier University's Graham School of Management and director of its graduate program in financial fraud examination and management. Kathleen Watland, assistant professor in the Graham School of Management, was also a researcher on the study.

"This has been a fascinating view into the mind of the identity thief," Kresse said. "While some results were expected, many were quite surprising."

Among the study's findings:

One in six identity theft cases were the result of a purse snatching, pick-pocketing, burglary or robbery. In less than 5 percent of the cases, the identity was stolen through the mail; Identity theft is an equal opportunity crime – it occurs fairly evenly across income levels; and The most popular use (more than 25 percent) of a victim's stolen identity was to acquire a credit card or to perpetrate some other credit card fraud. Kresse noted that acquiring a cell phone is an easy way for identity thieves and con artists to establish credibility to perpetrate other frauds.

Despite living in the age of high tech, computers and the Internet were used in less than 5 percent of the cases studied to steal a victim's identity.

"In spite of technological advances, we still find old-school methods to be preferred for identity theft," said John Lucki, a sergeant in the Chicago Police Department's financial crimes investigations section. Lucki assisted in researching the study and teaches in Saint Xavier's financial fraud examination and management program, which he helped design. "Information management, protection and security are the keys to protecting your financial identity, whether as an individual consumer or a business entity."

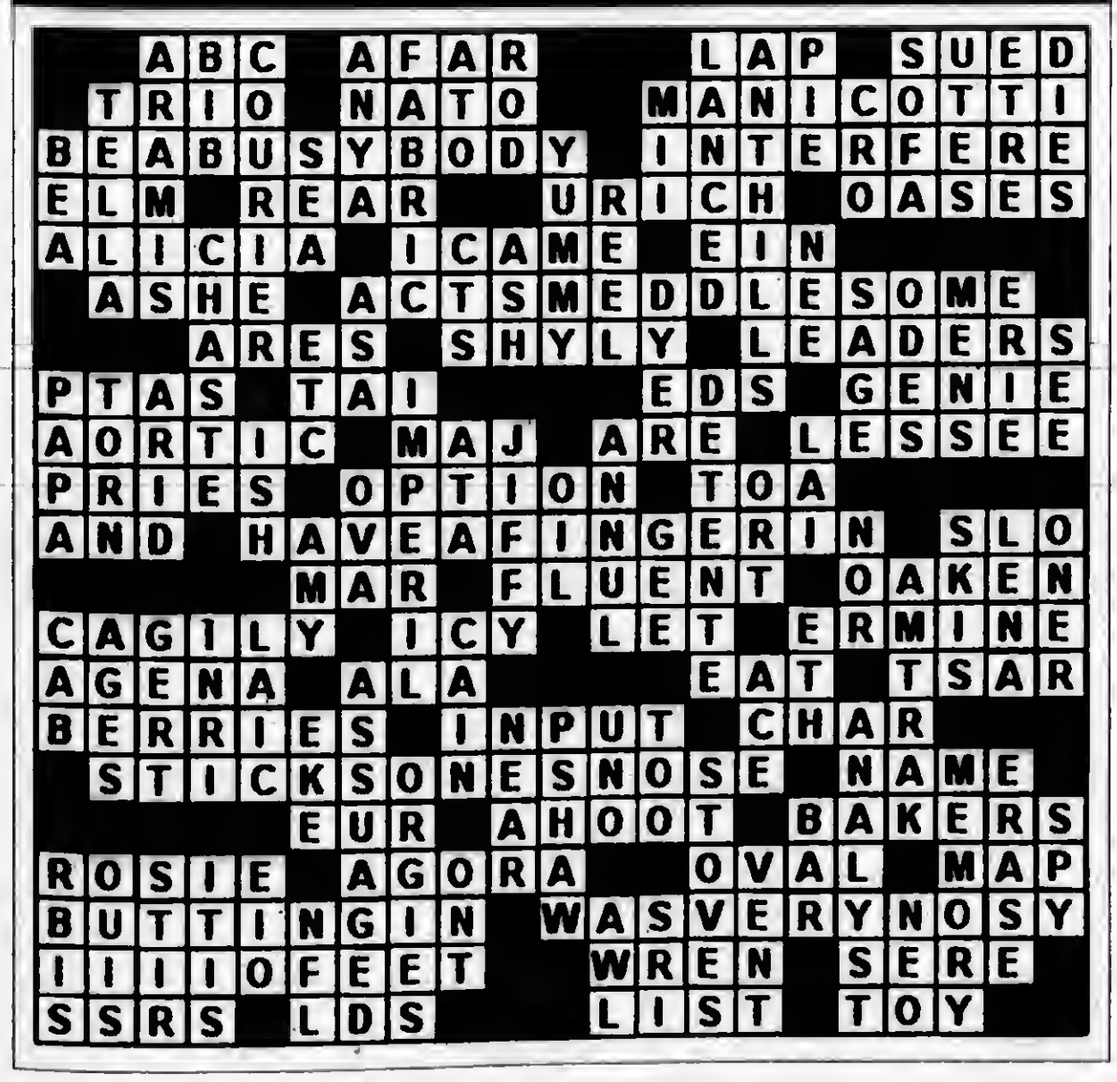
Victims of identity theft are usually younger adults, especially those between the ages of 20 and 44; and Women and African Americans are overrepresented as victims of identity theft. Hispanics, senior citizens, children and teenagers are underrepresented as victims of identity theft.

Saint Xavier University's financial fraud examination and management program is the country's only classroom-based MBA program in financial fraud examination and identity theft. The program combines elements of law enforcement, law, accounting and general business education.

After a nationwide search, the U.S. Air Force Office of Special Investigations chose Saint Xavier's program to train its special agents to detect procurement fraud. The Chicago Police Department, the second largest police force in the country, has also chosen Saint Xavier's program to train its officers in financial fraud and identity theft.

Kresse is chair of the higher education committee of the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners (ACFE), and international organization. He is also an attorney, a certified public accountant, certified fraud examiner and certified forensic accountant, and a consultant in the areas of tax, probate, real estate, commercial litigation, criminal appeals, estate planning, and small business. He is an arbitrator with the Circuit Court of the Cook County Arbitration Program, and an election attorney for the Chicago Board of Election Commissioners.

Solution To This Weeks Puzzles



Fraudulent Use Of Name In Harmful Phishing Emails

The Better Business Bureau System would like to warn all businesses across the United States of renewed fraudulent Phishing emails using the BBB name and false BBB e-mail addresses to entice recipients to access potentially damaging hyperlinks and download viruses through attachments.

The attacks have not affected the computer system of any BBB nor have any of their data been compromised. As with most other Phishing attacks, the perpetrators have attempted to pose as a respected business to gain the confidence of Phishing victims in attempt to make them open and download potentially harmful documents and viruses. The BBB is working with authorities to thwart these malicious attacks.

President & CEO Steve J. Bernas reminds, "That a genuine e-mail from us will contain a first initial and last name of the person sending it along with Chicago.bbb.org." In addition, Bernas said, "The last scam of this type used the address of (any numerals) @bbb.org and had a Trojan.Dropper with an executable file (.exe) in an attempt to open back-doors in the computers of the people who tried to open the file. Our BBB never sends .exe files. Most computer viruses are spread via .exe files and therefore should be suspected and not opened. The BBB Task Force is still attempting to determine which doors and for what purpose this was being done."

All recipients are advised that any e-mail from the consumer-complaints or (numerals) @bbb.org address is not coming from the BBB and should be considered counterfeit. The BBB strongly encourages recipients of any such message to delete the message immediately. To date, the Phishing attack has primarily affected businesses – recipients have accessed the counterfeit message through a business e-mail account.

The U.S. Secret Service's Electronic Crimes Task Force (ECTF), is active on the investigation, and is pursuing IP addresses used. Please continue to directly report instances of the Phishing attack to Special Agent Casey Stumpf, U.S. Secret Service/ECTF at (202) 406-8800.

If you have received an email which you deem may be illegitimate, do not open or download its attachments. Instead, forward any such email directly to the BBB at info@chicago.bbb.org so that further action may be taken.

The Phishing e-mail return address of (any numerals) does not exist and is being "spoofed." Spoofing occurs when an e-mail address is altered to appear as if the message originated from a legitimate source. This is a common practice for both spam e-mail and Phishing operations. The BBB does not use any departments in their addresses. It will always be from a BBB location, such as Chicago.bbb.org. It will never include a descriptive word before bbb.org, such as operations.bbb.org or complaint@bbb.org.

Phishing is a term coined by computer hackers, who use e-mail to fish the Internet hoping to "hook" recipients into giving their logins, passwords and/or other sensitive information. In all these scams, the Phisher first impersonates a legitimate company. In a typical scam, the phisher instructs recipients to click on a convenient link to receive or provide information that can then be used by phishers to access the recipient's sensitive personal or business information. For more information about Phishing and for tips to avert other scams, visit www.chicago.bbb.org

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Letter To The Editor

Editor:

In theory, an earlier Presidential Primary in Illinois will boost voter interest, registrations and turnout. However, as election administrators, we see the need to set earlier candidate-filing deadlines so that there is sufficient time to prepare the balloting apparatus.

In 2006, Illinois introduced Early Voting for those who want to cast ballots when and where they want, starting 22 days before the election. That year, Illinois also introduced Grace Period Voting, for those who need to register after the traditional cutoff, starting 28 days before the election. These were welcome reforms, but they essentially moved the election process ahead by a month without a change in the candidate-filing schedule.

What few have noticed is that if we move our primary to Feb. 5, 2008, Illinoisans will be casting ballots through Early Voting on Jan. 14th and Grace Period Voting on Jan. 9th – all weeks ahead of the Iowa caucuses!

With more attention focused on Illinois as a high-profile election, we cannot afford a timetable that forces a last-minute scramble to program and test election equipment. The Presidential primary ballot is one of the longest and most complex. One court case could affect ballots across multiple counties or the entire state.

Additionally, this schedule needs to be fair to other electoral participants. For Grace Period and Early Voting to be viable options, the voters, civic groups and editorial boards need time to know who is on the ballot and where the candidates stand. Last-minute changes threaten to disenfranchise voters who use the Grace Period or Early Voting options.

Our concern is that candidates currently would file for office in November. In order to print absentee ballots by late December and settle the other ballots by early January, there would be little more than a month to handle any objections and court cases – all during weeks that include Thanksgiving, Hanukkah, Christmas and New Year's Day. This is unfair to the many participants and increases the probability of balloting crises in our state.

We share the enthusiasm for moving Illinois into a mix of states that are likely to decide our presidential nominations. With the whole world watching, though, we need to adjust the front-end of the election schedule to better accommodate Grace Period Voting and Early Voting. That starts by changing state laws to set the deadlines 28 days earlier; nominating petitions by Oct. 8th and objections by Oct. 16th.

Sincerely,

Langdon D. Neal, Chairman, Chicago Board of Election Commissioners; David D. Orr, Cook County Clerk; Robert T. Saar, Executive Director, DuPage County Election Commission; Willard R. Helander, Lake County Clerk; Katherine C. Schultz, McHenry County Clerk; Carole A. Holtz, Executive Director, Aurora Election Commission

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION LASALLE BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, TRUSTEE, Plaintiff, vs SANDRA J. PHELAN; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR BNC MORTGAGE INC.; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF SANDRA J PHELAN, IF ANY; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants, 06 CH 22557
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on 3/7/2007, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, June 18, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property: P.I.N. 28-15-116-013. Commonly known as 15423 Kilpatrick Ave., Oak Forest, IL 60452.
The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence with a detached garage. Sale terms: 25% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, as successor in interest to Long Beach Mortgage Company, by operation of law, Plaintiff, vs. JACEK KULACH and CAMBRIDGE IN THE HILLS CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, Defendants 06 CH 26430
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of the above Court entered in the above entitled cause on February 7, 2007, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on July 12, 2007 in its office at One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, Illinois 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate. Unit Number 1-D in the Cambridge in the Hills Condominium, as delineated on a survey of the following described real estate: Permanent Index Number: 18-35-407-091-1003 Commonly known as 8100 West 87th St., Unit 1D, Hickory Hills, Illinois
The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was $106,400.45 Sale terms: The bid amount shall be paid in cash immediately by the highest and best bidder at the conclusion of the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
The purchaser of a condominium unit at a judicial foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, who takes possession of a condominium unit pursuant to a court order or a purchaser who acquires title from a mortgagee shall have the duty to pay the proportionate share, if any, of the common expenses for the unit which would have become due in the absence of any assessment acceleration during the 6 months immediately preceding institution of an action to enforce the collection of assessments, and which remain unpaid by the owner during whose possession the assessments accrued. If the outstanding assessments are paid at any time during any action to enforce the collection of assessments, the purchaser shall have no obligation to pay any assessments which accrued before he or she acquired title.
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.
For information: contact Plaintiff's Attorney Heavner, Scott, Beyers & Mihlar 111 E Main St. Suite 200 PO Box 740 Decatur Illinois 62525 (217) 422-1719 ext. 23. Note: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that the Law Firm of Heavner, Scott, Beyers & Mihlar is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I37778

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION HSBC BANK USA Plaintiff, -v.- GRZEGORZ GRALAK, et al Defendant 06 CH 11324 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on March 14, 2007, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on June 29, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate. Commonly known as 8908 OLYMPIC DRIVE, Bridgeview, IL 60455 Property Index No. 24-06-107-007-0000
The real estate is improved with a 1 story single family brown and white brick home with attached 2 car garage. The judgment amount was $228,931.82. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information: Visit our website at http:\\service.atty-pierce.com between the hours of 3 and 5 pm. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602. Tel No. (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number PA0605458. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE I37733

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION DRAPER AND KRAMER MORTGAGE CORPORATION Plaintiff, -v.- DEBORAH LYNN FLANAGAN A/K/A DEBORAH L. FLANNIGAN A/K/A DEBORAH LYNN FLANNIGAN, et al Defendants 06 CH 5474 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on May 30, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on June 21, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 13952 WATERBURY DRIVE #802, Crestwood, IL 60445 Property Index No. 28-04-301-019-1044
The real estate is improved with a condominium. The judgment amount was $10,740.63. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the saleThe property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department.. Please refer to file number 14-06-3348. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE, IL 60527 (630) 794-0878 Attorney File No.: 14-06-3346 ARDC# 00468002 Attorney Code. 21762 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I38800

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION NATIONAL CITY MORTGAGE COMPANY Plaintiff, -v.- ERIC J. TOLLSTAM, et al Defendant 06 CH 7195 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on July 17, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on July 2, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate. Commonly known as 9140 MASSASOIT AVENUE, Oak Lawn, IL 60453 Property Index No. 24-05-401-023-0000
The real estate is improved with a brick one story house with a two car detached garage.
The judgment amount was $182,004.53. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4)
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information: Visit our website at http:\\service.atty-pierce.com between the hours of 3 and 5 pm. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602. Tel No. (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number PA0602901. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE I39208

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC Plaintiff, vs. CHRISTOPHER L. LACY, SR., UNKNOWN TENANTS, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants, 06 CH 9339 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on June 22, 2006, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, July 2, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 716A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 13710 Kedvale, Robbins, IL 60472. P.I.N. 28-03-212-036.
The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
For information call Mr. James A. Larson, at Plaintiff's Attorney, Larson & Associates, P.C., 230 West Monroe Street, Chicago, Illinois 60606. (312) 422-0057. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I38788

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION US BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE: Plaintiff, vs. FUAD SAFI AKA FUAD A. SAFI; LINDA SAFI; SAUD SAFI; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR EQUIFIRST CORPORATION; Defendants, 06 CH 23149 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on February 7, 2007 Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, July 2, 2007 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 12400 S. 44th Ct., Alsip, IL 60803. P.I.N. 24-27-308-019. The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
For information call Ms. Lisa M. Dudek at Plaintiff's Attorney, Kropik, Papuga and Shaw, 120 South LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois 60603. (312) 236-6405. 37166 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I38807

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION AMERICAN HOME MORTGAGE SERVICING, INC. Plaintiff, -v.- RICHARD M. ALVARADO, SR. A/K/A RICHARD ALVARADO, SR., et al Defendant 06 CH 18409 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on March 20, 2007, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on June 22, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate. Commonly known as 9722 S. 51ST AVENUE, Oak Lawn, IL 60453 Property Index No. 24-09-215-031, Property Index No. 24-09-215-032. Property Index No. 24-09-215-033
The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was $235,760.17. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9676 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department.. Please refer to file number 14-06-A767 THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I38614

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION WELLS FARGO BANK, NA. Plaintiff, -v.- STEPHAN BORVAN A/K/A STEVE BORVAN, et al Defendants 06 CH 7284 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on March 28, 2007, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on July 2, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 11637 SOUTH MERRION LANE, Marrionette Park, IL 60803 Property Index No. 24-23-409-023-0000
The real estate is improved with a single family 1 story house with tan brick construction, 2 car garage. The judgment amount was $217,719.24. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE FOR ENCORE CREDIT RECEIVABLES TRUST 2005-2 Plaintiff, -v.- JAMES M. BLOKEL A/K/A JAMES BLOKEL, et al Defendant 06 CH 23992 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 13, 2007, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on June 21, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 15101 LACROSSE AVENUE, Oak Forest, IL 60452 Property Index No. 28-16-215-036 The real estate is improved with a single family residence.
The judgment amount was $190,232.20. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department.. Please refer to file number 14-06-E394. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I38646

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR MORGAN STANLEY LOAN TRUST 2006- HE4; Plaintiff, vs. GREGORY VAN KERKHOVE; ET. AL.; Defendants, 06 CH 24476 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on January 18, 2007, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, June 19, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 716A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 15252 Ridgeway Ave., Midlothian, IL 60445. P.I.N. 28-14-105-038.
The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
For information call Ms. Diane Thomas at Plaintiff's Attorney, Freedman Anselmo Lindberg & Rappe, LLC, 1607 West Diehl Road, Naperville, Illinois 60563-1890. (877) 729-6734. W0611022 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I37138

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY Plaintiff, -v.- WILLIE GREEN, et al Defendant 07 CH 7012 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on May 6, 2007, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on June 15, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 14004 GRACE, Robbins, IL 60472 Property Index No. 28-02-416-010
The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was $80,169.34. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.
If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.
The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information call Ms. Diane Thomas at Plaintiff's Attorney, Freedman Anselmo Lindberg & Rappe, LLC, 1607 West Diehl Road, Naperville, Illinois 60563-1890. (877) 729-6734. W0604076 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I37998

REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE STRUCTURED ASSET SECURITIES CORPORATION MORTGAGE PASS-THOROUGH CERTIFICATES, 2006-EQ1 Plaintiff, -v.- RAYPHEAL A. ARMSTRONG SR, et al Defendant 06 CH 24073 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 9, 2007, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on June 18, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 14923 S. BLAINE AVENUE, Posen, IL 60469 Property Index No. 26-12-402-039. Property Index No. (26-12-402-006 UNDERLYING)
The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was $235,943.41. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.
If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department.. Please refer to file number 14-06-E308. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I37040

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION FIRST FRANKLIN FINANCIAL CORPORATION Plaintiff, -v.- JULIA GOMEZ, et al Defendant 06 CH 21651 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 13, 2007, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on June 19, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 7531 SOUTH ROBERTS ROAD UNIT 1B, Bridgeview, IL 60455 Property Index No. 16-25-300-048-1002
The real estate is improved with a black and white brick 1 condo within a 12 unit 3 stories, no garage. The judgment amount was $106,573.32. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.
The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department.. Please refer to file number 14-06-F549. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I38502

REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION LASALLE BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE UNDER THE TRUST AGREEMENT FOR THE STRUCTURED INVESTMENT LOAN TRUST SERIES 2004-9 Plaintiff, -v.- PATRICK J. PHELAN A/K/A PATRICK PHELAN, et al Defendants 06 CH 26550 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 14, 2007, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on June 29, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 15423 S. KILPATRICK AVENUE, Oak Forest, IL 60452 Property Index No. 26-15-118-013
The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was $33,526.49. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.
If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department.. Please refer to file number 14-06-F914. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE, IL 60527 (630) 794-9676 Attorney File No.: 14-06-F914 ARDC# 00468002 Attorney Code. 21762 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I38496

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION THE BANK OF NEW YORK TRUST COMPANY N.A. AS SUCCESSOR TO JPMORGAN CHASE BANK N.A. F/K/A JPMORGAN CHASE BANK AS TRUSTEE, RESIDENTIAL FUNDING COMPANY, LLC F/K/A RESIDENTIAL FUNDING CORPORATION Plaintiff, -v.- ABDELHAFIZ MAHGOUB, et al Defendant 06 CH 25906 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 14, 2007, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on June 28, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 7015 W. 100TH STREET, Chicago Ridge, IL 60415 Property Index No. 24-07-304-007
The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was $116,496.42. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department.. Please refer to file number 14-06-F548. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I38502

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REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC AS NOMINEE FOR WEBSTER BANK, OR ITS SUCCESSOR OR ASSIGNS; Plaintiff, vs. BYRON BECK AKA BYRON W. BECK; TRACIE BECK AKA TRACY BECK AKA TRACIE L. MILLER AKA TRACIE MILLER; AMERICAN GENERAL FINANCIAL SERVICES OF ILLINOIS, INC.; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants, 05 CH 20758
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on 1/25/2006, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Thursday, June 28, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property: P.I.N. 24-17-124-012. Commonly known as 10647 Lyman Ave., Chicago Ridge, IL 60415.
The improvement on the property consists of a ranch style, brick single family residence. Sale terms: 25% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.
For information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com. Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602. Tel.No. (312) 476-5500. Refer to File Number PA0509139. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I38062

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK F/K/A WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, FA Plaintiff, -v.- VERONICA BARAJAS, et al Defendant 07 CH 5692 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on May 10, 2007, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on June 18, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 5734 W. 109TH STREET, Chicago Ridge, IL 60415
Property Index No. 24-17-414-030
The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was $195,388.83. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the saleThe property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department.. Please refer to file number 14-07-3678. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I38304

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION GMAC MORTGAGE, LLC Plaintiff, -v.- JOHN CORTILET, et al Defendant 06 CH 24317 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 9, 2007, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on June 25, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 4588 W. 131ST STREET UNIT #1N, Alsip, IL 60803
Property Index No. 24-34-116-049-1025
The real estate is improved with a condominium. The judgment amount was $97,370.26. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department.. Please refer to file number 14-06-E449. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I37866

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION US BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR CREDIT SUISSE FIRST BOSTON MBS HEAT 2004-5 Plaintiff, -v.- ISRAEL PONCE, et al Defendant 06 CH 24216
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 9, 2007, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on June 21, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 12830 S. KEELER AVENUE, Alsip, IL 60803 Property Index No. 24-27-405-005
The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was $167,840.43. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department.. Please refer to file number 14-06-E059. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I37703

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION WELLS FARGO BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR FREMONT INVESTMENT AND LOAN SABR 2005-FR1 BY: SAXON MORTGAGE SERVICES INC., AS ITS ATTORNEY-IN-FACT: Plaintiff, vs. MATTHEW E. HOFFMAN; ET. AL.; Defendants, 06 CH 25184 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on January 11, 2007, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, June 26, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 5258 Alexander Place, Oak Lawn, IL 60453. P.I.N. 24-04-107-054 & 060.
The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
For information call Ms. Diane Thomas at Plaintiff's Attorney, Freedman Anselmo Lindberg & Rappe, LLC, 1807 West Diehl Road, Naperville, Illinois 60563-1890. (877) 729-6734. X0611053 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I38036

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, as Trustee for Long Beach Mortgage Loan Trust 2006-2, Plaintiff, vs. EDWARD A. ZUR, WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, as successor in interest to Long Beach Mortgage Company, and 51ST AVENUE STATION CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, Defendants 06 CH 25559
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of the above Court entered in the above entitled cause on January 25, 2007, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on July 2, 2007 in its office at One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, Illinois 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Permanent Index Number: 24-04-417-046-1007, 24-04-17-046-1121 Commonly known as: 9440 S. 51st Avenue, Unit 2, Oak Lawn, Illinois
The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was $228,429.66 Sale terms: The bid amount shall be paid in cash immediately by the highest and best bidder at the conclusion of the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
The purchaser of a condominium unit at a judicial foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, who takes possession of a condominium unit pursuant to a court order or a purchaser who acquires title from a mortgagee shall have the duty to pay the proportionate share, if any, of the common expenses for the unit which would have become due in the absence of any assessment acceleration during the 6 months immediately preceding institution of an action to enforce the collection of assessments, and which remain unpaid by the owner during whose possession the assessments accrued. If the outstanding assessments are paid at any time during any action to enforce the collection of assessments, the purchaser shall have no obligation to pay any assessments which accrued before he or she acquired title.
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.
For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: Heavner, Scott, Beyers & Mihlar, 111 E. Main St., Suite 200, Decatur, Illinois 62525 (217) 422-1719 ext. 23. Note: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that the Law Firm of Heavner, Scott, Beyers & Mihlar is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I35699

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION MORGAN STANLEY MORTGAGE CAPITAL, INC.; Plaintiff, vs. MAHD ELRDUB; ET. AL.; Defendants, 06 CH 25355 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on January 30, 2007, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, July 3, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 4240 W. 99th Place, Oaklawn, IL 60453. P.I.N. 24-10-420-040.
The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
For information call Ms. Diane Thomas at Plaintiff's Attorney, Freedman Anselmo Lindberg & Rappe, LLC, 1807 West Diehl Road, Naperville, Illinois 60563-1890. (877) 729-6734. W0608181 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I38848

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS, Plaintiff V. MICHELLE PARKER A/K/A MICHELLE L. PARKER, Defendant 06 CH 26498 NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
Fisher and Shapiro file #06-9825D (It is advised that interested parties consult with their own attorneys before bidding at mortgage foreclosure sales.)
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered on April 2, 2007, Kallen Realty Services, Inc., as Selling Official will at 12:30 p.m. on July 12, 2007, at 205 W. Randolph Street, Suite 1200, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real property: C/K/A 3631 WEST 115TH PLACE, ALSIP, IL 60803. TAX ID# 24-23-307-024 The mortgaged real estate is improved with a dwelling. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
The judgment amount was $228,923.50. Sale terms: 10% of successful bid immediately at conclusion of auction, balance by noon the next business day, both by cashier's checks; and no refunds. The sale shall be subject to general real estate taxes, special taxes, special assessments, special taxes levied, and superior liens, if any. The property is offered "as is," with no express or implied warranties and without any representation as to the quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to review the court file to verify all information.
For information: Sale Clerk, Fisher and Shapiro, 4201 Lake Cook Rd., 1st floor, Northbrook, Illinois 60062, (847) 498-9990, between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. weekdays only. I34106

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION HSBC BANK USA, N.A., AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE FOR THE REGISTERED HOLDERS OF THE RENAISSANCE HOME EQUITY LOAN ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-1, Plaintiff V. RONALD TERRELL, Defendant 06 CH 7972 NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
Fisher and Shapiro file #06-5454D (It is advised that interested parties consult with their own attorneys before bidding at mortgage foreclosure sales.)
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered on February 14, 2007, Kallen Realty Services, Inc., as Selling Official will at 12:30 p.m. on June 21, 2007, at 205 W. Randolph Street, Suite 1200, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real property: C/K/A 8210 SOUTH FAIRFIELD, CHICAGO, IL 60652. TAX ID# 19-36-224-022
The mortgaged real estate is improved with a dwelling. The property will NOT be open for inspection. The judgment amount was $168,641.69. Sale terms: 10% of successful bid immediately at conclusion of auction, balance by noon the next business day, both by cashier's checks; and no refunds. The sale shall be subject to general real estate taxes, special taxes, special assessments, special taxes levied, and superior liens, if any. The property is offered "as is," with no express or implied warranties and without any representation as to the quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to review the court file to verify all information.
For information: Sale Clerk, Fisher and Shapiro, 4201 Lake Cook Rd., 1st floor, Northbrook, Illinois 60062, (847) 498-9990, between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. weekdays only. I39038

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION WILMINGTON FINANCE INC.; Plaintiff, vs. ANDRZEJ KULIKOWSKI; RENATA KULIKOWSKI; MID AMERICA BAN, FSB; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF ANDRZEJ KULIKOWSKI, IF ANY; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants, 06 CH 24142
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on 1/31/2007, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, July 3, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property: P.I.N. 23-02-209-027. Commonly known as 8115 W. 90th St., Hickory Hills, IL 60457.
The improvement on the property consists of a two story single family residence with an attached two car garage. Sale terms: 25% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.
For information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com. Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602. Tel.No. (312) 476-5500. Refer to File Number 0612912. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I38834

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE OF ARGENT MORTGAGE SECURITIES, INC.; ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-W5 UNDER THE POOLING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT DATED AS OF MAY 1, 2006, WITHOUT RECOURSE, ASSIGNEE OF ARGENT MORTGAGE COMPANY, LLC; Plaintiff, vs JEAN PHILLIPS; Defendants, 06 CH 23723 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on January 10, 2007, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, June 19, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 8000 South Okeio Ave., Bridgeview, IL 60455. P.I.N. 18-36-204-020.
The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
For information call Sales Clerk at Plaintiff's Attorney, Law Offices of Ira T. Nevel, 175 North Franklin Street, Chicago, Illinois 60606. (312) 357-1125. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I37127

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION US BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE MORTGAGE PASS THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 2006-EO1; Plaintiff, vs. ZITA HERNANDEZ; ET. AL.; Defendants, 06 CH 20914 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on March 20, 2007, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Thursday, June 21, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 9100 S. 51st Ave., Oak Lawn, IL 60453. P.I.N. 24-04-401-026.
The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
For information call Ms. Diane Thomas at Plaintiff's Attorney, Freedman Anselmo Lindberg & Rappe, LLC, 1807 West Diehl Road, Naperville, Illinois 60563-1890. (877) 729-6734. W0609119 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I37174

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International School Lunch Program

U.S. Senator Dick Durbin (D-IL) held a meeting with actress Drew Barrymore, marathon world record holder Paul Tergat, World Food Program's Executive Director, Josette Sheeran, and Representatives Jim McGovern (D-MA) and Jo Ann Emerson (R-MO), to discuss the McGovern-Dole International Food for Education and Child Nutrition Program and future efforts for the program's expansion. This program, named for former Senators George McGovern and Bob Dole, provides school lunches to children in impoverished countries. In March Durbin introduced a bill to reauthorize the McGovern-Dole program and provide it with additional funding so that it is restored to its original level of $300 million by 2012. Additional steps to increase funding for the program are being looked at as part of upcoming legislation.

"Millions of children around the world go hungry every day," Durbin said. "This program works to bring children to school and provide them with a nutritious meal, but we can do more. I'm happy to join Drew Barrymore and my friend Paul Tergat, as they bring attention to this vital program. I hope that their support of children around the world will spur us in Congress to provide the funding necessary to help as many children as we can."

The McGovern-Dole program provides donations of U.S. agricultural commodities and financial and technical assistance for school feeding and child nutrition in low-income, food deficit countries. The key objectives of the program are to reduce hunger and improve literacy, increase access to primary education, especially for girls, and to improve the health and learning capacity of pre-school children. Since McGovern-Dole became law in 2000, the program has provided meals to 26 million children in 41 countries and has boosted school attendance by 14 percent overall and by 17 percent for girls. The program has had a markedly positive effect on educational attainment and long-term development outcomes.

The Senate and House bills will ensure that minimum funding levels be provided each year and will allow the program to reach significantly more children. Increased resources will also ensure multi-year commitments that are necessary in building self-sustaining school feeding program.

Barrymore became acquainted with the program during a recent trip to Africa. After seeing how important this program is to children around the world, she joined the Friends of the World Food Program as its celebrity partner. She spent the day on the Hill meeting with Members of Congress and urging the support of an expanded McGovern-Dole program.

One person who has participated in international school feeding programs is Paul Tergat, the current world record holder in the marathon. He ran the 26.2 mille race in 2:04:55. When he was a child living in Kenya, he received free lunches through a World Food Program. Without the program, Tergat says his parents were too poor and he would not have been able to go to school.

The McGovern-Dole program is supported by Christian Children's Fund, Bread for the World, Heiffer International, Congressional Hunger Center, US Coalition for Child Survival, Project Concern International, Africare, North American Millers, US Rice, Basic Education Coalition, UNICEF-USA, Alliance to End Hunger, Global Food & Nutrition, Share Our Strength, International Dairy Foods Association, World Vision, School Nutrition Association, US Dry Bean Council, American Soybean Association, Better World Campaign and the National Corn Growers Association.

Last year, the McGovern-Dole Program donated 16,000 tons of U.S. wheat and wheat products, 1,000 tons of U.S. corn and corn products and 11,500 tons of U.S. soybeans and soybean products. Illinois ranks second among the stats in terms of both corn and soybean production and is among the top ten producers of wheat. More than 90 percent of the cultivated acreage in Illinois is planted with corn, soybeans or wheat. Illinois also exports more agricultural commodities than all but three other states.

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Sometimes it's obvious. You've been accused of a crime or you are sued for damages in a civil suit, and you become very aware of the urgent need for professional legal help.

Other times, it's less clear. The fact is that legal assistance is often desirable, even essential, in situations which may have nothing to do with crime or a court action.

How do you determine if you need a lawyer? It depends on the issue. If you've received an ordinary parking ticket, you probably don't need legal help. But if you're facing a situation involving a significant amount of money or your personal rights are in jeopardy, it may be wise to seek out professional legal advice.

Common situations where you need a lawyer include the following:

When You Enter into a Contract. Any agreement, oral or written, which involves a consideration – that is, the exchange of something of value in return for some goods or service rendered – may be binding and enforceable. Generally, oral agreements should be avoided. Written agreements should be either prepared by or examined by a lawyer before you sign anything.

When Your Personal Status Changes. Marriage, the birth or adoption of children and moving to a different state may result in new or different legal and personal responsibilities. Your lawyer can help you plan for an meet new obligations, including the preparation of various legal documents which may be required.

When You Make Or Revise A Will or Estate Plan. The planning and drafting of your Will is an important legal matter. Your lawyer can plan your estate in a way that will be most beneficial to you and your heirs. In addition, your lawyer can suggest ways to organize your estate so that substantial savings in taxes and other estate costs are realized.

When You Buy Or Sell Real Estate. Buying and selling real estate is a huge financial transaction for most people. Your lawyer will review all legal documents necessary to the transaction and participate in the closing, in order to avoid legal pitfalls that could lead to losing your home.

When You Are Involved In An Accident. If you are involved in an accident of any kind resulting in personal injury or property damage you should immediately consult with a lawyer. Your lawyer may also be helpful if you believe that a doctor or other professional has committed malpractice.

Whenever Your Personal Rights Are Threatened. The law exists to protect your rights, but often you must take definite action to make those laws work for you. For example, you may need a lawyer if you've been fired from work or have faced discrimination or immigration problems.

When Financial Problems Arise. If you have tax problems or face personal or a business bankruptcy, your attorney can help you wade through the maze of legal issues towards a satisfactory solution.

When Organizing a Business. Your attorney can help with the formation of your business and assist in the ongoing concerns about employment law, workplace safety issues, immigration issues, intellectual property rights and other matters.

When You Are Arrested. If you are arrested for any reason or are accused of or questioned about your involvement in a crime, you should consult with an attorney immediately. If you cannot afford an attorney, one will be provided to you free of charge.

For further information about law-related issues, contact an Illinois State Bar Association-member lawyer in your area or visit www.isbalawyers.com.

Daley Announces New Zoning Web Page

Cook County Commissioner John P. Daley is informing residents of unincorporated Cook County about a new, convenient web site for obtaining building permits, and information about contractors, who are licensed to work in unincorporated Cook County. On line applications are available for building, electrical, and plumbing permits, as well as detailed information and supporting documents to help explain the county's application process.

The complete text of the Cook County Zoning Ordinance, completely overhauled in 2001, is also available. Future plans are being considered to add the complete text of the Cook County Building Code to the web site.

"This convenient new web site will save residents time and money," said Commissioner Daley. "Some of these tasks used to require a trip downtown to process paperwork. Now, it can all be done from the comfort of your own home."

To view the website, go to www.cookcountygov.com and click on "agencies."

Governor Announces U Of I's Historic Lincoln Hall Project Will Be "Green"

Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich recently announced that the planned $66.4 million rehabilitation of the University of Illinois' historic Lincoln Hall will be a model "green" project, and will be submitted for an official national designation of projects that place an emphasis on energy-efficient and environmentally-friendly design.

The Lincoln Hall project will be submitted for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Gold certification, which would place the project at the forefront of the national movement for sustainable energy practices.

LEED certification rates projects based on their energy and water use efficiency, indoor air quality, the use of recycled and local materials, design innovation, pollution reduction, erosion control, and the overall impact of the project on the surrounding environment. The Lincoln Hall project goals include the latest energy-saving climate control systems that would also improve indoor air quality; special insulation and window treatments to improve the building's energy efficiency while preserving its historic character; lighting systems that would conserve energy and improve the classroom environment; plumbing fixtures that would reduce water usage; and other measures that will be specifically addressed during the design phase of the project. These planned upgrades would not only save energy but also help cut emissions of greenhouse gases and air pollutants.

The State of Illinois has released $3 million for planning the Lincoln Hall renovation, with the balance of state funds, $55.1 million, included in the governor's proposed FY 08 budget. The University of Illinois is contributing $8.3 million to the project.

Lincoln Hall was built in 1911 and has had no major improvements since the west half and theater were added in 1930. The planned $66.4 million construction project will reconfigure existing space for more classrooms and to meet current life safety codes. Instructional space will be concentrated on the first two floors and the backstage area of the theater, which has not been used for 25 years since the relocation of the Theater Dept. to the Krannert Center. The top two floors will be primarily faculty office space. The building will also receive upgrades to its electrical, lighting, heating, ventilation, air-conditioning, and computer network systems, as well as new flooring, ceilings and wall finishes.

Phosphorus Use Bill

Legislation sponsored by state Rep. Kevin Joyce (D-Chicago) to help keep water cleaner and better protect w' 'life in Illinois by banning the use of phosphorus cleaning agents passed the Senate recently.

"This legislation is an encouraging step towards making sure future generations are able to drink a glass of water or go fishing and swimming in the Illinois River without fear for their health," Joyce said. "Phosphorus is used in cleaning agents, yet it has managed to make our beautiful waterways dirty and dangerous. By banning the use of phosphorus we are protecting the people of Illinois."

Joyce's legislation creates the Regulation of Phosphorus Detergents Act. The bill prohibits the use, sale or manufacturing of cleaning agents containing more than 0.5 percent phosphorus. Joyce's bill sets a July 1, 2010, compliance deadline. The legislation also provides that the Illinois Pollution Control board may authorize the use of phosphorus in certain products under specific conditions.

Phosphorus has been linked to the lowering of oxygen levels in water. This in turn upsets the ecological balance in bodies of water and can potentially kill fish. Algae accumulation caused by phosphorus also contributes to pollution in Illinois' recreational waterways.

By prohibiting phosphorus and trying to limit future pollution, Joyce's bill also has the potential to save millions of dollars in infrastructure upgrades and operating costs for water reclamation plants in Illinois.

"The benefits of this legislation are clear," Joyce said. "We're saving money, cleaning our rivers and protecting the people of Illinois. We're moving closer to making sure that Illinoisans can look forward to clean, safe waterways for many years to come."

House Bill 819 unanimously passed the Senate and returns to the House for concurrence.

Homeland Security Education Act

U.S. Sens. Dick Durbin (D-IL), Daniel K. Akaka (D-HI) and Thad Cochran (R-MS) recently introduced the Homeland Security Education Act to strengthen instruction in science, math and foreign language in our nation's schools.

Reports show that prior to 9/11, the Intelligence Community was not prepared to handle the challenge of translating the volumes of foreign language counter-terrorism intelligence it had collected. The Intelligence Community faced backlogs in material awaiting translation, including papers providing details on foreign research and development in scientific or technical areas; a shortage of language specialists and language-qualified field officers; and a readiness level of only 30 percent in the most critical foreign languages.

The Homeland Security Education Act provides the framework to enhance our education system ensuring that our nation will have individuals possessing these critical skills in the future by:

- Awarding scholarships to students as an incentive for them to earn undergraduate degrees in science, technology, engineering, math and foreign language studies.
- Awarding scholarships to practicing scientists and engineers and those who are fluent in foreign languages to return to school to obtain their credentials for teaching in elementary or secondary schools.
- Encouraging public-private partnerships to improve science and math curricula; upgrade laboratory facilities; provide scholarsbips for students to study math, science or engineering at the university level; and establish internship and mentoring opportunities for students in grades K through 12.
- Developing cultural awareness and immersion programs in colleges and universities that combine science, technology and engineering instruction with foreign language to expand international understanding and scientific collaboration.
- Creating language learning pathways to facilitate proficiency in critical foreign languages from kindergarten through graduate school.

The Homeland Security Education Act also establishes programs to increase the number of teachers in the fields of science, math and foreign language through scholarships tied to service agreements and would improve foreign language teacher professional development through partnerships between local education agencies and institutions of higher education to hold summer workshops and provide distance learning.

Internet Safety Education

Joined by educators from Chicago Public Schools (CPS), CPS Board President Rufus Williams and area lawmakers, Attorney General Lisa Madigan recently unveiled new and concentrated measures designed to help protect today's school children from threats not known to school kids of just a few years ago: online predators and other criminals that use the Internet to perpetrate crimes against children.

At a morning news conference in the library and computer lab at Chicago's Drummond Elementary School, Madigan announced two important tools that will help parents and educators monitor how children use the Internet. Senate Bill 1472 calls on schools to provide yearly Internet safety education to students in grades K through 12. In addition, Madigan announced that her office would coordinate the distribution to schools throughout the state educational videos that promote Internet safety.

Introduced into the General Assembly last month, SB 1472, the Internet Safety Education Act, sponsored by Sen. Dan Kotowski and Rep. David Miller, encourages Illinois schools to adopt an age-appropriate Internet safety curriculum. Intended to serve as a tool to assist education, SB 1472 identifies several key topics for instruction including safe and responsible use of the Internet, online predators, identity theft, cyber-bullying and harassment, and illegal downloading.

Madigan also announced that her office will coordinate the distribution of Think Before You Post, a new public service advertising (PSA) campaign created by NCMEC and the U.S. Dept. of Justice in cooperation with the Ad Council. The PSAs are designed to raise awareness about the prevalence of online sexual exploitation and to help parents, guardians and teens better protect themselves from online predators.

Approximately 34 percent of children ages 10 to 17 post their real names, telephone numbers, home addresses or the names of their schools online where anyone could see, according to a recent study conducted by University of New Hampshire researchers for NCMEC.

Madigan commended Superintendent Arne Duncan and the Chicago Public Schools for partnering with her office in making the Think Before You Post PSA available to over 500 grammar and high schools throughout the city of Chicago.

Madigan used the occasion to stress the ever-changing virtual world and how online predators have new mediums to reach potential victims and perpetrate crimes against children.

According to a 2005 report by the Pew Internet and American Life Project, 87 percent of teens between the ages of 12 and 17 are online.

In 2006, 55 percent of teens reported use of social networking web site of which 48 percent reported visiting such web sites at least daily.

According to NCMEC, approximately 13 percent of youth received a sexual solicitation or approach over the Internet within the preceding year.

Southwest Area Obituaries

Joanne M. Beatty

Services were held at the Robert J. Sheehy & Sons Funeral Home, Orland Park, on Monday, with a private interment, for Joanne M. Beatty.

She is survived by her children Robert and Thomas Beatty, Kathy (Carmine) Malfeo and Kim (Rick) Pluzycki; twelve grandchildren; and her sister Evelyn Bowersox.

Savilla Bennett

Mass was said at St. Bede the Venerable Church, Chicago, on Tuesday, with interment at Mt. Olivet Cemetery, for Savilla Bennett.

She is survived by her children Robert J. Retired CFD (Judy), Judi, Charles Retired CPD (Carol) Bennett; three grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and her sister Rita (Norm) Hoffman.

Maryann Caiafa

Mass was said at St. Elizabeth Seton Church, Orland Park, on Wednesday, with interment at Mount Carmel Cemetery, for Maryann Caiafa.

She is survived by her children Nicholas, Michael 9Debbie), Joann Farmakas, Anthony and David Caiafa; five grandchildren; two great grandchildren; her brother Jim and her sister Ginger.

Francisco G. Carpo

Mass was said at Our Lady of the Woods Church, Orland Park, on Tuesday, with interment at Good Shepherd Cemetery, for Francisco G. Carpo.

He is survived by his wife Susan' his children Cynthia (Michael Paulsen, Christine (Demetrio) Garza and Dave Carpo and one grandchild.

Eleanor E. Clausing

Services were held at the Colonial Chapel, Orland Park, on Tuesday, with a private interment at Chapel Hill Gardens South, for Eleanor E. Clausing, 93.

She is survived by her children Ronald (Charleen), Maureen (Henry) Loerop, wade and warren (Dawn); seven grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren and her brother Richard M. "Mike" (Jane) Vander Meer.

John M. Cullnan Jr.

Mass was said at Christ the King Church, Chicago, on Wednesday, with interment at St. Mary Cemetery, for John M. Cullnan Jr., 81. He was a retired Sgt of the Chicago Police Department and a U.S. Navy Veteran of WWII.

He is survived by his wife Mary Therese; his children Maureen (Jack) Kelly, Kelly, Timothy (Peggy), Thomas (Terry), Peggy (Bill) Goddard, Dennis (Susan), Brian (Maureen), Patrick (Mimi), Marianne (Jim) Lambur, Kathleen (Matt) Furjanic, Jean King, Laura (mark) Seeley; thirty-tree grandchildren and seventeen great-grandchildren.

Terry Lee Emmick

Mass was said at St. Gerald Church, Oak Lawn, on Wednesday, with interment at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, for Terry Lee Emmick, an army Veteran, late of Midway, AR, formerly of Oak Lawn.

He is survived by his wife Cheryl; his children Erik (Colette) Emmick, Ray (Mary Carlson) Emmick, Adam and Peter Emmick; three grandchildren; and his brothers Gary, Larry, Kevin and his sisters Hallie, Jackie and Joanne.

Eugene H. Filippo

Mass was said at St. Damian Church, Oak Forest, on Saturday, with entombment at Holy Sepulchre Mausoleum, for Eugene H. Filippo, 78.

He is survived by his wife Therese; his children Eugene (Diane), Michael (Karen), Thomas (Judy) and James Filippo; seven grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and his brothers Lee (Shirley) and Raymond (Penny) Filippo

Nino Carlo Fojas Nazareno

Mass was said at St. Michael Church, Orland Park, on Saturday, with a private interment, for Nino Carlo Fojas Nazareno, 17. He was a junior at Carl Sandburg H. S., a member of the Art Club, the International Club, the Culinary Art Club, the Yearbook Club, the Scholastic bowl and Mathletes Club, Mu Alpha Pheta, the Literary Magazine and the Model U.N. Club.

He is survived by his mother Florida and Jessie, his sisters Ninazandra, Nica Loraine and his brother Nino Angelo.

Marilyn E. Harcar

Mass was said at St. Gerald Church, Oak Lawn, on Thursday, with interment at St. Mary Cemetery, for Marilyn E. Harcar.

She is survived by her sisters Wilma Murczek and Holly Nelles.

Vincent "Bill" Krauza

Mass was said at St. Damian Church, Oak Forest, on Saturday, with interment at St. Casimir Cemetery, for Vincent "Bill" Krauza.

He is survived by his wife Beverly; his daughter Renee Zyla; one Grandchild and his sisters Imgard White and Irene Kaufman.

George M. Kush, Jr.

Services were held at the Robert J. Sheehy & sons Funeral Home, Orland Park, on Wednesday, with interment at Good Shepherd Cemetery, for George M. Kush, Jr., a Chicago Police Detective for 13 years. He was the 18-year owner of the White Hen Pantry in Hazel Crest and a five-year owner of the Multi-State Transmission in Crest Hill. He was also a sales rep for Good Neighbor.

He is survived by his brother Gerald (Gail) Kush.

Ila Mae Lutz

Services were held at the Lawn Funeral Home, Orland Park, on Tuesday, with interment at St. Mary Cemetery, for Ila Mae Lutz.

She is survived by her children Patricia, Bernard Jr. (Francine) and William (Cynthia) Lutz, five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

William Luzzo

Mass was said at St. Elizabeth Seton Church, Orland Park, on Tuesday, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for William "Bill" Luzzo.

He is survived by his children Lynn McLaughlin, Laurie (Bill) Pazda, Bill (Marypat) Luzzo, Sharon (Brett) Olsick and Susan (Kevin) Regan, fifteen grandchildren his brothers James (Mary) and Jack (Barbara) Luzzo and his sister Ruth Ann (Semi) Suer.

Nick J. Marsic Sr.

Mass was said at St. Patricia Church, Hickory Hills, on Saturday, with entombment at Resurrection Cemetery, for Nick J. Marsic Sr.

He is survived by his wife Dolores, his children Nick Jr. and Catherine (Allen) Gunnlaugsson & two grandchildren

Thomas A. Murphy

Mass was said at St. Linus Church, Oak Lawn, on Wednesday, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Thomas A. Murphy. He was an Army Veteran of WWII.

He is survived by his wife Maureen, his children Joanne M. Murphy and Thomas D. (Mary Ellen) Murphy and three grandchildren.

Carol Jean Norris

Services were held at the Andrew J. McGann & Son Funeral Home, Chicago, on Saturday, with a private interment, for Carol Jean Norris, 66.

She is survived by her children Cynthia and Nancy Mrozek; one grandchild; her brothers Jeffrey Shea, Gregory (Lischa), Michael (Nancy) Shea and her sisters Patricia (Ken) LaPorte and Mary Eileen (Jack) Keplinger.

Mary Kay O'Connor

Mass was said at Most Holy Redeemer Church, Evergreen Park, on Saturday, with a private interment for Mary Kay O'Connor.

She is survived by her husband Terrence; her children Eileen, Erin and Caitlin O'Connor; her brothers Tom (Helen), Tim (Ellen), Marty (Marcie), Patrick (Lisa) Hughes and her sisters Terri (Chris) Walsh, Nancy (Dan) Dust and Margie (Steve) Hull.

Marek Piotr Pietkiewicz

Mass was said at St. Stephen Deacon & Martyr Church, Tinley Park, on Wednesday, with interment at Good Shepherd Cemetery, for Marek Piotr Pietkiewicz.

He is survived by his wife Anna; his children Ada and Anna Pietkiewicz; his parents Krystyna and Stanislaw Pietkiewicz and his sister Grzyna (Jacek) Dzienisiewica.

Albert J. Roth

Mass was said at St. Julie Billiart Church, Tinley Park, on Thursday, May 31st, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Albert J. Roth, 89, of Orland Park, formerly of Oak Lawn. He was a longtime member of Olympia Fields Country Club.

He is survived by his children Judy (John) Peterson, Tom (Mary Alice) and Larry, ten grandchildren, his brother Emil (Ruth) Roth and his sister Marge Michuda.

Theresa M. "Terry" Sereda

Mass was said at St. Christopher Church, Midlothian, on Thursday, May 31st, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Theresa M. "Terry" Sereda. She was the St. Christopher Church Catholic Women of the Year for 1997 and a member of the St. Christopher Church Rosary Altar Society, the Art and Environment Committee and the Liturgical Committee.

She is survived by her children Ann (Thomas) Howe, John "Shad" (Sharon) Sereda Jr. and Amy (Thomas) Bayer; nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; her brothers Mitchell (Virginia), John (Virginia) Karlowicz; her sisters Mary (John) Kolimas, Janet (Raymond) Magiera, Casimira Przepiorski and the Rev. Edwin Karlowicz CR.

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Keeping Bones Safe For Life

It's never too early to think about bone loss. The good news is that, partly thanks to the large number of television ads on the topic, along with improved methods of detecting early-stage bone loss, more people today are paying attention to their bone health. And it's a good thing. The National Osteoporosis Foundation reports that an estimated 44 million Americans, or more than half (55 percent) of those 50 years of age or older, are at risk for osteoporosis. And it's not just women who are at risk. Although women are four times more likely than men to develop the disease, men also suffer from osteoporosis.

Once a woman reaches menopause, at about the age of 51?, she can lose up to 30 percent of her skeleton within three years. So says noted expert Warren Levy, Ph.D., president and CEO of Unigene Laboratories, one of the companies on the forefront of the search for effective new drugs that can treat osteoporosis.

Dr. Levy and other experts recommend the following to prevent bone loss:

- After menopause, undergo a bone scan every one to two years.
- Check your family's osteoporosis history to see if you may be at risk.
- Incorporate sufficient doses of calcium and vitamin D into your daily diet, including dairy products and dark-green vegetables.
- Avoid smoking and the excessive consumption of alcohol and caffeine.
- Start – or continue – a weight-bearing exercise program.

"The longer we live, the more important bone health becomes. Fortunately, if osteoporosis does develop, there are treatments available," says Dr. Levy.

Both the American Assn. of Endontists (endontists are the specialists who perform root canals) and the Food and Drug Administration recently issued warnings that there may be a link between bisphosphonates – a class of drugs commonly used to treat osteoporosis – and jaw decay. Bisphosphonates, however, are not the only method of treatment available.

Dr. Levy advises that alternative osteoporosis drugs exist; for example, nasal calcitonin products, which have a long history of safety and efficacy. Calcitonin is a naturally occurring hormone that helps the body regulate calcium levels. It is found in products such as Fortical. Calcitonin-based products have been used to treat osteoporosis for more than 30 years with very few side effects and can be taken by patients with any other medication. This is an important feature for elderly patients. Nasal calcitonin products have been shown to decrease fracture risk by 40 to 60 percent and also help maintain proper bone density.

According to professionals, the benefits afforded by any osteoporosis drug stop unless you continue to take it, so it will need to be taken for life. "Be sure that whatever you are taking is not only effective but also safe for long-term use," Dr. Levy advises.

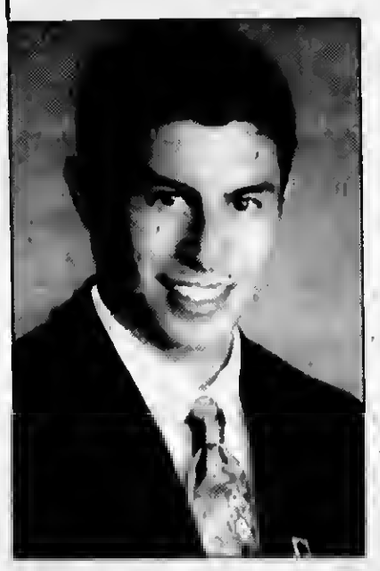
For additional information, feel free to log onto www.unigene.com.

Rules Of The Road

The Worth Township Seniors will be offering Rules of the Road Review Class on June 6th at the Worth Township Center, 11601 S. Pulaski from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Register by calling (708) 371-2900, Ext. 28. Attendees must be Worth Township residents.

Janik Named To IHSA All-State Academic Team



St. Rita High School Senior Andrew Janik (pictured) of Oak Lawn recently was one of only 26 high school seniors named to the Illinois High School Association (IHSA) 2006-07 All-State Academic Team.

"Selection for the All-State Academic Team is a tremendous recognition of a student's academic performance, and also of the student's demonstration of character and citizenship," said IHSA Executive Director Marty Hickman. "Competition for this recognition is intense and selection certainly recognizes team members as truly outstanding young people."

Nominations for 400 seniors were submitted. To be eligible for consideration for selection, a student in an IHSA member school must have a minimum Grade Point Average (GPA) of at least 3.5 on a 4.0 scale after the seventh semester. Additionally nominees must have participated in at least two IHSA-sponsored activities (athletics and/or non-athletics) during the last two school years, and must have demonstrated outstanding citizenship during his high school career.

As St. Rita's Salutatorian for the Class of 2007, Janik has accumulated many additional achievements that include the Presidential Education Award, Illinois Merit Recognition Scholarship, the Catholic Heritage Award, and scholarships from six universities, one of them being the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign College of Business Honors Scholarship, where he will attend next fall. He has been on St. Rita's Gold Honor Roll his entire high school career and currently maintains a 4.70 cumulative grade point average. Athletically, Janik membered St. Rita's Golf Team and Soccer Team, where he received numerous accolades and awards.

All-Nighter Raises Over $313,000

Thousands of students put up their feet after walking this past weekend to raise more than $313,195 as part of the American Cancer Society Relay For Life celebrations at Oak Lawn Community High School and Relay For Life of District 230 at Carl Sandburg High School in Orland Park. Students Oak Lawn Community High School raised $62,150 and District 230, students from Sandburg, Stagg and Andrew High Schools event raised $251,045.

More than 470 students from Oak Lawn Community High School and 1,800 students from District 230 participated in the overnight events, each of whom designated at least one team member at a time to walk or run on a track throughout the event. A special Luminaria ceremony, held during both of the American Cancer Society Relay For Life events remembered those lost to cancer and honored those who have survived. Over 1,600 people were honored with Luminara bags that were placed around the tracks all night long.

"The students and communities really demonstrated a tremendous amount of spirit and generosity this weekend," said Tim Bergman, representative from the American Cancer Society for the Relay for Life of District 230. "With more than 125 cancer survivors at our side, we walked around the clock in honor of them and memory of those in our community who lost their battle with cancer."

According to the Illinois Department of Public Health, more than 61,000 Illinois residents will be diagnosed with cancer this year and approximately 26,000 will die from the disease.

"The money raised at Relay For Life celebrations will help fund American Cancer Society programs that educate our community on early detection and treatments, advocate local health issues and fund research to, one day, find a cure for this disease," said Bergman.

Relay For Life also helps fund programs such as the Society's Patient Navigation Services, which is designed to fill a critical void in health care and social services by acting as a full-service navigator to anyone touched by cancer.

The American Cancer Society is dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by saving lives, diminishing suffering and preventing cancer through research, education, advocacy and service. The Illinois Division has more than 120,000 volunteers and staff fighting cancer in the state. For the most up-to-date cancer related information and to join the fight against cancer, call 1-800-ACS-2345 or visit www.cancer.org.

Moraine Valley Offers Classes In Blue Island

Moraine Valley Community College offers classes during the day, evening and Saturday during the summer 2007 semester at its Education Center in Blue Island. 12940 S. Western Ave.

College credit classes will be offered in Basic Skills for Adults; Pre-GED Skills; Art Appreciation; Introduction to Business; Principles of Marketing; Business Law; Principles of Management; College: Changes, Challenges, Choices; Composition I; Speech Fundamentals; Introduction to Earth Science; Introduction to Education; English: Survival Skills; English as a Second Language I-VI; Beginning GED Test Preparation; GED Test Preparation; World Regional Geography; Personal Computer Basics; Introduction to PC Applications; Medical Terminology; Beginning Algebra; Intermediate Algebra; General Education Mathematics; Environmental Science I; First Aid; Nutrition For Today; American National Government; Life-Span Developmental Psychology; and Marriage and Family.

Registration is underway with the first session of classes beginning the week of June 11. For more information about the Education Center at Blue Island, call (708) 597-1564 or visit the center's Web site at morainevalley.edu/blueisland.

Summer credit classes at Moraine Valley's main campus in Palos Hills also begin the week of January 16. Tuition is $67 per credit hour plus fees and books. Students can register in person by visiting the Admissions, Records and Registration Office, located in the College Center, on campus, 9000 W. College Pkwy., Palos Hills. Students also can register by phone with an operator by calling

(708) 974-2110. Previously enrolled students can register online at morainevalley.edu.

Anyone interested in GED courses or Moraine Valley's GED program should call (708) 974-5340 for more information regarding class or program requirements.

Information on all credit and non-credit classes is available in the summer 2007 class schedule or online at morainevalley.edu.

Education Caucus Announces Initiatives

The Illinois General Assembly's Education Caucus has announced its support of three legislative priorities for this legislative session. These initiatives involve streamlining education programs, ensuring a faster turnaround of statewide testing results, and improving special education programs. Senator Ed Maloney (D-Chicago) and Representative Bob Pritchard (R-Sycamore), co-chairs of the education caucus, announced these priorities following the caucus meeting.

"The education caucus was formed to raise the awareness of the importance of the future of education in Illinois and examine issues affecting education. The caucus feels that the passage of these priorities is the best means to ensure all students have access to a quality education," said Maloney.

Over 80 percent of the 81 member caucus agreed to endorse the bills. The initiatives the caucus is endorsing are HB 1648, which creates a P-20 Council that will work to align educational programs from pre-K through grade 20; HB 1652, which will require reporting state test results or scores in the same year tests are given, in order to ensure more effective curriculum changes; and HJR 24, which creates a task force to study special education funding, one of the most expensive programs in education.

"It was a very productive meeting and there is clearly bi-partisan support in the caucus to increase funds for education and to prioritize the needs of the educational community," said Maloney.

Rep. Pritchard added "supporting these bills is the first step for the caucus in studying and advocating for important initiatives. Our working groups focus on the issues and advance ideas through consensus."

The legislation has passed the House and now awaits Senate approval.

The education caucus was created in January 2007 with the goal of forming a stronger voice for education at all levels in the Illinois General Assembly. It is a bi-partisan coalition of members from both the Senate and House of Representatives who believe improving the quality of education should be a priority in Illinois.

Seniors Meeting

The Worth Township Seniors next general meeting will be on Friday, June 1st. The meeting starts at 12:30 p.m. and will be held in the gym of the Worth Township Center, 11601 S. Pulaski in Alsip. If you have any questions, call (708) 371-2900, ext. 28.

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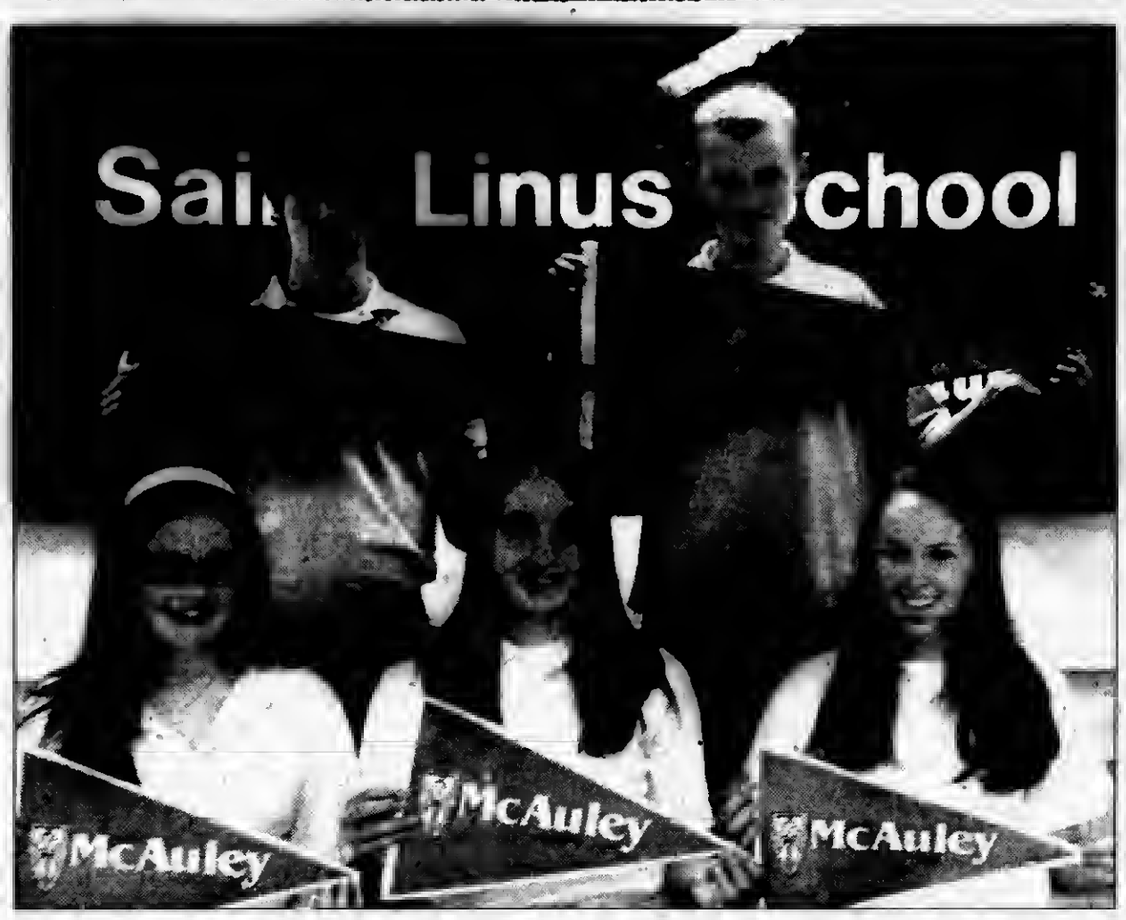
Spelling Bee Winners

Hazelgreen School in Alsip held its annual Intermediate Spelling Bee for the fourth, fifth and sixth graders. Winning the contest this year was Mary Alice Maloney, a sixth grader, second place winner Will Quinn, a fifth grader, and the third place winner was William Garver, also a fifth grader. The students won trophies for their efforts.

Four students were selected from each of the three grade levels through classroom spelling bees. These students then competed for the title of "Hazelgreen Spelling Bee Champion." The Spelling Bee competitors were: Fourth Grade, Reham Ali, Abby Dyszczakowski, Vishal Mittal, and Jonathan Venzor, Alt. Joshua Niloff. Fifth Grade, Brian Loftus, Nathan Salimeda, and Will Quinn, Alt. Jennifer Mora. Sixth Grade, Dan Demik, Jessica Flores, and Hayley Vincent, Alt. Lydia Galindo.

Pictured left to right: Will Quinn, William Garver and Mary Alice Maloney.



Local Students Win High School Scholarships

Several eighth grade students from St. Linus School (Oak Lawn) were awarded prestigious scholarships by Catholic area high schools for their outstanding academic performance on entrance tests.

Kevin Murphy (left, back row) and Andrew Milnarcik (right, front row) won Brother Edmund Rice Scholarships for being in the top percentile of testers at Brother rice High School. Maggie Kelly (left, front) and Erika Zak (right, front) each won the Mother McAuley High School Award for Academic Excellence which requires a composite score of 99%.

Mary Beth Reynolds who also will be attending McAuley in the fall, (center front) was awarded the school's Alumni Scholarship based on her impressive record and Tradition in Excellence Essay. Congratulations to All!

New Exhibit

Attention Chicagoans! Do you remember the "Bobs," "Aladdin's Castle," or even the "Rotor"? Do the words "Sans Souci," "Joyland," or "Luna Park" bring back memories of your first kiss or cotton candy? If any of the previously mentioned items make you pause and reflect on happier times, the Chicago Public Library happily takes you back in time with the opening of a new exhibition entitled, Fun For All! Chicago's Amusement Parks.

Fun For All is a creative collection of artifacts, photographs, documents, posteards and other memorabilia that chronicle the fascination, history and variety of Chicago's amusement parks: from the 1893 Worlds Fair to Chutes Park to Riverview Park to Kiddieland to Funtown. Fun For all is a celebration of Chicago's amusement parks. The exhibit presents descriptive sections on the 1893 Columbian Exposition (World's Fair); Chicago's early neighborhood amusement parks; and an entire wing of memorabilia from Chicago's Riverview Park, including more than 15 models of the rides and attractions that made Riverview Park a fun-time frolic for friends and family.

The exhibition will be on display June 16, through Sept. 14 in Exhibit Hall, 9th Floor at the Harold Washington Library Center.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

JUNE 9 – Saturday – Unclaimed Bicycle Auction, Oak Lawn Police Dept. Garage, 9446 Raymond Ave., 9 a.m. until all property is sold.

JUNE 11 – Monday – Blood Draw, Calvin Christian Reformed Church, 101st and Central Ave., 4 to 7:30 p.m.

JUNE 11 – Monday – AARP Meeting, VFW Hall, 9514 52nd Ave., 1 p.m.

JUNE 11 – Monday – OL Park District Board Meeting, 4625 W. 110th St., 7:30 p.m.

JUNE 11 – Monday – Business Development Commission Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 7:30 p.m.

JUNE 12 – Tuesday – Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce Luncheon, Hilton Oak Lawn, 9333 S. Cicero Ave., Sign in 11:30 a.m.; Lunch 12 noon.

JUNE 12 – Tuesday – Worth Township Board Committee Meeting, 11601 S. Pulaski, 7:30 p.m.

JUNE 12 – Tuesday – OL Village Board Meeting, Municipal Building, 9446 Raymond, 8 p.m.

JUNE 12 – Tuesday – Village Hall open to 8 p.m.

JUNE 12 – Tuesday – VFW 5220 Meeting, 9514 S. 52nd Ave., 8 p.m.

JUNE 13 – Wednesday – Free Blood Pressure Test, Oak Lawn Library, Lower Level, 5300 W. 95th St., 10 to 11:30 a.m.

JUNE 13 – Wednesday – Fire & Police Commission Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, Conference Room B, 6:30 p.m.

JUNE 14 – Thursday – Worth Township Seniors Free Vision Testing, Worth Township Center, 11601 Pulaski Rd., 9 a.m. to Noon. Register, call 371-2900, ext. 28.

JUNE 14 – Thursday – Quality Control Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 7:30 p.m.

JUNE 14 – Thursday – Athletic Club Auxiliary Meeting, VFW Hall, 9514 S. 52nd Ave., 8 p.m.

Children's Museum Birthday Bash

Looking for something fun to do with the family? On Saturday, June 9th, the Children's Museum in Oak Lawn will be celebrating its 4th birthday! Come and join us for our annual Birthday Bash, presented by ChicagoParent.com The event runs from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Admission to the museum is FREE, compliments of Archer Bank. We'll have face painting, games, crafts and activities for children.

The "Mane" attraction will be from Forest View Farms who will be on hand between 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. with their ponies and a petting zoo. This will be your chance to get up close and learn some things about some of the animals...maybe even ride a pony. Oh yeah, and they are bringing one of those big jumpers too. Bally's Total Fitness will be holding Ti-Kwon-Do demonstrations. Dan Rocco, Jennifer Ames and Joe Guido (and some of his students) will provide entertainment throughout the day and you'll even get to walk the "Musical Passage." You'll learn about music and have a chance to make some music of your own. And because there is so much to do, there will be hot dogs, popcorn and other food available.

The Children's Museum will also be offering you an opportunity to be a permanent part of our new museum! For $25, your child can paint a tile that will be placed inside the new Children's Museum, making your life a permanent fixture inside the new museum. 100% of the proceeds will go towards the museum's capital campaign specifically designated for construction of the interior of the new facility, including exhibits.

Join us for the celebration at 9600 East Shore Drive on Saturday, June 9th!

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Brother Rice Seniors Connect With Alumni

Seventy-eight of the 135 Brother Rice High School seniors, representing more than half of the Class of 2007, who purchased STAT (Seniors Today Alumni Tomorrow) polo shirts gather in front of the school. The Hon. Thomas Fr. Carmody Jr., Presiding Judge of the Bridgeview Courthouse and a 1969 Brother Rice graduate, presented the idea of STAT to the Brother Rice Alumni Association in 2003. Since then, participation has shown increased momentum each year as the special privilege of wearing the shirts on Mondays in lieu of a shirt and tie is a noticeable display of unity with alumni.

Madigan Reaches Agreement With ChoicePoint

Attorney General Lisa Madigan recently joined the attorneys general of 43 other states to announce a settlement with ChoicePoint, Inc. to resolve allegations that the company failed to adequately maintain the privacy and security of consumers' personally identifiable information that was in its control.

ChoicePoint, a Georgia-based company, is a provider of identification and credential verification services to businesses, government and non-profit organizations. Among its business activities, ChoicePoint collects, maintains and distributes consumers' personally identifiable information. In February 2005, ChoicePoint announced that criminals, posing as legitimate businesses, gained access to consumers' personally identifiable information. In the wake of these crimes, ChoicePoint mailed more than 145,000 notices to consumers across the country whose information may have been viewed or acquired by the criminals.

Madigan said ChoicePoint would make significant and ongoing changes in the way that it credentials new customers who have access to personally identifiable information. For the first time, the data broker has agreed to safeguard publicly available information using the same credential methods as it uses to safeguard financial information that is protected by law. Certain sensitive publicly available information, including Social Security numbers, will now receive greater protection.

As part of the settlement, ChoicePoint will follow newly enacted procedures designed to verify the legitimacy of a customer applying for access to personal information. ChoicePoint will closely evaluate customer applications at a number of different stages before granting access to the information it maintains. These steps will help to ensure that personal information does not fall into the wrong hands.

ChoicePoint will pay $500,000 to the various states. To help recoup the cost of leading this investigation over a period of two years, Madigan said Illinois would receive $90,000 as its share of the settlement.

In January 2006, ChoicePoint settled its case with the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) and paid $5 million into a pool to be used to reimburse eligible consumers. Consumers pay file claims pursuant to the FTC Order to recover out-of-pocket expenses for identity theft that resulted from the ChoicePoint breach. If consumers meet the eligibility requirements, they can submit the claim form for consideration. The deadline to submit a claim form to the FTC is June 22nd. More information is available at http://www.ftc.gov/bcp/conline/cases/choicepoint index.shtm.

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Sheriff's Police Raid Alsip Flea Market

An undercover investigation into the sale of illegally produced designer gym shoes led to a weekend raid of an Alsip flea market, the confiscation of more than 2,000 pairs and the arrest of 10 people, the Office of Cook County Sheriff Thomas J. Dart announced.

Cook County Sheriff's Police Special Operations officers raided the Swap-O-Rama Flea Market, 4350 W. 129th St. in Alsip, on Saturday, June 2nd about 10:30 a.m. seizing 2,476 pairs of counterfeit Nike gym shoes from 10 separate vendors. The seized shoes, for both men and women, were being sold in a variety of styles. Additionally, officers confiscated shoes from two booths that were abandoned shortly after the raid began.

Cook County Sheriff's Police Special Operations officers initiated an investigation at the flea market in early May following numerous complaints of counterfeit shoes being sold there. Undercover Special Operations officers made several purchases of the gym shoes, paying between $60 and $70 per pair for counterfeit shoes that, if legitimate, normally retailed for $125 and higher.

The following vendors were taken into custody during the raid and each charged with one count of counterfeiting trademarks. Their bond was set at $1,000. They are: Christian Lane, 18740 Maple Lane, Country Club Hills, 125 pairs seized; Jeffrey Hudson, 6003 S. Artesian, Chicago, 86 pairs; Awni Daoud AlQuan, 5619 W. 87th Pl., Oak Lawn, 197 pairs seized; Keenan M. Mayo, 7634 S. Marshfield, Chicago, 125 pairs seized; Paul N. Ebelechukwu, 8212 S. Shore Drive, Chicago, 169 pairs seized; Darrell Stewart, 12212 S. Lowe, Chicago, 964 pairs seized; Valeria Walker, 19821 Park Ave., Lynwood, 109 pairs seized; Majed NR Shoman, 8346 W. 95th St., Hickory Hills, 39 pairs seized; Marcus I. Vavzant, 901 E. 104th, Chicago, 73 pairs seized; Randle Scroggins, 550 S. Nelson, Kankakee, 354 pairs seized.

All offenders are slated to appear in 5th District Circuit Court in Bridgeview on July 16th in Room 105 at 10:30 a.m.

Chicago Ridge Rumble

THEDON, Inc. is proud to present *The Chicago Ridge Rumble*, an amateur boxing card sanctioned by USA Boxing, on June 10th outdoors at the Grove Sports Bar & Grill, 6030 W. 111th St. The gate opens at 1:30 and the boxing action starts at 3 p.m.

This is the f outdoor boxing event for THEDON, Inc. since the inception of THEDON's Fight Night at the Sabre Room Series. Fight Night at the Sabre Room is currently the Midwest's longest running monthly amateur boxing showcase. The "Chicago Ridge Rumble" will feature that exciting amateur boxing action with the Midwest's top amateur boxers live in a specially designed outdoor venue in the parking lot of Grove Sports Bar & Grill. Ticket prices are $20 VIP (limited availability) Ringside, $15 Reserved Seating and $10 General Admission. Tickets can be purchased at the Grove Sports Bar & Grill, (708) 424-7555, and at Joe's Italian Villa (Bridgeview), (708) 599-1431. For additional ticket locations or ticket information, call THEDON at (708) 704-5234.

In addition to a full card of boxing action, the Chicago Ridge Rumble will feature special guest appearances by boxing celebrities and the Polekatz ring card girls, souvenirs, giveaways, a full liquor bar and a special sporting event menu. THEDON, Inc. and President Don Lenza have been promoting boxing contests in the Chicago area for over 15 years. Local businessman and owner of Grove Sports Bar & Grill, Brad Grove, and THEDON President Don Lenza have joined resources in putting together a very special summer event. Those interested in tickets, sponsorship opportunities can contact THEDON, Inc. at (708) 704-5234.

Letter To The Editor

Dear editor,

The Humane Society of the United States would like to thank and congratulate U.S. Senator Dick Durbin (D-Ill.) for passing legislation in the U.S. Senate to protect the food supply for people and their pets.

Following the massive pet food recall, Senator Durbin introduced the Human and Pet Food Safety Act (S. 1274), which would require the Food and Drug Administration to set processing and ingredient standards for pet food, strengthen labeling requirements, establish an early warning system and mandatory recall authority for contaminated human and pet food products, improve oversight of foreign foods, and take other steps to help prevent needless deaths and illnesses. The Senate swiftly approved, by a vote of 94 to 0, similar legislation that Senator Durbin offered as an amendment to a broad bill regarding the Food and Drug Administration.

Two-thirds of American households have pets, and these members of our families deserve safe and unadulterated food, as do people. We are grateful to Senator Durbin for working to ensure food safety for all, and we urge the full Congress to quickly pass this legislation.

Sincerely,

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A Life Preserver For Drowning Trees

Are your trees drowning? Heavy winter snows and a wetter-than-normal spring in much of the country have left many trees sitting in soil saturated with water. Too much water sitting at the base of a tree can cause myriad problems. A traditional life preserver might not be the answer for these leafy giants, but a little knowledge – and knowing where to seek assistance – can help trees survive spring thaw.

Too much water can be as bad for trees as too little water. While some trees are suited to survive occasional floods, most are not. In addition, as a tree becomes older, its ability to adapt to abrupt environmental changes decreases.

"Trees must maintain a proper water balance," says Tchukki Andersen, staff arborist with the Tree Care Industry Association. "Although most trees can withstand moisture conditions from very dry to very wet for short periods of time, continued extremes can cause serious problems, depending on the tree species," Andersen explains. Some species – such as some oaks, pines and junipers – have adapted to survive drier conditions. Trees that grow along rivers (such as willows, poplars, cottonwoods and sycamores) and trees that grow in or around swamps and ponds (such as red maples, gums and pond cypress) can also grow in wet conditions.

Flood injury occurs when soil becomes saturated with water. There doesn't need to be an actual flood to cause flood injury.

Flood injury is usually expressed through changes in the foliage. One symptom in particular, chlorosis, is commonly caused by flood injuries. Chlorosis is the yellowing of leaves caused by a decrease in the amount of chlorophyll (green pigment) in the leaves. This symptom can look like a symptom of a disease but is often caused by non-disease problems, such as excessive water. A professional arborist can determine if chlorosis is caused by a pest (which can be controlled), or by water damage.

When flood conditions are prolonged, root dieback occurs. During root dieback, soil is so saturated that there is not enough oxygen available to the tree roots. Without the proper balance of oxygen and carbon dioxide, roots can't survive. Eventually the tree is not able to absorb adequate moisture, despite the flood condition. The tree will exhibit symptoms similar to leaf scorch, where a tree's leaves turn brown and die due to a lack of moisture in the leaves.

Symptoms of flood injury, in the order that they develop on the foliage, are:

- slight wilting or drooping of the foliage;
- yellowing and browning (necrosis) of leaf edges; and
- browning in the center of the leaf.

The symptoms usually start at the top of the tree or on the ends of branches, and spread throughout the entire crown. The symptoms are often more severe on the side of the tree facing the prevailing winds.

The best prevention for this problem is to avoid planting flood-intolerant trees in areas that are frequently flooded. There are a variety of wetland trees and shrubs that can be planted instead.

There are not many practical short-term solutions other than improving drainage. Whenever changes in drainage are made, the impact to all the affected landscape and landscape plants needs to be considered. Avoid creating problems for flood-tolerant plants by providing drainage for intolerant plants.

If you are unsure about your tree's health, consult a professional arborist who will treat the causes of tree health problems. Homeowners who would like a professional arborist to assess their trees should contact the Tree Care Industry Association (TCIA), a 69-year-old public and professional resource on trees and arboriculture. It has more than 2,000 member companies who recognize stringent safety and performance standards and who are required to carry liability insurance. TCIA has the nation's only Accreditation program that helps consumers find tree care companies that have been inspected and accredited based on: adherence to industry standards for quality and safety; maintenance of trained, professional staff; and dedication to ethics and quality in business practices. An easy way to find a tree care service provider in your area is to use the "Locate Your Local TCIA Member Companies" program. You can use this service by calling 1-800-733-2622 or by doing a ZIP code search at www.treecaretips.org.

Devastating Fire Doesn't Stop Service To Customers

Before 7 a.m. on Monday, May 14th, the day after a five-alarm fire burned for 10 hours and sent towering clouds of black smoke into the air, Fox Home Center in Alsip was back in business. Although the store and offices were destroyed, the office and salespeople were working out of a mobile office and picnic tables at the site.

"Employees came to work early on Monday – some even came Sunday evening – and have helped get the makeshift operations working and serving customers," says Rod Laird, who co-founded the business with his late brother Jack in 1961. "Some former employees have stopped by with offers to help, including several who just picked up brooms and started cleaning up."

Even vendors, customers and neighbors have brought donuts and good wishes, and the 115 Bourbon Street restaurant in nearby Merrionette Park surprised employees with a full buffet lunch. And one customer came in during the week to buy a composite deck and railing system because she had liked dealing with her salesman and wanted to support a business that showed concern for its employees.

Laird especially wants to thank the 20 fire departments and special units that were on the scene battling the flames, as well as the honesty of a fireman who noticed a cash register drawer had opened and picked up the contents and handed them to a member of the family. Furthermore, the fire departments were able to save the north building where products are manufactured, as well as most of the cedar and other deck and fence materials. The large outdoor display of sample decks, fences, play sets and storage sheds also remains.

Customers, vendors and even business neighbors are amazed that the lumberyard and the sales center were open for business and making deliveries at 6:30 a.m. Monday morning. "This was only possible due to the hard work of the 47 employees, many of whom have worked here for over 25 years," according to Laird.

In spite of competition from the big box stores that have come and gone, Fox Home Center has remained due to its knowledgeable and attentive staff; expansion into moulding; its expertise in kitchen design; and expansion into the manufacturing of low maintenance vinyl fencing, railings, pergolas and arbors offered in a variety of colors.

Fox Home Center plans to rebuild and remain an "institution" in the south suburbs. For further information, contact Mike or John Laird at (708) 636-3500.

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Citizens Against Government Waste Releases Report On Biogenerics

Citizens Against Government Waste (CAGW) recently released its report *Biogenerics: What They Are, Why They Are Important, and Their Economic Value to Taxpayers and Consumers.* The report estimates that if the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) was provided with the appropriate statutory framework to approve generic forms of biotech drugs for the marketplace, these drugs could save taxpayers and consumers $43.2 billion between 2011 and 2020.

"Biogenerics hold great promise for taxpayers and consumers," stated Tom Schatz, president of CAGW. "Biotech therapies have improved the lives of millions of Americans. Unfortunately, they can be very expensive. Some can even cost an individual $10,000 per year. But a thriving biogeneric industry would encourage competition, bring down prices, and stimulate more research."

Many biotech drugs are losing, or have lost, their patent protection, but most biotech drugs are regulated differently by the FDA than chemically-based drugs. Therefore, a generic drug company could not follow the abbreviated approval process under the Hatch-Waxman Act to produce a biogeneric drug.

"The FDA believes they need a statutory framework to allow them to approve a biogeneric for the marketplace. Legislation has been introduced that would create such a pathway and it should be considered by Congress," remarked Schatz.

CAGW has long supported a vibrant generic drug market and has resisted attempts by brand name companies to use the government to create roadblocks and interfere with the marketplace in order to restrict patients' access to generic drugs.

"Regrettably, the biotech industry is putting up a fight to stop an abbreviated approval process from being developed. Some members of Congress are actively looking to force price controls on both the biotech and pharmaceutical industries to obtain lower prices. This would not get less expensive therapies in the marketplace, and it would destroy our nation's vital pharmaceutical industry, just as price controls have done in Europe. The best approach is the creation of an accelerated pathway to bring biogenerics to the market that protects patients while balancing the financial needs of brand name and generic drug companies, just as Hatch-Waxman has done," concluded Schatz.

Citizens Against Government Waste is a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization dedicated to eliminating waste, fraud, mismanagement and abuse in government.

Durbin Urges Agriculture Committees To Strengthen Food Stamp Program

Recently, U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin (D-IL) sent a letter to the leadership of both the Senate and House Agriculture Committees urging them to strengthen nutrition programs, most notably the Food Stamp Program, in the upcoming reauthorization of the Farm Bill. Durbin was joined by members of the Illinois congressional delegation in sending the letter to Senate Chairman Tom Harkin (D-IA) and Ranking Member Sen. Saxby Chambliss (R-GA) and the House Chairman Collin Peterson (D-MN) and Ranking Member Bob Goodlatte (R-VA).

Noting the impact of the Food Stamp Program in Illinois, Durbin and the others wrote: "The Food Stamp Program is an essential part of the safety net for individuals struggling to meet their most basic needs...The program is critical to Illinois, where more than 1.2 million people rely on food stamps every month. In 2006, the program generated more than $1.5 billion into the state's economy, benefiting farmers, grocers, small businesses, and communities throughout our state."

The letter takes note of three areas where the program can be strengthened and asks the committee specifically to:

*Adjust the food stamp benefit levels, which are currently at $1.14 per person per meal in Illinois.

*Review current eligibility restrictions, which currently exclude legal immigrant adults and unemployed childless adults.

*Streamline and simplify program rules in order to ease barriers to participation, which currently prevent eligible households from accessing nutritional assistance.

Signatories to the letter include Sen. Barack Obama (D-IL), Reps. Jerry Costello (D-IL), Danny Davis (D-IL), Jesse Jackson Jr. (D-IL), Daniel Lipinski (D-IL), Bobby Rush (D-IL), Jan Schakowsky (D-IL), Rahm Emanuel (D-IL) and Phil Hare (D-IL).

All Points Southwest

By THOMAS E. GAVIN

Governor Rod Blagojevich has certainly got his hands full trying to craft a multi-billion dollar State budget which members of his Democratic party and Republican party faithful must pass with a three-fifths super majority. Since both the House and Senate have moved into overtime sessions, rumors of compromise are rampant. One can only hope that cooler heads will prevail and our elected officials will construct a budget that addresses the critical needs of the elderly and poor, non or under insured, and hospital, energy and educational questions that compound by the week. We will comment as the budget process unfolds.

Prior to the budget nightmare, Gov. Blagojevich signed a variety of legislative initiatives designed to improve our lives. We will relay a few of them now.

Equine lovers will appreciate legislation which bans the slaughter of horses in Illinois for human consumption. House Bill 1711 bans importing or exporting horse meat if any horse meat will be used for human consumption.

"It's past time to stop slaughtering horses in Illinois and sending their meat overseas. I'm proud to sign this law that finally puts an end to this practice," Gov. Blagojevich said.

The Governor announced his support for this legislation, sponsored by State Rep. Robert Molaro (D-Chicago) and State Senator John Cullerton (D-Chicago), after hearing from advocates in April. Violations of the new state law are punishable by up to 30 days in jail and a fine of $1,500.

"There is no domestic market for horse meat and, therefore, no need for this practice to continue in Illinois," Agriculture Director Chuck Hartke said. "Meat from the slaughtered horses is being shipped overseas to places like Belgium, France and Japan."

Illinois is home to the sole remaining horse slaughterhouse in the United States, Cavel International in DeKalb.

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Likewise, the Governor has awarded $2.7 million for the purchase of 52 ramp and lift equipped vehicles that will help elderly persons and persons with disabilities to 28 local government and social service agencies in Northeastern Illinois. To date, $11.4 million from IDOT (Illinois Dept. of Transportation) has been awarded to 146 agencies statewide.

The funding is allocated based on a competitive application process by IDOT's Division of Public and Intermodal Transportation, which is responsible for supporting public and specialized transportation efforts throughout the state.

Almost $1.4 million of the funding comes directly from the state, with the remainder coming from federal matching grants.

The following local agencies received an award in IDOT District 1: Catholic Charities of Archdiocese of Chicago (1), $52,873; City of Country Club Hills (1), $81,747; Misericordia Home (1), $46,866; Park Lawn School & Activity Center (2), $85,437; Roseland Community Hospital Association (1), $46,866; and South Suburban Training & Rehab. Services (1), $52,873.

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Moving to an equally important area of interest, All Points has been contacted by Dr. Mary Hession, Coordinator of The Literacy Zone, a reading tutorial program for students in grades two through five, which is available this summer through Governors State University's Graduate Program in Reading.

"This is a one-on-one program that brings students experiencing reading problems together with teachers who have the skills to help them," stated Dr. Hession. "We have a tremendous response to this program. It is very gratifying to see how our students' reading skills improve."

Students meet on campus with certified, experienced teachers enrolled in the Master of Arts Reading Program at GSU. Morning and afternoon sessions meet Monday through Thursday, from July 9th through July 30th. Morning sessions are from 9 to 11 a.m. Afternoon sessions are from 1 to 3 p.m. Enrollment is limited.

There is a $100 registration fee. However, $30 will be refunded to the parents/guardians of those students who complete the program with good attendance and return all Literacy Zone materials. The fee also includes daily snacks and a pizza party on the last day. For information call (708) 534-4129 or email m-hession@govst.edu.

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On Saturday, June 16th, Drs. James Sylora and Paul Y. Song will present "Options for Prostate Conditions" during a special program for men, from 7:30 to 11:30 a.m., held in Café 95 at Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care Centers. The event includes comprehensive blood testing to detect diabetes, gout, kidney and liver disorders, and blood cholesterol levels. Screenings for height, weight, oximetry and blood pressure, a colon cancer kit to take home, and a continental breakfast are included. There is a modest fee of $50, considering the actual value of the tests is $350. Reservations are required, and space is limited. Call (708) 423-5774 for information.

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Registrations are winding up for the 26th annual MS Bike Tour, a cycling event to help raise money to find a cure for multiple sclerosis. Presented by the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Greater Illinois Chapter, the MS Bike Tour is a two-day cycling adventure along Illinois' most picturesque farm roads. The event starts on the road June 23rd and 24th as the tour winds its way through DeKalb County.

Riders can opt for a 35, 75 or 100-mile route for each day of cycling. Visit www.rideforms.org to register for the ride and check out route maps, tips for riding, lists of the weekend's festivities and more. As Illinois' largest bicycling charity fundraiser, money raised at the MS Bike Tour supports local MS research and programs serving an estimated 20,000 people in Illinois living with multiple sclerosis. For information call (312) 421-4500.

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Catholic Charities will celebrate their 10th Annual Golf Invitational and its 90th Anniversary year with over 500 friends at Cog Hill in Lemont on Wednesday, July 25th at 10 a.m. This is one of the largest golfing events in Chicagoland.

All four of Cog Hill's courses are a part of the Invitational, including the famous Dubsdread, home of the 2007 BMW Championship. This event features celebrity appearances and fantastic Hole-in-One prizes. Guests can enter to win a $15,000 first prize in the raffle and bid on silent and live auctions offering golf gear, travel packages, and many sports and entertainment packages.

Under the leadership of Jim Ryan, a dedicated group of committee members are working to plan a fun day of golf for Invitational supporters. Foursomes range from $2,000-$4,000, and individual play ranges from $500 to $875 per person. All proceeds benefit Catholic Charities Family Services.

For more information on participating, volunteering or sponsorship opportunities, call Melissa Michaels at (312) 948-6797.

Giannoulias: Commit New Revenue To Pension Debt

Illinois State Treasurer Alexi Giannoulias' office will introduce legislation that guarantees all money generated from his office's unclaimed property division will go toward paying down the state's unfunded pension liability.

Currently, unclaimed property revenue offsets the state's annual pension contribution that comes from general revenue funds and other sources.

Giannoulias wrote the legislation after his office transferred a record $333 million to the state for pension purposes in April.

The state expected a transfer of just $187 million from unclaimed property. Instead of using the $146 million windfall to pay down unfunded pension liability, the state is holding onto the money to offset its scheduled pension payment next year.

Under Giannoulias' legislation, state officials must commit this year's property windfall to pay down the state's $40 billion unfunded pension liability.

In addition, the legislation requires all future revenue generated from unclaimed property to go toward unfunded pension liability instead of offsetting the state's annual payment to the pension system.

Giannoulias used a credit card analogy to explain the change. He compared the state's $40 billion in unfunded pension liability to a high credit card balance and the state's annual pension contribution to a minimum monthly payment.

"Currently, unclaimed property funds are used to pay a portion of the minimum monthly credit card payment. If there is a windfall in unclaimed property, the state still only makes the minimum monthly payment – just a greater amount of it comes from unclaimed property funds," he said.

"Our proposal says that from now on the state will still have to make the minimum monthly payment on its own, and then whatever money is generated in unclaimed property will be used to pay down the outstanding balance. Unclaimed property revenue will go above and beyond the state's payment, not in lieu of it," he added.

Noting that Illinois has the largest unfunded pension liability of any state in the nation, State Sen. Deanna Demuzio (D-Carlinville) and State Rep. Robert Molaro (D-Chicago) have announced their support for Giannoulias' efforts.

"Unclaimed property revenue should supplement the state's annual payment, not supplant it," Demuzio said. "We should stop pre-sweeping this money and allocate it all to the state's suffocating, unfunded pension liability."

Molaro is sponsoring the bill that would require the state to abide by Giannoulias' initiative.

"Whatever comes out of unclaimed property should go free and clear to pension liability," he said. "We always want some debt reduction; this measure just adds discipline to our budget process."

Ralph Martire, executive director of the bipartisan Center for Tax and Budget Accountability, also supports Giannoulias' efforts.

"Illinois has the worst unfunded pension liability in the nation," Martire said. "The Treasurer's proposal is a common sense utilization of unclaimed property to pay the state's biggest bill and be responsible stewards of the taxpayers' money."

If the Treasurer's Office put $146 million toward the unfunded pension liability this year and $88.5 million toward the liability each year through 2045 (Illinois law requires the pension funds to be 90 percent funded by 2045) the office will have paid down $3.3 billion in pension debt.

That $3.3 billion is worth much more if you think about how much it would cost the state if that money was not used, Giannoulias said, returning to his credit card analogy.

"If the state skips a pension payment, its debt increases rapidly," Giannoulias said. "Without our $3.3 billion contribution, the state's debt continues to increase and the hole continues to grow deeper. However, with our $3.3 billion the state will save $20 billion in future payments."

The Treasurer's Office generates revenue from the Unclaimed Property Trust Fund, the account which holds all the lost, forgotten or abandoned cash and property collected by the office each year.

The Treasurer's Office recovered an unprecedented amount of cash and stock in recent months from insurance companies undergoing demutualization, the process of converting a mutual company to a stock company.

Last year, demutualization contributed to a record $84 million that the Treasurer's Office returned to 48,438 people and businesses who claimed money that the state owed them.

Once the demutualization process is complete, unclaimed property revenue is expected to return to typical levels. Since 2000, the median transfer was $88.5 million.

The Treasurer's Office retains all funds received under the Unclaimed Property Act in a trust fund. On April 15 and October 15 of each years, the Treasurer's Office deposits any money in excess of $2.5 million into the state's pension fund.

The $2.5 million balance is maintained to pay claims to Illinois residents who seek to recover their unclaimed property. Assets can be claimed at any time.

Past transfers from unclaimed property to the pensions fund are as follows: FY 00, $80.2 million; FY 01, $84.3 million; FY 02, $83 million; FY 03 $89 million; FY 04, $114 million; FY 05, $88.6 million; FY 06, $119.6 million and FY 07, $333 million.

Investment Broadcast

Edward Jones Financial Advisor Janet H. O'Brien of Palos Park is hosting a free broadcast presentation titled "How Your Personality Can Affect Your Portfolio's Performance" at 10:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 12 at 8101 W. 123rd St. in Palos Park.

Participants can learn how their behaviors may influence the overall performance of their investments – and how this can potentially help them avoid mistakes.

The broadcast features Edward Jones and special guest and investor behavior expert Terrance Odean, of the Haas School of Business at the University of California, Berkeley.

This interactive event is presented at select Edward Jones branch offices nationwide via the firm's private video network.

To reserve a seat or for more information about the Tuesday, June 12 program, call O'Brien at (708) 923-6678. For those unable to attend, additional viewing opportunities are available.

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ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

Amusement Park Exhibit Makes Summer Debut

Attention, Chicagoans! Do you remember the "Bobs," "Aladdin's Castle" or even the "Rotor"? Do the words "Sans Souci," "Joyland" or "Luna Park" bring back memories of your first kiss or cotton candy? If any of the previously mentioned items make you pause and reflect on happier times, the Chicago Public Library happily takes you back in time with the opening of a new exhibition entitled FUN FOR ALL! Chicago's Amusement Parks.

Fun for All is a creative collection of artifacts, photographs, documents, postcards and other memorabilia that chronicle the fascination, history and variety of Chicago's amusement parks: from the 1893 World's Fair to Chutes Park, Riverview Park to Kiddieland to Funtown. Fun for All is a celebration of Chicago's amusement parks. The exhibit presents descriptive sections on the 1893 Columbian Exposition (World's Fair); Chicago's early neighborhood amusement parks; and an entire wing of memorabilia from Chicago's Riverview Park, including more than 15 models of the rides and attractions that made Riverview Park a fun-time frolic for friends and family.

The exhibition will be on display from June 16, 2007 through Sept. 14, 2008 in the Special Collections Exhibit Hall, 9th floor, at the Harold Washington Library Center, 400 S. State St.

Chicago was a leader in the development of amusement parks in the United States. The Midway Plaisance at the 1893 World's Fair inspired the concept of the modern amusement park: an enclosed space with an admission fee that featured entertainment, most notably rides.

The most famous ride on the Midway Plaisance was undoubtedly the Ferris Wheel, created by George Ferris. More than a million and a half visitors paid to ride the Ferris Wheel, which rose 264 feet into the air with 36 passenger cars. Just one car on the giant wheel could hold 60 people. Two complete revolutions of the wheel took 20 minutes and afforded passengers spectacular views of the Midway Plaisance, the Exposition grounds, Lake Michigan and the Chicago skyline.

In the years after the Fair closed, Chicago saw amusement parks open (and close) across the city. The first known modern amusement park in Chicago opened in July 1894. Inspired by the Midway Plaisance example of an enclosed area for amusements with an admission charge, noted swimmer and showman Paul Boyton opened Chutes Park at Cottage Grove Ave. and 63rd St. Boyton's Water Chutes was the first major Shoot-the-Chutes ride in the United States. It later moved to Kedzie and Jackson on Chicago's west side.

Chutes Park was followed by the '49 Mining Camp (61st St. & Cottage Grove); Ferris Wheel Park (Clark & Wrightwood); Sans Souci (60th St. & Cottage Grove); White City (63rd St. & South Parkway – now Martin Luther King Drive); and Luna Park (52nd St. & Halsted). Joyland Park, the only early Chicago Park owned by African Americans, opened in the 1920s in Bronzeville. Joyland contributed to the vitality of the Bronzeville neighborhood before closing later in the decade.

Chicago's most famous amusement park was Riverview, which opened in 1904 and ran until 1967. Located at Western and Belmont, it offered a wide range of amusements: baseball, Mardi Gras parades, a velodrome for bicyclists, historic reenactments of national events, roller skating, games of chance and live music, among other attractions. But Riverview was best known for its rides, from the Pair-O-Chutes to the Jetstream roller coaster. Most legendary was the Bobs roller coaster, which thrilled riders from its opening in 1924 until the Park closed in 1967.

In the post-World War II era, Funtown at 1711 E. 95th St. was the best known amusement park to open in Chicago. Originally called Kiddytown, it was one of many amusement parks designed primarily for children that thrived mid-century, especially in the suburbs. The most well known is Kiddieland in Melrose Park.

Although in 1908 nearly 500,000 Chicagoans flocked to the Windy City's amusement parks every summer weekend in search of inexpensive fun, the heyday of amusement parks was over by the second half of the 20th century. The tremendous growth of Chicago's suburbs and the birth of the modern, suburban theme park pulled away visitors. Nevertheless, historians continue to record the story of the city's parks and Chicagoans continue to trade stories about their experiences. Riverview especially has been the setting for plays and novels; the topic of research; and a landmark for decades in the collective memory of Chicagoans.

Jazz In The Courtyard

The Pat Noland Group featuring Patrick Noland (piano and guitar), Pete Vancura (bass) and Rusty Jones (drums) will play jazz from 7 to 9 p.m., every Monday beginning June 25 in the courtyard at the Beverly Arts Center, 2407 W. 111th St. (111th and south Western Ave.), Chicago.

Bring picnic blankets or chairs to enjoy this free concert. (In case of rain, concerts will move indoors.)

For more information, call (773) 445-3838, or visit the web at www.beverlyartcenter.org.

Island Rendezvous

In the Midwest, among the first interactions between Native people and an outside culture were commercial in nature. French-Canadian voyageurs, using the Great Lakes and river systems, accessed the nation's interior to trade with the inhabitants. For more than 200 years, these rugged traders bartered manufactured goods that the native peoples could not make themselves for beaver pelts, highly sought in Europe for their fashion value and known to the voyageurs as "soft brown gold."

The Forest Preserve District of Will County offers an insight into this time with its annual Island Rendezvous, a free, two-day festival to be held on Saturday, June 9th from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, June 10th from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

This year's Rendezvous features the reopening of Isle a la Cache Museum, completely renovated with expanded viewing space, all new exhibits, and a diorama depicting a pond and beaver lodge. The museum is devoted to the fur trade of the mid-18th century. Guided tours will be offered at 12:30, 1:30, 2:30 and 3:30 p.m. on June 9th and at 11:30 a.m. and 12:30, 1:30 and 2:30 p.m. on June 10th. The official ribbon cutting for the renovated museum will be at 12 noon on June 9th.

At the Island Rendezvous, dozens of historical re-enactors will portray French, English and Native Americans of the mid-18th century. A voyageur encampment will permit the public to watch period crafts being made.

Highlights of the Rendezvous include a paddle dance, a "trader training" for children to test brains and brawn, and Native American storytellers.

On Saturday only, two Native American presenters will be featured at the Isle a la Cache amphitheater.

Celtic, French and period music will be performed live both days.

A schedule of events and a map of the site will be available at the Forest Preserve's information tent. Other Forest Preserve District of Will County information will also be available.

The Island Rendezvous is free of charge, but vendors will be on hand with clothing, jewelry, tools and other crafts from the period that can be purchased. Food will also be available for sale.

The Island Rendezvous is a perfect family program – colorful, educational and inexpensive. Parking is free of charge.

Isle a la Cache Museum is located at 501 E. 135th St. (Romeo Road), 0.5 mile east of Route 53, in Romeoville.

For information, call the Forest Preserve District of Will County's public information office at (815) 727-8700 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday or Isle a la Cache Museum at (815) 886-1467.

Class Reunions

Lindblom Technical High School class of January 1958 is looking for classmates for a 50th reunion. Call Kathleen Brown Homa at (815) 469-8088 or email yaknor60@sbcglobal.net.

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Evergreen Park Elementary School class of 1947 will hold a 60th Anniversary Reunion on June 27th at Barraco's Restorante at 1 p.m. Call Janet at (708) 422-7048.

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Harper High School classes of 1957 seeking classmates for a 50th reunion on Aug. 18th. Call (708) 308-2006 or visit the web site at harperhigh57@sbcglobal.net.

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St. Benedict High School class of 1972 will hold a 35th reunion on Nov. 10th at the Sheraton Gateway Suites in Rosemont. A Memorial Mass for deceased classmates will be held at noon on Nov. 11th at St. Benedict Church, followed by a tour of the school. Call (773) 539-0066 or email alumn@stbenedict.com.

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New Trier class of 1986 20th reunion will be held on Nov. 4th at the North Shore Skokie Hotel. Visit www.1986.com.

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St. Florian School – An All-School Reunion, celebrating 100 years, will be held Nov. 17th. Organizers are looking for all alumni names, addresses and the year they graduated. Call (773) 646-2868 or visit www.florian.hegewisch.net.

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Bloom Trail class of 1987 will hold its 20-year reunion on June 23rd. For information, visit www.bloomtrail1987.classquest.com.

Outdoor Performances

Lewis University's Heritage Theatre Company will present "Under the Stars 2007!" Performances will include Big Eddy Springs Blues Band on Thursday, June 14; and The Augmented Four will perform on Thursday, June 21.

The performances will be held on Lewis University's outdoor Terrace Stage, located on the lawn behind the Philip Lynch Theatre on the Lewis main campus on Route 53 in Romeoville. For weather cancellations, call (815) 836-5480.

The lawn opens at 7 p.m. for picnics and the shows begin at 8 p.m. Reservations are not necessary. Performances are recommended for all audiences. General admission tickets are $10. For children under 13 and members of the Lewis University community and their guests, tickets are $5. Lewis students with ID will be admitted for $2.

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ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

Traditional Barn Dance

Bring your dancing shoes down to Garfield Farm Museum on Saturday, June 16, from 6 to 9 p.m. for a traditional Barn Dance. Live music and calling will be provided by the Warrenville Folk Music Society starting at 7 p.m. Dancers of all ages and abilities are welcome. Bring a picnic dinner and enjoy a historic evening down on the farm. Light refreshments will be available for a small fee. Admission is $8 for adults and $3 for children under 13. Donations will be accepted to help save and restore the farm's oldest barn which was recently struck by lightening, the historic 1842 wheat barn.

Large community dances were an everyday part of life in rural America. They provided an opportunity to socialize with neighbors, conduct business deals, court and arrange marriages, or simply relax after a hard day's work on the farm. Traditional dance forms such as contra, line and circle dances allowed each participate to dance with everyone else. They were paced so the dancer could converse with each new partner.

Rich and poor, town and country, would come together for an evening of socializing and entertainment. Because of the mingling of all ages and social sectors, everyone was expected to be on their best behavior. Polite manners were to everyone's benefit. Besides making the evening more enjoyable, they could have a positive effect on a person's future. The young man who was polite on the dance floor might be recognized and acknowledged on the street the next day by his pretty dance partner, perhaps opening the door for courtship. A child who behaved at dances might earn the good praises of his parents. Well-mannered and elegant couples might earn the respect of their neighbors, superiors and the community in general.

Just like the job interview for adults or the first day at a new school for children today, dances were the place people wanted to make a good impression. They were the place where people created public images and forged reputations.

Today, as our friends and families are spread out across the country, our sense of community is often fractured. Garfield Farm Museum's barn dances are a chance to find that community spirit while enjoying a wonderful evening of picnic, refreshments, history and graceful dancing. You may meet someone from 50 or more miles away and leave as new friends.

For more information call the museum at (630) 584-8485, or email at info@garfieldfarm.org. Garfield Farm Museum is located 5 miles west of Geneva, IL off IL Rt. 38 on Garfield Road. The 370-acre site is a historically intact former 1840s farm and teamster inn being restored as an 1840s working farm museum by volunteers and donors from around the country.

Aaron Kanadet Will Entertain At Aglow Meeting

The Oak Lawn Chapter of Aglow International will meet on Thursday, June 14th at Mama Luigi's Restaurant, 7500 S. Harlem in Bridgeview.

Aaron Kanadet will be the entertainment for June's meeting. Instead of a speaker, it will be an evening of mystery and intrigue. Aaron is a magician who just recently completed another training course. We know there is no such thing as real "magic," but you will be puzzled by the way cards seem to disappear, reappear and change.

Aaron just graduated from Oak Lawn Hometown Middle School and is a member of the First Christian Reform Church Puppet Ministry. He is a lifelong member of Oak Lawn Community Church where he was a member of the Youth Choir and now is a member of the Chancel Choir.

He is a member of Boy Scout Troop #652 where he is the Chaplain Aide. Aaron plays the drums and when he starts Oak Lawn Community High School in September, he will be joining the band. He has intentions of playing football also.

Bring some friends and see what appears (or disappears)...I wonder...

Dinner tickets are $13, available at 6:30 p.m. at the door. Dinner is served promptly at 7 p.m. Reservations are required by June 11th. For additional information and reservations, call June at (708) 424-1656.

The Wright Gift For The Father Who Has Everything

This Father's Day instead of giving dad another tie give him an experience he will never forget with ArchiTrek: Robie House Historic Neighbors Walk and Wine.

Enjoy the summer afternoon by exploring the architectural diversity of Chicago's Hyde Park neighborhood on a guided tour led by an expert Preservation Trust interpreter. After the walking tour, visitors will have an interior highlights tour of Wright's Robie House masterpiece before making their way to the terraces of the Robie House, which are usually closed to the public. While on the terraces, guests will have the unique opportunity to enjoy wine, beer and appetizers in one of the most important buildings in the history of American architecture.

Join the Preservation Trust for this special tour at 4:30 p.m. on Sunday, June 17 at Wright's Robie House, 5757 S. Woodlawn Ave., Chicago. Admission is $25 for Preservation Trust members and $30 for non-members. Tickets may be purchased at wrightplus.org or at the Robie House Museum Shop, 5757 S. Woodlawn Ave., Chicago.

ArchiTreks are a series of exceptional tour experiences, presented by the Frank Lloyd Wright Preservation Trust, that explore the community surrounding Wright's Home and Studio in Oak Park and the Robie House in Chicago. Admire renowned architecture with historical commentary provided by expert Preservation Trust interpreters.

For more information about this or other ArchiTrek tours, contact the Preservation Trust at (708) 848-1976.

The Chosen Ones

Southern Gospel Recording Artists, The Chosen Ones, will be appearing in concert on Friday, June 15th at 7 p.m. The outdoor concert will be held at Immanuel Church, 83rd and Normandy Ave. in Burbank. A free spaghetti dinner will precede the concert from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

The Chosen Ones, from Manchester, IL blend together two generations of close family harmony as they present the Gospel in song. Dating back to 1974, The Chosen Ones have traveled across America sharing through the media of television, radio, and personal appearances. With their wide variety of Progressive Southern Gospel music, attendees will find the ministry of The Chosen Ones very encouraging to hearts of young and old alike.

The public is cordially invited to attend this great concert of Praise and Worship with The Chosen Ones. Make plans now to attend.

For more information call Bob or Marj at (708) 425-4508.

50th Reunion Planned

The search is on for all classmates from the Evergreen Park Community High School Class of '57 graduating class. A 50th Reunion Dinner Party will be held on Friday, June 22nd at 7 p.m. in the Tower Room of the Hilton Oak Lawn Hotel, 9333 S. Cicero Ave.

The class will meet again Saturday morning, June 23 for a Breakfast Buffet at 10 a.m. in the Lincoln Room of the Hilton.

Classmates from all over the US have indicated their intention to attend this special event. A class picture will be taken at the dinner.

To keep in touch about the reunion visit the website at http://www.classreport.com/usa/il/evergreen_park/ephs/1957.

For information and tickets for the Reunion, contact Phyllis Beaven Rimmele. (708) 535-2327, e-mail primmele@sbcglobal.com. Don't wait! Time is running out!

Jazzin' At The Shedd

The rhythmic sounds of jazz, folk, samba and funk will reverberate throughout the Shedd Aquarium this summer, as the city's top jazz musicians leave the lounge and head for the lake. Sponsored by WNUA 95.5, Jazzin' at the Shedd returns for its 13th season, allowing music lovers to enjoy the lively tunes of hot artists, while strolling through the aquarium's galleries.

With extended hours every Thursday, Jazzin' is an ideal evening summer spot for music and animal lovers of all ages. Guests will be able to see the aquarium in a whole new light – or lack thereof! See the dolphins as dusk settles over lake Michigan in the Oceanarium; check out the sharks in the mysterious waters of Wild Reef; or watch the penguins as they settle in for the night. Check out all of Shedd's nightlife, while listening to some of Chicago's best live jazz.

During Jazzin', lounge with lizards in Shedd's must-see exhibit, Lizards and the Komodo King and learn more about these modern dinosaurs and their amazing array of adaptations. From the bacteria-filled mouth of the Komodo dragon to the expandable throat pouch of the bearded dragon, Shedd's special exhibit, which was recently extended through the summer of 2008, provides an up-close look at some of nature's most fascinating creatures.

This summer concert series includes a diverse lineup of some of the area's top jazz musicians on Thursday evenings until 10 p.m. from June 21 to Aug. 30. Explore all of Shedd's wonderful exhibits including its special exhibit Lizards and the Komodo King. The Wild Reef, Oceanarium and Lizards exhibits will close at 8 p.m. Tickets are $10 for adults and $8 for children (ages 3 to 11) and senior citizens. See Lizards and the Komodo King and the Oceanarium for only $6 more. Food and beverage will be available for purchase. Enjoy the 4-D FX Theater for an additional $4. For more information visit www.sheddaquarium.org.

Family Outing With Design Detectives

Bring your family of sleuths to Frank Lloyd Wright's home to uncover the secrets of his designs with the Design Detectives Family Tour.

Bring your family together for the Design Detectives Family Tour, offered at 1:30 p.m., every Saturday at the Frank Lloyd Wright Home and Studio, 951 Chicago Ave., Oak Park. Tickets are available online at wrightplus.org or may be purchased at the Home and Studio Museum shop on the day of the tour. Admission is $12 for adults, $10 for youth 11-17 and seniors 65+, and $5 for children 4-10. For more information visit wrightplus.org or call (708) 848-1976.

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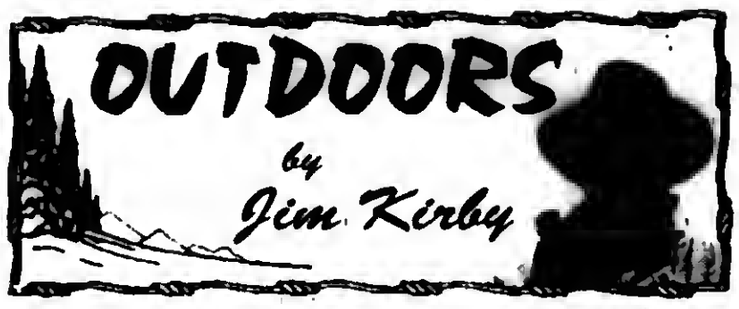

FISH VIRUS FOUND IN WISCONSIN AND MICHIGAN INLAND WATERS: Surprise reports on May 11th that a new viral fish disease likely killed fish in the Lake Winnebago system is spurring Wisconsin fisheries officials to expand the reach of emergency rules aimed at preventing *viral hemorrhagic septicemia*, or VHS from spreading to new waters.

And on May 16th, Michigan officials confirmed the presence of VHS in Clare County's Budd Lake with a "very large" die-off of black crappie, bluegill and muskie. Fish collected from Budd Lake were taken to Michigan State University for testing. The DNR learned last week that the fish from Budd Lake tested positive for VHS. This is the first time that the virus has been found in inland waters in Michigan.

Wisconsin DNR officials are deeply concerned. The Lake Winnebago system is home to a $234 million fishery and the world's largest lake sturgeon population. Movement of boats from one body of water to another is a likely path for spreading the virus. There is concern the threat will impact the $2.3 billion sport fishing industry, which supports more than 26,000 jobs.

VHS is not a health threat to people who handle infected fish or want to eat their catch, but it can kill more than 25 fish species. Boaters and anglers on all Wisconsin and Michigan waters must take steps that will help prevent the spread of VHS to other waters. *(Great Lakes Basin Report)*

■**SOMETHING NEW IN MOLDED FISH LURES:** **FoodSource Lures**, the "world's only molded fishing lures" made entirely of *100 percent real food*, is expanding its product line with five new freshwater lures to meet the demands of anglers worldwide.

Soft plastics have long been a popular way to mimic natural food sources for fish, however, plastic is not biodegradable. That means plastic lures that are lost or discarded can potentially become an environmental issue. **FoodSource Lures** resemble popular soft plastic baits but are 100% biodegradable and pose no health hazards to waters, fish or other wildlife.

FoodSource Lures come in several attractive colors and scents in food sticks, grubs, worms, minnows, catfish bites, carp candies, salmon eggs and more. Durable and easy to use, these lures can be placed back in the original bag without damaging unused lures. Because **FoodSource Lures** are real food rather than plastics, fish strike hard and hold onto them. My personal experience with the product was drop shotting for walleyes in Northern Wisconsin using the 3-inch Minnow scented with anise and licorice. And bluegill fishing on Goose Lake using the 3-inch Earthworm scented with garlic. The fish took the bait without hesitation!

If your local tackle shop doesn't carry **FoodSource Lures** (it's only a matter of time before they will have to carry them due to customer demand), log onto their web site at www.fslures.com for a state-by-state listing of dealers near you, or have your dealer order some of the product for you.

■**RECENT PRESS RELEASES:** A great way to keep current on news from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources is to read the press releases posted on their web site. *Bookmark www.dnr.state.il.us pubaffairs/pubaffrs.htm.* Recent releases include rules on Canada goose management will have no impact on the upcoming 2007-08 waterfowl hunting seasons or nuisance permit procedures in Illinois.

■**TRAILBLAZER ADVENTURE PROGRAM:** The Trailblazer Adventure Program continues to grow and program leaders are expanding their responsibilities to ensure its continued success. Trailblazers is the largest outdoor youth education program of its kind. Developed to introduce families to the outdoor lifestyle under the guidance of sportsmen mentors, the program has brought the thrill of outdoor sports to more than 366,000 participants since its inception in 2001.

In 2007, the U.S. Sportsmen's Alliance Foundation expects 150,000 participants to learn about shooting, hunting, fishing and other outdoor sports during 80 scheduled events. The USSAF is looking for motivated volunteers who feel strongly about keeping the outdoor heritage alive. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, contact **Frank Price** at (614) 888-4868, ext. 202, or e-mail trailblazer@ussportsmen.org.

■**ILLINOIS MUSKIE ALLIANCE MEETING MINUTES:** "Muskie signs for Mallard Lake showing the difference between a muskie and a pike are being developed by the sign shop of DuPage County at Mallard Lake. **Ray Thompson** will check to see if Muskies Inc. brochures will work in our area."

"Present at the meeting were **Ted Koski** and **Greg Meyer of Ramp Illinois**. They are trying to organize interested groups to support a move to stop closing, and instead add launch ramps on Lake Michigan and other Illinois bodies of water. All fishermen pay 15% on the products they buy to support access to waterways."

ThunderBolts Win In Rainy Series Opener

A late start at Hawk Ford Field on May 31st didn't stop an enthusiastic crowd from coming out to cheer on their first-place Windy City ThunderBolts. The team battled the Traverse City Beach Bums for nine hard innings, and despite being out-hit 12-5, a resilient Bolts squad walked away with a come-from-behind 6-4 victory.

For most of the afternoon, chances of baseball being played at Hawk Ford Field looked grim. Around 5 p.m., however, the sun broke through the clouds and the grounds crew went to work. By 8 p.m. the field was ready for play and the Beach Bums and Bolts were ready for action.

The teams would only waste one inning before getting the scoring underway. The Beach Bums would plate one run on ThunderBolts starter Brody Taylor in the top of the second to give the team a 1-0 lead. In the bottom half, the ThunderBolts would use one hit by J.P. Lowen and a pair of bunts to bring across two runs to take a 2-1 lead.

The score would remain the same until the top of the fifth. The first 3 batters the Beach Bums sent to the plate would cross home in the inning to give the Bums a 4-1 lead. The ThunderBolts would bring one back in the sixth to make it a 4-2 game.

Traverse City starter Robbie McClellan scattered only 3 hits over 6 2/3 innings of work, but it was the last batter that he faced that turned the tide of the game. With Rob Marconi on at second base following a walk and stolen base, left fielder Mike Coles stepped to the plate. Coles would battle McClellan to a full count and then took a fastball back up the middle to plate Marconi and tie the game.

The ThunderBolts would take the lead back for good in the bottom of the eighth inning. Leading off the ThunderBolts half of the frame, shortstop Wes Long belted his third home run of the season deep to left to give the ThunderBolts a lead they would not relinquish. Amos Ramon would add a bases-loaded RBI single to give the Bolts some insurance. Two innings of solid relief by Isaac Hess earned him the win while Matt Petty pitched a perfect ninth for his second save of the year.

Free Fishing Days

Recreation agencies, park districts, youth groups, civic organizations and fishing clubs throughout Illinois will host a wide variety of fishing derbies, how-to clinics and other special activities as part of the 2007 celebration of Illinois Free Fishing Days, June 8 to 11. Free Fishing Days allow anyone to fish without a fishing license, inland trout stamp or salmon stamp during the four-day event each June.

Organizations throughout the state plan special events during Free Fishing Days weekend and at other times during the spring and summer to focus on fishing. While anyone can fish without a license during the four days of Free Fishing Days, anglers fishing in fishing derbies, tournaments and other special events held prior to or after Free Fishing Days are required to have a fishing license, unless they are otherwise exempted.

One such event will take place on the Chicago River June 21st and 22nd. The event is sponsored by Fishin' Buddies. For more information, call John Kidd Jr. at (773) 233-3250.

For more information on Free Fishing Days events in Illinois, contact the IDNR at (217) 782-9990.

Coaching Clinic

ASEP Coaching Clinics will be held in Downers Grove on June 23rd at the Holiday Inn Express and in Arlington Heights on July 11th at the La Quinta Inn for anyone interested in becoming certified to coach middle or high school athletics. The successful completion of the ASEP program is required by the Illinois High School Assn. for all non-faculty coaches.

To register or for more information about this or future clinics, contact Jeff Kyle at (217) 586-4799.

2007 Rawlings-NAIA Gold Glove Team

St. Xavier University freshman left fielder Tony Testin (Joliet/Joliet Catholic) was one of just nine NAIA players named to the 2007 Rawlings-NAIA Region VII Gold Glove Team when the honors were released by the national office recently. Testin had an impressive debut season with the Cougars this spring both offensively and defensively.

"To be able to come in as a freshman and have the type of season that Tony had this spring is a testament to his work ethic and talent for the game of baseball," said SXU baseball coach Mike Dooley. "Many people rank baseball players based on their offensive production, but having a guy who can play great defense is often just as important. Tony is very deserving of this distinct honor and I believe it is the start of what will be a very successful college career for him."

Testin, along with senior third baseman Nick Tantillo (Tinley Park/Andrew), was named to the 2007 All-CCAC Gold Glove Team as well as the 2007 NAIA All-Region VII Gold Glove Team in May. He racked up 97 putouts and two assists with just two errors in the outfield. He finished the season with a fielding percentage of .980. On the offensive side, Testin hit .365 (72-for-197) on the year with a team-best 45 runs scored over 52 games. He also finished with 11 doubles, two triples, and 40 RBI.

Open Tennis And Lessons

Brother Rice High School, 10001 S. Pulaski, will host open tennis and lessons this summer. The sessions will be directed by the Brother Rice coaching staff and will be held from 6 to 7:30 p.m. on June 18th to 20th, July 16th to 18th and Aug. 13th to 15th. For more information, contact Marty Grogan at (773) 429-4300.

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Saint Xavier University Sports News

Four St. Xavier Softball Players Earn Academic Honors

The St. Xavier University softball team had seniors Jory Bodi, Marie Barker and Nicole Barker, in addition to junior Holly Kennedy, all recognized as 2007 Daktronics-NAIA Softball Scholar-Athletes when the national office released the names in conjunction with the 2007 NAIA Softball National Championship Tournament, which is taking place this week in Decatur, Ala. Bodi played first base for the Cougars, while the Barkers and Kennedy saw action in the outfield this past spring.

To be named a Daktronics-NAIA Softball Scholar-Athlete, a student-athlete must have at least a 3.50 grade point average (GPA) on a 4.00 scale and be at least a junior in academic standing with one full academic year completed at the nominating institution.

Gilbert Signs with St. Xavier Women's Cross Country/Track

Kayla Gilbert, a senior middle distance runner at Shepard High School in Palos Heights, has signed a letter of intent to continue both her athletic and academic career at St. Xavier University as a member of the Cougar women's track program. The Calumet Park native is expected to make an immediate impact on the indoor/ outdoor track teams at SXU next season.

Gilbert is the daughter of Cynthia Gilbert of Calumet Park. She plans to pursue a degree in nursing next year at SXU. Gilbert was coached by Verline Gaddis with the Astros' girls track team.

SXU Men's Track Signs Witty

Roy Witty, a senior distance runner at Marist High School in Chicago, has signed a letter of intent to continue both his athletic and academic career as a member of the Cougar men's cross country and track programs. The Mount Greenwood native was coached by John O'Hara (boy's cross country) and Tony DeAngelis (boy's track) during his prep career at Marist High School.

Witty is the son of Roy and Beverly Witty of Mount Greenwood. He plans to pursue a degree in business next year at Saint Xavier University. SXU men's cross country/track coach Ed McAllister feels that Witty possesses the work ethic and skill to make a smooth transition to collegiate athletics.

Barker Named to Academic All-America Team

St. Xavier University senior right fielder Nicole Barker (Chicago Heights/Marian Catholic) was named a first team honoree in the College Division of the 2007 ESPN The Magazine Academic All-America Softball Team when the national committee released the national honors recently. This is the second straight year that Barker has earned a spot on the ESPN The Magazine Academic All-America Softball Team after garnering third team honors as a junior following the 2006 season.

Barker led SXU with a batting average of .426 (69-for-162) and 40 runs scored over all 45 games. In addition, she also tied for the team-lead with 16 stolen bases and four triples. Barker majored in business and graduated from SXU in May with a 3.89 cumulative grade point average on a 4.00 scale.

To be nominated for the ESPN The Magazine Academic All-America Softball Team, a student-athlete must be a starter or important reserve with at least a 3.20 cumulative GPA for her career. Student-athletes are not eligible until they have reached sophomore athletic and academic standing at their current institution. Student-athletes must also have completed one full academic year at the nominating institution to be eligible.

Openings Still Available for Basketball Camp

St. Xavier University's women's basketball coach Bob Hallberg still has openings for his two-session girls basketball camp, which begins on June 18th and will be open to all girls between the ages of 7 and 15. The first session will run from June 18th to 22nd and the second and final session will take place from June 25th to 29th. Both sessions will run daily from 1:30 until 4 p.m. and take place in the Shannon Center on the Chicago campus of SXU.

Players signing up for more than one session will be introduced to new material. Participants will be grouped according to age and ability and Hallberg will actively teach at every session. SXU assistant coaches and players will also be on hand to instruct campers. The cost for the girls basketball camp is priced on a per session basis. One session is $120 and both sessions cost $220.

Enrollment for the June camp is on a first-come, first-served basis. Applications are still available at the SXU Athletics Dept. located in the Shannon Center or on-line at www.sxu.edu/athletics. For further information or questions regarding the camp, contact Laura Kurzeja at (773) 298-3785.

Book Sale Benefits Childrens Hospital

Children's Memorial Hospital in Chicago is one of the children's health organizations benefiting from sales of "The Boy of Steel," a *New York Times* best-selling children's fiction book about a young boy with brain cancer who becomes a New York Yankees batboy for a day. All royalties from sales of the book published by HarperCollins in 2006 are donated to children's cancer research organizations.

Laura Seeley, the book's illustrator, will sign copies of "The Boy of Steel" free of charge during all three days of the 10th annual SportsFest sports and entertainment collectibles show Friday through Sunday, June 8th to 10th, at the Renaissance Schaumburg Hotel & Convention Center. Her appearance is sponsored by exhibitor Art of the Stars.

Book author Ray Negron grew up in the Bronx and as a teen was caught spray painting graffiti on the side of Yankee Stadium. Yankees owner George Steinbrenner put him to work as a batboy and Negron went on to play minor league baseball with the Pittsburgh Pirates organization. He also worked as a team counselor for the Cleveland Indians and Texas Rangers and is currently a special adviser to Steinbrenner.

Approximately 40 former and current professional athletes in a variety of sports will be on hand to sign autographs at SportsFest. For an up-to-the-minute list of autograph guests and other details regarding SportsFest, visit www.sportsfestshow.com.

Show hours will be 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Friday, June 8th; 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, June 9th; and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, June 10th. Tickets are $10 for a one-day ticket and $25 for a three-day pass, and are available at the web site, by calling toll-free 1(800) 726-9966, ext. 607, or at the door. A $65 VIP package will include one-hour early admission to SportsFest all three days, as well as a variety of sports collectibles from different manufacturers.

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Thoughts On Health & Nutrition

by
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CAREGIVING—A LABOR OF LOVE

I recently picked up an article on caregiving. I felt like I was reading my own story. Three years ago my father died of cancer and my mom was left alone at 84 with the residual effects of a stroke, and a spinal injury. My sister and I were overwhelmed with grief, a sick mom to care for, an estate to manage, and our own personal lives and work schedules in front of us. A nursing home was out of the question for my mom; she belonged at home in her own comfortable surroundings of fifty plus years. And this is what we promised my dad would happen, in his dying days. We were faced with huge decisions on how to proceed.

According to the National Alliance of Caregiving (NAC), 50 million people in our country care for relatives or friends who are unable to take care of themselves. The majority of caregivers take care of family members, and half are older adults with health challenges of their own. If a caregiver's own health doesn't complicate his or her ability to give care, the ongoing demands of life often do. The typical caregiver is a 46 year-old woman with a family who has a job, while also providing over 20 hours a week of unpaid care to an ailing parent, according to the NAC. Over half of caregivers are forced to make adjustments to their work life, such as going in late or giving up work entirely.

Careers aren't the only things that caregivers sacrifice. They also give up time with spouses and children, forgo hobbies and social activities, and miss vacations. They sacrifice their own needs--physical and otherwise--and assume the added responsibility of learning health care skills to provide the care that their loved ones need to go on.

In addition to all this, there are huge emotional challenges. Caring for someone who is totally dependent on you, either because of injury or chronic or terminal illness, is an overwhelming commitment which requires dramatic coping skills. It is important to have the right resources at hand if you are to navigate such challenges. Being pointed in the right direction can make all the difference in the world.

Fortunately, my sister and I were pointed in the right direction early on. We sought the help of others and got it! That's not to say that it isn't still very difficult. I am with my mom every day for considerable time, and forego time at the office, time with my husband, and personal activity time to do so. But it is precious time to me, and I would not give it up for anything!

There are many resources out there—the yellow page directory is one way to start looking! There are day care centers for older adults, and senior living facilities, if this is what you and/or your loved one choose. Most hospitals now provide home health services. A home health service can provide at-home nursing care, physical and occupational therapy, assistance with activities of daily living which can no longer be undertaken by the individual independently, nutrition education, and more. Your local Council on Aging is available for those over 60 who are mentally and physically impaired. There are also many, many non-hospital based home health agencies and eldercare agencies which offer caregivers for daily and live-in situations, and even grocery delivery. Check with your insurance for coverage and with an accountant for what's tax deductible. And remember--you are not alone, if you just look around!

There are also numerous Web sites and online support groups devoted to caregivers and their loved ones. You may want to check the following:

NAC www.caregiving.org
Family Caregiver Alliance—www.caregiver.org
National Family Caregivers Association – www.nfacares.org

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Nursing Home Violations

The Illinois Department of Public Health announced the following type "A" violations of the Nursing Home Care Act were cited during the months of November and December. An "A" violation, which is the most serious licensure violation imposed by the state, pertains to a condition in which there is a substantial probability that death or serious mental or physical harm will result.

The statement of violation for each facility can be obtained by visiting the Department's Web site at www.idph.state.il.us.

Claremont Rehab & Living Center, a 200-bed skilled care facility located at 150 N. Weiland, Buffalo Grove, has been fined $20,000 for failure to supervise a resident at high risk for falls. This failure resulted in the resident suffering a fall, then dying. The facility has requested a hearing on the Department's action.

Glenwood Healthcare & Rehab, 184-bed skilled care facility located at 19330 S. Cottage Grove, Glenwood, has been fined $22,500 for failure to ensure each resident at the facility was adequately supervised and monitored to prevent resident to resident abuse. This failure led some residents to fear they could not be protected from a resident who showed aggressive behavior. The facility has requested a hearing on the Department's action. The matter is set for a status conference May 22.

Lawrence Community Healthcare Center, a 99-bed skilled care facility located at 900 E. Corporation St., Bridgeport, has been fined $10,000 for failure to prohibit food service and housekeeping employees from working while the employees experienced nausea, diarrhea and vomiting before and during a shift. This occurred during an outbreak of gastrointestinal illness that affected residents and staff at the facility. The facility also failed to take proper precaution to prevent the spread of the outbreak. The facility has requested a hearing on the Department's action. A status in the matters is set for June 18.

Manorcare at Elk Grove Village, a 190-bed skilled care facility at 1920 Nerge Rd., Elk Grove Village, has been fined $5,000 for failure to adequately supervise a resident to prevent them from leaving the facility. Staff mistook the new resident for a visitor and allowed the resident to leave. The facility notified police, who found the resident un-harmed. The facility has requested a hearing on the Department's action.

Manorcare at Elk Grove Village was also fined $22,500 for failure to provide the necessary care and services to a resident who required medication. Staff did not provide medication to the resident for more than two weeks, which led to the resident being hospitalized. The facility requested a hearing on the Department's action.

Somerset Place, a 450-bed intermediate care facility located at 5009 N. Sheridan, Chicago, has been fined $20,000 for failure to provide adequate supervision and prevent elopement. A resident who requires supervision was found on the street by police and taken to the hospital with a fractured wrist and forearm. The facility has requested a hearing on the Department's action.

Westshire Nursing & Rehabilitation Center, 485-bed skilled and intermediate care facility located at 5825 W. Cermak, Cicero, has been fined $10,000 for failure to provide interventions for a resident who displayed mental and/or psychosocial adjustment difficulty. The resident had multiple episodes of maladaptive behavior including self harm and physical abusive (attention seeking) behavior, but the facility did not come up with a plan to prevent such behavior. The facility has requested a hearing on the Department's action. The matters is set for a status conference on June 6.

For more information about nursing homes in Illinois, log on to www.idph.state.il.us and look up Nursing Homes in Illinois.

Avon Walk For Breast Cancer Raises $8.3 Million

More than 3,600 participants in the fifth annual Avon Walk for Breast Cancer Chicago raised $8.3 million to advance access to care and finding a cure for breast cancer. At the Closing Ceremony at Soldier Field, Avon Foundation Executive Director Carol Kuzig announced three initial grants, with millions more slated to be awarded throughout the year. The initial grants are:

Mount Sinai Hospital: $1,950,000 to support a task force which has been formed to address and find solutions for the critical issue of black/white disparities in Chicago breast care and mortality. The task force includes participation of the leading hospitals that care for the underserved populations in the Chicago area. Funds will support the program manager of the task force and an immediate study of two lower-income neighborhoods, North Lawndale and Humboldt Park, specifically to determine if the disparity results in part from unequal access to mammography or from reduced quality mammography screening. While focused on Chicago, the findings of the task force can help resolve disparity issues nationwide.

Mercy Foundation f.b.o. Mercy Hospital and Medical Center: $1,000,000 to support a new program "Providing Solutions for Breast Care Disparities in Chicago," with the funds specifically slated to support patient navigation and the purchase of two digital mammography machines, with the goal to increase capacity for screening and diagnostic mammography by 25%. Mercy will reach out to the entire population in the Chicago area and, in particular, to women on a one- to two-year waitlist for screening at Stroger Hospital.

Robert H. Lurie Cancer Center/Northwestern University and Northwestern Memorial Hospital: $1,000,000 to support both breast cancer care and research, including: access to breast care for the underserved at Northwestern Memorial Hospital and the Erie Family Health Center; and research–focused–on clinical studies identifying markers for breast cancer prevention and treatment response, and characterizing molecular mechanisms of breast cancer growth, survival and metastasis.

Donations are still being accepted for the Avon Walk Chicago, and registration is open for the remaining 2007 Walks in other states.

From 2003 through 2006, the Avon Walk for Breast Cancer series raised more than $150 million. To register, donate or for additional information, visit www.avonwalk.org or call (800) 510-WALK.

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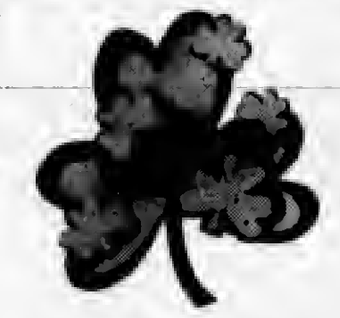

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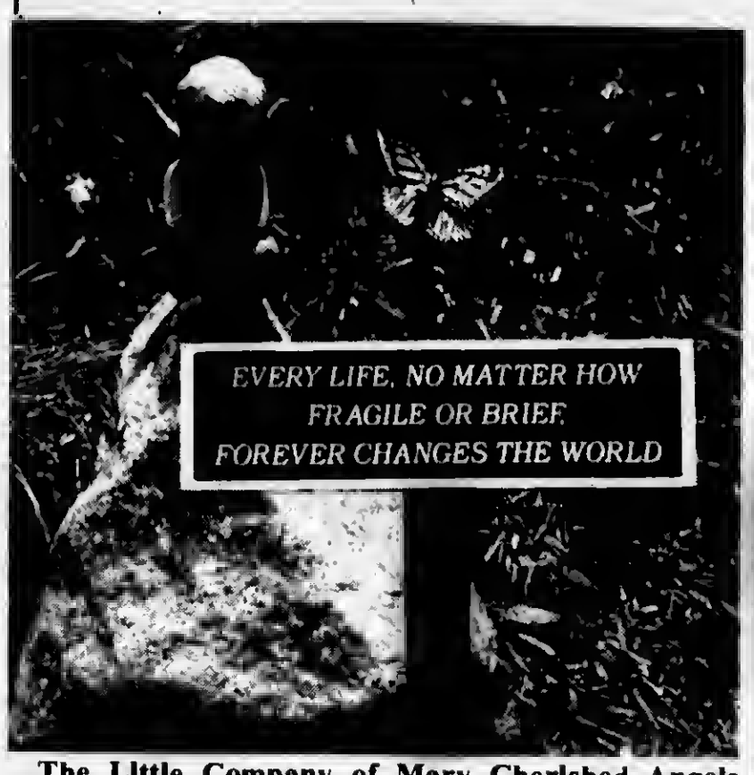

The Little Company of Mary Cherished Angels Memory Garden offers a place for family and friends to grieve and reflect upon the loss.

Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care Centers recently hosted the Annual Remembrance Ceremony in the Cherished Angels Memory Garden. The Garden honors the babies who left this earth too soon and offers a place for family and friends to grieve and reflect upon the loss.

"We felt there was a strong need to find a meaningful way to remember and recognize these precious little ones," said Mary Grimm, manager of Maternal Child Services. "These remarkable little angels continue to have a profound impact on our lives."

The Little Company of Mary Sisters' generously donated space for the Garden on the East side of their Convent. The space was transformed into an oasis complete with lush landscaping, benches, statues and a fountain to provide serenity and healing. This breathtaking Garden was created on an almost nonexistent budget through the dedicated efforts of the Perinatal Loss Committee and the Maternal Child nursing staff.

The Hospital employees generously supported the Garden this year by organizing a raffle during the 2007 Hospital Week. The proceeds went towards the purchase of the Angel of Hope statue for the Garden.

If your baby died at birth, the committee encourages you to visit the Garden. For more information, call the Perinatal Loss Committee at (708) 229-5928.

Little Company of Mary's Maternal Child Services Manager Mary Grimm (left), R.N., releases butterflies into the Cherished Angels Memory Garden at the recent Remembrance Ceremony. Nurse Educator Cheryl Chemers (right), R.N., assists Mary Grimm. This annual ceremony and butterfly release honors babies who left this earth too soon and the Garden offers a place for family and friends to grieve and reflect upon the loss.

Free Lung Test At Oak Forest Hospital

Oak Forest Hospital of Cook County, 15900 S. Cicero Ave., an affiliate of the Cook County Bureau of Health Services, will conduct free lung function testing, carbon monoxide screening and facial age progression imaging for adults. The health risk assessment will detect the presence of lung disease or COPD, and demonstrate the damaging effects on the body caused by smoking and exposure to secondhand smoke.

Oak Forest Hospital employees, patients and community residents are all invited and encouraged to participate in this health risk assessment screening, provided as a free community service by the Oak Forest Hospital Smoking Cessation Committee.

Testing will take place on Tuesday, June 12th from 10 to 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the hospital in the Café Annex. Participants will be directed to parking at the hospital entrance, then proceed to the Administration Building.

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McAuley Art Exhibition

The Art Department of Mother McAuley Liberal Arts High School hosted an opening reception for the Annual Juried Student Art Exhibition in May at the school. The exhibition featured artwork from all levels and classes including Scientific Illustration, AP Studio Art, Studio Art, Drawing, Sculpture, Painting, Photography, Graphic Design, Ceramics, Web Design and Computer Imaging.

The Best of Show award for the 2007 Art Exhibit was won by Lisa Adams (Oak Lawn). In AP Studio Art category, Kimberly Sula (Clearing) won Best of Category and Lisa Adams (Oak Lawn), Grace Pistek (Beverly) and Jackie Carmody (Palos Heights) received Honorable Mention. In the Graphic Design category, Ashley Pimentel won Best of Category and Amy Paprocki (Evergreen Park), and Morgan Kahne (Mt. Greenwood) received Honorable Mention. In the Color Photography category Alexis Stamm won Best of Category. Brighid Paglia (Evergreen Park) and Sam Martin (Mt. Greenwood) received Honorable Mention. In the Black & White Photography category Megan Flynn (Midlothian) won Best of Category and Sarah Fitschen (Crestwood) and Erica Castillo (Brighton Park) received Honorable Mention. In the Introduction to Drawing category Lauren Martinkus (Oak Lawn) won Best of Category. Sara Arthurs (Mt. Greenwood), and Katie Dunne (Palos Heights) received Honorable Mention.

Rosemary Maslanka (pictured) of Oak Lawn won Best of Category for Studio Art and Meghan Wirtz (Beverly) and Anita Mijic (Chicago) received Honorable Mention. In the Introduction to Painting category Christine Kazlauskas won Best of Category and Katlyn Tracy (Clearing) and Kristen Brooks (Washington Heights) received Honorable Mention. In the Art History category Michelle Zelek (Oak Lawn) won Best of Category with Samantha Salis (Oak Lawn) and Sinead Forde (Evergreen Park) receiving Honorable Mention. In the Sculpture category Desiree Aramburu (Mt. Greenwood) won Best of Category and Stephanie Dattulo (Chicago) and Caitlyn Hanno (Oak Lawn) received Honorable Mention. In the Ceramics category Amelia Gomez (Chicago Lawn) won Best of Category and Alex Maulton and Caitlyn Ioannacci (Beverly) received Honorable Mention. In the Integrated Art/Biology, Andrea Ocampo (Evergreen Park) and Donnyelle Thomas (Ashburn) and Alex Bull (Crestwood) received Honorable Mention.

Sheriff Dart's Summer Safety Tips

Summertime creates all sorts of opportunities for the common house burglar. Windows and garage doors are left open and bicycles are left outside. The warm weather gives him the chance to spend plenty of time outdoors looking for vulnerable homes to victimize. And the humming of air conditioning units muffles the noise a burglar makes while breaking into a house, garage, or car.

But the best opportunity for a house burglar is the opportunity created by a family vacation. An empty house that is not properly protected is a burglar's best friend. By taking the following steps, you can safeguard your home by making it look lived-in while you are away on vacation:

- Alert a trusted neighbor that you will be out of town. Ask them to watch for any suspicious activity around your home. Provide them with a phone number of where you can be reached in case of an emergency.
- Have a neighbor collect your newspapers and mail or arrange to have your delivery service suspended when you're out of town. However, be warned, there have been a few isolated incidents of newspaper carriers tipping off burglars when they know a home on their route is empty.
- Place an automatic timer on a few select lights in your house. Simply leaving a lamp on 24-hours a day can indicate to a burglar that there is no one home to turn the lights off.
- Hire a kid from the neighborhood to mow your lawn while you are gone.
- Lock expensive jewelry and other valuables in a safe deposit box at a nearby bank.
- Contact your local police department and ask if they have a "vacation home check" program.
- Just prior to leaving home, walk through the house and make sure all windows and doors have been locked. Don't forget to check the basement and garage.

Planning for your vacation entails more than booking a flight, making hotel reservations, and packing sun tan lotion. Take the time to safeguard your home so you can enjoy a safe and worry-free vacation.

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9720 PULASKI RD	OAK LAWN	UNKNOWN	KATZ ALAN W	BOYERADRIENNE
9828 MINNICK AVE	OAK LAWN	$150,000	ALMON DAVID M SR	ALMON DAVID M JR
5822 W 89TH PL	OAK LAWN	UNKNOWN	LIBRETTO JOHN A	LIBRETO JOHN JR
9560 TULLEY AVE	OAK LAWN	$329,000	MORNINGSIE MIDCO RESID LLC	KEYSER DAVID B TR
5146 W 90TH ST	OAK LAWN	$327,000	AKELAITIENE LAIMA	RODRIGUEZ ANGEL F
9533 S KNOX AVE	OAK LAWN	$261,000	ROSS JOSEPH W SR TR	LASKOWSKI THOMAS F
10513 TRIPP AVE	OAK LAWN	$257,000	JOHNS RALPH M TR	HALPIN DANIEL
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9620 SOUTHWEST HWY	OAK LAWN	UNKNOWN	SHIRAZI PARVEZ	SHIRAZI NAJIB R
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10320 MASON AVE	OAK LAWN	UNKNOWN	REITZ KAREN A	BALICH ROBERT
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4248 100TH ST	OAK LAWN	$198,000	CHICAGO TITLE LAND TRUST CO TR	ESCOBAR PATRICIA
9229 MENARD AVE	OAK LAWN	$303,000	VARICIUC TRUDICA	LEMRISE JEANNETTE M
5416 OAKDALE DR	OAK LAWN	$225,000	HRISCA IOANA	SAV AURORA
4120 101ST ST	OAK LAWN	UNKNOWN	JUDICIAL SALES CORP	FEDERAL HOME LOAN MTG CO
5907 W 103RD ST	OAK LAWN	$455,000	ALLAN FADI	SHUIBAT LAMA M
8242 NASHVILLE AVE	OAK LAWN	$550,000	BANVIEW CONST INC	KISHTA NIDAL
4241 W 99TH ST	OAK LAWN	UNKNOWN	KIPP CHARLES P	KIPP JOY A
9527 LACROSSE AVE	OAK LAWN	UNKNOWN	FLATHOM GLORIA J	FLATHOM GLORIA J TR
11012 KILPATRICK AVE	OAK LAWN	$132,000	CHICAGO TITLE LAND TRUST CO TR	NORTHAM CAROLE
6219 S MELVINA AVE	OAK LAWN	$200,000	CHICAGO TITLE LAND TRUST CO TR	MURPHY FRANCES R
9540 MAYFIELD AVE	OAK LAWN	$82,500	OCONNELL MARGARET M	CONNOLLY JAMES
6408 W 91ST ST	OAK LAWN	UNKNOWN	BASILE JOAN A	BRIDGEVIEW BK GRP
9560 TULLEY AVE	OAK LAWN	$234,000	MORNINGSIDE MIDCO RESID LLC	HOHIMER LUCY
6769 W 88TH ST	OAK LAWN	$305,000	KAMMIN JAMES G	RUVALCABA SERGIO S
4838 98TH PL	OAK LAWN	UNKNOWN	GRENCIUS JOANNE M	GRENCIUS JOANNE M TR
6211 W 94TH ST	OAK LAWN	UNKNOWN	HAMMERSMARK RUTH	HAMMERSMARK RUTH
10841 CENTRAL AVE	OAK LAWN	$1,300,000	CHICAGO TITLE LAND TRUST CO TR	STAMPEDE OAK LAWN LLC
4939 SPRING RD	OAK LAWN	UNKNOWN	KALWEIT RICHARD	FOUNDERS BK
9339 51ST ST	OAK LAWN	UNKNOWN	THOMAS WILLIAM D	THOMAS WILLIAM D
9560 TULLEY AVE	OAK LAWN	$190,000	MORNINGSIDE MIDCO RESID LLC	STATE BK COUNTRYSIDE TR
10425 KEDVALE AVE	OAK LAWN	UNKNOWN	MARTELLO DESMOND J	STANDARD B&T CO TR
9840 PULASKI RD	OAK LAWN	$122,000	CHICAGO TITLE LAND TRUST CO TR	WILLIAMS TERESA M
5102 TOMCIN TER	OAK LAWN	UNKNOWN	INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORP	WELLS FARGO BK
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8804 55TH CT	OAK LAWN	$230,000	SULEMAN AHMAD	GHANI SULEIMAN
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5253 KIMBALL PL	OAK LAWN	UNKNOWN	AGUILAR EVON	MENTZ SARAH
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5420 FRANKLIN AVE	OAK LAWN	UNKNOWN	HUGHES JOHN W	HUGHES JOHN W
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4819 109TH ST	OAK LAWN	$118,500	CUZELIS PAULINE	ORTIZ MARISOL

Fourth Of July Parade

The Village of Oak Lawn is planning the 2nd Annual Fourth of July Parade. The parade will be held on Wednesday, July 4th at 10 a.m. The parade will kick off on the north side of 95th St. and 51st Ave. The procession will head westbound on 95th St. to 55th Court. 95th St. will be closed during this event. Spectators are encouraged to view the parade on both sides of 95th and should plan on arriving early for a good spot along the route.

The village is seeking groups to participate in this event. An application may be picked up at the village Municipal Center, 9446 S. Raymond Ave., or on the village's web site at www.oaklawn-il.gov. The application deadline is Friday, June 15th.

Any questions or concerns, contact Chad Weiler at (708) 499-7821 or email cweiler@oaklawn-il.gov.

Students Of The Month

Every month each classroom teacher chooses a student to have the honor of being "Student of the Month" based on outstanding attitude, excellent efforts, superb citizenship or good grades. Congratulations to the following students who will have their pictures displayed on the bulletin board and be invited to have lunch with Mrs. Novak. Their picture then goes into the Hall Of Fame Display Case to be displayed all year. Students chosen for the month of May include: pictured left to right, (row 1) Jon Ritacco, Andrew Alheim and Karina Kachnowski; (row 2) Lyndsie Schleder, Ariana Cisneco, Edson Trejo and Ann Marie Klinski; (back row) Denzel Webster, Sarah Sandoka, Hadeel Hasan, LeaAndrea Burns and Kevin Benson. Ruben Santoya was also included but not pictured.

Weaving Classes

A weaving class will be offered at The Log Cabin Center for the Arts, 12700 Southwest Highway in Palos Park, beginning Monday, June 11th at 6:30 p.m.

Weaver Nettie Botts of Palos Park will teach students on portable four-harness table looms, on which they can create woven cloths. Each new weaver will make a sampler and then be assisted in choosing projects of their own design and color scheme, on either the portable table looms or the large floor looms.

The cost of the weaving class is $75 plus a $10 materials fee for new weavers' supplies. Students will purchase their own threads and yarns for future projects.

Advance registration is required. If you would like to have further information, call (708) 361-3650.

Oil Painting

The Worth Township Senior Advanced Oil Painting Class will be starting again on June 29th. The classes are held on Fridays from 9 a.m. to 12 noon at the Worth Township Center, 11601 S. Pulaski in Alsip. The class will run for 12 weeks and there will be a nominal fee. To register for the class, call (708) 371-2900, ext. 28. Thank you!

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Veterans And Soldiers News

By Lori Taylor Ph: 708.388.2425

Army Reserve Pvt. Ronald L. Thomas has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, South Carolina. Thomas is a 2004 graduate of Morton West High School in Berwyn.

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American Legion Riders of Marrs-Meyer Post 991, 110th and Depot in Worth, will hold its 3rd Annual Poker Run on Sunday, June 24th. Registration is at 9 a.m.; the first bike out at 10 a.m.; last bike out, 11 a.m.; then back to the post for food and entertainment. The cost is $15 per rider, $10 per passenger. Non-Run participants are invited to the post-Run party for food and entertainment for a $10 entry fee.

There will be a 50/50 raffle, last year's winner won $2,000; food; door prizes; and music. For advance tickets or 50/50 tickets, call Karen S. at (708) 599-7915 or kmswx3@aol.com, Sbireen O. at (708) 425-6275 or sobrien1110@yahoocom.

Proceeds will benefit Marrs-Meyer American Legion Riders; Support Our Troops in Iraq and Afghanistan and Veteran related programs.

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Hometown-Murray VFW 9773 will hold their annual Steak Fry, Saturday, June 16th from 4 to 8 p.m. at the post home, 9092 Main St., Hometown. The $8 per person cost includes a fresh 'butcher cut' steak, baked potato, salad, corn on the cob, and dessert table. Proceeds will benefit the many programs supported by the VFW and Auxiliary, such as the VFW National Home for Children, Operation Uplink phone cards, hospitalized veterans, student scholarships and many more. Carry-outs are available. For more information, call (708) 422-9800.

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Evergreen Park American Legion and its auxiliary run a Bingo Party for veterans at the Manteno Veterans Home in Manteno twice a year. They are looking for donations of the following items for the vets: pencils, ballpoint pens, scratch pads, disposable razors, toothbrushes, toothpaste, after-shave, pre-shave, soap, deodorant and baseball caps. If the company you work for or anyone you know has any of these items, maybe they would like to donate them to the vets. For more information, call (773) 239-0604.

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The American Red Cross has learned about a new scam targeting military families. This scam takes the form of false information being told to military families

The caller (young-sounding, American accent) calls a military spouse and identifies herself as a representative from the Red Cross. The caller states that the spouse's husband (not identified by name) was hurt while on duty in Iraq and was med-evacuated to a hospital in Germany. The caller states they couldn't start treatment until paperwork was accomplished, and that in order to start the paperwork they needed the spouse to verify her husband's Social Security number and date of birth. In a recent case, the spouse was quick to catch on and did not provide any information to the caller.

"American Red Cross representatives do not typically contact military members or dependents directly and almost always go through a commander or first sergeant channels. Military family members are urged not to give out any personal information over the phone if contacted by unknown or unverified individuals, including confirming that your spouse is deployed," said Martha Dittmar, Communications Manager for the American Red Cross of Greater Chicago.

American Red Cross representatives will contact military members or dependents directly only in response to an emergency message initiated by your family. The Red Cross does not report any type of casualty information to family members. The Department of Defense will contact families directly if their military member has been injured. Should any military family receive such a call, they are urged to report it to their local police department.

The American Red Cross ensures that the American people are in touch with their family members serving in the United States military by operating a communications network that is open 24-hours, 7 days-a-week, 365 days-a-year. Through a network of employees and volunteers at the Red Cross national that link families during emergencies, access to emergency financial assistance, confidential counseling, community support headquarters, local chapters, on military installations, and deployed with troops, the Red Cross offers a broad range of services. Among these services, the Red Cross provides communications for families left behind, assistance to veterans and preparedness courses for military personnel and their families. Last year, the American Red Cross of Greater Chicago provided emergency services for 7000 members of U.S. Armed Forces families.

It is a federal crime, punishable by up to 5 years in prison, for a person to falsely or fraudulently pretend to be a member of, or an agent for, the American National Red Cross for the purpose of soliciting, collecting, or receiving money or material.

For more information on Red Cross programs or services visit www.chicagoredcross.org.

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Some Humor: A Sunday school teacher asked, "David, do you think Noah did a lot of fishing when he was on the Ark?" "No," replied David. "How could he, with just two worms?"

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Good-bye until next week. God bless you and your family and God bless America.

Operation Iraqi Freedom Living Memorial Unveiled

On Sunday, May 27th, Alsip VFW Post 450, 11800 Veterans Way in Alsip, hosted a memorial unveiling for our troops in Iraq. Alsip village officials as well as VFW and the Veteran's Affairs Department dignitaries attended the memorial dedication. Many Alsip residents and other veterans also attended the ceremony.

The Marine Color Guard and the Emerald Society Pipe and Drums led dignitaries to the permanent war memorial located in front of Post 450. Here, a statue created by Alsip resident Bill Tellano was placed in memory of those who died in Iraq as well as those who survive that war. Also honored were the soldiers who fought in all wars to keep America free and strong.

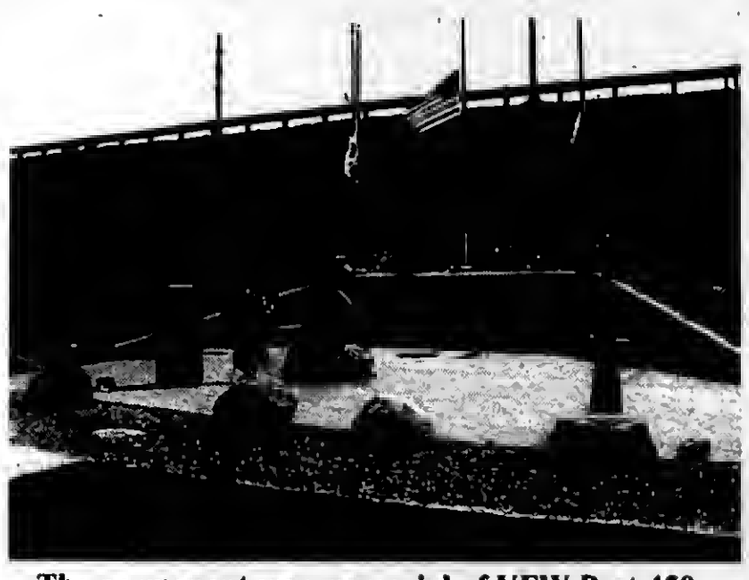
After a moment of silence, Officer John M. McHale offered a prayer and the National Anthem was sung by Alsip Village Trustee Tom Collins.

Alsip Mayor Patrick Kitching welcomed the audience and with the help of resident artist Bill Tellano, unveiled the memorial statue of a soldier kneeling in prayer. The statue will remain a part of the permanent memorial.

IDVA Chief of Staff Michael Gough, who represented Director L. Tammy Duckworth at the ceremony, honored Bill Tellano. He received a plaque of appreciation for his wonderful sculpture from Duckworth's office.

Also speaking at the memorial was Tom Maher commander of VFW Post 450 and Robert White, VFW Commander of the 16th District.

When all was said and done, the flag was raised in honor of soldiers everywhere who are serving their country and Taps was played for those who died in defense of their country. A flight of doves and a 21-gun salute closed the ceremony



The permanent war memorial of VFW Post 450.

Mayor Patrick Kitching watches, as the praying soldier is unveiled.

Robert White, VFW Commander of the 16th District.

Marine Color Guard leads dignitaries to the memorial.

IDVA Chief of Staff Michael Gough honors artist Bill Tellano with a plaque of appreciation for his efforts in sculpting the memorial statue out of a 150-year-old oak tree.

The Chicago Police Department Emerald Society as they play "Amazing Grace"

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Pryme Tymers Meet

The Pryme Tymers, a very active fellowship that meets at Trinity Church, 9230 S. Pulaski Road in Oak Lawn, invites the entire community to its meeting on Thursday, June 14th at 11 a.m. Returning my popular demand, on Flag Day, will be entertainer, Tim Burr. Much of his program will feature patriotic music honoring our Grand Old Flag, including a few sing-a-longs.

A spaghetti and meatball luncheon, prepared by Chef Pitluck, will be served at noon. The cost is $6 and requires reservations. Call the church office at (708) 422-5111 or Tom Panush (708) 636-7548 by Friday, June 8th. Accommodations for only 200 people are available, so reserve early. Transportation is provide upon request. A canned good for the Salvation Army Food Pantry is also collected.

Mental Illness Family Support Group

A self-help support group for relatives and friends of persons with serious mental illnesses (brain disorders) will meet at 7 p.m. on Thursday, June 14th in the Church of Christ, 4010 W. 206th St. (at Crawford/Pulaski) in Matteson.

Sponsored by the south suburban affiliate of the National Alliance on Mental Illness, volunteer facilitators lead the meeting, which can be helpful – and hopeful – for family and friends whose loved ones have mental illnesses.

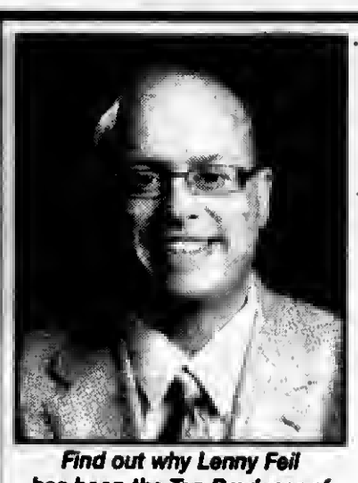
NAMI Family Support Group meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month throughout the year at the same time and location. There is no charge to attend. For further information, contact John Rowley at (708) 798-3862.

Women's Club Luncheon

Beverly South Christian Women's Club will host a "June is Busting Out All Over" luncheon on Thursday, June 21st at noon. It will be held at the Lexington House banquet facility, 7717 W. 95th St. in Hickory Hills.

Chuckie O'Leary, this month's speaker, will give us words of inspiration as she tells "A Life Saving Story." Tips on buying a car will be presented by Phil Barry for the special feature. Virginia Ebner will entertain with her vocal talent.

The cost of the luncheon is $11, payable at the door. Reservations are required by June 18th. Call Helen at (708) 598-8191 or Judy at (773) 233-7949. Men are invited this month. Cancellations must be made by June 19th.



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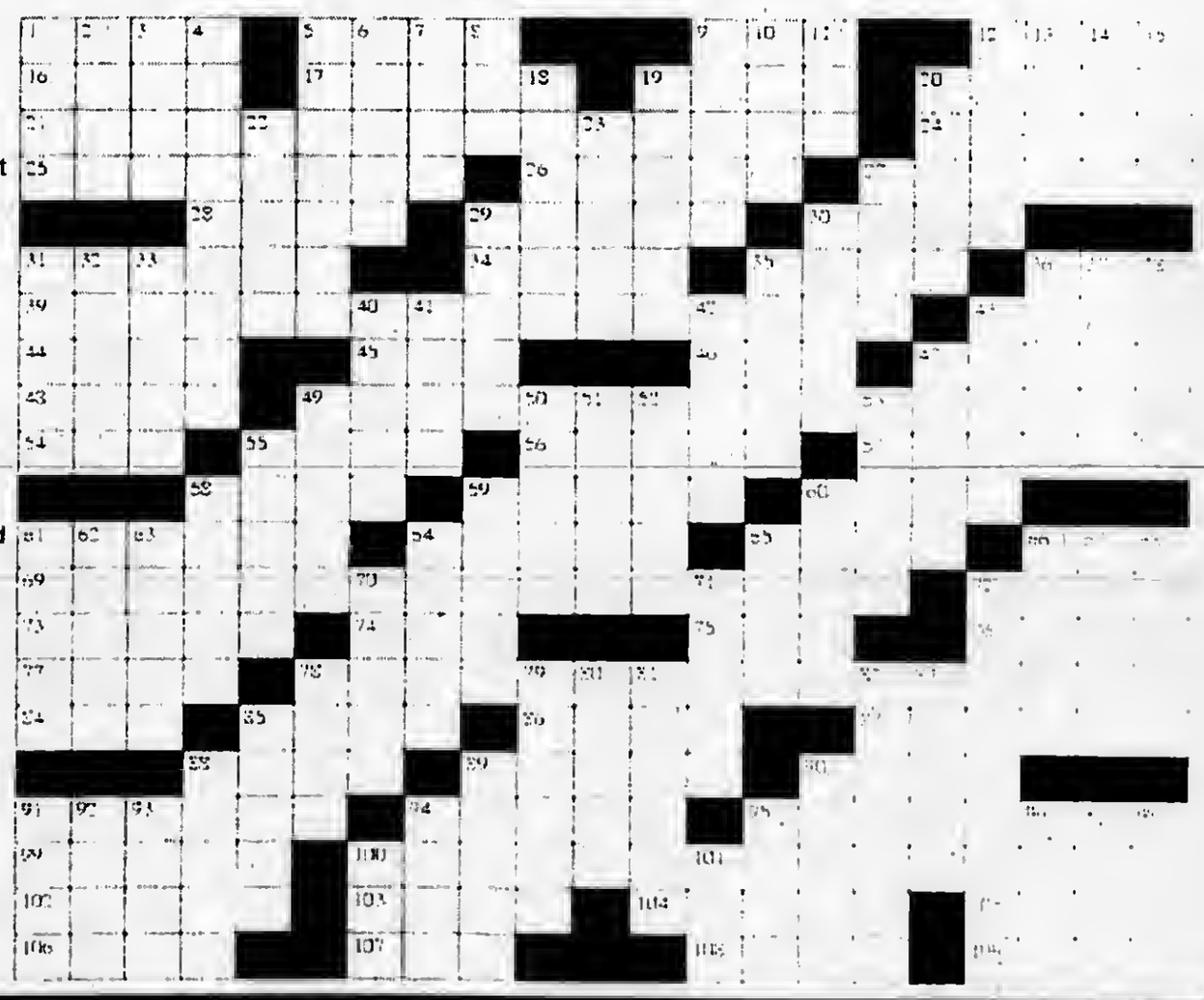
61 Student's assignment
62 British measure
63 Trailing plants
64 Scornful expression
65 United Nations member
66 Excuse
67 Erie home
68 Booby prize winner
70 Bowling __
71 Distinctive emotional aura
72 Hire too many
78 Terror
79 49th of 50
80 Variable stars
81 Be half-asleep
82 With __: very eagerly
83 Rein on Rover
85 Animal class
88 Pitched
89 Noted clergyman and author
90 Give __; assist
91 Miss
92 Miner's access
93 Rent asunder
94 Ordinance
95 __ even keel
96 Gumbo ingredient
97 In order
98 This: Sp.
100 Abbr. meaning "Which was to be demonstrated"
101 Caroline's late stepfather



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Hosts Business Opportunities Information Workshop

On Tuesday, June 12, the Department of Aviation will host a free workshop for parties interested in learning about and participating in new business opportunities at Chicago's O'Hare and Midway International Airports. The event will be held from 8:30 a.m. to noon at the Fountain Blue Banquets and Conference Center located at 2300 S. Mannheim Road in Des Plaines.

"The City of Chicago is committed to promoting local businesses and working with minority- and women-owned companies interested in doing business at Chicago's airports," said Chicago Aviation Commissioner Nuria I. Fernandez. "I encourage all interested businesses to attend the June 12th Airport Business Opportunities Information Workshop."

Attendees will learn about business opportunities for MBE/WBE/DBE/ACDBE businesses at Chicago's airports, including contracts for professional services and maintenance and airport concessions.

Representatives from the City's Departments of Aviation, Procurement Services and Business Affairs and Licensing will be on hand to assist business owners with applications, certification and procedural matters necessary to do business with the City.

There is no cost for this opportunity, but pre-registration is required. To pre-register, please contact James Hankin at (773) 686-3541 or visit www.flychicago.com/doingbusiness/6-12-07Event.shtm.

In November 2006, 650 job seekers participated in the first Chicago Department of Aviation and O'Hare Modernization Program (OMP) Aviation and Construction Industry Job Fair. The Department of Aviation plans to host another Business Opportunities Information Workshop in late summer 2007.

The Chicago Airport System is self-supporting, using no local or state tax dollars for operations or capital improvements at O'Hare and Midway International airports. Together, Chicago's airports generate more than $45 billion in annual economic activity and create 540,000 jobs for the region. Visit www.flychicago.com to learn more about the Chicago Airport System.

Pass Bills To Clean Up Toxic Mercury

In a major victory for children's health and the environment, the Illinois House of Representatives yesterday afternoon passed Senate Bill 1241, which prohibits the sale or installation of mercury-containing thermostats—and concludes a successful effort by State Senator Mattie Hunter (D-Chicago) and State Representative Karen May (D-Highland Park) to pass two bills eliminating the largest classes of mercury-containing products still legal for sale in Illinois.

"Senate Bill 1241 and House Bill 943 will combat the contamination and environmental hazards that stem from mercury's unnecessary use in products," Said Hunter, SB 1241's chief sponsor. "This is another important step in strengthening Illinois's laws regarding mercury, which causes significant health risks to a significant portion of our population."

"These bills are about protecting children's health," said Representative Karen May (D-Highland Park), chair of the House Environmental Health Committee and chief sponsor of HB 943, which bans the sale mercury-containing measuring devices and passed the legislature on May 16. "If we don't curtail the major sources of mercury pollution, we are knowingly endangering the healthy development of Illinois children."

A potent neurotoxin particularly dangerous to developing children, mercury is widely used in thermostats and measuring devices such as medical thermometers, barometers and boodpressure cuffs. According to U.S. EPA, these products account for over a third of the mercury in products sold nationally.

"Policy makers are realizing the senselessness of continuing to expose people to mercury's health risks when safer alternatives are widely available," said Max Muller, Environmental Advocate at Environment Illinois. "Moreover, they're realizing the financial risk as well. Properly cleaning up a mercury spill can cost tens of thousands of dollars, and researchers estimate the health impacts of mercury poisoning cost our country billions of dollars per years."

"These bills are a huge victory for Illinois Children, but we also expect them to have a national impact," said John Gaudette, lobbyist for the Illinois Environmental Council, which advocated for the bills. "As the nation's fifth biggest consumer market, Illinois may serve as the tipping point beyond which manufacturers find it too expensive to continue making both mercury and non-mercury versions of their products. The more states that pass similar laws, the closer we are to having, in effect, a nation-wide ban."

Thirty-five percent of America's population already lives in one of a dozen states that already bans mercury-containing thermostats. Nine states currently prohibit mercury in measuring devices.

When disposed of, mercury-containing thermostats and measuring devices are often crushed or incinerated, causing mercury's airborne release. A single gram of mercury is sufficient to contaminate a 20-acre lake, and the average thermostat contains three grams of mercury. Illinois EPA estimates less than 4% of thermostats are properly recycled in Illinois and thousands of pounds off mercury from these products are improperly disposed of each year.

When airborne mercury lands in waterways, bacteria convert it to methylmercury, a potent toxin that can permanently damage the human heart, brain, and immune system. When a pregnant mother eats contaminated fish, methylmercury crosses the placenta and can cause irreparable damage to the developing fetus's central nervous system, resulting in developmental delays, motor, memory, and attention problems, and decreased IQ. Nationally, U.S. EPA researchers estimate that up to one in six potential mothers—including over 100,000 women in Illinois—has high enough blood-mercury levels to put a fetus at risk.

Mercury-free thermostats and measuring devices with equal or better performance are available at comparable cost. Honeywell, the nation's leading thermostat manufacturer, has already eliminated mercury from its product line. Leading hospitals like Johns Hopkins and the Mayo Clinic have phased-out mercury in medical measuring devices. In Illinois, Omron, a leading medical device vendor based in Bannockburn, has eliminated mercury in its products, and Consorta, a bulk purchaser based in Schaumburg, has eliminated mercury-containing devices from its purchasing contracts.

Illinois has made great strides in recent years in eliminating preventable sources of mercury pollution by passing bills to prohibit mercury in personal fever thermometers (2003), most switches and relays (2004), children's vaccines (2005), and automobiles switches (2006). Most significantly, in December 2006, Illinois became the largest coal-burning state to require power plants to eliminate up to 90 percent of their atmospheric mercury pollution.

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Legislators Asked To Expand State Children's Health Insurance Program

Lawmakers are fighting against the clock to reauthorize the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP), a government program that has extended insurance coverage to more than 6 million kids since its inception in 1997. To continue coverage for children already on SCHIP, the program must be renewed by September of this year.

As federal and state legislators discuss resources and funding levels, Delta Dental Plans Association is asking that they also work at removing the barriers that stand in the way of oral health care for children.

"Every child in America deserves access to oral health care," said Kim Volk, president and CEO of Delta Dental Plans Association. "There is an opportunity here to take a successful program and make it better. We want to be sure it's done in a way that brings dental services to more children."

Tooth decay is the most prevalent chronic disease among children, especially minority and low-income children. A recent report issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) noted that three times as many children aged 6-11 from families living below the federal poverty line had untreated tooth decay as compared with children from families with higher incomes.

Although it is widely recognized that oral health is integral to the overall health, dental services are often reduced within government programs when states are confronted with limited resources. As a result, fewer than 20 percent of eligible children receive a single preventive dental service through SCHIP.

Foremost among Delta Dental's recommendations is to stabilize access to dental care by establishing a federal guarantee of children's dental coverage. Enrolling children who are already eligible is another important goal, supported through the launch of community-based education and outreach.

Delta Dental is also urging policymakers to extend coverage for dental services to low-income children who have access to limited medical insurance coverage. Under current law, SCHIP cannot provide supplemental dental coverage to children whose parents have employer-sponsored medical coverage. The organization believes that states should have the option of extending dental coverage to any child who meets income and other eligibility standards, and does not have access employer-sponsored dental coverage.

Lastly, Delta Dental is recommending that proven business practices be incorporated into the administration of SCHIP, including greater reliance on performance measures, equitable payment rates for dental services, competitive fee arrangements and administrative cost-efficiencies. These approaches have been used successfully by a handful of states in administering programs that increase access to children for dental care, and this success could be shared by more states.

Delta Dental Plans Association, based in Oak Brook, IL, is a national network of independent not-for-profit dental service corporations specializing in providing dental benefits programs to 47 million Americans in more than 81,000 employee groups throughout the country.

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Who Will Be The Italian 'Queen' For A Day?

The Joint Civic Committee of Italian Americans, sponsors of the annual Columbus Day Parade, are seeking young ladies of Italian heritage, single, between the ages of 18 and 23, to sign up for the Columbus Day Parade Queen Pageant.

The Pageant will be held on Friday, July 13th at 6:30 p.m. at Events by Biagio, 4242 N. Central Ave. in Chicago.

The 'Queen' will receive two round-trip tickets (cabin), compliments of American Airlines, to anywhere in the United States (48 states), $1,000 cash and an overnight stay at the Hilton Chicago.

To register and receive an application form, call (708) 450-9050. Offices of the Joint Civic Committee of Italian Americans are located at 3800 Division St. in Stone Park.

Biologists Hunt For Invasive Fish And Lethal Fish Disease

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and its federal, state and regional partners, including Chicago's Shedd Aquarium, will conduct annual search efforts in the Illinois Waterway near from the Chicago suburbs to Havana, Ill., for three species of invasive fish, as well as for lethal fish pathogens.

During the "Carp Corral/Goby Roundup," biologists will attempt to determine the relative abundance and upstream distribution of the bighead and silver carp—two types of Asian carp—and chart the downstream leading edge of the round goby.

Biologists will also collect tissue samples from captured fish to test for disease pathogens such as the non-native spring viremia of carp virus and the viral hemorrhagic septicemia virus, which can be lethal to a number of native fish species.

Viral hemorrhagic septicemia, or VHS, is one of the most feared fish diseases in the world, and it has made its way into several Great Lakes. Biologists are concerned that VHS virus could spread via the Chicago waterway and other Great Lakes tributaries into the Mississippi and Ohio River basins.

Sampling will cover 180 miles, more than half the length of the Illinois Waterway, from Alsip downstream to Havana. Round goby are most abundant and likely to be seen at upstream sample sites while bighead and leaping silver carp are more common and likely to be encountered at a downstream area.

Interconnected man-made channels and natural rivers of the Illinois Waterway System in metropolitan Chicago provide a direct link for water-borne movement of non-native aquatic nuisance species between the Great Lakes and Mississippi River basins. Together these watersheds encompass parts of 30 states and two Canadian provinces.

The potential economic and environmental impacts of Asian carp, round goby, fish disease pathogens and other invasive species like zebra mussels are widespread and significant.

The "Carp Corral/Goby Roundup" surveillance effort is critical in determining whether Asian carp have moved upstream of an electrical barrier near Romeoville, Ill., toward Lake Michigan, and whether round goby have made their way farther downstream toward the Mississippi River.

"Invasive Asian carp can upset the natural balance of aquatic ecosystems, and in addition, the silver carp can actually leap high out of the water and may collide with anglers, boaters, water skiers, or others who recreate on rivers, posing a serious safety hazard to all," said Pam Thiel, project leader for the Service's La Crosse, Wis., Fishery Resources Office and coordinator of the "Carp Corral/Goby Round Up."

An electrical fish barrier near Romeoville in the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal--designed to prevent and slow the spread of nonindigenous aquatic species--has been operational since 2002. This experimental prototype consists of a single array of 14 electrodes. One of the electrodes failed soon after installation. The 13 remaining electrodes are still functional but are wearing out due to corrosion.

Construction of a permanent barrier is complete just downstream from the prototype. University of Wisconsin Sea Grant Institute's Dr. Phil Moy, co-chair of the Dispersal Barrier Advisory Panel, explained. "The new barrier has 46 electrodes, has the capability to operate at higher voltage to more effectively repel small fish, and has five- by five-inch steel bar electrodes with a design life of 20 years."

The new barrier is currently being tested for vessel and mariner safety before being operated at full power. Biologists found a bighead carp 21 miles below the electrical barrier in 2002, about 50 miles from Lake Michigan, but to date no bighead or silver carp have been collected above the barrier. However, reproducing populations of bighead and silver carp have expanded into lower portions of the Illinois River to the Starved Rock Lock and Dam.

"The Great Lakes fishery brings $4 billion to the region every year and approximately five million anglers fish the waters annually, and invasive species like Asian carp and round goby threaten the very future of this valuable resource," said Marc Gaden, spokesman for the bi-national Great Lakes Fishery Commission. "We must do everything possible to halt these biological invasions. With the fate of both the Great Lakes and Mississippi River fisheries at risk, there are elevated concerns for the future."

Native to large rivers of Asia, bighead and silver carp were brought to the United States in the early 1970s and began appearing in public waterways in the early 1980s. These species are plankton feeders, eating microscopic plants and animals, and can reach weights of more than 80 pounds. They compete for food with larval and juvenile fish, as well as adult paddlefish, gizzard shad, bigmouth buffalo and native mussels.

The round goby, a non-native fish from the Black and Caspian seas, was first discovered in North American waters in 1990 and has since spread to all the Great Lakes. Known for its aggressive feeding and defensive behavior, and prolific reproductive rate, the round goby is a threat to native fish and a nuisance to anglers.

The goby has been moving inland from Lake Michigan, toward the Mississippi River via the Illinois Waterway System since 1993. In 2004, the Illinois Natural History Survey collected a small round goby below the Peoria Lock and Dam, nearly 170 miles from Lake Michigan and half the distance to the Mississippi River.

In 2005 and 2006, the VHS virus caused massive fish kills in lakes Huron, St. Clair, Erie and Ontario, and the St. Lawrence River. Thousands of economically valuable native fish have perished, including muskellunge, walleye, lake whitefish, and yellow perch, while others like Chinook salmon, smallmouth bass, and northern pike were diseased but did not die in large numbers.

Although this virus has not yet been detected in Lake Michigan or Lake Superior, it poses such a widespread serious threat to fishery resources and aquaculture in the Great Lakes Basin and beyond that the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service has restricted interstate shipments of live fish from states that border the Great Lakes, causing economic hardships to many here who depend on healthy fisheries for a livelihood.

Since 1871, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Fisheries Program has played a vital role in conserving and managing native fish and other aquatic resources. For more information about the Fisheries Program, go to http://fishieres.fws.gov.

Carjackers Arrested And Charged

May 31st the following subjects were formally charged regarding the vehicular hijacking that occurred in the 5400 block of 108th Pl. in Oak Lawn on May 28th.

The offenders received one count each of aggravated battery with a firearm and one count each of attempted aggravated vehicular hijacking. Arrested were: David McClinton (the alleged shooter), 21, of Chicago, bond amount was 10% of $1,500,000; Jerome Calhoun, 24 of Chicago, bond amount was 10% of 1,000,000; and Michael Martin, 24, of Chicago, bond amount was 10% of 1,000,000.

Each defendant is scheduled to appear in 5th District court at 9 a.m. on June 27th.

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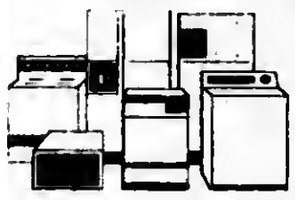

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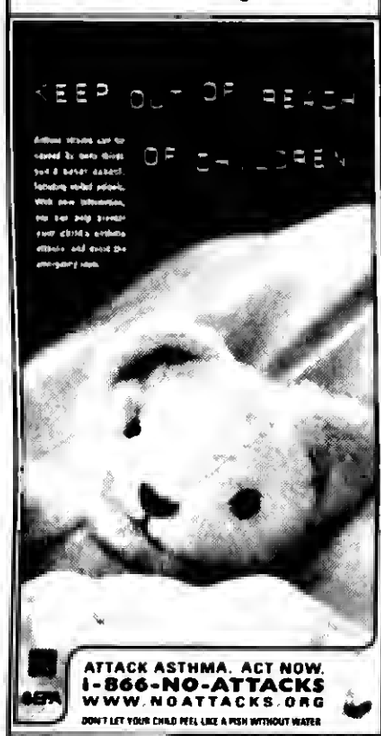

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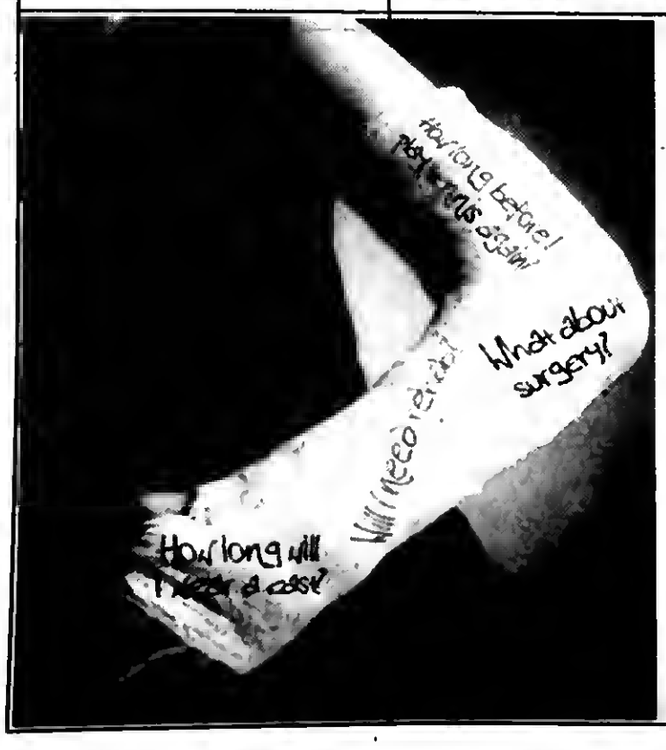

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION US BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR THE MLMI SURF TRUST SERIES 2006-BC4 Plaintiff, vs. ROBERT RODRIGUEZ; MARIA CORAZON A. RODRIGUEZ; PERFORMANCE CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, LLC; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS: Defendants, 06 CH 25218
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on 2/6/2007, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, July 3, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property: P.I.N. 19-33-401-106. Commonly known as 8307 Lawler Avenue, Burbank, IL 60459. The improvement on the property consists of a 1 1/2 single family residence with an attached 2 car garage. Sale terms: 25% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.For information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com. Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602. Tel.No. (312) 476-5500. Refer to File Number 0614680. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I38843

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE UNDER THE TRUST AGREEMENT FOR THE STRUCTURED ASSET SECURITIES CORPORATION MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 2005-AR1; Plaintiff, vs. VALERIE BLECHER F/K/A VALERIE BELCHER-NELSON; ET AL; Defendants, 06 CH 12787 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on October 4, 2006, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, July 9, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 3857 West 123rd Street, Alsip, IL 60803. P.I.N. 24-26-304-045-1012.
The improvement on the property consists of a condominium residence. The purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by subdivisions (g)(1) and (g)(4) of Section 9 of the Condominium Property Act. Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
For information call Ms. Diane Thomas at Plaintiff's Attorney, Freedman Anselmo Lindberg & Rappe LLC 1807 West Diehl Road, Naperville, Illinois 60563-1890 (877) 729-6734 W0606072 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I39593

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, as successor in interest to Long Beach Mortgage Company, by operation of law, Plaintiff, vs JACEK KULACH and CAMBRIDGE IN THE HILLS CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION. Defendants 06 CH 26430
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of the above Court entered in the above entitled cause on February 7, 2007. The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on July 12, 2007 in its office at One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, Illinois 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below the following described real estate Unit Number 1-D in the Cambridge in the Hills Condominium, as delineated on a survey of the following described real estate Permanent Index Number 18-35-407-091-1003 Commonly known as 8100 West 87th St., Unit 1D, Hickory Hills Illinois
The real estate is improved with a single family residence The judgment amount was $106,400.45 Sale terms The bid amount shall be paid in cash immediately by the highest and best bidder at the conclusion of the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT CHANCERY DIVISION HSBC BANK, USA Plaintiff -v- GRZEGORZ GRALAK, et al Defendant 06 CH 11324 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on March 14, 2007 an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on June 29, 2007 at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor CHICAGO IL 60606 sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below the following described real estate Commonly known as 8908 OLYMPIC DRIVE Bridgeview IL 60455 Property Index No. 24-06-107-007-0000
The real estate is improved with a 1 story single family brown and white brick home with attached 2 car garage The judgment amount was $226,931.82 Sale terms 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction, the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in 'AS IS' condition The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court
If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4)
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION DRAPER AND KRAMER MORTGAGE CORPORATION Plaintiff, -v.- DEBORAH LYNN FLANAGAN A/K/A DEBORAH L. FLANNIGAN A/K/A DEBORAH LYNN FLANNIGAN, et al Defendants 06 CH 5474 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on May 30, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on June 21, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 13952 WATERBURY DRIVE #802, Crestwood, IL 60445 Property Index No. 28-04-301-019-1044
The real estate is improved with a condominium. The judgment amount was $10,749.63. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction, the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
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For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department., Please refer to file number 14-06-3348. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD. SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE IL 60527 (630) 794-9876 Attorney File No. 14-06-3348 ARDC# 00468002 Attorney Code 21762 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I38800

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT CHANCERY DIVISION NATIONAL CITY MORTGAGE COMPANY Plaintiff, -v- ERIC J TOLLSTAM, et al Defendant 06 CH 7195 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on July 17, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on July 2, 2007 at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 9140 MASSASOIT AVENUE, Oak Lawn, IL 60453 Property Index No 24-05-401-023-0000
The real estate is improved with a brick one story house with a two car detached garage
The judgment amount was $182,004.53. Sale terms 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction: the balance in certified funds, is due within twenty four (24) hours The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC Plaintiff, vs. CHRISTOPHER L. LACY, SR., UNKNOWN TENANTS, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants, 06 CH 9339 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on June 22, 2006, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, July 2, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate; Commonly known as 13710 Kedvale, Robbins, IL 60472. P.I.N 28-03-212-036.
The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
For information call Mr. James A. Larson at Plaintiff's Attorney, Larson & Associates, P.C., 230 West Monroe Street, Chicago, Illinois 60606. (312) 422-0057 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I36788

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION US BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE; Plaintiff, vs. FUAD SAFI AKA FUAD A. SAFI; LINDA SAFI; SAUD SAFI; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR EQUIFIRST CORPORATION; Defendants, 06 CH 23149 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on February 7, 2007 Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, July 2, 2007 at the hour of 11 a.m. In their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 12400 S. 44th Ct., Alsip, IL 60803. P.I.N. 24-27-308-019. The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection
For information call Ms. Lisa M. Dudek at Plaintiff's Attorney, Kropik, Papuga and Shaw, 120 South LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois 60603. (312) 236-6405. 37166 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I38807

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION AMERICAN HOME MORTGAGE SERVICING, INC. Plaintiff, -v.- RICHARD M. ALVARADO, SR. A/K/A RICHARD ALVARADO, SR., et al Defendant 06 CH 18409 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on March 20, 2007, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on June 22, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 9722 S. 61ST AVENUE, Oak Lawn, IL 60453 Property Index No. 24-09-215-031, Property Index No. 24-09-215-032, Property Index No. 24-09-215-033
The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was $235,760.17. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act. 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4)
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department., Please refer to file number 14-06-A767 THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose I38614

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION WELLS FARGO BANK, NA Plaintiff, -v.- STEPHAN BORVAN A/K/A STEVE BORVAN, et al Defendants 06 CH 7284 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on March 28, 2007, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on July 2, 2007 at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60608, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 11637 SOUTH MERRION LANE, Merrionette Park, IL 60803 Property Index No. 24-23-409-023-0000
The real estate is improved with a single family 1 story house with tan brick construction. 2 car garage. The judgment amount was $217,719.24. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. For information: Visit our website at http:\\service.atty-pierce.com. between the hours of 3 and 5 pm. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602. Tel No. (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number PA0602980. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE PIERCE & ASSOCIATES One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300 CHICAGO, IL 60602 (312) 476-5500 Attorney File No.: PA060298 Attorney Code. 91220 I39099

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE FOR ENCORE CREDIT RECEIVABLES TRUST 2005-2 Plaintiff, -v.- JAMES M. BLOKEL A/K/A JAMES BLOKEL, et al Defendant 06 CH 23992 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 13, 2007, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on June 21, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 16101 LACROSSE AVENUE, Oak Forest, IL 60452 Property Index No. 28-16-215-036 The real estate is improved with a single family residence.
The judgment amount was $190,232.20. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department., Please refer to file number 14-06-E394. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiffs attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I38646

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE; Plaintiff, vs RONALD WASHINGTON, SR.; BARBARA O. WASHINGTON Defendants, 06 CH 17622 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on October 17, 2006 Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, July 9, 2007 at the hour of 11 a.m. In their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate.
Commonly known as 8801 S Talman, Evergreen Park, IL 60805 P.I.N 24-01-207-001 & 002. The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence. THE SALE SHALL BE SUBJECT TO GENERAL TAXES, SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS AND TO A PRIOR RECORDED FIRST MORTGAGE. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. No refunds The property will NOT be open for inspection
For information call William E. Dutton, Jr./Barbara J. Dutton at Plaintiff's Attorney, DUTTON & DUTTON, P.C., 10325 West Lincoln Highway, Frankfort, Illinois 60423, (815) 806-8200 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I39597

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY Plaintiff, -v.- WILLIE GREEN, et al Defendant 07 CH 7012 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on May 8, 2007, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on June 15, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 14004 GRACE, Robbins, IL 60472 Property Index No. 28-02-416-010
The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was $60,169.34. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.
If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale
The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department., Please refer to file number 14-07-4528. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I38243

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR LONG BEACH MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2006-1 Plaintiff, -v.- EARNEST HALL A/K/A EARNEST J. HALL, et al Defendant 06 CH 17500 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on November 2, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on June 29, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 13634 S. CRAWFORD AVENUE, Robbins, IL 60472 Property Index No. 28-03-210-065
The real estate is improved with a single family residence.
The judgment amount was $73,446.81. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 785 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department., Please refer to file number 14-08-A238. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I39943

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION FIRST FRANKLIN FINANCIAL CORPORATION Plaintiff, -v.- JULIA GOMEZ, et al Defendant 06 CH 21651 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 13, 2007, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on June 19, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 7531 SOUTH ROBERTS ROAD UNIT 1B, Bridgeview, IL 60455 Property Index No. 18-25-300-048-1002
The real estate is improved with a black and white brick 1 condo within a 12 unit 3 stories, no garage. The judgment amount was $108,573.32. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. For information: Visit our website at http:\\service.atty-pierce.com. between the hours of 3 and 5 pm. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602. Tel No. (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number PA0611302. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE I37682

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION HSBC BANK USA, AS TRUSTEE IN TRUST FOR CITIGROUP MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST, INC., ASSET BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2004-RP1, ITS ATTORNEY IN FACT, WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO WELLS FARGO HOME MORTGAGE INC.; Plaintiff, vs. JOSEPH R. GLOVER; ET AL; Defendants, 06 CH 9922 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on September 14, 2006, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, June 25, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 10018 S. California, Evergreen Park, IL 60805. P.I.N. 24-12-306-047.
The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
For information call Ms. Diane Thomas at Plaintiff's Attorney, Freedman Anselmo Lindberg & Rappe, LLC, 1807 West Diehl Road, Naperville, Illinois 60563-1890. (877) 729-6734. W0604076 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I27998

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION LASALLE BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE UNDER THE TRUST AGREEMENT FOR THE STRUCTURED INVESTMENT LOAN TRUST SERIES 2004-8 Plaintiff, -v.- PATRICK J. PHELAN A/K/A PATRICK PHELAN, et al Defendants 06 CH 26550 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 14, 2007, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on June 29, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 15423 S. KILPATRICK AVENUE, Oak Forest, IL 60452 Property Index No. 28-15-118-013
The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was $33,528.49. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.
If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department., Please refer to file number. 14-06-F914. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE, IL 60527 (630) 794-9876 Attorney File No.: 14-06-F914 ARDC# 00468002 Attorney Code. 21762 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I38496

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION THE BANK OF NEW YORK TRUST COMPANY N.A. AS SUCCESSOR TO JPMORGAN CHASE BANK N.A. F/K/A JPMORGAN CHASE BANK AS TRUSTEE, RESIDENTIAL FUNDING COMPANY, LLC F/K/A RESIDENTIAL FUNDING CORPORATION Plaintiff, -v.- ABDELHAFIZ MAHGOUB, et al Defendant 06 CH 25906 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 14, 2007, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on June 28, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 7015 W. 100TH STREET, Chicago Ridge, IL 60415 Property Index No. 24-07-304-007
The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was $116,496.42. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department., Please refer to file number 14-06-F549. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I38502

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC AS NOMINEE FOR WEBSTER BANK, OR ITS SUCCESSOR OR ASSIGNS; Plaintiff, vs. BYRON BECK AKA BYRON W. BECK; TRACIE BECK AKA TRACY BECK AKA TRACIE L. MILLER AKA TRACIE MILLER; AMERICAN GENERAL FINANCIAL SERVICES OF ILLINOIS, INC.; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants, 05 CH 20758
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on 1/25/2006, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Thursday, June 28, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property: P.I.N. 24-17-124-012. Commonly known as 10647 Lyman Ave., Chicago Ridge, IL 60415.
The improvement on the property consists of a ranch style, brick single family residence. Sale terms: 25% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.
For information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com, Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602. Tel.No. (312) 476-5500. Refer to File Number PA0509139. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer. (312) 444-1122 I38062

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK F/K/A WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, FA Plaintiff, -v.- VERONICA BARAJAS, et al Defendant 07 CH 5692 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on May 10, 2007, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on June 18, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 5734 W. 109TH STREET, Chicago Ridge, IL 60415
Property Index No. 24-17-414-030
The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was $195,388.83. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the saleThe property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. , 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department.. Please refer to file number 14-07-3678. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I38304

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION GMAC MORTGAGE, LLC Plaintiff, -v.- JOHN CORTILET, et al Defendant 06 CH 24317 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 9, 2007, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on June 25, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 4588 W. 131ST STREET UNIT #1N, Alsip, IL 60803
Property Index No. 24-34-116-049-1025
The real estate is improved with a condominium. The judgment amount was $97,370.26. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
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For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. , 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department.. Please refer to file number 14-06-E449. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I37866

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION US BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR CREDIT SUISSE FIRST BOSTON MBS HEAT 2004-5 Plaintiff, -v.- ISRAEL PONCE, et al Defendant 06 CH 24216
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 9, 2007, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on June 21, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 12630 S. KEELER AVENUE, Alsip, IL 60803 Property Index No. 24-27-405-005
The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was $167,840.43. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. , 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department.. Please refer to file number 14-06-E059. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I37703

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION WELLS FARGO BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR FREMONT INVESTMENT AND LOAN SABR 2005-FR1 BY: SAXON MORTGAGE SERVICES INC., AS ITS ATTORNEY-IN-FACT; Plaintiff, vs. MATTHEW E. HOFFMAN; ET. AL.; Defendants, 06 CH 25184 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on January 11, 2007, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, June 26, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 5258 Alexander Place, Oak Lawn, IL 60453. P.I.N. 24-04-107-054 & 060.
The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
For information call Ms. Diane Thomas at Plaintiff's Attorney, Freedman Anselmo Lindberg & Rappe, LLC, 1807 West Diehl Road, Naperville, Illinois 60563-1890. (877) 729-6734. X0611053 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I38038

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, as Trustee for Long Beach Mortgage Loan Trust 2006-2, Plaintiff, vs. EDWARD A. ZUR, WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, as successor in interest to Long Beach Mortgage Company, and 51ST AVENUE STATION CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, Defendants 06 CH 25559
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of the above Court entered in the above entitled cause on January 25, 2007, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on July 2, 2007 in its office at One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, Illinois 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Permanent Index Number: 24-04-417-046-1007. 24-04-17-046-1121 Commonly known as: 9440 S. 51st Avenue, Unit 2, Oak Lawn, Illinois
The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was $228,429.66 Sale terms: The bid amount shall be paid in cash immediately by the highest and best bidder at the conclusion of the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
The purchaser of a condominium unit at a judicial foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, who takes possession of a condominium unit pursuant to a court order or a purchaser who acquires title from a mortgagee shall have the duty to pay the proportionate share, if any, of the common expenses for the unit which would have become due in the absence of any assessment acceleration during the 6 months immediately preceding institution of an action to enforce the collection of assessments, and which remain unpaid by the owner during whose possession the assessments accrued. If the outstanding assessments are paid at any time during any action to enforce the collection of assessments, the purchaser shall have no obligation to pay any assessments which accrued before he or she acquired title.
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection, Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.
For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: Heavner, Scott, Beyers & Mihlar, 111 E. Main St., Suite 200, Decatur, Illinois 62525 (217) 422-1719 ext. 23. Note: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that the Law Firm of Heavner, Scott, Beyers & Mihlar is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I35609

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION MORGAN STANLEY MORTGAGE CAPITAL, INC.; Plaintiff, vs. MAHD ELROUB; ET. AL.; Defendants, 06 CH 25355 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on January 30, 2007, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, July 3, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 4240 W. 99th Place, Oaklawn, IL 60453. P.I.N. 24-10-420-040.
The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds. The property will NOT be open for inspection
For information call Ms. Diane Thomas at Plaintiff's Attorney, Freedman Anselmo Lindberg & Rappe, LLC, 1807 West Diehl Road, Naperville, Illinois 60563-1890. (877) 729-6734. W0608161 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I38848

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY AS TRUSTEE UNDER THE POOLING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT SERIES INDB 2006-1 Plaintiff, -v.- PATRICIA CABRERA, et al Defendant 06 CH 25414 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 16, 2007, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on July 3, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 5851 W. 82ND STREET, Burbank, IL 60459 Property Index No. 19-32-232-012
The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was $211,478.35. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. , 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department.. Please refer to file number 14-06-F078. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I40033

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS, Plaintiff V. MICHELLE PARKER A/K/A MICHELLE L. PARKER, Defendant 06 CH 26498 NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
Fisher and Shapiro file #06-9625D (It is advised that interested parties consult with their own attorneys before bidding at mortgage foreclosure sales.)
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered on April 2, 2007, Kallen Realty Services, Inc., as Selling Official will at 12:30 p.m. on July 12, 2007, at 205 W. Randolph Street, Suite 1200, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real property: C/K/A 3631 WEST 115TH PLACE, ALSIP, IL 60803. TAX ID# 24-23-307-024 The mortgaged real estate is improved with a dwelling. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
The judgment amount was $228,923.50. Sale terms: 10% of successful bid immediately at conclusion of auction, balance by noon the next business day, both by cashier's checks; and no refunds. The sale shall be subject to general real estate taxes, special taxes, special assessments, special taxes levied, and superior liens, if any. The property is offered "as is," with no express or implied warranties and without any representation as to the quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to review the court file to verify all information.
For information: Sale Clerk, Fisher and Shapiro, 4201 Lake Cook Rd., 1st floor, Northbrook, Illinois 60062, (847) 498-9990, between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. weekdays only. I34106

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION US BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR MASTR ASSET BACKED SECURITIES TRUST, 2006-WMC2 Plaintiff, vs. GUILLERMO SUAREZ, ET AL.
Defendants. 06 CH 28130 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on February 6, 2007, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Wednesday, July 11, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 15229 Lawndale Avenue, Midlothian, IL 60445. P.I.N. 28-14-107-058.
The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashiers or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds. The property will NOT be open for inspection
For information call Ms. Diane Thomas at Plaintiff's Attorney, Freedman Anselmo Lindberg & Rappe, LLC, 1807 West Diehl Road, Naperville, Illinois 60563-1890. (877) 729-6734. w0611121 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I39687

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION HSBC BANK USA, N.A., AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE FOR THE REGISTERED HOLDERS OF THE RENAISSANCE HOME EQUITY LOAN ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-1, Plaintiff V. RONALD TERRELL, Defendant 06 CH 7972 NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
Fisher and Shapiro file #06-5454D. (It is advised that interested parties consult with their own attorneys before bidding at mortgage foreclosure sales.)
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered on February 14, 2007, Kallen Realty Services, Inc., as Selling Official will at 12:30 p.m. on June 21, 2007, at 205 W. Randolph Street, Suite 1200, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real property: C/K/A 8210 SOUTH FAIRFIELD, CHICAGO, IL 60652. TAX ID# 19-36-224-022
The mortgaged real estate is improved with a dwelling. The property will NOT be open for inspection. The judgment amount was $166,641.89. Sale terms: 10% of successful bid immediately at conclusion of auction, balance by noon the next business day, both by cashier's checks; and no refunds. The sale shall be subject to general real estate taxes, special taxes, special assessments, special taxes levied, and superior liens, if any. The property is offered "as is," with no express or implied warranties and without any representation as to the quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to review the court file to verify all information.
For information: Sale Clerk, Fisher and Shapiro, 4201 Lake Cook Rd., 1st floor, Northbrook, Illinois 60062, (847) 498-9990, between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m weekdays only. I39038

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION WILMINGTON FINANCE INC.; Plaintiff, vs. ANDRZEJ KULIKOWSKI; RENATA KULIKOWSKI; MID AMERICA BAN, FSB; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF ANDRZEJ KULIKOWSKI, IF ANY; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants, 06 CH 24142
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on 1/31/2007, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, July 3, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property: P.I.N. 23-02-209-027. Commonly known as 8115 W. 90th St., Hickory Hills, IL 60457.
The improvement on the property consists of a two story single family residence with an attached two car garage. Sale terms: 25% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.
For information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com. Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602. Tel.No. (312) 476-5500. Refer to File Number 0612912. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I38834

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION CHASE FINANCE LLC SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO CHASE MANHATTAN MORTGAGE CORPORATION Plaintiff, -v- MICHAEL J. FURST, et al w Defendant 06 CH 24955 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 17, 2007, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on July 3, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate. Commonly known as 5705 VICTORIA DRIVE, Oak Forest, IL 60452 Property Index No. 28-17-229-002
The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was $199,321.86. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in AS IS condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department.. Please refer to file number 14-06-F152. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I40052

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION CHASE MANHATTAN MORTGAGE CORPORATION; Plaintiff, vs TIMOTHY J DOOLEY; ET. AL.; Defendants, 06 CH 26312 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on March 19, 2007, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Friday, July 13, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 14601 Clifton Park, Midlothian, IL 60445. P.I.N. 28-11-224-001.
The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds The property will NOT be open for inspection.
For information call Ms. Diane Thomas at Plaintiff's Attorney, Freedman Anselmo Lindberg & Rappe, LLC, 1807 West Diehl Road, Naperville, Illinois 60563-1890. (877) 729-6734. F0611029 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I39718

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION US BANK, N.A. F/K/A FIRSTAR BANK, N.A. A/K/A FIRSTAR HOME MORTGAGE CORPORATION Plaintiff, -v.- ROBERT A. PELECH, et al Defendant 06 CH 22643 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 17, 2007, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on July 3, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 5432 W. 88TH STREET, Burbank, IL 60459 Property Index No. 19-33-302-045
The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was $45,922.51. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department.. Please refer to file number 14-06-D439 THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I40047

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Other times, it's less clear. The fact is that legal assistance is often desirable, even essential, in situations which may have nothing to do with crime or a court action.

How do you determine if you need a lawyer? It depends on the issue. If you've received an ordinary parking ticket, you probably don't need legal help. But if you're facing a situation involving a significant amount of money or your personal rights are in jeopardy, it may be wise to seek out professional legal advice.

Common situations where you need a lawyer include the following:

When You Enter into a Contract. Any agreement, oral or written, which involves a consideration – that is, the exchange of something of value in return for some goods or service rendered – may be binding and enforceable. Generally, oral agreements should be avoided. Written agreements should be either prepared by or examined by a lawyer before you sign anything.

When Your Personal Status Changes. Marriage, the birth or adoption of children and moving to a different state may result in new or different legal and personal responsibilities. Your lawyer can help you plan for an meet new obligations, including the preparation of various legal documents which may be required.

When You Make Or Revise A Will or Estate Plan. The planning and drafting of your Will is an important legal matter. Your lawyer can plan your estate in a way that will be most beneficial to you and your heirs. In addition, your lawyer can suggest ways to organize your estate so that substantial savings in taxes and other estate costs are realized.

When You Buy Or Sell Real Estate. Buying and selling real estate is a huge financial transaction for most people. Your lawyer will review all legal documents necessary to the transaction and participate in the closing, in order to avoid legal pitfalls that could lead to losing your home.

When You Are Involved In An Accident. If you are involved in an accident of any kind resulting in personal injury or property damage you should immediately consult with a lawyer. Your lawyer may also be helpful if you believe that a doctor or other professional has committed malpractice.

Whenever Your Personal Rights Are Threatened. The law exists to protect your rights, but often you must take definite action to make those laws work for you. For example, you may need a lawyer if you've been fired from work or have faced discrimination or immigration problems.

When Financial Problems Arise. If you have tax problems or face personal or a business bankruptcy, your attorney can help you wade through the maze of legal issues towards a satisfactory solution.

When Organizing a Business. Your attorney can help with the formation of your business and assist in the ongoing concerns about employment law, workplace safety issues, immigration issues, intellectual property rights and other matters.

When You Are Arrested. If you are arrested for any reason or are accused of or questioned about your involvement in a crime, you should consult with an attorney immediately. If you cannot afford an attorney, one will be provided to you free of charge.

For further information about law-related issues, contact an Illinois State Bar Association-member lawyer in your area or visit www.isbalawyers.com.

Daley Announces New Zoning Web Page

Cook County Commissioner John P. Daley is informing residents of unincorporated Cook County about a new, convenient web site for obtaining building permits, and information about contractors, who are licensed to work in unincorporated Cook County. On line applications are available for building, electrical, and plumbing permits, as well as detailed information and supporting documents to help explain the county's application process.

The complete text of the Cook County Zoning Ordinance, completely overhauled in 2001, is also available. Future plans are being considered to add the complete text of the Cook County Building Code to the web site.

"This convenient new web site will save residents time and money," said Commissioner Daley. "Some of these tasks used to require a trip downtown to process paperwork. Now, it can all be done from the comfort of your own home."

To view the website, go to www.cookcountygov.com and click on "agencies."

Internet Safety Education

Joined by educators from Chicago Public Schools (CPS), CPS Board President Rufus Williams and area lawmakers, Attorney General Lisa Madigan recently unveiled new and concentrated measures designed to help protect today's school children from threats not known to school kids of just a few years ago: online predators and other criminals that use the Internet to perpetrate crimes against children.

At a morning news conference in the library and computer lab at Chicago's Drummond Elementary School, Madigan announced two important tools that will help parents and educators monitor how children use the Internet. Senate Bill 1472 calls on schools to provide yearly Internet safety education to students in grades K through 12. In addition, Madigan announced that her office would coordinate the distribution to schools throughout the state educational videos that promote Internet safety.

Introduced into the General Assembly last month, SB 1472, the Internet Safety Education Act, sponsored by Sen. Dan Kotowski and Rep. David Miller, encourages Illinois schools to adopt an age-appropriate Internet safety curriculum. Intended to serve as a tool to assist education, SB 1472 identifies several key topics for instruction including safe and responsible use of the Internet, online predators, identity theft, cyber-bullying and harassment, and illegal downloading.

Madigan also announced that her office will coordinate the distribution of Think Before You Post, a new public service advertising (PSA) campaign created by NCMEC and the U.S. Dept. of Justice in cooperation with the Ad Council. The PSAs are designed to raise awareness about the prevalence of online sexual exploitation and to help parents, guardians and teens better protect themselves from online predators.

Approximately 34 percent of children ages 10 to 17 post their real names, telephone numbers, home addresses or the names of their schools online where anyone could see, according to a recent study conducted by University of New Hampshire researchers for NCMEC.

Madigan commended Superintendent Arne Duncan and the Chicago Public Schools for partnering with her office in making the Think Before You Post PSA available to over 500 grammar and high schools throughout the city of Chicago.

Madigan used the occasion to stress the ever-changing virtual world and how online predators have new mediums to reach potential victims and perpetrate crimes against children.

According to a 2005 report by the Pew Internet and American Life Project, 87 percent of teens between the ages of 12 and 17 are online.

In 2006, 55 percent of teens reported use of social networking web site of which 48 percent reported visiting such web sites at least daily.

According to NCMEC, approximately 13 percent of youth received a sexual solicitation or approach over the Internet within the preceding year.

Governor Announces U Of I's Historic Lincoln Hall Project Will Be "Green"

Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich recently announced that the planned $66.4 million rehabilitation of the University of Illinois' historic Lincoln Hall will be a model "green" project, and will be submitted for an official national designation of projects that place an emphasis on energy-efficient and environmentally-friendly design.

The Lincoln Hall project will be submitted for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Gold certification, which would place the project at the forefront of the national movement for sustainable energy practices.

LEED certification rates projects based on their energy and water use efficiency, indoor air quality, the use of recycled and local materials, design innovation, pollution reduction, erosion control, and the overall impact of the project on the surrounding environment. The Lincoln Hall project goals include the latest energy-saving climate control systems that would also improve indoor air quality; special insulation and window treatments to improve the building's energy efficiency while preserving its historic character; lighting systems that would conserve energy and improve the classroom environment; plumbing fixtures that would reduce water usage; and other measures that will be specifically addressed during the design phase of the project. These planned upgrades would not only save energy but also help cut emissions of greenhouse gases and air pollutants.

The State of Illinois has released $3 million for planning the Lincoln Hall renovation, with the balance of state funds, $55.1 million, included in the governor's proposed FY 08 budget. The University of Illinois is contributing $8.3 million to the project.

Lincoln Hall was built in 1911 and has had no major improvements since the west half and theater were added in 1930. The planned $66.4 million construction project will reconfigure existing space for more classrooms and to meet current life safety codes. Instructional space will be concentrated on the first two floors and the backstage area of the theater, which has not been used for 25 years since the relocation of the Theater Dept. to the Krannert Center. The top two floors will be primarily faculty office space. The building will also receive upgrades to its electrical, lighting, heating, ventilation, air-conditioning, and computer network systems, as well as new flooring, ceilings and wall finishes.

NARFE Meeting

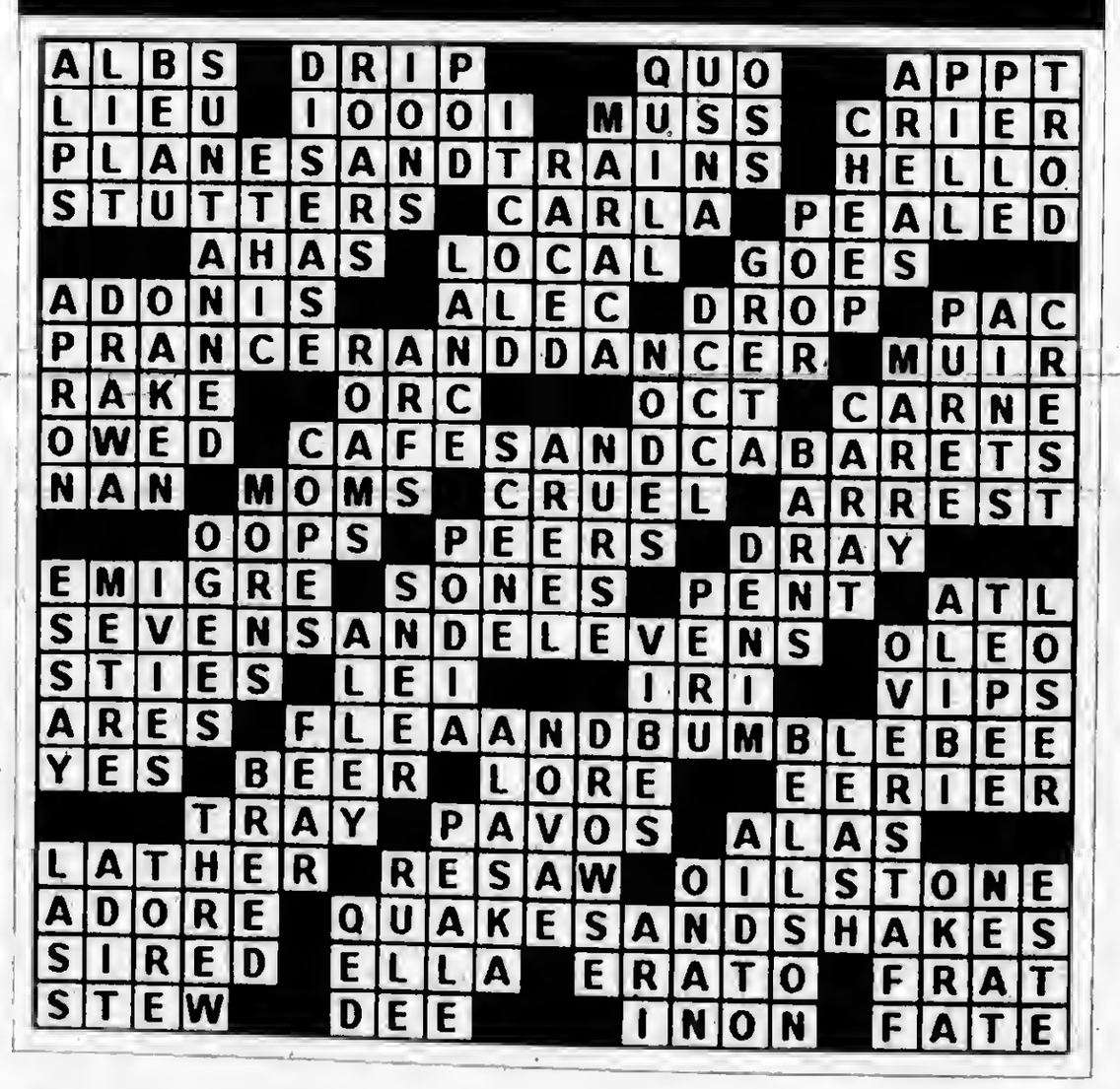
The National Active and Retired Federal Employees Assn. (NARFE) Southwest Chicago Metro Chapter 1106 will hold their next meeting on Wednesday, June 20th at 10:30 a.m. The meeting will take place in the Bridgeview Public Library, 7840 W. 79th St.

NARFE accepts all current federal employees, federal retirees, their spouses and survivors into membership. The chapter covers the southwest side of Chicago and many of the suburbs north and south of I-55.

At the meeting, members are given the latest updates on legislation that affects the federal employee and retiree community. There usually is a guest speaker as well.

For more information on NARFE, come to the meeting or call president John Altar at (708) 458-4990.

Solution To This Weeks Puzzles



Southwest Area Obituaries

John A. Bezic

Services were held at Beverly Ridge Funeral Home, Chicago, on Tuesday, with interment at St. Mary Cemetery, for John A. Bezic, Veteran of the Army during WWII. He was a member of the Reber-Tesmond VFW Post 2604.

He is survived by his children John Jr., Gloria (Edward) Drukin, Patricia Bezic and his stepdaughter Joanne (Jack) Casey; four grandchildren and three great grandchildren; his sisters Mitzie Semmler, Jean Maloney, Violet Marcordes and his brother Frank Bezic.

Earl R. Bourque

Mass was said at Our Lady of the Ridge Church, Chicago Ridge, on Monday, with interment at Resurrection Cemetery, for Earl R. Bourque, 92.

He is survived by his wife Irene and one grandchild and two great-grandchildren.

Veronica L. "Ronnie" Bowen

Mass was said at St. Michael Church, on Monday, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Veronica L. "Ronnie" Bowen of Orland Park and Deerfield beach FL.

She is survived by her children J. Terence (Becky) and Barbara Jean Pectol; and her sister Mary Shields and her brother Arthur Heil.

John J. Cremins

Mass was said at St. Catherine of Alexandria Church, Oak Lawn, on Saturday, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for John J. Cremins, 60, formerly of Knights Mountain, Knocknagoshel County Kerry Ireland.

He is survived by his wife Annie Cremins; his children John (Kristine), Kevin (Bridget), Colette (Owen) O'Neill, Steven and Joanne Cremins; three grandchildren; his mother Hannah; his sisters Jean (Dennis) Lenihan and Mary (Bryan) Doherty of Ireland; and his brothers Michael (Mary), Pat and Jimmy (Kathleen).

Maria Donskis

Services were held at the Lack & sons Funeral Home, Hickory Hills, on Monday, with a private interment for Maria Donskis.

She is survived by her children Maria (Dr. Alvydas) Baris, Ruta Donskis; and her brother Nikolaus (Eileen) Georgijewski; and three grandchildren.

Kristen Marie Ekdahl

Mass was said at St. Alexander Church, Palos Heights, on Monday, with interment at Cedar Park Cemetery, for Kristen Marie Ekdahl. She was a graduate of Northern Illinois University and the Education Director at Huntington Learning Center at Lake in the Hills.

She is survived by her parents Charles and Nancy; her sister Erica E. Ekdahl; her grandparents Marie and Paul Day, and Toni Leal.

Lester P. fox Jr.

Services were held at the Hann Funeral Home, Bridgeview, with a private interment, for Lester P. Fox, Jr. 76, a veteran of the National Guard and a resident of Justice. He was a former city driver for McLean Trucking.

He is survived by his wife Carol and his children Lester P. Fox III (Kathleen) and Leslie J. Fox and one grandchild.

Howard G. Hahn

Services were held at the Lawn Funeral Home, Orland Park, on Monday, with interment at Fairmount Willow Hills Cemetery, for Howard G. Hahn, 86, a veteran of WWII serving with the Army.

He is survived by his wife Esther; his children Charlene (Joseph) Krzeminski, Judith (Bud) Schafer, Karen Paluch, Kristine (Richard) Killian, Kimberly (Alfred) Bedia, Kathy (Tony) Sipich and Robin (Michael) Karpinski; twenty grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren; and his sister Dorothy Harper.

Marie F. Hammer

Mass was said at St. Michaels Church, Orland Park, on Tuesday, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Marie F. Hammer, 92.

She is survived by her children Nora (Bruce) Burian and Edward Hammer Jr., four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren and her brother George Lux.

Patricia A. Hansen

Mass was said at St. Christina Church, Chicago, on Tuesday, with interment at St. Mary Cemetery, for Patricia A. Hansen, 44, a veterinary technician at Evergreen Park Animal Hospital for 20 ears.

She is survived by her husband Robert M. Hansen, SGT. Cook Co. Sheriff's Department; her children James, Matthew and Kiersten; her brother William, Michael, James and her sisters Deborah (Mark) Poulos, Diane (Tom) McKeown and Lavern (Rick) Lathus.

Louise A. Harrison

Mass was said at St. Anthony Church, Frankfort, on Tuesday, with interment at Pleasant Hill Cemetery, for Louise A. Harrison. She was retired from Alis-Chalmers.

She is survived by her children Carol (Mike) Restivo, Kathy (Jim) Wilson, Geri (George) Spears, Marva Saunders, Linda (Bob) Galica, Nancy (Ed) Bemard and Joe (Gayle) Halper; seventeen grandchildren and twenty-tree great grandchildren; and her sister Marilyn Schmidt.

William J. Heim

Services were held at the Blake Lamb Funeral Home, Oak Lawn, on Friday, with interment at Fairmount Willow Hills Memorial Park, for William J. Heim, 90. He was founder and president of Service Machine Company, Roussell Presses and Heim Corporation. He started his first company in 1944 and was still actively involved in the companies.

He is survived by his wife Myrtle M.; his children Patricia (William) Ramsey, Glenn (Mary); seven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Mitzi H. Irigoyen

A memorial prayer service was held at the Lawn Funeral Home, Orland Park, on Sunday, for Mitzi H. Irigoyen, 77.

She is survived by her husband Dr. Mario A. Irigoyen; her children Mario J. (Robin), Melissa (Jack) Zubaty, Miguel R. (Kimberly) and Marco L.; seven grandchildren and her sister Suzanne (Dr. Henry) Bosshard.

Dorothy F. Kloth

Services were held at the Colonial Chapel, Orland Park, on Tuesday, with interment at Holy Cross Cemetery, for Dorothy F. Kloth, 80.

She is survived by her children Sharon Kloth and Kathy (Ronald) Wellestat; three grandchildren and one great-grandchild; her sister Barbara (Pete) Petropulos, Diane Pilewski and her brothers Bob (Joan) Tomczak and Ron (Pat) Tomczak.

Marilynn L. Kneisler

Services were held at the Heartland Memorial Center, Tinley Park, on Tuesday, with interment at Fairmount Willow Hills Memorial Park, for Marilynn L. Kneisler, 85. She was retired from Marshalfields as a human Resources manager. She also volunteered with 55 Alive and Junior Achievement. She was president of her local crafting guild. She was a resident of Oak Forest.

She is survived by children Pennelope "Penny" Kneisler, Joel (Darlene) Kneisler and Jeffrey (Jean) Kneisler and four grandchildren.

Julius S. Kosary

Services were held at the Kosary Funeral Home, Evergreen Park, on Tuesday, with interment at Bethania Cemetery, for Julius S. Kosary, 75 he was a member of the Bremen VFW Post 2791 and the Korean War Veterans Association. He was a resident of Tinley Park and a custodian for the school district.

He is survived by his wife Janella; his children Karl (Lisa), Paul (Kathy); three grandchildren and his brothers Walter (Linda) and Dwight.

Franciscek Lesnicki

Mass was said at St. Fabian Church, Bridgeview, on Friday, with interment at Resurrection Cemetery, for Franciszek Lesnicki, 89, a retired farmer and resident of Justice.

He is survived by his wife Maria; his children Walter (Helen) Lesnicki, Anna (Alexander) Kobylarczyk and Joseph (Halina) Lesnicki; six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Catherine L. Maduzia

Mass was said at St. Catherine of Alexandria Church, Oak Lawn, on Monday, with interment at Resurrection Cemetery, for Catherine L. Maduzia, 83.

She is survived by her children Glen, Clifford (Dorothy) and Bruce (Judy) and three grandchildren.

Bridget "Birdie" Murphy

Mass was said at St. Christina Church, Chicago, on Monday, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Bridget Birdie" Murphy, 88 of Alsip, formerly of Mt. Greenwood.

She is survived by her children John "Jack" (Maureen), James (Josie), Dale (Bruce) Garza and Stephen; thirteen grandchildren; six great-grandchildren and her sisters Ann Coughlin and Alice McGivney.

Frank J. O'Grady

Mass was said at Old St. Patrick's Church in Chicago, on Wednesday, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Frank J. O'Grady, 80. He was a retired partner of LaPreferida, Inc., Chicago. A food importer. He was a member of frank Leahy American Legion Post and was inducted into the Loyola University Hall of Fame.

He is survived by his children Frank, Jr. Stephen, Paul (Debbie) and Shelia (Dan) Duffy; three grandchildren and his sister Patricia and brother George O'Grady.

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Sit-In At Saint Linus School

Student wears hippie style vest made in the art classes as part of the cross curriculum study of the 1960's.

Some students really take their lessons to heart. This was quite evident recently to Dr. Michael Stritch, Principal of St. Linus School. The school's spirited eighth grade class, who had been studying the history and culture of the 1960's, donned hippie style clothing over their blue uniforms and took to the halls in protest style, quite reminiscent of the 60's era.

The activity was the brainchild of art teacher, June Gallagher, who with the cooperation of Assistant Principal, Larry Pawelski, arranged for the students to turn the tables on their prineipal who happens to be a self confessed sixties buff. The purpose was to integrate areas of the cross curriculum study of the decade and teach the need for peaceful negotiation and mediation.

The protest was well organized and of course, non-violent. In weeks prior to the sit-in, the students planned with Mrs. Gallagher and chose their issue: We Want Free Pop! It was an issue all could relate to: the desire for a variety of non dairy beverages to be available to them in school without having to pay an exorbitant price. It provided the inspiration for the colorful banners, jewelry, vests, tie dyes and bandanas that the student made during their art class.

Upon arriving at the office of the surprised Dr. Stritch, they staged a true sixties style sit in. They chanted repeatedly in unison: Peace, Love, Pop! ...and Pop Costs A Dollar, Let's All Holler!..... Students then sang several parodies to sixties songs, including one to the tune of Kumbaya. "Someone's thirsty now, Give us Pop... Oh Doctor, give us pop...." Student representatives Mike Sheehy and Phil Caffee delivered prepared speeches. They ranted on about desiring a world of all flavors and "a world in which 7-up is not just used for the general upset stomach, but as a low-priced beverage of choice. Working together we can achieve our goal..... We've been patient for eight years. We've seen the price of pop be driven up by the conglomerates! Big business is gouging the thirsty students in our school. It is time to rise up and talk to the man! Dr. Stritch, we come together as the 8th grade student body – Do the right thing, Doctor... Give us Free Pop!

After the speeches, the good doctor agreed to meet privately with the group's leader. Although the students offered to stay "green," the principal was concerned with dietary factors and the example being given to younger students. After a few consultations between the principal and the students, the mediator (Mrs. Gallagher) presented an offer that both parties agreed upon and signed. It included the following: a choice between two (not five) eight ounce soft drinks would be available to eighth grade students after a twenty four hour waiting period provided students would immediately remove any clothing that was out of standard uniform policy and return silently to their homerooms. And finally, upon arriving home after school, students would immediately brush their teeth to prevent further tooth decay and moderate their sugar intake.

All in all, the lessons were well learned in a forty minute class period.

Eighth graders of St. Linus School take to the halls as they stage a protest as part of their study of the 1960's.

Student Mike Ferguson "chills" out.

Church Brunch

The Annual All Church Brunch will be held at Pilgrim Faith United Church of Christ on Sunday, June 10th. Hosted by the Men's Fellowship, the brunch will begin immediately following the 9:30 a.m. worship service.

The church is at 9411 S. 51st Ave. in Oak Lawn and is handicapped accessible. Visitors are welcome at the service and the brunch.

Fitness, Fruit, Fun & Friends

The Oak Lawn Park District Special Recreation Department is offering a new fitness program for those ages 12 and up with disabilities. Classes will meet Monday afternoons from 4 to 4:45 p.m. at the Oak View Center, 4625 W. 110th St., beginning June 18.

This program will feature aerobic exercises, walking and kickboxing. All the moves are set to music and will help build endurance and agility. You will also learn about proper nutrition. Remember to wear comfortable clothes and gym shoes and bring a water bottle and a towel. The fee for this program is $37 for Oak Lawn residents and coop members and $53 for non-residents.

Top 15 Richards Graduates Just Getting Started

Richards High School in Oak Lawn announced that the students listed below graduated with the 15 highest grade point averages for the class of 2007. Each has been an honor roll student all four years at Richards.

Their college choices include the Northwestern University, University of Illinois at Chicago, Georgetown University, University of Iowa, Loyola University Chicago, and the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. The students, listed with their high school activities and college plans, include:

Kathleen Biernaciak – An Illinois State Scholar, Kathleen achieved perfect attendance all four years at Richards. She participated in Mathletes, student council, Spanish Club, National Honor Society, Science Club, and Environmental Club. Next year Kathleen will enroll at St. Xavier University.

Lina Bourjas – An Illinois State Scholar, Linda participated in peer tutoring, French Club, student council Art Club, Mathletes and NHS at Richards. She will begin studies at Loyola University Chicago next year.

Sarah Brett – Vice President of NHS and an Illinois State Scholar, Sarah served as captain of both Mathletes and Scholastic Bowl this year. She also participated in Model UN, senior leaders, Tri-M (music honors), jazz band, concert band, colorguard, and Teen Court. Sarah will enroll at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign to study business next year.

Jennifer Collins – Co-captain and an all-conference selection in Mathletes, Jennifer earned Illinois State Scholar honors this year. She also participated in Scholastic Bowl, NHS, senior leaders, Spanish Club, and Teen Court. Next year she will begin studies in computer science at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

Jon Dove – Jon, who earned a baseball scholarship to Illinois State University, earned Illinois State Scholar honors and served as captain of both the soccer and baseball teams. He also participated in NHS and student council.

Matt Erickson – Vice President of Leo Club and captain of varsity baseball (all-conference), Matt earned honors as an Illinois State Scholar this year. He also participated in Mathletes (all-conference), NHS and, outside of school, taught religious education classes. Next year he will attend St. Xavier University.

Amanda Hankes – An Illinois State Scholar, Amanda this year served as vice president of NHS and treasurer of Tri-M (music honorary society). She also participated in Mathletes, Leo Club, student council, Science Club, band, jazz band, basketball, softball, cross country and diving. She will study veterinary science at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign starting in the fall.

Elizabeth Hudson – Secretary of NHS and Tri-M (music honorary society), Elizabeth also earned Illinois State Scholar honors this year. She participated in band, jazz band, Scholastic Bowl, Mathletes, spring musical, Teen Court, and senior leaders. Next year she will attend Illinois Wesleyan University.

Kevin Lee – An Illinois State Scholar and captain of the baseball team, Kevin earned a baseball scholarship to the University of Iowa. During his years at Richards he also participated in NHS, Mathletes, and Science Club.

Gabriela Maka – An Illinois State Scholar and Moraine Valley Distinguished Scholar, Gabriela participated in Leo Club (treasurer), Spanish Club (treasurer), student council, NHS, Leo Club, Environmental Club, SADD, Class Officers, Teen Court, and soccer. She will begin college at MVCC before transferring to a four-year school.

Stacy March – A National Merit Scholarship Corporation commended student, Advanced Placement Scholar, and Illinois State Scholar, Stacy also earned perfect attendance this year. During her years at Richards, she participated in Scholastic Bowl, Mathletes, Model UN, Spanish Club, NHS, student council, and Teen Court. Next fall she will study biology at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

Ryan McMillin – A National Merit Scholarship Corporation commended student, Illinois State Scholar and Advanced Placement Scholar with Honor, Ryan played piano this year for the Leo Club's many outings to nursing homes and schools for the developmentally challenged. He also participated in NHS, Scholastic Bowl (IHSA all-sectional team), Mathletes, jazz band, peer tutoring, band, Spanish Club, Science Club, Academic Decathlon, volleyball and bowling. Ryan will attend Georgetown University.

Dan Spedale – An Illinois State Scholar, Dan earned all-conference honors as a Mathlete and qualified for the IHSA sectional in golf this year. During his years at Richards, he also participated in NHS and basketball. Next year, he will begin studies in Mathematics at Northwestern University.

Sonam Tanna – An Illinois State Scholar, Sonam served as an officer in five organizations this year: Student council (vice president), Leo Club (president), NHS (president), and water polo (captain). Next year she will study biology-pre-med at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Melissa Taylor – Treasurer of NHS and secretary of Leo Club, Melissa earned Illinois State Scholar honors this year. She also participated in Mathletes, senior leaders, NHS, French Club, cross country, and track. She will begin studies in exercise science next year at Appalachian State University.

Blood Pressure Screening

The Oak Lawn Community Partnership will offer free blood pressure screenings and "Ask the Pharmacist" consultations from 10 to 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, June 13th at the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St. Participants may bring in their current medications and meet one-on-one with a pharmacist to discuss dosing, optimization, special instructions, duplication and other important medical concerns.

For additional information, call the library at (708) 422-4990.

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The Oak Lawn Village Board hears

Senior Garbage Complaints

The Oak Lawn Village Board Meeting was addressed by several residents concerning the new village waste hauler, Veolia. The board was told that senior citizens are having trouble bringing the new garbage toters to the curb since they are too big for them to handle. The new toters were delivered to residents in recent weeks and they are capable of carrying 96 gallons of solid waste. However, it was stated that senior residents seldom have need for a receptacle with that much capacity.

Complaints were that most seniors do not generate a large volume of waste, sometimes only a commercial garbage bag in a week. They also complained about paying for something that they do not need. In addition, several residents complained of their garbage not being picked up at all.

It was said that seniors have a choice of either a 96-gallon totter or a 64-gallon one that is lighter. It was also said that seniors receive a discount from Veolia. Explaining the need for a toter, trustees said that they will bring uniformity to the community on garbage day and would keep streets cleaner. Being closed, the totters will not allow animals to tear into plastic bags.

As for not picking up trash, Bob Fister of Veolia, said that there was some trouble as the driver's were learning the streets in the village. However, he said that this problem should be taken care of as they learn their routes. He said that, in the future, all garbage would be picked up; if it is not, residents should call the company to report it right away.

Fister also reported that in the first month of service, over 400 tons of recyclables were picked up. This he said gave the village about $12,000 as their share of recycling revenues. He stressed the importance of recycling and said that residents should be aggressive in their recycling efforts as it benefits the village.

Brought to the board was a motion to suspend the health benefits to part-time elected officials. Trustee Jerry Hurckes brought the motion to the board stating that he did not think offering the benefits to part-time elected officials was right when other part-time employees are not offered benefits. He also said that the move would save the village approximately $30,000 a year. Trustee Steve Rosenbaum seconded the motion.

A discussion ensued in which trustees called the motion politically motivated. Most vocal was Trustee Robert Streit who read a statement citing the worth of a trustee being more than the money they are compensated for their time and hard work, which is $7,200 a year. He also pointed out the times that both trustees voted for issues that have cost the village more money than $30,000 a year. New Trustee Carol Quinlan said that being offered benefits was not why she ran for office, but it was a minor consideration. Mayor Dave Heilmann reported that many people said that public servants maybe getting 'more than they deserved' to which he answered that trustees have an option; they can refuse the benefits and the pay. He reported that he, himself, returns the money that he is paid.

When voted on, the motion failed 4 to 2.

A resident brought up the fact that newspapers reported an incident where a police officer had to shoot a dog that was attacking him. It was stated that the incident happened at a residence where pit bulls were being bred. However, the resident pointed out that he observed dog owners who let their dogs walk without leashes and defecate without the owners cleaning up after their animals. It was stated that Oak Lawn does have leash laws. Dogs must be walked on a leash. Owners must also pick up after their animals as soon as they are finished.

It was reported that many residents of the area have been calling village hall in regards to noises at night at Home Depot. It was reported that in the last month there were about 20 phone calls to the police about noises waking residents during the night. Mayor Heilmann reported that the village had tried to talk with store managers for nearly a year with no results and this was not acceptable and against the agreement Home Depot had with the village. Village officials will pursue the complaints with store management.

In other business, a resident complained about the proposed Martello's Corner, 10425 S. Kedvale, subdivision stating that there were issues with the proposal. It was also stated that the planning and zoning board had also denied the request. However, when the ordinance was brought up for vote, it was stated that the owners of the property wanted to have the proposal tabled. The board will hear the proposal again during the July meeting.

Clerk Quinlan reported that the Special Events Commission will sponsor its first summer concert on Sunday, June 24th from 7 to 9 p.m. Mayor Heilmann lauded M. Barbara Jean Beyer who received Senior Citizen Volunteer Recognition from Tom Dart's office on May 9th. He also reported that in two years Oak Lawn would celebrate its 100th anniversary of incorporation. He said that he is advising the Special Events Commission to begin planning the celebration.

St. Francis Hospital For Sale

It has been reported that SSM Health Care of St. Louis is looking for a buyer for St. Francis Hospital and Health Center in Blue Island. The facility has been a presence in Blue Island for over 100 years. Parent Company SSM Health Care is sure that a buyer will be found for the 410-bed building by the end of the year.

SSM Health Care has retained investment banker UBS to find interested buyers for the only hospital it owns in Chicago. A company spokesperson said that a pool of candidates would soon be identified. Negotiations for the hospital are expected to begin in 45 to 60 days.

According to officials at SSM Health Care, many of the hospitals in Chicago are part of a large system. It was stated that two years ago, SSM Health Care tried to open a second hospital on 171st and LaGrange in Orland Park. This attempt was rejected by the Illinois Health Facilities Planning Board, a ruling that did not allow for expanded operation in the competitive suburban market.

It was stated that SSM Health Care would follow the "ethical and religious directives" that emphasize keeping the hospitals within the church, authorities said. Their first preference will be for a Catholic buyer.

Both Blue Island and hospital officials believe that there will be no trouble in interested buyers. The hospital employs nearly 1,500 people. In recent years, renovations to the emergency room, four new operating rooms were constructed and a new cardiovascular center and a women's center has been established. Most of the rooms have been converted from double occupancy to single occupancy.

Martinique Founder Passed Away

Anthony DeSantis, 93, died at his home in Oakbrook Terrace on Wednesday, June 6th following a long bout with cancer.

Mr. DeSantis founded the Drury Lane banquet halls and theaters, which included the former Martinique, which he opened in 1946 near 95th and Western Ave. in Evergreen Park.

Mr. DeSantis was a very popular and successful businessman. He owned and operated five Drury Lane theaters, which featured Broadway stars, providing affordable entertainment. Reportedly he had saved $3,000 to open the Martinique, which became an area landmark for 50 years. Productions were initially held under a tent in the parking lot. After about eleven years he moved the restaurant and opened a dinner theater featuring such stars as Debbie Reynolds, Rosemary Clooney, Vic Damone and Cesar Romero. The establishment also catered to weddings, proms, luncheons and other functions.

Then in January 2004 the Martinique closed its doors. Numerous items, such as furniture, fixtures, menus, dishes, costumes, etc., were sold at auction. According to a grandson, Kyle who is the catering manager for Drury Lane Oakbrook Terrace, Mr. DeSantis continued to work until about two months ago. Kyle reportedly said the closing of his beloved Martinique was too much for Mr. DeSantis.

The DeSantis family still owns Drury Lane Oakbrook Terrace and the Drury Lane Water Tower Place, which Mr. DeSantis opened in 2005.

Mr. DeSantis was a devote Catholic. His annual donations to many Catholic charities were very generous. In 2006 he donated $1 million to Catholic Charities.

A funeral Mass was said Monday, June 11th at 10:30 a.m. at Holy Name Cathedral.

Mr. DeSantis is survived by his wife, Lucille; daughter, Diane; brother Dante and five grandchildren.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

JUNE 16 – Saturday – Oak Lawn Chamber Inaugural Sidewalk Sale and Pet Parade, Oak Lawn/Hometown Middle School, 99th and 54th Ave., 10 a.m. (will proceed to the Village Green near 94th and Raymond).

JUNE 18 – Monday – Nifty Fifties Senior Meeting, Salem United Church of Christ, 9717 S. Kostner, 1 p.m.

JUNE 18 – Monday – Planning & Development Commission Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 8 p.m.

JUNE 19 – Tuesday – OL Library Board Meeting, 94th & Raymond, 7 p.m.

JUNE 19 – Tuesday – Environmental Concerns Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 7:30 p.m.

JUNE 19 – Tuesday – Special Events Committee Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 7:30 p.m.

JUNE 19 – Tuesday – Community Mental Health Board, 9401 S. 53rd Ct., 8 p.m.

JUNE 19 – Tuesday – Human Services Board, 9446 S. Raymond, 8 p.m.

JUNE 20 – Wednesday – Worth Township Seniors Free Hearing Testing, Worth Township Center, 11601 S. Pulaski, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Call for appointment, 371-2900, ext. 28.

JUNE 20 – Wednesday – Oak Lawn Community High School District 229 Board Meeting, 9400 Southwest Highway, Board Room, 119, 7:30 p.m.

JUNE 21 – Thursday – Public Works Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 7:30 p.m.

JUNE 21 – Thursday – Athletic Club Meeting, VFW Hall, 9514 S. 52nd Ave., 8 p.m.

REMEMBER FATHER'S DAY THIS SUNDAY

The Unlicensed Tree Trimmer You Hire Today Could Own Your Home Tomorrow

Homeowners who hire unlicensed contractors to perform tree work may expose themselves to liability for injuries suffered by employees of the contractor. After the recent storms, too many unqualified entrepreneurs grabbed a chain saw and decided to go into the tree business.

"With thousands of dollars at stake, not to mention the integrity and appearance of your property and your personal safety, make sure you investigate before deciding which company you should hire," warns Peter Gerstenberger, senior advisor for safety, standards and compliance with the Tree Care Industry Association. "If the 'professional arborist' you hired to remove a tree drops it on your house instead of your lawn, it's too late to confirm the company is insured."

A large number of consumers have been dragged into litigation involving uninsured contractors. Why? Because if an employee of an unlicensed contractor is injured on the job, the homeowner may be responsible for his injuries or disabilities. Of course, if that unlicensed tree service drops a limb on the house – or a tree on the neighbor's house – there is probably no protection other than the homeowner's insurance.

Consumers believe that paying a tree service company "under the table" will save them money. That may or may not be true, but if there is a problem the consumer almost never has any option with an unlicensed or uninsured contractor. In addition to having no insurance, unprofessional companies are less likely to perform professional work. Consumers may end up paying more to repair the damage, or may lose the value of a specimen tree that declines due to poor care.

"Disreputable companies are renowned for ripping gutters off, breaking fences and bird baths, and even dropping trees on houses," says Gerstenberger. "Then they typically fold up and leave, never to be seen again." In most cases unlicensed tree workers are employed by companies that do not have workers' compensation insurance or liability insurance. These companies do not pay city, state, or federal taxes. They do not secure permits when required. Any of these problems can cause a homeowner costly legal problems!

How can homeowners protect themselves?

Disreputable companies tend to:

Solicit work door-to-door

Demand payment in advance

Advertise topping, an injurious practice to trees

Sell jobs without producing a written estimate or work order.

Start with the arborists listed in the phone book. Look for what the ad tells you about the company: number of years in business, professional affiliations, accreditation, licenses, certification, etc. Be aware that the credentials of someone calling himself an arborist can vary widely. Don't just hire someone with a chain saw who knocks on your door! Look for the company displaying the credentials of a professional.

When you meet with the arborist:

Ask to see current certificates of liability and workers' compensation insurance, if applicable.

Ask for local references, and check on the quality of their work and level of service.

Verify professional affiliations, such as membership in the Tree Care Industry Association.

Don't be lured by a bargain and don't pay in advance.

Also insist on a signed contract as to cost, dates when work is to be performed, and exactly what is to be done.

If you would like some professional help in creating a safer, more fire-resistant landscape, consult a professional arborist. Contact the Tree Care Industry Association (TCIA), a 69-year-old public and professional resource on trees and arboriculture. It has more than 2,000 member companies who recognize stringent safety and performance standards and who are required to carry liability insurance. TCIA has the nation's only Accreditation program that helps consumers find tree care companies that have been inspected and accredited based on: adherence to industry standards for quality and safety; maintenance of trained, professional staff; and dedication to ethics and quality in business practices. An easy way to find a tree care service provider in your area is to use the "Locate Your Local TCIA Member Companies" program. You can use this service by calling 1-800-733-2622 or by doing a ZIP code search at www.treecaretips.org.

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Officers Carry Torch For Special Olympics

Beginning Sunday, June 10, law enforcement officers across Illinois will take to the streets, highways and roads of the state, carrying the Special Olympics torch to help raise funds for their hometown sports heroes – the athletes of Special Olympics Illinois. About 3,000 officers representing every branch of law enforcement will cover the 23 legs of the Illinois Law Enforcement Torch Run.

The Illinois Law Enforcement Torch Run is the single largest year-round fund-raising event benefiting Special Olympics Illinois. This intrastate relay and its various fundraisers have two goals: to raise money and increase public awareness for the athletes of Special Olympics. Each year, officers in Illinois run more than 1,500 miles carrying the Flame of Hope through the streets of their hometowns and deliver it to the State Summer Games in Normal in June.

On Friday, June 15, legs of the run from all over the state will converge on Normal. That evening at dusk, in a dramatic moment during Opening Ceremonies of the Special Olympics Illinois State Summer Games, officers from every leg of the Torch Run will enter Illinois State University's Hancock Stadium with torches lit and hand off the "Flame of Hope" to Special Olympics athletes. When the cauldron is lit and the games declared open 3,600 athletes will continue three days of competition and celebration.

When it began in 1986, the Law Enforcement Torch Run raised $16,000 in Illinois. It has since grown into the largest fundraiser for Special Olympics Illinois, raising more than $10 million since 1986. The Illinois Law Enforcement Torch Run raised $2 million in 2006, making it the third highest grossing program in the world.

Perhaps one of the most motivating factors for law enforcement officers is the knowledge that their efforts will benefit the athletes of Special Olympics Illinois. "We are involved in the Torch Run because it's such a genuine project," says Joe Peña, director of the Illinois Law Enforcement Torch Run and retired East Dundee Police Chief. "We're helping Special Olympics athletes truly experience sports and competition while building life skills."

Torch Run 2007 sponsors are: Presenting Sponsors – Dunkin' Donuts and Shop 'n Save; Gold Medal Sponsors – Illinois Knights of Columbus and CARQUEST; Silver Medal Sponsors – Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police, Illinois Sheriffs' Association and Coca-Cola; and Bronze Medal Sponsors – Illinois Fraternal Order of Police, Kane County Chiefs of Police Association and Simmons Cooper.

"Thanks to the Law Enforcement Torch Run and its corporate sponsors, Special Olympics Illinois is better able to reach more athletes and offer them more year-round training and competition opportunities. Special Olympics Illinois athletes are able to participate in the program free of charge thanks to sponsors like the Law Enforcement Torch Run," says Doug Snyder, Special Olympics Illinois president and CEO. "Special Olympics programs help the 20,000 current athletes in Illinois develop improved physical fitness and self-esteem."

In addition to donations for running, officers raise funds in various ways throughout the year, including Polar Plunges, building sits, raffles, bike rides, golf tournaments, bowl-a-thons, concerts and more.

To get involved in Law Enforcement Torch Run activities in your area, call Jeff Henson at Special Olympics Illinois (1-800-394-0562) or email him at jhenson@soill.org or contact your local law enforcement agency.

Special Olympics Illinois is a not-for-profit organization offering year-round training and competition in 19 sports for 20,000 athletes with intellectual disabilities. Special Olympics programs enhance physical fitness, motor skills, self-confidence, social skills and encourage family support.

Junior Farmers

The Children's Farm, 12700 Southwest Highway in Palos Park, offers four summer sessions of Junior Farmers classes for young children.

Four two-week sessions of Junior Farmers classes are offered this summer beginning on June 18th, July 2nd, July 16th and July 30th. Classes meet each session on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Older children meet for 3 hours in the mornings beginning at 9 a.m. Younger children meet for 1 hour in the afternoons beginning either at 1 p.m. or at 2:30 p.m.

The cost of 3-hour morning Junior Farmers for ages 6-8 is $195 per session. Afternoon classes for children ages 3-6 cost $82 per session. Advance registration is required. For further information, call (708) 361-3650.

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Since being elected Cook County Commissioner of the 17th District in 2002 and re-elected in 2006, I have made it clear that one of my prime objectives was the revitalization of Swallow Cliff. Part of that has come to fruition as the stairs, or exercise area as some call it, are now being reconstructed and should be completed by the end of June.

There are now other opportunities to make Swallow Cliff, along with other venues in the Forest Preserve, even more vital recreational areas. On June 1st, the Forest Preserve District of Cook County issued a Request for Proposal ("RFP") for the development of the toboggan slides using artificial surfaces not solely dependent on natural weather conditions which would allow these areas to operate beyond the normal winter recreational season. This proposal package must be picked up from the Forest Preserve by June 15th and returned by August 3rd.

Additionally, the Forest Preserve District is making plans to issue another RFP seeking interested individuals or entities to submit proposals outlining concepts for District wide and/or specific designated areas for concessions and retail opportunities. The hope will be to find plans that are revenue generating while still keeping with the core mission of the FPD. A similar RFP was issued last year but that was for a company to manage concessions for the entire Forest Preserve District. This proposal will seek either district wide plans or plans that may pertain to just one venue within the district which would allow small businesses to make proposals as well as large companies.

I am again urging all potential vendors to review these proposals and submit plans. We have an opportunity to continue the revitalization of Swallow Cliff as well as enhancing other venues within the Forest Preserve District. Please help us ensure that these great cultural venues in our communities are given the potential to shine like the Emerald Necklace that the Forest Preserve District of Cook County has been known to be. Interested parties may get further information by calling my office (312-603-4215) or visiting my website, http://www.liz gorman.com.

Elizabeth "Liz" Doody Gorman
Cook County Commissioner – 17th District

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Termination Of Former Governor Ryan's Pension Upheld

The Circuit Court of Cook County recently upheld the termination of former Governor George H. Ryan's full pension.

Following Ryan's April, 2006 conviction on 18 counts of criminal activity, the General Assembly Retirement System of Illinois (GARS) requested an opinion from Attorney General Madigan regarding the impact of the conviction on the payment of the former Governor's pension. On Sept. 12, 2006, Attorney General Madigan issued an opinion finding that because "Ryan's extensive and reprehensible criminal conduct was directly and inherently related to his official duties as Governor and Secretary of State," his criminal conviction requires the forfeiture of his pension benefits. Madigan also concluded that the Illinois law concerning the forfeiture of pension benefits requires a total forfeiture of all of Ryan's pension benefits, not merely those that accrued during his terms as Governor and Secretary of State.

Based on this opinion, on Sept. 19, 2006, the GARS' Board voted to suspend the former Governor's pension. Ryan appealed the Board's decision to the Circuit Court of Cook County. In his appeal, Ryan argued that he should not have to forfeit the pension benefits derived from his years of government employment prior to his criminal conduct.

In the courts ruling, Cook County Circuit Court Judge Martin Agran upheld the Board's decision and concluded that permitting Ryan to retain any pension benefits based on his government employment would allow future participants who engage in criminal conduct while serving in state government to protect their pension from forfeiture by simply changing positions within state government. Judge Agran found that such a result would diminish the deterrent effect of the pension forfeiture provisions in Illinois law.

"Former Governor Ryan breached the public trust, using his positions within state government to engage in widespread criminal conduct," Madigan said. "Ryan's actions were exactly the type of misconduct that our pension forfeiture law is designed to discourage. This decision confirms that public officials cannot be allowed to benefit from conduct that directly violates the public trust."

Parking Placards Legislation

Legislation initiated by Secretary of State Jesse White that increases fines up to $1,000 for people who continually abuse disability parking placards and license plates was approved by the Illinois House. The measure now moves to the governor's office for approval.

Under White's proposal (SB 1318), those caught parking with a fraudulent disability placard or license plate in spaces reserved for people with disabilities will face fines of $750 for their second offenses and $1,000 for their third or subsequent offenses.

The violator may also have his or her driving privileges, as well as the disability license plates or placard, suspended or revoked.

"It is unbelievable that able-bodied people would time and time again abuse this important program and take parking spaces reserved for persons with disabilities," White said. "The increased fines and suspensions will send a message that if you continue to violate the program you will pay the price financially as well as personally."

The legislation also clarifies that placards are not transferable and the authorized holder must be present, entering or exiting the vehicle at the time the parking privileges are being used.

The proposed legislation also states that 50 percent of each fine collected will be distributed to the law enforcement agency or agencies that issued the citation or made the arrest. This includes the Secretary of State Department of Police, where 50 percent of the fine will go into the Secretary of State Police Services Fund.

There are over 455,000 placards and over 90,000 disability plates in Illinois.

Score Business Financing Workshop

Attend a half-day workshop on Tuesday, June 19th from 8:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., offered by SCORE, Counselors to America's Small Business. Gain an understanding of Cash Flow, Income Statements & Balance Sheets and how to use them to impact business results. A guest banker presents criteria to obtain financing. This workshop is one of four required for a SCORE Workshop Completion Certificate, helpful when seeking a loan. Attendees should be in business or planning to start one.

Register and pay the $35 fee on line, www.scorechicago.org. Walk-in same-day registration and pay at the door $45. Space is limited. Call (312) 353-7724 any weekday morning with questions.

All Points Southwest

By THOMAS E. GAVIN

Illinois has made a major push towards full competition for television and telecommunications services through Senate Bill 678, legislation sponsored by state Rep. Jim Brosnahan, (D-Evergreen Park), that unanimously passed out of the House last week.

"This legislation is an essential first step towards competition and lower rates in Illinois," Brosnahan said. "The telecommunications industry in Illinois is past due for some serious updates and these regulations are both an opportunity for the expansion for cable providers and a way to hold the new markets accountable to consumers across the state."

Telecommunications competition has been slow to develop in Illinois due to long-standing and onerous laws requiring providers to negotiate agreements with each individual municipality where it wants to offer service, a process often lasting months or even years. To accommodate the growing markets of cable, phone and internet services, and the providers who bundle these services, SB 678 allows telephone or cable companies to receive a single statewide video agreement or franchise, cutting the bureaucratic red tape out of the current process. When companies have established guidelines, they can more easily enter the market and compete for business, hopefully providing consumers with greater service options, lower prices and better quality service.

The attorney general will be responsible for enforcing the telecommunications re-write law and making sure that telephone and cable companies are complying with its requirements. The attorney general may impose financial penalties on those companies found to be in violation of the law and can also revoke the statewide franchise rights of any company who fails to comply with the new Act.

For more information contact Rep. Brosnahan at (708) 499-2810.

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Legislation drafted by State Treasurer Alexi Giannoulias aimed at helping families save more money toward their children's college tuition has been unanimously approved by the General Assembly.

The bill removes the tax penalty for families who invest in out-of-state college savings plans. It passed in the Senate (56-0) and in the House (113-0) in February. It now awaits the governor's signature.

"As elected officials, we need to make sure that Illinois families get the most out of their hard-earned dollars and can afford to send their children to college," Giannoulias said. "Illinois lawmakers have eliminated a significant barrier that punished Illinois residents who wanted to invest in out-of-state plans. This is a big win for Illinois consumers."

Along with Alabama, Illinois is the only other state that imposes a 3 percent state tax on the earnings residents receive from tax-exempt savings programs, commonly known as "529 plans," administered in other states.

"Illinois families will invest in Illinois' 529 plan because it provides them the best investment options at a low cost," Giannoulias said. For more information on Bright Start, visit www.brightstartsavings.com or call the Treasurer's office at (888) 845-4723.

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Five United States Senators, including U.S. Senator Dick Durbin (D-IL) have urged the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) to investigate a cigarette advertisement campaign geared to entice teenage girls to take up smoking.

According to Sen. Durbin, "Big Tobacco has spent billions of dollars marketing cigarettes to children and young adults and have encouraged millions to start smoking at an early age. Why? Children today are three times more likely to be influenced by tobacco advertising than adults. This latest Camel No. 9 campaign is more of the same. It is our responsibility to ensure that tobacco companies are not marketing their dangerous products to a vulnerable audience."

In their letter issued May 4th to the FTC, the Senators urge the investigation of "advertising practices by R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company for marketing cigarettes to children." R.J. Reynolds launched the Camel No. 9 brand in February (07) and claims the cigarettes are aimed at adult female smokers, a market segment where Camel has performed poorly.

However, anti-smoking groups argue that the product – from its name recalling an upscale perfume, to the packaging and the ads – appears designed to lure teens or young women to cigarettes. Camel No. 9 cigarettes are advertised in women's magazines under the slogan "Light and Luscious."

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The Illinois Appellate Court in Springfield rendered a very significant ruling recently when it upheld the Illinois Gaming Board's (IGB) decision to revoke Emerald Casino Inc.'s (Emerald) license to operate a casino in Rosemont. In a 152-page unanimous decision, the Appellate Court concluded: "Emerald's proven violations of the Board's rules are plentiful. Each one of the violations, standing alone, could support revocation of Emerald's gaming license."

Attorney General Lisa Madigan represented the IGB in this appeal and several other suits brought by Emerald and the Village of Rosemont to prevent revocation of Emerald's license. Madigan strongly objected to a proposed settlement that would have allowed Emerald to avoid revocation and vigorously resisted numerous state and federal court actions filed by both Emerald and the Village of Rosemont seeking to operate a casino in Rosemont. The Appellate Court rules that the Attorney General had the authority to prevent the settlement and pursue the revocation of the license.

"This has been a long fight to restore and ensure the integrity of the gaming industry for the people of Illinois," stated Madigan. "I am pleased by the Court's decision affirming the revocation of Emerald's license and the protection it provides the citizens of Illinois against unsuitable casino operators who do not deserve the privilege of owning and operating a casino in Illinois."

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Supporters and friends of Cook County State's Attorney Richard A. Devine are hosting a Summer Reception in his honor Wednesday, June 20th from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at The Library Club, 190 S. LaSalle St., 40th Floor (corner of LaSalle & Adams) in Chicago. The $150 per person ticket will be snapped up by numerous business and elected notables who wish to be among the power elite. For information and reservations contact Dana Grigoroff at (312) 659-5009 or email: melangeltd@aol.com.

Legislation Increases Protection Against Gun Violence

Senate Bill 940 overwhelmingly passed the Illinois State Senate on June 6th with a vote of 48-4-1 and is on its way to the governor. The legislation, initiated by Attorney General Lisa Madigan in response to the Virginia Tech tragedy, requires Illinois to participate in the federal government's National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) and closes loopholes in existing Illinois law to keep guns out of the hands of prohibited purchasers.

Senate Bill 940, sponsored by Sen. Dan Kotowski (D-33rd) and Rep. Harry Osterman (D-14th), contains two key changes to make sure that Illinois law effectively prevents access to firearms by those that are prohibited from purchasing or owning guns.

First, the bill requires Illinois to share information about persons who are prohibited gun purchasers under federal or state law with NICS. NICS was established under the 1993 Brady Handgun Violence Prevention Act and is designed to allow any federal firearm licensee to be immediately supplied with information concerning whether a prospective gun purchaser is prohibited under state or federal law from owning a firearm.

Once signed into law by the governor, Illinois will join over 20 other states in sharing information with NICS regarding individuals prohibited from purchasing firearms under state and federal law. Information shared between states through NICS is critical to preventing the sale of guns to those who attempt to circumvent prevention measures by crossing state lines.

When signed into law, SB 940 also will close a significant gap in the laws governing gun purchases. Illinois law currently mandates that the Illinois State Police deny an application for or revoke a current Firearm Owner's Identification Card (FOID card) for a person whose mental condition poses a clear and present danger to himself or herself, to others or to the community. However, under the present law, the Illinois State Police only receive notice of people who have received inpatient mental health treatment. Information concerning a person whose mental condition poses an imminent danger to himself or herself, to others or to the community, but who has received outpatient, and not inpatient, mental health treatment is not submitted to the Illinois State Police. Consequently, the Illinois State Police background check system does not receive the information needed to enforce the FOID card prohibitions and to make sure a person who is precluded under the law from holding a FOID card cannot own a firearm.

SB 940 closes that loophole by mandating that the Illinois State Police receive sufficient information to effectively enforce the FOID Act. Specifically, SB 940 requires that all hospitals and mental health facilities report information to the Illinois State Police concerning individuals who are prohibited from purchasing a gun based on their mental health, regardless of whether the individuals received inpatient or outpatient mental health treatment.

The Illinois State Police acts as the point of contact for NICS and all federally licensed firearm dealers in Illinois are required to contact the Illinois State Police to determine whether the prospective gun purchaser is prohibited under federal or state law from purchasing a firearm.

Additionally, SB 940 is designed to make sure that Illinois State Police records are up to date by requiring that hospitals and mental health facilities report this information to the Illinois State Police within seven days of admission or provision of mental health services. The current law requires reporting within 30 days of admission to a hospital for inpatient treatment.

Senate Bill To Combat Internet Child Pornography Moves To Governor's Desk

If legislation passed on June 6th is signed by the governor, Attorney General Lisa Madigan said Illinois will become the first state to establish a database that will aid her office and other law enforcement in tracking down and prosecuting child pornographers.

Senate Bill 697 unanimously passed the Illinois Senate on June 6th. The bill, drafted by Madigan and sponsored by Sen. A.J. Wilhelmi (D-Joliet) and Rep. Esther Golar (D-Chicago), now goes to Gov. Blagojevich for his signature.

Senate Bill 697 features five key components:

It requires persons convicted of child exploitation offenses to provide their Internet Protocol (IP) addresses to law enforcement upon conviction.

It requires persons convicted of child exploitation offenses to register their IP addresses as part of the information provided to the sex offender registry.

It requires that offenders on parole or monitored supervised release must consent to law enforcement searches of any computers, personal digital assistants (PDAs), cellular phones and other devices that are under their control and are capable of accessing the Internet or storing electronic files. Under the provisions of SB 697, these searches are authorized only to allow law enforcement to verify the offender's IP address and ensure compliance with other parole conditions.

It establishes the Illinois Cyber-Crime Location Database (ICLD) and authorizes the Attorney General to collect, store and use IP addresses to investigate and prosecute child pornographers.

It creates the offense of aggravated child pornography for those who possess, manufacture or distribute child pornography involving children under the age of 13.

An IP address consists of a unique string of numbers assigned by an Internet provider to identify a particular Internet Account's entry point onto the Internet for the exchange of data. When an Internet user sends content via the Internet, that content carries with it the user's IP address. As a result, law enforcement investigators who obtain child pornography transmitted via the Internet may be able to determine the IP address used to send that pornography and follow the IP address directly to the specific Internet Account used to download or exchange the child pornography.

According to law enforcement reports, over the past two years, more than 56,000 individual IP addresses engaged in some form of trading or distribution of child pornography. Based on this number, Madigan said, it is clear that incidents of trading and distributing child pornography over the Internet are increasing.

Senate Bill 697 will establish Illinois as the first state to give law enforcement the ability to compile records of IP addresses and online activity of child pornographers that later can be used in criminal trials and also creates the Illinois Cyber-Crime Location Database to hold this information.

Boy Scout Car Wash

The Hometown Boy Scout Troop 682 will hold a Car Wash on Saturday, June 16th from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Hometown Christian Church parking lot, 4340 W. 87th St. in Chicago.

Cars will be washed for $5; small trucks, vans and large trucks for $10. Hot dogs and drinks will be available for $1 each.

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ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

Drivin' Historic Dixie Highway

On Saturday, June 16, vintage cars will be Drivin' the Dixie, a day long tour, visiting historic towns and sites.

It is one of the most unusual car events in the state and won a Superior Achievement Award from the Illinois State Historical Society for the unique way of promoting history. The Dixie Highway is the first north to south transcontinental highway from the Great Lakes to the Gulf. Efforts were initiated in 1915 and the highway was completed in 1925. In Illinois, the Dixie is arguably the most historic road for it first began as a buffalo trail, Native American trail, Vincennes Trail and Hubbard's Trail. In 1835 the Illinois General Assembly ordered a state road to be established as the first official road: Route 1. To assist travelers, the road was marked by boulders, which were placed every mile. One boulder still exists roadside in Crete.

The road now boasts an Illinois State Historical Society marker for Dixie Highway in Homewood as well as an historic marker for Hubbard's Trail in Momence. The first tour was open to only vintage cars but because so many modern cars followed the tour six years ago and drivers wanted to join in the adventure, the organizers opened the tour to all vehicles the following years.

"We have had Model A Fords, a Stanley Steamer, a 1959 Berkley, a 1912 Model T, a hearse, Corvettes, Studebaker Lark, Edsel, Mercedes, cars that have driven the Great American Race and one directly from a museum. Some cars have appeared in movies and in television documentaries," said Elaine Egdorf, organizer. "The tour has grown to over 200 cars, almost all vintage or collector cars with repeat participants. We pass National Register Historic sites and local landmarks. We make learning about history fun."

The tour starts in Blue Island, 2433 York Street, just west of Western Avenue, with cars arriving between 8:30 a.m. and 9:30 a. m. Cars pull out at 10:15 a.m. Participants may join in any town. After stops in Posen and Hazel Crest, cars will arrive in Homewood at 11 a.m. to tour downtown via Ridge Road, Martin Avenue and Hickory Road to view the historic Gottschalk House, Illinois State Historical Marker and mileage post at Independence Park. Antique and vintage cars will park in St. Paul's Church parking lot for a 45 minute car show. Participants can vote for their favorite car and view Willow School's historic Dixie Highway art exhibit. Children can create a cardboard box car to be entered into the People's Choice Award.

At 11:45 a.m., the path of adventure will continue to Flossmoor, Chicago Heights, Steger, Crete, Beecher, Grant Park with activities taking place at each stop: car shows, historic displays, museums open, concerts, art shows, garage sales, entertainment and refreshments. Festivities conclude in Momence with a grand prize drawing at 6 p.m. and a free concert on Rock Island at 9 p.m. The general public may view the cars and participate in the town events.

Each participating car must be registered. Pre-registration is $10 per car. Registration the day of the tour is $15, which includes tickets for raffles drawn at each participating town, coffee and rolls, a windshield decal, a Dixie Highway key chain, a hot dog lunch, a historical photo guide booklet and raffle prizes. To pre-register send a check for $10.00 to A's R Us Model A Ford Car Club, Box 3, Crete, IL, 60417. Supporting towns have passports available or call Elaine Egdorf, (708) 798-9535 for general information. For car registration information call Bob Steinmetz, (708) 596-6302. Information, passports and registration forms are available at www.drivingthedixie.org.

The Drivin' the Dixie was initiated by the Village of Homewood Heritage Committee and is sponsored by the towns of Blue Island, Posen, Hazel Crest, Homewood, Flossmoor, Chicago Heights, Steger, Crete, Beecher, Grant Park and Momence. Drivin' the Dixie is supported by the A's R Us Model A Ford Car Club of America and many historical and business organizations.

The Drivin' the Dixie efforts are now linked for all of Dixie Highway in Illinois except for Chicago since Danville, Rossville, Hoopston, Milford, and Watseka have joined. Cars may begin downstate and drive north to meet at the Island Park in Momence where a day long event is planned. An art fair, games, a swing dance band and a rock concert end the day. All events and phone numbers are listed in the passport.

Museum Of Science And Industry Hosts The City Of The Future

On June 11 the Museum of Science and Industry opened *The City of the Future*, an exhibition that showcases how three major U.S. cities might evolve in the next 100 years.

The exhibit is the produce of *The City of the Future: A Design and Engineering Challenge*, which was inspired by The History Channel® series *Engineering an Empire*. The series explored the architectural and engineering feats of past civilizations, and their profound effect on the development of human civilization. In partnership with The History Channel and the American Institute of Architects, Infiniti and IBM—both champions of design and innovation sponsored this competition that dared participants in New York City, Chicago and Los Angeles to peer into the future to imagine the bold, visionary architectural and engineering solutions that will give form to our cities 100 years from now.

On display at the Museum of Science and Industry until Oct. 7, will be 10 models that came out of this dynamic competition—the overall winner of the national competition (Chicago's own UrbanLab), seven other visions of Chicago in the 22nd century, as well as the regional winners from Los Angeles and New York. Participants addressed the impact of global warming, population growth and security.

Accompanying these models will be descriptions from the firms explaining their design, the influences that shaped the idea and the goal of the project. Guests to the exhibit will also have the opportunity to create their own vision of their city in 100 years at an interactive building station.

A Week Of Free Admission

The Shedd is getting ready for a hot summer with some hot admission prices! Starting June 17 through June 21, guests to the aquarium will receive free admission to the original galleries and reduced admission to the Oceanarium and Wild Reef.

Take advantage of the opportunity to see Shedd's special exhibit, Lizards and the Komodo King., where guests come face-to-face with Faust, the first Komodo dragon to visit Chicago. At 8 feet long and weighing nearly 150 pounds, this meat-eating lizard king is a sight to see! During Discount Free Week guests can check out Shedd's cold-blooded residents for a discounted price through the Oceanarium.

During Discount/Free Week, Shedd offers a discounted admission package which includes Wild Reef and the Oceanarium $15 for adults and $10 for seniors and children (ages 3-11). Regular and reduced priced tickets may be purchased through Ticketmaster at (312) 559-0200. Advanced tickets are recommended.

All-Access Package: $15 for adults and $10 for seniors and children. Wild Reef only: $10 for adults and $5 for seniors and children. Aquarium only: FREE

John G. Shedd Aquarium is located at 1200 S. Lake Shore Drive in Chicago.

The Chicago Puerto Rican Day Parade

The Chicago Puerto Rican Parade Committee is proud to announce it celebrates its 42nd Annual Puerto Rican Day Parade, which will be held on Saturday, June 16th. This year we expect enormous crowds as we welcome our Grand Marshal recording sensation "Daddy Yankee" and Madrina "Jaslene Gonzalez," 2007 America's Next Top Model winner, who originates from Humboldt Park.

The 42nd Annual Puerto Rican Day Parade, sponsored by ABC Television, State Farm Insurance and Coca Cola, will kick off from the corners of Balboa and Columbus Drive at 12 noon.

Teen Open Mic Nights

Teen Open Mic Nights, will be held on Thursdays, June 21, July 5, Aug. 2 and Aug. 16 (ages 13-19) at the Beverly Arts Center, 2407 W. 111th St. (111th and Western Ave.), Chicago.

Open Mic Nights are open to poets, musicians, singers, dancers, rap artists, and comedians who want to perform for audiences in a coffee house atmosphere. Performers must sign up in advance, free. Audience admission is $5.

To register or for more information call (773) 445-3838 or visit its web site at www.beverlyartcenter.org.

Class Reunions

Evergreen Park Community High School class of 1957 will hold a 50th Reunion Dinner Party on Friday, June 22nd at 7 p.m. in the Tower Room of the Hilton Oak Lawn Hotel, 9333 Cicero Ave. They will meet again Saturday, June 23rd for a Breakfast Buffet at 10 a.m. in the Lincoln Room of the Hilton. Call Phyllis Beaven Rimmele at (708) 535-2347, e-mail primmele@sbcglobal.com.

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Evergreen Park Elementary School class of 1947 will hold a 60th Anniversary Reunion on June 27th at Barraco's Restorante at 1 p.m. Call Janet at (708) 422-7048.

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Bremen High School – Class of 1987 reunion on Sept. 15th at DiNolfo's Banquets, Mokena/Orland Park, 6 to 11:30 p.m. Call Terri (Lenart) Rickerson at (815) 485-3864 or email bremen87@gmail.com.

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St. Joseph and St. Anne Elementary School class of 1967 is seeking graduates for its 40th anniversary in 2007. Contact Charlene Koestner Smolik at desmolik@hotmail.com or call (361) 455-1625.

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St. George School (Tinley Park) seeks alumni to form alumni association. Call the school office at (708) 532-2626 or visit www.stgeorgeschool.org.

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Morrill Elementary School – Students from the classes of 1943, 1944 and 1945 are sought for an upcoming reunion. Call Howard Siebalt at (708) 720-1848.

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Incarnation Alumni are looking for graduates for an Alumni Directory. Call the school at (708) 385-6250 or e-mail to alum@incarnationcatholic.com.

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Bloom High School class of 1939 seeks alumni. Call (708) 756-2315.

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Morgan Park High School class of 1962 is still looking for classmates for a reunion on Oct. 27th. Call Barb at (773) 779-9296.

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Chicago Actor Takes Special Role As Teacher And Mentor

Chicago actor/singer Anthony Whitaker spends his days helping children to become true students of performance. On the professional teaching staff at the Beverly Arts Center (BAC), 2407 W. 111th St., Chicago, Whitaker teaches classes in comedy improv, puppetry and other theater arts. Through the BAC's Arts Outreach program, Whitaker teaches music and at St. Cajetan and St. Walter elementary schools on the south side, and St. Benedict elementary school in Blue Island, and coordinates special performance projects for Cassell and Esmond schools, also on the south side. He directed "Into the Woods Jr" for St. Benedict School and his own version of "The Wonderful Wizard of Oz" for the Worth Park District.

Whitaker began his own performance career at age ten at the Greenville Little Theater in his hometown, Greenville, SC. He has a special appreciation for nurturing performance arts in children, allowing them to develop their creative spirits while learning the necessary skills. Young theater students at the BAC also take advantage of practicing and performing on a state-of-the-art stage in a real theater.

While on break from teaching in area schools this summer, Whitaker will be working with young performers at the BAC. He'll teach two summer camps. In "Puppetry on Film" students age 8 to 14 will create puppet characters, then learn common puppetry film tricks and special effects as they film a short movie featuring their creations. This class will end with a showing of the film in the BAC Studio Theater.

Whitaker will also teach comedy improv and theatre games to children age 5 to 12 in the BAC's Inter-Arts summer camp, a two-session, multi-discipline, arts based summer camp offered on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

A successful singer and songwriter, Whitaker will also find himself ensconced in two "star-making" activities at the BAC this summer. As host for Teen Open Mic nights on Thursdays, June 22, July 5, July 19, Aug. 2 and Aug. 16, 8 to 9 p.m., Whitaker will emcee talented 13- to 19-year-olds as they try out new material or show off their best work. Set in a coffee house atmosphere and open to poets, musicians, vocalists, dancers, rap artists, stand-up comedians, and talents that defy description. Participants perform in 5-minute time slots and outstanding performers may be asked to return as "headliners." To sign up to perform, call (773) 445-3838, ext. 216.

Whitaker will also emcee BAC's two South Side Idol competitions, the first Tuesday, July 10 and Thursday, July 12, and the second on Tuesday, Aug. 14 and Friday, Aug. 17. Competition will begin at 7:30 p.m., and final winners will be selected for each week. Winners will be invited to open for an upcoming performance on the BAC's main stage.

Whitaker has performed as an actor at The Royal George Theatre, Bailiwick, Theatre on the Lake and Northeastern University. He has written and performed two one-man musicals, "I Was A Teenage Judy Garland Fan" and "Stolen Stories." He is also a graduate of the Second City Conservatory Program.

As a singer/songwriter Whitaker has appeared in numerous local venues including the Old Town School of Folk Music, the Folk and Roots Festival, Uncommon Ground, the Hideout and the Empty Bottle. He has touring extensively throughout the Midwest and southeast, and is working on his first full-length CD, "Melted."

For more information on or registration for Whitaker's classes and other fine arts education opportunities through the Beverly Arts Center School of the Arts, call (773) 445-3838 or visit www.beverlyartcenter.org.

International Arts Experience

Decatur, IL is the Midwest destination for arts events in June and July 2007. This International Arts Experience features a major Japanese art exhibit and cultural events, the Lakeside Music & Arts Festival plus a number of arts programs throughout the city including Blues and band concerts, a downtown World Showcase of Foods and Entertainment, a classic and international car show, a variety of art exhibits and more.

The Decatur Area Arts Council presents JAPAN: The Art of Food, Fashion & Fun, featuring woodblock prints; ceramics, basketry and lacquer ware; kites, kimonos, dolls and more. A public reception with Japanese cuisine and live music will be held on Friday evening, June 8th. The exhibit will be on display throughout June and July in the Anne Lloyd Gallery, Madden Arts Center, 125 N. Water St. in downtown Decatur. Families can explore Japanese arts through hands-on mask making, origami, haiku and calligraphy on Saturday, June 23rd. Tickets are available for a traditional giant puppet demonstration by the Bunraku Bay Puppet Troupe to be held on Friday evening, July 13th.

On Saturday, June 30th and Sunday, July 1st, Nelson Park around the lake will be bustling with the activities of the Lakeside Music & Arts Festival. Expect an eclectic range of music and live entertainment, a large number of high-end art and craft vendors, hands-on art for children, and Taste of Decatur spotlighting local Decatur restaurants. The event will be topped off with impressive fireworks.

For further information, contact the Decatur Area Arts Council at (217) 423-3189.

Golf Outing

The Special Events Committee, Archdiocese of Chicago, St. Vincent de Paul Society, will be holding a golf outing on Saturday, Sept. 15th at the Carriage Hills Country Club in Darien, IL. The full cost of $125 includes registration and continental breakfast from 7 to 8 a.m., shotgun start at 8 a.m., half-way house snack, 2-hour open bar, 2 p.m. luncheon, door and raffle prizes. The 2-hour open bar and luncheon only is $60.

For further information, contact Joe O'Shea or Claudia Pieske at (708) 425-4071 or visit Abosheas@aol.com. Donations for door prizes are gratefully accepted. The proceeds are to help the Society continue to feed the needy; your help is appreciated.

Windy City Cornhole/Bean Bag Classic

Articulate Promotions presents the First Annual Windy City Cornhole Classic on Saturday, July 28 at Soldier field, home to the NFC Champion Chicago Bears, where hundreds of Chicago cornhole fans, as well as other baggers from across the country will be tossing corn filled bags to win the admired Windy City Cornhole Classic Championship Cup.

Come out, rain or shine, and enjoy music from popular bands, ice-cold beer, and delicious food, while competing in this prestigious tournament. Whether you are a competitive player, a social player kickin' back a beer, or even a first time thrower, all are encouraged to come and throw a few bags. There will be T-shirts and give-a-ways for each participant as well as monetary prizes that will be awarded to the top places in each of the various divisions.

Hosted by the Illinois Cornhole Organization, The Windy City Cornhole Classic is the Midwest's largest organized cornhole tournament. A portion of the net proceeds will be donated to Fathers Helping Fathers, Inc., a national non-for-profit organization dedicated to helping fathers in all aspects of parenting.

Baggo, Corn Toss, Bean bags or Cornhole, as it is most commonly called, is an increasingly popular game across the nation where players toss a one-pound bag filled with corn at a sloped box with a hole at one end. The points are awarded either by tossing the bag into the hole for three points or if the bag stays atop the box, the player earns one point. The first individual or team to score 21 wins the game; best of three games wins the match.

For more information, call Aaron Del Mar at (773) 718-1444 or email him at Delmar@articulatepromotions.com.

Summer Concert Series

The 19th annual Janice Borla Vocal Jazz Camp and "Hot Jazz – 6 Cool Nites" concert series will be presented at North Central College from July 20th to 27th, jointly sponsored by the college's Jazz Studies Program and the First National Bank of Naperville.

The Janice Borla Vocal Jazz Camp, founded in 1989, provides a unique educational experience for aspiring jazz vocalists in an intensified, week-long course of study and skills development conducted by an outstanding artist faculty of professional performing and recording artists. Cited by Jazziz Magazine as "among the most innovative and dynamic summer jazz educational programs in the country," the camp has been featured on the PBS national news program "The News Hour with Jim Lehrer, HDNET-TV, WGN-TV and WTTW Channel 11 Chicago.

The camp's international reputation draws students from all parts of the U.S. and Canada, Europe and Japan. Participants typically range in age and background from high school and college students to adult professional vocalists and jazz educators. Daily activities include workshops in jazz improvisation, performance styles and techniques and solo performance preparation as well as artist master classes, vocal jazz history and music theory. There are also nightly faculty artist concerts, informal student jam sessions, and a final concert featuring each participant performing with the Staff Rhythm Section.

For Further information call (630) 637-5620.

Local Designers Unite For AIDS Fashion Fundraiser

Twelve of Chicago's hottest designers have come together to raise awareness of HIV/AIDS at a unique fashion fundraiser – Make a Statement: Design for the Cure. Each designer will create an ensemble using a piece of red fabric provided to them in order to symbolize the need to end the HIV/AIDS epidemic. Models sporting the red-hot designs will work the 18-foot catwalk constructed around Transit nightclub's bar counter. Sponsored by the AIDS Foundation of Chicago's Junior Board, the event will include cocktails and a raffle.

Tickets are $50 in advance ($60 at the door) and may be purchased by phone at (312) 334-0935 or online at www.aidschicago.org/make_a_statement. Proceeds from the event will benefit the AIDS Foundation of Chicago's grant making, advocacy, and program services.

The event will take place on Thursday, June 21st from 7 to 9 p.m. at Transit, 1431 W. Lake St. in Chicago.

Every year in the United States, more than 40,000 people are newly infected with HIV. Half of the new infections occur in young people under age 24. In Illinois, an estimated 42,000 people are living with the disease – enough to fill every seat in Wrigley Field.

Participating designers in the fashion show include Taylor Wilson, Kristina Sparks, Jennifer Salim, Agnes Kadlubowski, Lara Miller, Michel Delon Wilson, Alistaire de Rosario, Katrin Schnabl, Jason Givens, Mee Wai, Isaac Facio and Lisa Stevens.

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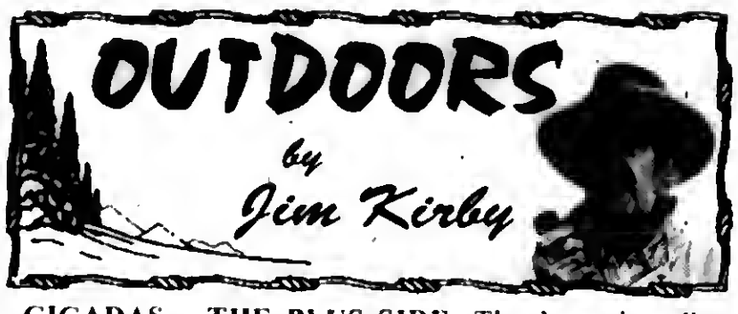

CICADAS – THE PLUS SIDE: They're noisy, dirty and their damage to my trees is already evident in the form of dropping leaves. The seventeen-year cicada invasion has hit all 105 of my trees. They seem to be particularly attracted to my maple trees. That's fine with me, I don't like maple trees.

Being an optimist, I try to look on the positive side of events. This I know: When the critters emerged from the soil they left 1000's of ?" holes, the equivalent of core aeration without the messy cores. These holes will allow the soil to breathe and let moisture, air and nutrients to enter the soil. The hulls discarded are messy, but my mulching mower will turn them into organic fertilizer – I hope! Our feathered friends don't have to look too far for a meal, giving them more time to tend to their nestling. Some of my fishing buddies are having a field day using them as bait. Keeping them alive (the cicadas, that is) and presenting them with light tackle, preferably a fly rod and allowing them to wiggle on the water surface is better than using surface baits, and fish can't resist them.

■FREE FISHING CLINIC CLOSE TO HOME: Sometime between June 21st and Aug. 24th, the Illinois Department of Natural Resources will be conducting a free fishing clinic at nearby Marquette Park at 67th and Kedzie Ave. The clinic is targeted toward children ages 16 and younger, but anyone interested in learning basic fishing techniques may attend.

Instructors will present information on fish and other aquatic life, rules and regulations, as well as baiting a hook, tying a knot, casting, and how to handle and release fish back to the water. All participants are provided with rods, reels, bait and tackle for 90 minutes of catch-and-release fishing.

As a youngster growing up just three blocks from the Marquette Park lagoons, I have many pleasant memories of hours spent catching pan fish, bass and catfish on very crude tackle. The lagoons are heavily stocked with fish, clinic participants should learn a lot and have a great outdoor experience. For specific dates and times, contact **Brenda McKinney** at (847) 294-4137.

■EVERY SCTP CAN NOW BE A CHAMPION: When it was launched six years ago, National Shooting Sports Foundation's **Scholastic Clay Target P am** broke out fast of the starting gate, exceeding initial expectations as youngsters responded enthusiastically to trying a new sport offered in a familiar team format, with coaches and exciting competitions, and with a national foundation supplying organizational structure and identity.

Having grown exponentially since then, SCTP began this year with more than 8,000 participants in 41 states. To keep that momentum going, the program is introducing a promotion that rewards team members who encourage friends to join the team.

Called "SCTP Champions," the recruiting program rewards participants who bring friends or classmates in SCTP with a limited-edition pin and the chance to win team prizes through a sweepstakes. Details of the promotion will be included in a mailing to all SCTP coaches and will be posted on the program's Web site: www.nssf.org/sctp.

■USFWS DISTRIBUTES $600 MILLION TO STATE WILDLIFE AGENCIES: Interior Department Secretary Dick Kempthorne announced that more than $600 million will be distributed to 56 state and territorial wildlife agencies to fund conservation efforts, shooting ranges, and hunter education.

Numerous species such as the wild turkey, white-tailed deer, pronghorn antelope, American elk and mountain lion have increased in population due to improved research and habitat management funded by Wildlife Restoration. In the program's history, more than 9 million landowners were provided management assistance for wildlife and fish. State wildlife agencies have improved more than 26 million acres of habitat and developed more than 43,000 acres of waterfowl impoundment.

Sport Fish Restoration is funded by the collection of excise taxes and import duties on sport fishing equipment, motorboat and small engine fuels, and pleasure boats. Sport Fish Restoration funds are allocated to the states based on a formula that includes the land and water area, inland waters and the Great Lakes and the number of fishing licenses sold.

■ATTENDANCE AT STATE PARKS: Governor Blagojevich announced that attendance figures at Illinois' more than 120 state parks and natural areas in 2006 were the largest they have been since 2002. Attendance figures for 2006 show 44,482,840 people visited a state park last year, eclipsing 2005 attendance figures by 316,429.

"Millions of people and families from Illinois and across the nation every year enjoy the beauty of our state parks and the many activities they offer. This great boost in tourism also helps strengthen the economy of the state's regions," said the Governor.

All-America Honorable Mention

St. Xavier University senior shortstop Samantha Lovato (Oak Forest/Eisenhower) and senior right fielder Nicole Barker (Chicago Heights/Marian Catholic) were both named to the 2007 NAIA Softball All-America Honorable Mention Team when the national office released the honors recently. The selection of the All-America teams takes place in conjunction with the NAIA Softball National Championship in Decatur, Ala., which wrapped up Wednesday, May 23rd at the Wilson Morgan Softball Complex.

"These honors are very well deserved," said SXU softball coach Myra Minuskin. "In addition to being our clutch hitter all season long, Sam is probably the best defensive shortstop to ever play in our program and definitely one of the best in the NAIA this year."

"Nicole used her incredible speed to get on base and constantly disrupted opponents with her base-stealing talents," continued Minuskin. "The pair had outstanding college careers and will be deeply missed next season."

Lovato led St. Xavier in several offensive categories over 44 games this spring, including doubles (14), triples (4), home runs (4) and RBI (49). She hit .401 (55-for-137) on the year and also tallied 29 runs scored and 16 stolen bases. Defensively, Lovato committed just nine errors at the shortstop position while leading the Cougars with 99 assists. Barker led SXU with a batting average of .426 (69-for-162) and 40 runs scored over all 45 games. In addition, she also tied Lovato for the team-lead with 16 stolen bases and four triples.

McAuley Basketball Program Under New Leadership

Laurie Jakubczak, Athletic Director at Mother McAuley Liberal Arts High School, announced that Karen Siska Ade has been named the new Head Basketball Coach.

Ade is a McAuley alumna from the class of 1995. She was a member of the 1995 state runner up basketball team and holds a GCAC record in softball.

"I am excited to return to my alma mater and lead the basketball program that I was once a part of," said Ade. "I look forward to continuing Mother McAuley's tradition of excellence."

Ade has been the girls basketball coach at Evergreen Park High School for the last five years with an 80-56 record. She has a bachelor's degree from Lake Forest College.

"We are fortunate to have talented alumnae such as Karen who want to return to McAuley. Karen not only brings an expertise in the sport, but of the mission of the school as well," said Jakubczak.

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Lake Renwick Heron Rookery Open

Lake Renwick Heron Rookery Nature Preserve, co-owned and managed by the Forest Preserve District of Will County, is open to the public for bird watching every Wednesday and Saturday through Aug. 15th.

Five species of birds – one of which is state endangered – nest on islands in Lake Renwick.

Only at Lake Renwick do black-crowned night herons, double-crested cormorants, great egrets, great blue herons, and cattle egrets all nest together.

The rookery is open to the public every Saturday morning from 8 a.m. to noon, with public programs provided by Forest Preserve District volunteers at 9, 10 and 11 a.m. The preserve is also open on Wednesday mornings at 10 a.m. for a one-hour interpretive program.

Viewing scopes are provided, and Prairie People Volunteers will discuss the history of Lake Renwick and the birds that nest there. Volunteers will also be on hand to answer visitor questions.

Visitors can park on-site. A quarter-mile walkway along a gravel path leads to the bird-viewing area.

These programs are free of charge, and registration is not required.

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The Adam Walsh Child Protection Safety Act

Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich recently announced the implementation of the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act of 2006 across Illinois, allowing private schools to have access to national criminal records and information of potential employees. Until now, only Illinois public schools had been allowed to receive this information from the FBI. This Act makes Illinois the first state in the nation to offer federal criminal history information to private schools for the purpose of employment screening.

On March 7th, Gov. Blagojevich submitted a letter to the FBI requesting Illinois be permitted to implement this law at the state level. Illinois public schools have historically been authorized to receive national criminal history record information from the FBI pursuant to the Illinois School Code. However, federal law has prohibited private entities from receiving the same data.

The Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act was signed into law by President George W. Bush on the 25th anniversary of the abduction of Adam Walsh from a shopping mall in Florida on July 27, 1981. Adam was found murdered 16 days after his abduction and the perpetrator of the crime has yet to be brought to justice.

The Illinois State Police have developed processing procedures, user's agreements, informational brochures, and training sessions as part of the Adam Walsh Act. Private schools seeking to conduct an FBI national criminal history records check pursuant to the Act can contact the Illinois State Police Bureau of Identification at (815) 740-5175.

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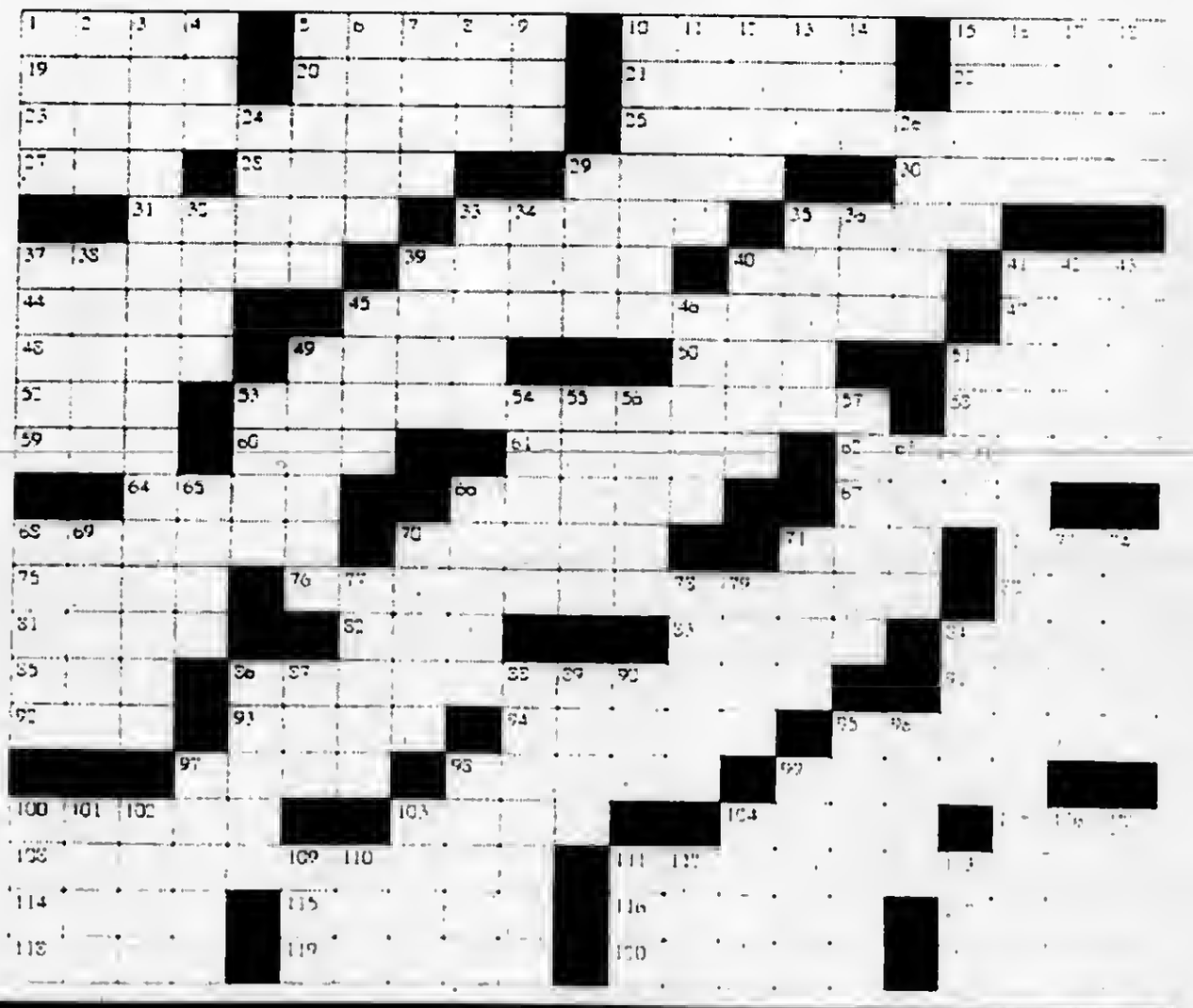

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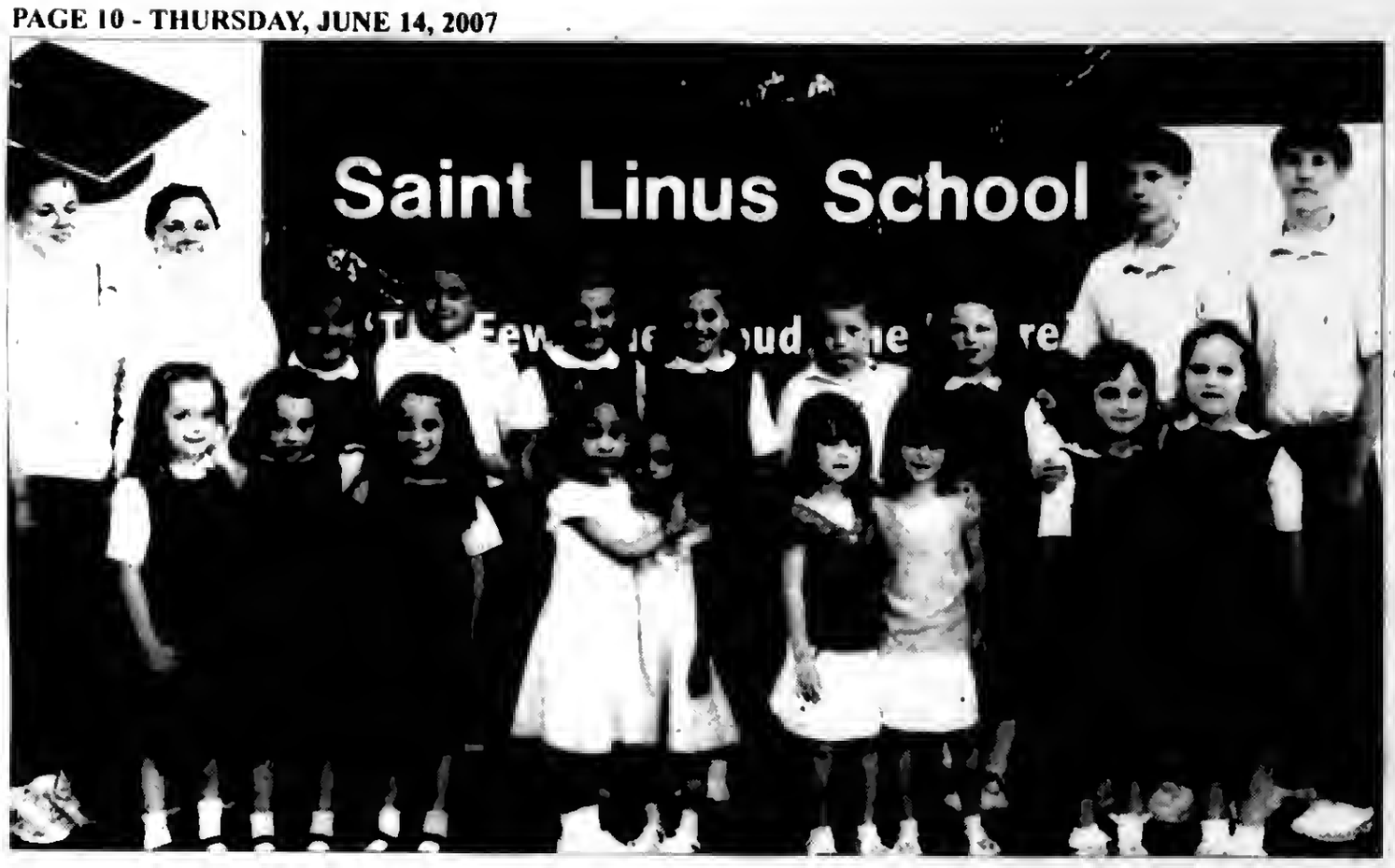

Multiples Seek Faith, Values And Excellence At St. Linus School

It is not unusual to think you are seeking double, even triple in the halls of St. Linus School. The school is home to eight sets of twins and a set of triplets. Pictured from left are: (back row) Kellie and Katie Clark, Justin and Sara Aubin, Josie and Catie Delisi, Joe and Grace Green, Travis and Trevor Kozeluh; (front row) Hailey, Mia and Emily Gillespie, Asia and Rachel Thomas, Julia and Lauren Kokaska, and Amanda and Jacqueline Coates.

Computers And Training To Local Fire Departments

Fire department personnel from Evergreen Park, Lemont, Oak Lawn and Posen were among 30 communities which attended workshops in Woodridge recently where they received computers, software and training that will improve their ability to report and record vital information about fires and other incidents. The equipment and training were provided at no cost to the fire departments by the Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM).

The National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS) is an electronic system designed to help fire departments report and maintain computerized records of fires and other incidents in a uniformed manner. It was developed by the U.S. Fire Administration in partnership with the National Fire Information Council to simplify reporting and enable the fire service to examine trends on a local, state and national level to help reduce loss of life and property.

NFIRS enables fire departments to collect data on a full range of fire department activities, including structure fires, civilian and fire service casualties, emergency medical services (EMS), hazardous materials, wildland fires, apparatus, personnel and arson/juvenile firesetters.

Nearly 500 fire departments previously received the computers, software and training. Fire departments interested in the training can contact Vicki Fraase, OSFM, at (217) 558-0325 or by email at Vicki.Fraase@illinois.gov.

Library's Public Art Gallery

Original works by 13 local artists are now on exhibit at a new public art gallery that opened at the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St., on May 31.

This premiere exhibit features paintings, ink drawings, photographs, stained glass pieces, pottery and fine silver jewelry by Ann Alagna, Lisa Beck, Nancy Canellis, Cindy Gard, Robert Mayer, Edwin Palenik, Janet Orzech, Sarah Palumbo, Steve Reyes, Robert R. Straits, Kristine Sulit, Carol Tokarz and Jackie Truty. Their work will be on display through June 30 or July 31.

The gallery space is located on the second floor, in a special nook along the north window vista. It is open to the public all hours that the library is open.

The funding for the gallery furnishings was generously provided by the Friends of the Oak Lawn Library.

Artists interested in participating in future exhibitions can pick up an application at the library's Reception Booth. For more information, contact Linda Olsen, public relations officer at (708) 422-4990.

Students Win At Art Show

Five students enrolled at Richards High School won honors at this month's Moraine Valley Community College High School Art Exhibit.

Richards students who won awards included Nicki Lesh, first place/school, Lukacz Wojnicz, second place/school, and Kersten Peterson, third place/school. Students who won honorable mention awards included Rudy Medina, Justyna Ryzewski (two), and Lesh.

Carjack Victims Shot

Two people were taken to Christ Medical Center in Oak Lawn on Sunday, May 27th, at about 9 p.m. after they were shot after three young men tried to carjack their vehicle, leaving the victims in critical condition.

The assailants fled in a 1998 Oldsmobile sedan after the shooting and led a police chase that involved police cars from Chicago, Oak Lawn and Evergreen Park and a Chicago police helicopter involved in the chase.

The suspects were followed onto the grounds of Mother McAuley High School in Mt. Greenwood where they turned in front of the school's gardens and fled across the street. The luckless suspects hit a tree in front of a home at 99th and Avers where they got out of the car.

Police ordered the three to throw down weapons. Police arrested the trio and took them to Christ Medical Center for treatment.

Counterfeit Currency

Recently the Oak Lawn police have investigated several calls of counterfeit $100 bills.

These bills are being printed on $5 bill paper. This is done by washing an original $5 bill and then printing a $100 bill on this paper. The way to check for this is to hold the bill up to the light and check the hologram on the right side of the bill. The face hologram should match the center picture on the bill. If it does not match it is a counterfeit bill. On the currency recovered the hologram on the right was the Lincoln head and the center photo was the Franklin picture. Business should make sure their employees are aware of this fraud.

Those needing information should contact the Oak Lawn police at (708) 422-8292 or dial 911 in an emergency.

Primary Spelling Bee

Hazelgreen School in Alsip held its second annual primary spelling bee for the first, second and third graders. They qualified for the grade level spelling bee by winning their preliminary spelling contest within their classrooms.

The teams were: The Hornets, Yellow Jackets, Bees, and Wasps. After the spelling word was given, each team conferred with each other and then printed the word on a white board. The word was judged and if correct, the team received 10 points. The first team to reach 120 points was the winner for their grade level. The winning team representing first grade was: Ashley Klein and Ryan Smith (front row). The winners in third grade were (left to right) Nidhi Mittal and Jeremy Tryban, and winning at the second grade level were Sydney Keina and Chris Burns. Congratulations to the winners and all the primary students who participated.

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Mr. Rocco Is Awarded The Outstanding Music Educator Award

Mother McAuley Liberal Arts High School's Music faculty member and Orchestra Conductor, Roger Rocco has been awarded the 2007 Chicagoland Outstanding Music Educator Award. Rocco was selected by a panel of educators who have previously won the award.

The Chicagoland Outstanding Music Educators Awards have been presented annually since 1989. The award is sponsored by Quinlan & Fabish Music Company.

Upon receiving the award Rocco said, "I am humbly honored to receive this recognition from my colleagues."

Rocco has been teaching his Orchestra class at McAuley since 1992 and has fostered a love of music in countless students. Roger is also an Assistant Professor at Vandercook College of Music. In addition to his teaching responsibilities Roger is a consultant and author for The Instrumentalist Magazine having 15 published articles and cover. As a professional musician, Rocco was Principal Tubist for the Honolulu Symphony and Seattle Symphony and Assistant Tubist for the Chicago Symphony. He has been a member of the Chicago Federation of Musicians for forty years.

Pictured: Roger Rocco conducts the Mother McAuley Liberal Arts High School orchestra.

Superintendent Retires After Nearly 20 Years

When the science wing at Richards High School opens next fall, the facility will bear the name of retiring Superintendent Dr. Kevin G. Burns (pictured). Given his service and achievements in nearly two decades working for District 218, the honor provides a fitting tribute.

As Superintendent of District 218 since 2001, Dr. Burns has spearheaded a victorious first-time referendum campaign, maintained the district's tradition of integrating technologies into the curricula, and supervised the overhaul of graduation requirements to better meet university admission standards. During his tenure as superintendent, District 218 dramatically altered its graduation requirements to include geography, three years of math, and four years of English study.

"Each day for two decades, Kevin gave his best to District 218. He worked tirelessly for our students, staff and the community as a whole. He has played an instrumental role in making our schools wonderful places to learn and grow. I want to express my sincere gratitude for his service to District 218 and wish him the very best in the years ahead," said Michael Stillman, president of the District 218 Board of Education.

He also oversaw the initiation of a new comprehensive ninth grade program that redefined the academic, social, and personal experiences for freshmen starting in fall 2003. In the past year, the district has completed a capital improvement campaign that includes new science wings at Eisenhower and Richards high schools and a new cafeteria at Shepard High School.

While serving as principal at Eisenhower High School from 1994 to 1998, the school won a National Distinguished School Award for Title 1 (1997) from the U.S. Department of Education and a Connections 2000 Award (1996) for outstanding school-to-work programming from the Illinois State Board of Education (1996). Dr. Burns has a doctorate and master's degree from Loyola University Chicago and a bachelor's degree from St. Xavier University.

The Board of Education recently voted to name the new science wing at Richards High School in his honor.

Tips On Reusing Those Old Plastic Grocery Bags

It's in the bag. That's what more and more Americans are saying as they find more innovative ways to protect the environment by reusing those old grocery bags.

Though many reusers know old plastic bags are good for carrying their shoes and picking up after pets, there are a number of creative uses they may not know. Brook Alexander from "Real Simple" TV offers these ideas: You can use them not only to keep a soggy umbrella from flooding your purse, but they can also be used to make improvised knee pads when you're out weeding in the garden. Inside the house, they can be used as small trash can liners, especially in the bathrooms.

Here are a few more ideas: Instead of peeling fruits and veggies over a cutting board or into the sink, do it over a plastic bag and when you're done, toss it all into the trash. To keep your cookbook clean when you're baking, wrap a bag around everything but the page you're using.

You can also use them for your indoor plants. Just crumple bags to fill the bottom of a large pot that's too deep for your plant. This will cut down on potting soil (just make sure not to plug the drainage hole).

One offbeat idea is to use them as wrapping paper. Rifle through your bags to find the prettiest and most colorful, then triple bag the gift and tie all three sets of handles into a knot. Cut the tops of the loops and fan the pieces out to make a plume.

Good news for ardent recyclers is that plastic bags can be recycled just like plastic bottles. In many areas supermarket chains and municipalities have begun implementing programs to reclaim your grocery bags and recycle them into things such as plastic lumber for weather-resistant decking. And old plastic grocery bags might even be recycled into new plastic grocery bags. Recycling is not always available so you should check with your local recycling program to find out what plastics are recycled in your area.

For more recycling tips, visit plasticbagrecycling.org.

Fox Lumber To Rebuild

Alsip officials gave approval at a recent board meeting to the owners of Fox Home Center Lumber and Supply to use a temporary trailer for their business. The trailer will be on the Fox property until the business can be rebuilt in the wake of a major fire that occurred on Mother's Day.

Fox Home Center and Lumber and Supply, owned and operated by the Laird family, has been in Alsip for 45 years. Village officials were elated that the owners plan on rebuilding the business.

The fire destroyed the main building and part of the lumberyard in a five-alarm fire that drew a total of 145 firefighters from 25 area fire departments.

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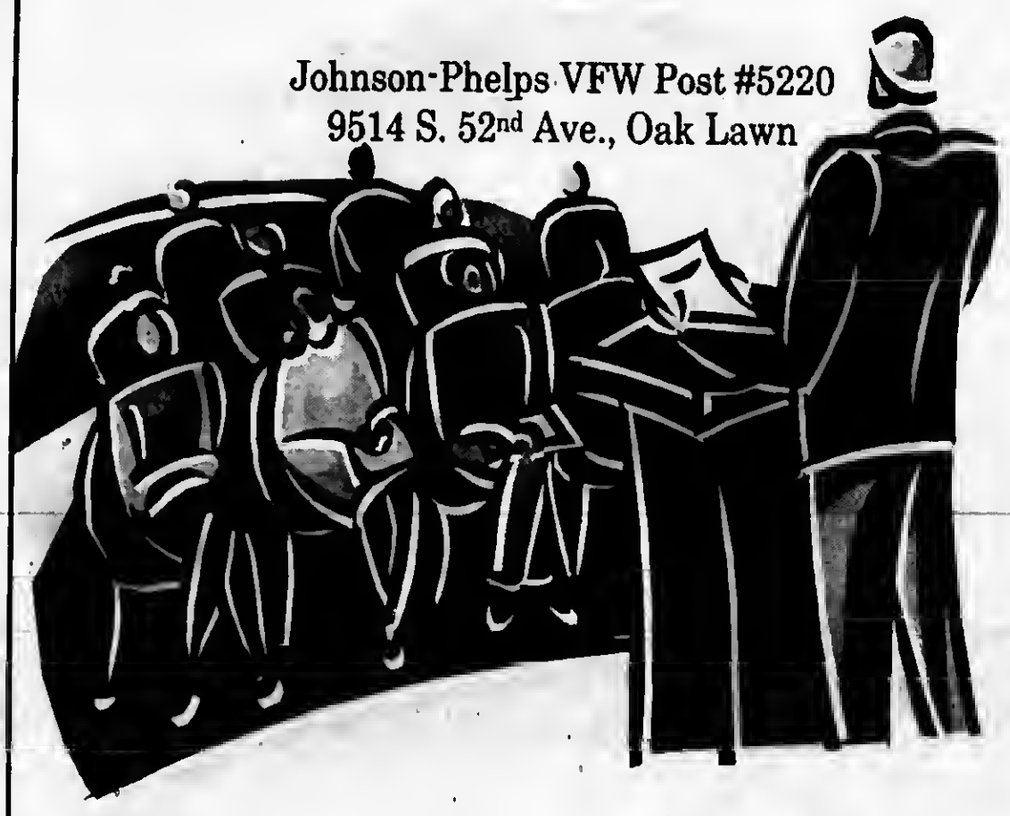

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Thoughts On Health & Nutrition

by
Lucinda K. Lysen, RD, RN, BSN

A PORTION MAY NOT BE A SERVING

Ever eat something only to find that the portion per serving was really half of what you just ate? This is not so uncommon. According to research at Vanderbilt University, a common pitfall when checking nutrition labels is failing to factor in serving size. And even when people do this, they often miscalculate how much they're eating. Americans' inability to understand portion control is one reason cited for the country's climbing obesity rates.

Vanderbilt's study was conducted between June 2004 and April 2005 when the low carb craze was at its height, so many of the questions involving serving size focused on carbohydrate counts. Researchers found only about a third of the volunteers correctly estimated how many carbs were in a 20-ounce bottle of soda. "Most people don't realize those have 2.5 servings," said Dr. Russell Rothman, lead author of the study.

In the Vanderbilt study, similar mistakes were made on other foods: bagels, a microwave dinner, peanut butter, a pint of ice cream, cookies and candy. That was despite nearly all respondents saying they regularly check nutrition information.

Established by the federal Food and Drug Administration in 1993, a serving size is often smaller than most Americans eat in one sitting. And bigger packaging over the years may have distorted perceptions.

With two-thirds of Americans overweight or obese, the FDA recently solicited suggestions on how to tweak nutrition labels and serving sizes to make them more useful. Consumers suggested labels that reflect the entire package for foods like muffins, which are typically eaten in one sitting, but are the equivalent of two or more servings.

The food industry has responded to the confusion in recent years with a slew of products that allow people to visualize what a serving really looks like. Chips, crackers, cookies and pudding now come in handy 100 calorie packs, and single serving packaging has exploded in popularity. The downside to this, of course, is that you get what you pay for, or you pay for what you get! The cost of such products is higher than what you can buy in much larger quantities, or in bulk.

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Age-Related Macular Degeneration Prevention

Of all age-related diseases, perhaps nothing is more dreaded than age-related macular degeneration (AMD) – a deterioration of the retina that leads to eventual blindness. Commonly diagnosed in people over the age of 55, instances of AMD have increased dramatically over the past decade as average life expectancy continues to reach all-time highs. Fortunately, experts state that preventing AMD can be as simple as selecting a diet rich in omega-3 fatty acids. According to Salmon of the Americas executive director Arlene Riera-Daubon, farmed salmon is one of the easiest ways to obtain the nutrient.

A new study published in the Archives of Ophthalmology, in fact, states that consumption of fish rich in omega-3 can cut the risk of developing AMD by as much as 40 percent. The study comes on the heels of recent research by the Harvard University School of Public Health dispelling myths associating salmon consumption with mercury contamination. This, says Riera-Daubon, is just one of many reasons that salmon should be a staple on family menus. While both wild and farmed salmon make up a healthy diet, farmed salmon contains larger amounts of the beneficial omega-3 fatty acids.

"Omega-3 is associated with more than just eye health. It improves memory function, benefits the circulatory system, and contributes to all-around bodily improvement," says Riera-Daubon. "People of all ages should be including farmed salmon on their weekly menu. After all, it's never too late or too early to focus on health and it's easy to see how farmed salmon contributes to a healthy body."

For additional information about Salmon of the Americas visit the website at www.salmonoftheamericas.com .

"Fight The Bite"

With temperatures climbing upwards, the Cook County Department of Public Health (CCDPH) is once again this year urging the public to protect themselves from mosquito-borne illnesses by taking special precautions to "Fight the Bite."

CCDPH has begun its yearly surveillance to identify mosquitoes, birds and humans that may be infected with West Nile virus (WNV). The Health Department monitors traps in several suburban locations to survey and test mosquitoes for the virus. In addition, CCDPH is picking up a limited number of birds for laboratory testing.

CCDPH urges everyone to Fight the Bite this summer: Apply mosquito repellent containing 20-35% DEET, picaridin, or oil of lemon eucalyptus primarily to clothing. Concentrations of 10% DEET or less are recommended for children. Always follow directions on the container. Mosquito activity is heaviest from dusk until dawn. Limit time outdoors during these hours. If you must be outside, keep skin covered by wearing long-sleeved shirts, pants and socks. Check around the outside of your property for containers that could hold water. Water that is allowed to stagnate for three or four days becomes a breeding ground for mosquitoes. Be sure screens on windows and doors throughout your home are intact and fit tightly to prevent entry of insects. Keep gutters around home cleared of debris and in good repair.

Mosquitoes become infected after biting a bird that harbors the illness and human infection may occur after being bitten by an infected mosquito. Most people infected with WNV have no symptoms of illness and never become ill. But illness can occur 3-15 days after an infected bite and cause symptoms of fever, headache and body aches.

The disease can affect all ages, but people over the age of 50 and those with chronic disease, such as heart disease or cancer may be at-risk for serious complications from encephalitis or meningitis. For that reason, people who experience high fever, confusion, muscle weakness, severe headaches, or a stiff neck should see a doctor immediately.

For a complete list of birds that the health department will collect, or to download a dead bird reporting form, visit www.cookcountypublichealth.org, or call CCDPH at (708) 492-2000. TDD for speech/hearing impaired: (708) 492-2002. More information is also available at: www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dvbid/westnile/index.htm or www.idph.state.il.us/envhealth/wnv.htm.

Cancer Survivor Day

Cancer survivors joined their families and friends from all over the Chicagoland community Sunday, June 3 in celebration of National Cancer Survivors Day. The celebration, co-sponsored by Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care Centers and the Hilton Oak Lawn included a spiritual liturgy, brunch and featured guest speaker, Robert Jordan, WGN-TV weekend anchor and prostate cancer survivor.

Little Company of Mary's Manager of Outpatient Oncology Services, Beth Vaclavik, R.N., M.S., O.C.N. emceed the morning's festivities and Sister Sharon Ann Walsh graciously welcomed guests with a beautiful reminder of how blessed The Center is to be able to honor new and returning cancer survivors. Reverend Joseph Ruiz then led a beautiful liturgy that set the tone for a joyous morning.

Following the brunch, Jordan who was diagnosed with prostate cancer in October 2005 and underwent a da Vinci® surgical prostatectomy in January 2006, spoke about his battle with cancer and encouraged all to be conscious about their health.

Jordan first joined WGN-TV in 1973 as a general assignment reporter and he also served as an anchor for the One O'Clock News. He left WGN-TV in 1978 and joined the CBS News Midwest Bureau in Chicago where he worked for two years as a reporter, covering stories in the Midwest for network nightly news with Walter Cronkite. He then returned to WGN-TV in 1980. Among the work, Jordan has completed at WGN-TV are several documentaries and news series.

In 2006, Little Company of Mary joined the ranks of the academic medical centers as it offers physicians the opportunity to employ the da Vinci® Surgical System in prostate cancer surgery. A minimally-invasive da vinci® robot helps surgeons perform complex surgeries through tiny openings using state-of-the-art robotic technology. Patients who undergo da Vinci® prostatectomies typically enjoy shorter hospital stays and earlier returns to full activities.

Last Fall, LCM also began performing High Dose Rate Brachytherapy (HDR) for prostate cancer patients. HDR involves placing temporary radioactive catheters directly into the prostate with sophisticated computer planning to deliver the most precise radiation treatment available. This technique maximizes the cancer treatment and minimizes side effects.

Pictured: Sister Sharon Ann Walsh, L.C.M., Provincial Councilor; Robert Jordan, WGN Weekend Anchor; and Sister Kathleen McIntyre, L.C.M., Chairperson of the Board of Directors.

Power Wheelchairs Are Available

The Senior Wheels USA Program makes available power wheelchairs to senior citizens and the permanently disabled at no cost to the recipient, if they qualify.

The power wheelchairs are provided to those who can no longer walk safely, nor self-propel a manual wheelchair, and who meet the additional guidelines of the program.

If the patient's need is for use in the home, call for more information to see if they qualify. Call toll-free at 1-800-246-6010.

The Senior Wheels USA Program's main purpose and goal is to develop public awareness that there are assistance options that allow senior citizens (as well as the permanently disabled) to remain independent in their own homes. Without this awareness and assistance, the family may prematurely choose a nursing home, or make an unnecessary retail purchase on power mobility equipment.

Those who do not meet all the requirements of the program, may still be able to get help through the donation program. This is made available when people call wanting to donate their power wheelchairs that are no longer needed.

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Hospital Physicians Named Among Chicago's Best

The Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care Centers is proud to announce 30 physicians on staff at the hospital were honored in the Chicago Consumers Checkbook current Top Doctors issue.

Chicago Consumers Checkbook typically rate primary care physicians based on patient feedback, but these current results were derived from 550 responses from physicians. More than 20,000 physicians were surveyed and asked to name one to two specialists in each of the 35 different specialties they "would consider most desirable for care of a loved one."

Little Company of Mary proudly congratulates the more than 500 physicians who come from all over the Chicago area to practice at the hospital and are certified in a wide array of specialties. In many cases, Little Company of Mary is a family affair, with multiple generations of practicing physicians. Through the years, many talented men and women have lent their hearts, minds and hands to make the southwest area of Chicago a healthier place to live. Join in saluting the following physicians:

Cardiology – Dr. Thomas J. Quinn and Dr. Daniel A. Rowan
Dermatology – Dr. Oliver Hershel Drabkin
Family Practice – Dr. Thomas Dillon Daum
Gastroenterology – Dr. Douglas Art Lee
Hematology/Oncology – Dr. Philip Charles Hoffman and Dr. Jayanthi Raghu Ramadurai
Infectious Disease – Dr. John Michael Andreoni, Dr. Stephen J. Sokalski and Dr. David William Waitley
Nephrology – Dr. Kelly E. Guglielmi, Dr. Joseph Hikaru Oyama and Dr. Demetrios H. Zikos
Neurology – Dr. Michael Robert Schwartz and Dr. Melvin David Wichter
Ophthalmology – Dr. George John Dangles, Dr. John P. Hanlon and Dr. Benjamin Hendrik Ticho
Orthopedics – Dr. David Joseph Smith, Dr. John David Sonnenberg and Dr. Steven Robert Wardell
Otorhinolaryngology – Dr. Brian Patrick Farrell, Little Company of Mary's Medical Staff President; and Dr. Silvio Marra
Plastic Surgery – Dr. Roxanne Libi Sylora
Psychiatry – Dr. Harold Francis McGrath
Pulmonary Disease – Dr. Richard Donald Kern and Dr. Evan Geo McLeod
Radiology – Therapeutic – Dr. Syed Javed H. Shirazi
Urology – Dr. James Arthur Sylora

Little Company of Mary has made it easier for patients to make appointments to be treated by Chicago's Top Docs by creating PhysicianMatch, a free community physician referral service that includes many of the physicians on staff at Little Company of Mary. The PhysicianMatch database contains information you really need to know about a physician, such as what languages she speaks, what types of patients he sees, how many years he's been in practice, if she makes house calls and nursing home visits, and if her office offers wheelchair access. PhysicianMatch is a free service available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, by calling (708) 423-3070 and talking with one of the friendly staff members.

Health And Fitness

Fitness Trainer Nancy Norkiewicz will discuss the importance of movement as a key to health and fitness at the summer Wellness Breakfast on Thursday, June 21, 7:30 a.m. at The Center, 12700 Southwest Highway , Palos Park.

The breakfast seminar cost is $8 or is available as part of a $160 package registration for The Center's 10-week summer wellness club which involves Monday, Wednesday, Friday morning walks and Tuesday morning yoga classes, in addition to the Thursday breakfast seminars. Advance registration is required. For reservations and further information, interested persons should call The Center at (708) 361-3650.

A healthy adult takes about 23,000 breaths a day.

Illinois Physician Disciplinary Rate Improves

Reflecting the Blagojevich Administration's commitment to improving access to high quality health care, Illinois has dramatically improved its ability to act against physicians who violate their patients' trust. Illinois now ranks 12th for its enforcement of disciplinary cases against physicians, according to an analysis released by Public Citizen on June 6th.

The department has streamlined the way it handles medical disciplines. In cases where a mandatory report is received, investigators immediately request or subpoena medical records, rather than wait until the initial review is completed, thus allowing the case to move forward more quickly if an investigation is warranted. IDFPR has a full-time medical practice coordinator, an experienced team of medical investigators and a prosecution team that consistently presents solid cases before the Medical Review Board and Administrative Law Judges. The department is also more aggressively disciplining physicians who have substance abuse issues and acting more swiftly on disciplining doctors who have been disciplined in other states. Finally, the hard work of the Medical Disciplinary Board has reduced the backlog of cases and increased the number of physicians who receive significant disciplines.

Using data collected by the Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) the Public Citizen Health Research Group found that Illinois has increased its effectiveness in disciplining physicians for each of the past five years. The state is now ranked 12 in the nation for the rate of serious disciplinary actions taken against licensed doctors, up from 18 last year. Illinois' ranking for 2002 was 41 and in 2003 it rose to 35. In 2004 the state ranked 25. Meanwhile, the number of complaints has stayed relatively constant with complaints against about 5% of the doctors practicing in the state.

In 2006, the Illinois Dept. of Financial and Professional Regulation sanctioned 172 physicians through the loss of license privileges or the restriction of those privileges. The physicians were disciplined for actions ranging from mishandling of payments to gross negligence. To review the reports cited above, click on Federation of State Medical Boards or Public Citizen's Analysis.

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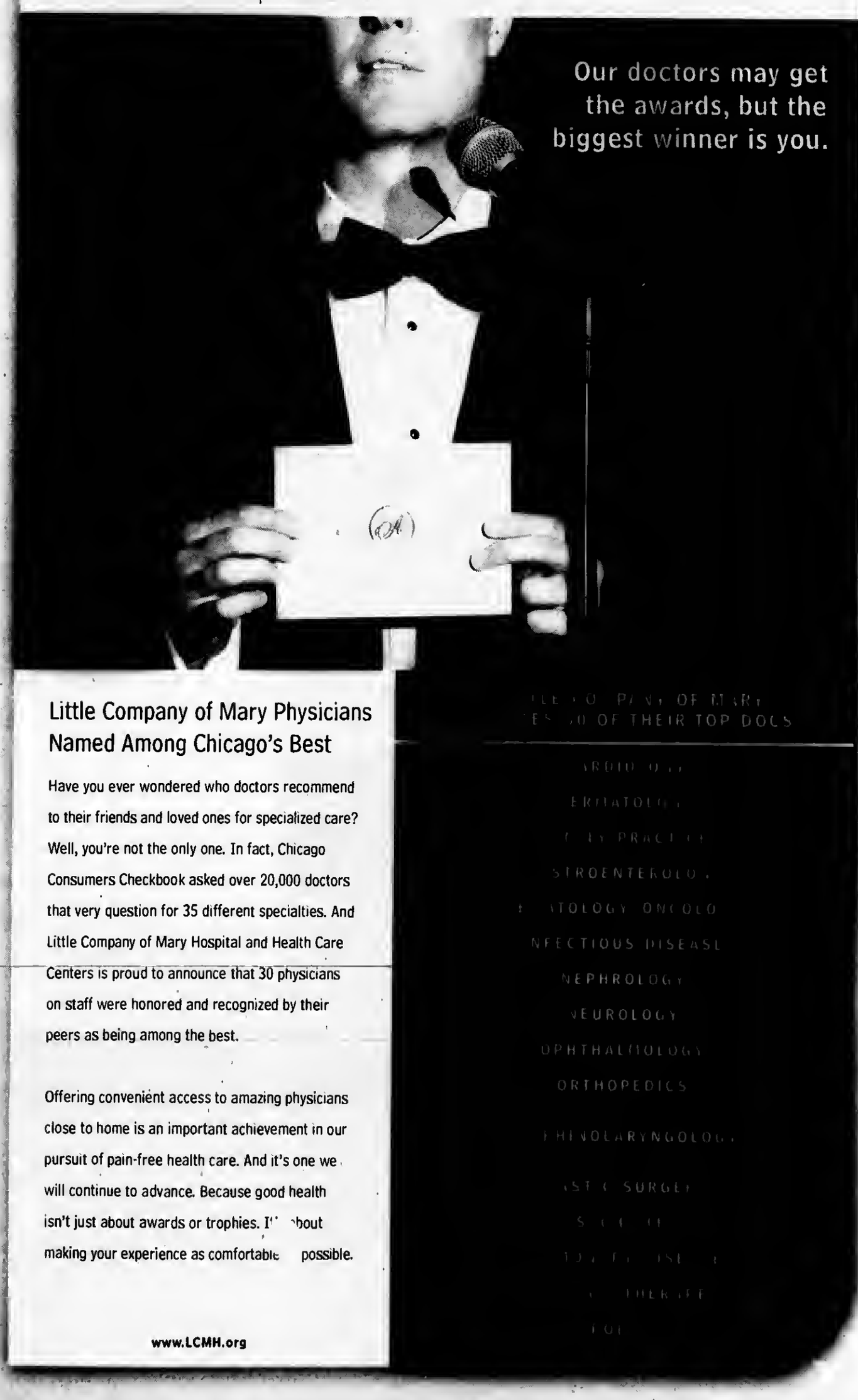

Little Company of Mary Physicians Named Among Chicago's Best

Have you ever wondered who doctors recommend to their friends and loved ones for specialized care? Well, you're not the only one. In fact, Chicago Consumers Checkbook asked over 20,000 doctors that very question for 35 different specialties. And Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care Centers is proud to announce that 30 physicians on staff were honored and recognized by their peers as being among the best.

Offering convenient access to amazing physicians close to home is an important achievement in our pursuit of pain-free health care. And it's one we will continue to advance. Because good health isn't just about awards or trophies. It's about making your experience as comfortable as possible.

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Veterans And Soldiers News

By Lori Taylor Ph: 708.388.2425

Air Force Airman Ryan W. Izydorek has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. He is the son of Dee Izydorek of Evergreen Park. Izydorek is a 2001 graduate of Evergreen Park High School.

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Best wishes to Carl DiGrazia who is retiring after 47 years of service to the VFW and to Illinois Veterans. Carl has been with the VA office in downtown Chicago and has been the State Service Officer for the VFW for all of these years. Anytime I called Carl to assist a veteran or a veteran's family he took immediate action. Thanks Carl we appreciate everything you have done for us and for our veterans. He is a member of Mark White Square VFW Post 6870 in Chicago. We will miss your expert advice. May God bless you with better health and a lot of happiness in the years ahead!

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Congratulations to 16th District VFW Commander Robert White for reaching 100 per cent in membership. Bob is a member of the Palos Heights VFW Post 7454.

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Bricks are still available in the walkway of the Illinois Korean Memorial in Springfield. They are $300 each and your donation is tax deductible. One hundred percent of your donation goes to the upkeep of the Memorial. To obtain an order form, write to: Illinois Korean Memorial, P.O. Box 8554, Springfield, IL 62791-8554.

There are only 49 bricks left and when these are gone there will be no more.

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I found this SCAM ADVISORY in my copy of the Illinois VFW News and I feel it is important and should be passed on to all of you. The scam appears exactly as follows:

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My name is Smith David Fitte, I am an American soldier, I am serving in the military of the 1st Armored Division n Iraq, as you know we are being attacked by insurgents everyday and car bombs. We managed to move funds belonging to Saddam Hussein's family. The total amount is US$25 Million dollars in cash, mostly 100 dollar bills. We want to move this money to a reputable person that is why I am contacting you, so that you may keep our share for banking.

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Sgt. Smith David Fitte

Remember, this is written as received-not our errors in grammar, etc. Please do not fall victim to this scam.
(Thanks to the VFW Department of Illinois for the information).

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Harold Neuhauer, member of Reber Tesmond VFW Post 2604 in Orland Park, sent me this prayer to share with you.

A Prayer for Our Troops and Soldiers

Dear Lord,
There's a young man far from home,
called to serve his nation in time of war;
sent to defend our freedom
on some distant foreign shore.
We pray You keep him safe,
we pray You keep him strong,
we pray You send him safely home…
for he's been away so long.
There's a young woman far from home,
serving her nation with pride.
Her step is strong, her step is sure,
there is courage in every stride.
We pray You keep her safe,
We pray You keep her strong,
we pray You send her safely home…
for she's been away too long.

Bless those who await their safe return,
Bless those who mourn the lost,
Bless those who serve this country well,
no matter what the cost.
God, Bless America!

* * *

Good-bye until next week. God bless you and your family and God bless America.

Senior Citizens Are Living Safer At Home

Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich recently reminded eligible seniors living independently to sign up for the Emergency Home Response Service, a home-monitoring service launched in October and run by the Illinois Dept. on Aging (IDoA). The service provides two-way voice pagers that automatically link seniors to a support center that can quickly send help in case of an emergency. Last week, IDoA delivered its ten thousandth monitor.

"More than 10,000 Illinois seniors who live independently in their own homes feel safer, thanks to these pagers that can help them get emergency assistance quickly. But there are thousands more who can take advantage of this service, and get some peace of mind for themselves and their families, and I urge them to call our Senior HelpLine at (800) 252-8966 and sign up," said Gov. Blagojevich.

On Oct. 15, 2006, Gov. Blagojevich launched the Emergency Home Response Service program. The Emergency Home Response Service is run by the Illinois Dept. on Aging (IDoA) Community Care Program. The department expects another 5,000-10,000 seniors to use the service, which is free for seniors who qualify for the program.

To be eligible for Emergency Home Response, an individual must:

Be an Illinois resident – 60 years of age or older.

Have non-exempt assets of $17,500 or less (this does not include home, vehicles or home furnishings).

Have a signed physician's statement confirming need of such service.

Have an assessed need for long-term care.

Other assistance available through the program includes care coordination, home care aides, adult day service and other flexible services intended to help seniors continue living independently at home.

According to nationwide figures from the National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, for millions of older Americans, domestic accidents present a serious health risk. In the United States, one of every three persons age 65 and older falls each year. Among older adults, falls are the leading cause of injury deaths and the most common cause of injuries and hospital admissions for trauma. In 2003, more than 13,700 people age 65 and older died of fall-related injuries. Another 1.8 million were treated in emergency departments for nonfatal injuries related to falls.

Fractures are the most serious health consequence of falls. Eighty-seven percent of all fractures among older adults are due to falls. Approximately 250,000 hip fractures, the most serious fracture, occur each year among people over age 65. Half of all older people hospitalized for hip fractures cannot return home or live independently after their injury.

"Gov. Blagojevich is committed to improving the quality of life for older persons as well as making sure that members of our greatest generation are not forced to give up their homes," IDoA Director Charles D. Johnson said. "The Emergency Home Response Service has been a great success and builds on the Department's focus to reduce the need for nursing home placement. I want to encourage those eligible seniors to consider the use of this service so that they can remain safe living in their own home for a long time."

To learn more about the Emergency Home Response Service and the Community Care Program, call the Senior HelpLine at (800) 252-8966.

Alternative Retirement Offer Approved By State House

Cook County Board President Todd Stroger recently applauded the passage of Senate Bill 377, which is expected to increase the funding ratio of the Cook County and Forest Preserve District pension funds by allowing eligible employees to voluntarily separate from service in exchange for an enhanced lump-sum payment of their pension contributions.

The offer allows current County and Forest Preserve District employees in active service as of Dec. 31, 2006 through the signing of the bill – when it becomes law – to increase the value of their personal contributions to the County's Pension Fund by 50% if they agree to voluntarily resign from County service, forfeit accrued pension credits, and separate employment within 60 days of the date the legislation becomes law. Employees must withdraw the total value of their pension contributions to take advantage of the offer.

Because the employees' service is effectively deleted from the County's pension fund liability in exchange for a lump-sum payment, the cost of pension benefits to these employees is eliminated, at a savings over the long term to the County's and Forest Preserve's pension funds. The legislation is budget-neutral to Cook County.

Cook County's offer is modeled on a similar program deployed last year by the State of Illinois, the 2006 Alternative Retirement Cancellation Payment, or ARCP. That program allowed eligible state employees to receive a lump-sum payment of their contributions with regular interest times two.

Virtually the entire workforce of Cook County and Forest Preserve is expected to be eligible for the offer. Senate Bill 377 now returns to the Illinois State Senate for its consideration of President Stroger's pension refund proposal.

Pryme Tymers Meet

The Pryme Tymers, a very active fellowship that meets at Trinity Church, 9230 S. Pulaski Rd. in Oak Lawn, invites the entire community to "dance with the stars" at their meeting on Thursday, June 28th at 11 a.m. The Parkettes, a bevy of line dancers from the Evergreen Park Recreation Center, will entertain and teach. In addition to their dance presentation, they will provide instruction to everyone wanting to learn to line dance.

A picnic luncheon at noon, prepared by Chef Pitluck, will include hot dogs, homemade potato salad and baked beans, and dessert. The cost is only $6 and requires reservations. Call the church office at (708) 422-5111 or Tom Panush at (708) 636-7548 by Friday, June 22nd. Accommodations for only 200 people are available; so please reserve early. Transportation is provided upon request. Paper products (Kleenex, toilet tissue, paper towels, etc.) will also be collected to help replenish the shelves at the Mt. Greenwood Salvation Army.

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ASPCA Applauds Passage Of Illinois' H.B. 3614

The ASPCA® (The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals®) applauded the passage of H.B. 3614, sponsored by Rep. Ed Sullivan, Jr. and Sen. Pamela Althoff. The bill will now go to the Governor for his signature.

H.B. 3614 will increase the penalty for animal fighting to a felony, regardless of what form it takes. Currently, only dog fighting is a felony under state law but all other forms of animal fighting—including cockfighting—are misdemeanors.

"The ASPCA is strongly opposed to any kind of animal fighting, since it greatly endangers the animals being made to participate—but it has also become increasingly clear that public safety is greatly endangered any time animal fighting takes place," said Ed Sayres, president & CEO of the ASPCA.

"Animal fighting also fosters a generally pervasive attitude that violence towards animals is not only acceptable, but a means of entertainment. We are extremely pleased with the outcome of this bill and grateful to Rep. Sullivan and Sen. Althoff for sponsoring it."

Research has shown that misdemeanor penalties are ineffective in deterring animal fighting ventures. "The minimal fines and fees associated with misdemeanors are inconsequential, as the payoff for a successful fight far outweighs the risk of having to pay a meager fine," said Ledy VanKavage, Senior Director of Legal Training and Legislation for the ASPCA. "These fines are often viewed by those who arrange animal fights as the 'cost of doing business.'

"Case in point, approximately $100,000 was confiscated by the Winnebago Sheriff's department from a cockfighting bust near Rockford, Ill.," added Ms. VanKavage, who worked closely with legislators to implement the bill.

Founded in 1866, the ASPCA® (The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals®) was the first humane organization established in the Western Hemisphere and today has one million supporters. The ASPCA's mission is to provide effective means for the prevention of cruelty to animals throughout the United States. The ASPCA provides national leadership in anti-cruelty, animal behavior, humane education, government affairs and public policy, shelter support, and animal poison control. The NYC headquarters houses a full-service animal hospital and adoption facility. The Humane Law Enforcement department enforces New York's animal cruelty laws and is featured on the reality television series "Animal Precinct" on Animal Planet. Visit www.aspca.org for more information.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE UNDER THE TRUST AGREEMENT FOR THE STRUCTURED ASSET SECURITIES CORPORATION MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 2005-AR1; Plaintiff, vs. VALERIE BLECHER F/K/A VALERIE BELCHER-NELSON; ET AL; Defendants, 06 CH 12787 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on October 4, 2006, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, July 9, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 3857 West 123rd Street, Alsip, IL 60803. P.I.N. 24-26-304-045-1012.
The improvement on the property consists of a condominium residence. The purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by subdivisions (g)(1) and (g)(4) of Section 9 of the Condominium Property Act. Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
For information call Ms. Diane Thomas at Plaintiff's Attorney, Freedman Anselmo Lindberg & Rappe, LLC, 1807 West Diehl Road, Naperville, Illinois 60563-1890, (877) 729-6734. W0606072 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I39593

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, as successor in interest to Long Beach Mortgage Company, by operation of law, Plaintiff, vs. JACEK KULACH and CAMBRIDGE IN THE HILLS CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, Defendants 06 CH 26430
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of the above Court entered in the above entitled cause on February 7, 2007, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on July 12, 2007 in its office at One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, Illinois 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Unit Number 1-D in the Cambridge in the Hills Condominium, as delineated on a survey of the following described real estate: Permanent Index Number: 18-35-407-091-1003 Commonly known as: 8100 West 87th St., Unit 1D, Hickory Hills, Illinois
The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was $106,400.45 Sale terms: The bid amount shall be paid in cash immediately by the highest and best bidder at the conclusion of the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
The purchaser of a condominium unit at a judicial foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, who takes possession of a condominium unit pursuant to a court order or a purchaser who acquires title from a mortgagee shall have the duty to pay the proportionate share, if any, of the common expenses for the unit which would have become due in the absence of any assessment acceleration during the 6 months immediately preceding institution of an action to enforce the collection of assessments, and which remain unpaid by the owner during whose possession the assessments accrued. If the outstanding assessments are paid at any time during any action to enforce the collection of assessments, the purchaser shall have no obligation to pay any assessments which accrued before he or she acquired title.
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.
For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: Heavner, Scott, Beyers & Mihlar, 111 E. Main St., Suite 200, P.O. Box 740, Decatur, Illinois 62525 (217) 422-1719 ext. 23. Note: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that the Law Firm of Heavner, Scott, Beyers & Mihlar is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I37778

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION HSBC BANK, USA Plaintiff, -v.- GRZEGORZ GRALAK, et al Defendant 06 CH 11324 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on March 14, 2007, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on June 29, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 8908 OLYMPIC DRIVE, Bridgeview, IL 60455 Property Index No. 24-06-107-007-0000
The real estate is improved with a 1 story single family brown and white brick home with attached 2 car garage. The judgment amount was $226,931.82. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act. 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information: Visit our website at http:\\service.atty-pierce.com. between the hours of 3 and 5 pm. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602. Tel No. (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number PA0605458. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE I37733

REAL ESTATE
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION HSBC BANK, USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR THE ACE SECURITIES CORP. HOME EQUITY LOAN TRUST, SERIES 2005-AG1, ASSET BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES Plaintiff, -v.- LEE W. DERKACY A/K/A LEE DERKACY, et al Defendant 06 CH 12458 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on March 14, 2007, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on July 18, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 14617 KILDARE AVENUE, Midlothian, IL 60445 Property Index No. 28-10-225-004
The real estate is improved with a single family residence.
The judgment amount was $192,428.56. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department.. Please refer to file number 14-06-G138. HE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE
NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I41006

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION NATIONAL CITY MORTGAGE COMPANY Plaintiff, -v.- ERIC J. TOLLSTAM, et al Defendant 06 CH 7195 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on July 17, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on July 2, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 9140 MASSASOIT AVENUE, Oak Lawn, IL 60453 Property Index No. 24-05-401-023-0000
The real estate is improved with a brick one story house with a two car detached garage.
The judgment amount was $182,004.53. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information: Visit our website at http:\\service.atty-pierce.com. between the hours of 3 and 5 pm. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602. Tel No. (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number PA0602901. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE I39208

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC Plaintiff, vs. CHRISTOPHER L. LACY, SR., UNKNOWN TENANTS, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendents, 06 CH 9339 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on June 22, 2006, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, July 2, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 13710 Kedvale, Robbins, IL 60472. P.I.N. 28-03-212-036.
The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
For information call Mr. James A. Larson at Plaintiff's Attorney, Larson & Associates, P.C., 230 West Monroe Street, Chicago, Illinois 60606. (312) 422-0057. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I38788

REAL ESTATE
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION US BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE; Plaintiff, vs. FUAD SAFI AKA FUAD A. SAFI; LINDA SAFI; SAUD SAFI; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR EQUIFIRST CORPORATION; Defendants, 06 CH 23149 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on February 7, 2007 Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, July 2, 2007 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 12400 S. 44th Ct., Alsip, IL 60803. P.I.N. 24-27-308-019. The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection
For information call Ms. Lisa M. Dudek at Plaintiff's Attorney, Kropik, Papuga and Shaw, 120 South LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois 60603. (312) 236-6405. 37166 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I38807

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION AMERICAN HOME MORTGAGE SERVICING, INC. Plaintiff, -v.- RICHARD M. ALVARADO, SR. A/K/A RICHARD ALVARADO, SR., et al Defendant 06 CH 18409 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on March 20, 2007, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on June 22, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 9722 S. 51ST AVENUE, Oak Lawn, IL 60453 Property Index No. 24-09-215-031, Property Index No. 24-09-215-032, Property Index No. 24-09-216-033
The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was $235,760.17. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department.. Please refer to file number 14-06-A767 THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I38614

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION WELLS FARGO BANK, NA Plaintiff, -v.- STEPHAN BORVAN A/K/A STEVE BORVAN, et al Defendants 06 CH 7284 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on March 28, 2007, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on July 2, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 11637 SOUTH MERRION LANE, Merrionette Park, IL 60803 Property Index No. 24-23-409-023-0000
The real estate is improved with a single family 1 story house with tan brick construction. 2 car garage. The judgment amount was $217,719.24. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For Information: Visit our website at http:\\service.atty-pierce.com. between the hours of 3 and 5 pm. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602. Tel No. (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number PA0602980. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE PIERCE & ASSOCIATES One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300 CHICAGO, IL 60602 (312) 476-5500 Attorney File No.: PA060298 Attorney Code. 91220 I39099

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE FOR ENCORE CREDIT RECEIVABLES TRUST 2005-2 Plaintiff, -v.- JAMES M. BLOKEL A/K/A JAMES BLOKEL, et al Defendant 06 CH 23992 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 13, 2007, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on June 21, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 15101 LACROSSE AVENUE, Oak Forest, IL 60452 Property Index No. 28-16-215-036 The real estate is improved with a single family residence.
The judgment amount was $190,232.20. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act. 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department.. Please refer to file number 14-06-E394. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiffs attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I38646

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE: Plaintiff, vs. RONALD WASHINGTON, SR.; BARBARA O. WASHINGTON Defendants, 06 CH 17622 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on October 17, 2006 Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, July 9, 2007 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate:
Commonly known as 8801 S. Talman, Evergreen Park, IL 60805. P.I.N. 24-01-207-001 & 002. The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence. THE SALE SHALL BE SUBJECT TO GENERAL TAXES, SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS AND TO A PRIOR RECORDED FIRST MORTGAGE. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection
For information call William E. Dutton, Jr./Barbara J. Dutton at Plaintiff's Attorney, DUTTON & DUTTON, P.C., 10325 West Lincoln Highway, Frankfort, Illinois 60423. (815) 806-8200. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I39597

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR RBMG, INC., AND/OR ITS SUCCESSORS Plaintiff, -v.- MICHAEL J. NEUROHR, et al Defendant 04 CH 21582 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on April 5, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on July 9, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 4404 LISA LANE, Oak Forest, IL 60452 Property Index No. 28-22-314-017
The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was $148,737.29. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in AS IS condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department.. Please refer to file number 14-04-D678. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I40354

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR LONG BEACH MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2006-1 Plaintiff, -v.- EARNEST HALL A/K/A EARNEST J. HALL, et al Defendant 06 CH 17500 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on November 2, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on June 29, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 13634 S. CRAWFORD AVENUE, Robbins, IL 60472 Property Index No. 28-03-210-055
The real estate is improved with a single family residence.
The judgment amount was $73,445.61. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department. Please refer to file number 14-06-A238 THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I39943

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION WELLS FARGO NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR HSBC BANK USA, NA 2005-HE4 BY: SAXON MORTGAGE SERVICES, INC., F/K/A MERITECH MORTGAGE SERVICES INC., AS THEIR ATTORNEY-IN- FACT: Plaintiff, vs. WAYNE HRDLICKA; ET AL; Defendants, 06 CH 26627 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on February 15, 2007, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, July 17, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 6824 South La Porte Court, Bridgeview, IL 60455. P.I.N. 18-24-306-027.
The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
For information call Ms. Diane Thomas at Plaintiff's Attorney, Freedman Anselmo Lindberg & Rappe, LLC, 1807 West Diehl Road, Naperville, Illinois 60563-1890. (877) 729-6734. X0612011 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I40566

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION BANK OF AMERICA N.A. Plaintiff, -v.- THOMAS T. TALKOWSKI, et al Defendant 06 CH 26225 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 30, 2007, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on July 16, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 11740 S. KEDVALE AVENUE, Alsip, IL 60803 Property Index No. 24-22-426-033
The real estate is improved with a single family residence The judgment amount was $109,512.11. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court..
If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department.. Please refer to file number 14-06-F840. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I40981

REAL ESTATE
Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION CHASE HOME FINANCE LLC Plaintiff, -v.- DAVID L. BIRMINGHAM A/K/A DAVID L. BIRMINGHAM SR., et al Defendant 06 CH 26372 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on March 21, 2007, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on July 11, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 3208 LYDIA AVE, Robbins, IL 60472 Property Index No. 28-02-420-014
The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was $61,876.49. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act. 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information
For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department.. Please refer to file number 14-06-F482 THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I40395

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR LONG BEACH MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2006-WL3 Plaintiff, -v.- WILLIE GREEN, et al Defendant 06 CH 26436 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on March 7, 2007, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on July 9, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 13910 CENTRAL PARK AVENUE, Robbins, IL 60472 Property Index No. 28-02-305-040
The real estate is improved with a single family residence The judgment amount was $70,685.75. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department.. Please refer to file number 14-06-H160. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I40437

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION CITIMORTGAGE, INC., ASSIGNEE OF MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATIONS SYSTEMS, INC. Plaintiff, vs CLARENCE MONTGOMERY, Defendants, 06 CH 26603 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on March 1, 2007 Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, July 17, 2007 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 4320 Wagman Street, Oak Forest, Illinois 60452. The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection
For information call Sales Clerk at Plaintiff's Attorney, Law Offices of Ira T. Nevel, 175 North Franklin Street, Chicago, Illinois 60606. (312) 357-1125. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I40564

REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY AS TRUSTEE OF ARGENT MORTGAGE SECURITIES, INC., ASSET BACKED PASS THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 2006-W2 UNDER THE POOLING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT DATED AS OF FEBRUARY 1, 2006 WITHOUT RECOURSE, ASSIGNEE OF ARGENT MORTGAGE COMPANY, LLC; Plaintiff, vs MUATH ZABDAWI; ARGENT MORTGAGE COMPANY, LLC; UNDER MORTGAGE RECORDED AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 0500953028; Defendants, 06 CH 28094 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on April 18, 2017 Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Thursday, July 19, 2007 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate: P.I.N. 24-16-403-048. Commonly known as 10725 Lacrosse Ave., Oak Lawn, IL 60453 The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection
For information call Sales Clerk at Plaintiff's Attorney, Law Offices of Ira T. Nevel, 175 North Franklin Street, Chicago, Illinois 60606. (312) 357-1125. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer. (312) 444-1122 I40614

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION WELLS FARGO BANK NA Plaintiff, -v.- MOHAMED KHAN, et al Defendants 06 CH 25461 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 18, 2007, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on July 5, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 8009 S. SACRAMENTO AVENUE, Chicago, IL 60652 Property Index No. 19-36-112-003
The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was $201,602.71. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department.. Please refer to file number 14-06-E983. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE, IL 60527 (630) 794-9876 Attorney File No.: 14-06-E983 ARDC# 00468002 Attorney Code 21762 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose I40180

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION NATIONAL CITY MORTGAGE CO Plaintiff, -v- FREDERICK WORD, et al Defendant 06 CH 26310 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on April 3, 2007, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on July 10, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 12517 SOUTH TRUMBULL AVENUE, Alsip, IL 60803 Property Index No. 24-26-410-025-0000
The real estate is improved with a ranch, 2 car detached garage, white brick The judgment amount was $118,293.07. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information: Visit our website at http \\service.atty-pierce.com, between the hours of 3 and 5 pm PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602. Tel No (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number PA0614421. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE I40275

REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC AS NOMINEE FOR AND AS AUTHORIZED BY THE CIT GROUP/CONSUMER FINANCE INC., SUCCESSOR TO ACCREDITED HOME LENDERS, INC.; Plaintiff, vs. TIMOTHY SAGE; ET. AL.; Defendants, 07 CH 5219 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on May 23, 2007 Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, July 18, 2007 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate: P.I.N 28-10-205-022. Commonly known as. 14346 Karlov Ave., Midlothian, IL 60445. The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence. This information is considered reliable but is not warranted. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. This sale is subject to unpaid real estate taxes, assessments, covenants, conditions, easements and restrictions of record. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
This pleading is a communication for the purpose of collecting the mortgage debt, under the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act. If you fail to dispute, in writing, the validity of this debt within thirty days, it will be assumed to be valid. Finally, any information you provide will be used for the purpose of collection.
Upon payment, of each portion of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Receipt of Sale. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the mortgaged real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection, except by the arrangement and agreement of the current owner or occupant.
For information: JAROS, TITTLE & O'TOOLE, LIMITED, Plaintiff's Attorney, 20 North Clark Street, Suite 510, Chicago, Illinois 60602. (312) 750-1000. Phone calls will be taken only between the hours of 9:00 thru 11:00 A.M. When calling, please refer to file number 07-31463. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I40533

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS, Plaintiff V. MICHELLE PARKER A/K/A MICHELLE L. PARKER, Defendant 06 CH 28498 NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
Fisher and Shapiro file #06-9825D (It is advised that interested parties consult with their own attorneys before bidding at mortgage foreclosure sales.)
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered on April 2, 2007, Kallen Realty Services, Inc., as Selling Official will at 12:30 p.m. on July 12, 2007, at 205 W. Randolph Street, Suite 1200, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real property: C/K/A 3631 WEST 115TH PLACE, ALSIP, IL 60803 TAX ID# 24-23-307-024 The mortgaged real estate is improved with a dwelling. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
The judgment amount was $228,923.50. Sale terms: 10% of successful bid immediately at conclusion of auction, balance by noon the next business day, both by cashier's checks; and no refunds. The sale shall be subject to general real estate taxes, special taxes, special assessments, special taxes levied, and superior liens, if any. The property is offered "as is," with no express or implied warranties and without any representation as to the quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to review the court file to verify all information.
For information: Sale Clerk, Fisher and Shapiro, 4201 Lake Cook Rd., 1st floor, Northbrook, Illinois 60062, (847) 498-9990, between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. weekdays only. I34106

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY AS TRUSTEE UNDER THE POOLING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT SERIES INDB 2006-1 Plaintiff, -v.- PATRICIA CABRERA, et al Defendant 06 CH 25414 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 16, 2007, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on July 3, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 5851 W. 82ND STREET, Burbank, IL 60459 Property Index No. 19-32-232-012
The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was $211,478.35 Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department.. Please refer to file number 14-06-F078. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose I40033

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION ACCREDITED HOME LENDERS, INC. Plaintiff, -v.- ISSA TADROS, et al Defendants 00 CH 26152 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 5, 2007, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on July 17, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 4907 WEST 106TH STREET, Oak Lawn, IL 60453 Property Index No. 24-16-213-026-0000
The real estate is improved with a brick split level with a 2 car attached garage. The judgment amount was $319,381.74. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale Tha property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information: Visit our website at http:\\service.atty-pierce.com, between the hours of 3 and 5 pm. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602. Tel No. (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number PA0614134. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE I40748

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION MORGAN STANLEY MORTGAGE CAPITAL, INC.; Plaintiff, vs. MAHD ELROUB; ET. AL.; Defendants. 06 CH 25355 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on January 30, 2007, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, July 3, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 4240 W. 99th Place, Oaklawn, IL 60453. P.I.N. 24-10-420-040.
The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
For information call Ms. Diane Thomas at Plaintiff's Attorney, Freedman Anselmo Lindberg & Rappe, LLC, 1807 West Diehl Road, Naperville, Illinois 60563-1890. (877) 729-6734. W0608181 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I38848

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION US BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR MASTR ASSET BACKED SECURITIES TRUST, 2006-WMC2 Plaintiff, vs. GUILLERMO SUAREZ, ET AL. Defendants, 06 CH 26130 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on February 6, 2007, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Wednesday, July 11, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 16229 Lawndale Avenue, Midlothian, IL 60445, P.I.N. 28-14-107-058.
The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashiers or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
For information call Ms. Diane Thomas at Plaintiff's Attorney, Freedman Anselmo Lindberg & Rappe, LLC, 1807 West Diehl Road, Naperville, Illinois 60563-1890. (877) 729-6734. w0611121 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I39687

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION WILMINGTON FINANCE INC.; Plaintiff, vs. ANDRZEJ KULIKOWSKI; RENATA KULIKOWSKI; MID AMERICA BAN, FSB; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF ANDRZEJ KULIKOWSKI, IF ANY; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants, 06 CH 24142
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on 1/31/2007, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, July 3, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property: P.I.N. 23-02-209-027. Commonly known as 8115 W. 90th St., Hickory Hills, IL 60457.
The improvement on the property consists of a two story single family residence with an attached two car garage. Sale terms: 25% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.
For information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com. Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602. Tel.No. (312) 476-5500. Refer to File Number 0612912. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I38834

REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION CHASE FINANCE LLC SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO CHASE MANHATTAN MORTGAGE CORPORATION Plaintiff, -v.- MICHAEL J. FURST, et al w Defendant 06 CH 24955 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 17, 2007, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on July 3, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 5705 VICTORIA DRIVE, Oak Forest, IL 60452 Property Index No. 28-17-229-002
The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was $199,321.86. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in AS IS condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 16W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department.. Please refer to file number 14-06-F152. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I40052

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION CHASE MANHATTAN MORTGAGE CORPORATION; Plaintiff, vs TIMOTHY J. DOOLEY; ET. AL.; Defendants, 06 CH 26312 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on March 19, 2007, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Friday, July 13, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 14601 Clifton Park, Midlothian, IL 60445. P.I.N. 28-11-224-001.
The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
For information call Ms. Diane Thomas at Plaintiff's Attorney, Freedman Anselmo Lindberg & Rappe, LLC, 1807 West Diehl Road, Naperville, Illinois 60563-1890. (877) 729-6734. F0611029 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I39716

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION US BANK, N.A. F/K/A FIRSTAR BANK, N.A. A/K/A FIRSTAR HOME MORTGAGE CORPORATION Plaintiff, -v.- ROBERT A. PELECH, et al Defendant 06 CH 22643 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 17, 2007, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on July 3, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 5432 W. 86TH STREET, Burbank, IL 60459 Property Index No. 19-33-302-045
The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was $45,922.51. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department.. Please refer to file number 14-06-D439. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I40047

REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION HSBC BANK USA, N.A., AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE FOR THE REGISTERED HOLDERS OF THE RENAISSANCE HOME EQUITY LOAN ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-1, Plaintiff V. RONALD TERRELL, Defendant 06 CH 7972 NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
Fisher and Shapiro file #06-5454D (It is advised that interested parties consult with their own attorneys before bidding at mortgage foreclosure sales.)
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered on February 14, 2007, Kallen Realty Services, Inc., as Selling Official will at 12:30 p.m. on June 21, 2007, at 205 W. Randolph Street, Suite 1200, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real property: C/K/A 8210 SOUTH FAIRFIELD, CHICAGO, IL 60652. TAX ID# 19-36-224-022
The mortgaged real estate is improved with a dwelling. The property will NOT be open for inspection. The judgment amount was $168,641.69. Sale terms: 10% of successful bid immediately at conclusion of auction, balance by noon the next business day, both by cashier's checks; and no refunds. The sale shall be subject to general real estate taxes, special taxes, special assessments, special taxes levied, and superior liens, if any. The property is offered "as is," with no express or implied warranties and without any representation as to the quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to review the court file to verify all information.
For information: Sale Clerk, Fisher and Shapiro, 4201 Lake Cook Rd., 1st floor, Northbrook, Illinois 60062, (847) 498-9990, between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. weekdays only. I39038

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Brother Rice Hires Assistant Coach

Brother Rice High School has announced the hiring of Joe Barrer as a teacher and assistant basketball coach. Barrer has spent the last three years as the director of basketball operations at George Mason University in Fairfax, Virginia. Barrer will work on the freshman level with Vince Green, an all state point guard at Brother Rice in 2000, and former point guard at Illinois State University.

Brother Rice head basketball coach Pat Richardson said, "Joe brings a great deal of knowledge and energy to our school and basketball program. It's great having someone with Final Four experience on our staff."

Barrer added, "I'm excited about the opportunity to work as a teacher and coach at Brother Rice. I have always admired Brother Rice and the great success and tradition of their basketball program."

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Southwest Area Obituaries

Robert E. Adams

Mass was said at St. Stephen Deacon & Martyr Church, Orland Park, on Monday, with interment at Good Shepherd Cemetery, for Robert E. Adams, 85, a WWII Navy Veteran who served as a signalman in the Pacific. He was a teacher for 30 years at Bremen High School in Midlothian and for three years at Hillcrest High School in Country Club Hills.

He is survived by his children Greg (Connie), Nancy (Duane) Kaminski and Kathie (John) Brosius, five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

John M. Berner

Mass was said at St. George Church, Tinley Park, on Wednesday, with interment at St. Casimir Cemetery, for John M. Berner, 86, a US Air Force Veteran of WWII.

He is survived by his children Denise (John) Volz and David (Kathleen) Berner; four grandchildren; and his brother Jack (Angela) Berner.

Mildred M. Carlson

Services were held a the Edgar Funeral Home, Oak Lawn, on Tuesday, with interment at Oak Hill Cemetery, for Mildred M. Carlson, 87.

She is survived by her children David (Rosemary) and Christine (Barry) Rose, four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Lillian M. Casey

Services were held at the Robert J. Sheehy and Sons Funeral Home, Orland Park, on Monday, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Lillian M. Casey, 90.

She has no immediate survivors.

Edward Cassidy

Mass was said at St. Catherine of Alexandria Church, Oak Lawn, on Wednesday, with interment at St. Mary Cemetery, for Edward Cassidy.

He is survived by his wife Loretta; his children Kathleen (James) Stein, Cynthia (Wendel) Decker, Kevin (Loretta), Leonard, Sheila (Jack) Sievertsen, Colleen (George) Knor, Brian (Marge), Enid, Kelly (Steve) Finley, Edward Jr. (Eve); twenty-five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren; his brother James and his sisters Eileen Wern, Gerry (Ray) Walker and Dolores (Paul) Lemrise.

Lorraine Dahms

Services were held at Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church, Blue Island, on Tuesday, with interment at Bethania Cemetery, for Lorraine Dahms, 93.

She has no immediate survivors.

Jerome Forkash

Services were held at Zimmerman & Sandeman funeral Home, Oak Lawn, on Tuesday, with interment at Fairmount Willow Hills Cemetery, for Jerome Forkash, 89, a veteran of the US Army.

He is survived by his wife Rose Forkash; his children Lawrence (Diana) and Sharon (Tom) Case; four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Betty Horn

Services were held at the Palos-Gaidas Funeral Home, Palos Hills on Monday, with interment at First Evangelical Lutheran Cemetery, for Betty J. Horn, 76, formerly of Palos Heights.

She is survived by her son Richard (Kathy) Horn, Kenneth (Laurie) Horn, Lauric (Mark) Parkin and Sharon Witkus, three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Robert J. "Red" Kendall

Mass was said at St. Christopher Church, Midlothian, on Monday, with interment at St. Benedict Cemetery, for Robert J. "Red" Kendall.

He is survived by his daughter Jessica Uldrych and Christopher Mena, his parents Larry and Shirley Kendall, and his sisters Nancy (Tom) Doty, Carol (Mike) McGuire and Patricia Mancuso.

Charles P. Kubasak

Mass was said at St. Linus Church, Oak Lawn, on Tuesday, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Charles P. Kubasak, 86, a US Army Veteran.

He is survived by his children Linda (Robert) Atko, Annette (Sam) Mitchell, Janette Sappanos and Diane (Dan) Crilly; ten grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; his sister Mae (George) Garant and Marge; and his brothers Louis and Joe Kubasak.

Rose V. Kozak

Mass was said at St. Terrence Church, Alsip, on Monday, with interment at Evergreen Cemetery, for Rose V. Kozak, 92.

She is survived by her children Dorothy (Robert) Carver, Frank (Doris), Patricia (Albert) Pollack, John (retired CPD) (Sandy) and Robert (Carol); twenty-one grandchildren; and great-grandmother and great-great grandmother to many.

Thomas L. Logan

Mass was said at St. Michael Church, Orland Park, on Monday, with interment at Resurrection Cemetery, for Thomas L. Logan, 71.

He is survived by his wife Connie R., his children Thomas S., Linda (Kevin) Buggy, Lisa (Scott) Schweiger and Larry (Holly) Logan, and five grandchildren.

Frank P. Martino

Mass was said at St. Francis of Assisi Church, Orland Park, on Tuesday, with interment at Good Shepherd Cemetery, for Frank P. Martino, a WWII Army Veteran and recipient of the Purple Heart and two Bronze Stars.

He is survived by his wife Josephine; his children Guy (Debra), Katherine Maraffino and Marilyn Martino; and his brothers Joseph Martino and Vito (Ellie) Martino.

Dolores M. Morenz

Mass was said at St. George Church, Tinley Park, on Tuesday, with interment at St. Mary Cemetery, for Dolores M. Morenz.

She is survived by her sister Florence Porebski.

Robert J. Motl

A celebration of Robert's life will be held Saturday, June 16th at 1 p.m. at Olympia Fields Country Club, 2800 Country Club Drive. He was a US Navy Veteran of WWII, a former professional football athlete, a long time member of "The N Club" of Northwestern University and Sigma Chi.

He is survived by his wife Joan, his children Leslie (Doug) Motel and his stepchildren Mark Kreger, Holly Economos, Stacey Christensen and Julie (Bob) Johnston and nine grandchildren.

Mary K. "Kay" Myles

Mass was said at St. Michael Church, Orland Park, on Tuesday, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Mary K. "Kay" Myles, 62.

She is survived by her daughter Jennifer (Matthew) Borgenson, two grandchildren and her sister Clarice Ehrmann.

Mildred Pritza

Services were held at the Hallinan Funeral Home, Blue Island, on Monday, with interment at Beverly Cemetery, for Mildred Pritza. She was a member of the American Legion Aux., Blue Island Unit 50 and the Tinley Park VFW Post #2791.

She is survived by her husband Maine Pritza; her children Mane (Eloise), Diane Walker and James (Jan) Pritza; four grandchildren and one great-grandchild; and her sister Anne Lubieniecki.

Eleanor Pudinoff

Services were held at the Archangel Michael Orthodox Church, Burbank, with interment at Resurrection Cemetery, for Eleanor Pudinoff, 79.

She is survived by her son James McMeekin and two grandchildren.

Robert S. Sommers

A memorial service was held at the McKenzie Funeral Home, Oak Forest, on Thursday, June 14th. He was involved with EMS, American Legion Orland Park Memorial Post #111. He was also a member of security at Gaelic Park.

He is survived by his daughter Lori (John) and one granddaughter and his brother Norm Sommers.

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Safety Tips For Outdoor Grilling

Warm weather is finally here and people throughout Illinois are busy making plans to enjoy outdoor activities during the summer months. To help people enjoy a safe summer this year, the Illinois State Fire Marshal's Office is working to increase awareness of summer fire safety tips.

According to the National Fire Protection Assn. (NFPA), gas-fueled and charcoal grills are involved in nearly 1,000 residential structure and home outdoor fires each year in the United States, many due to grills placed too close to the house or other combustible materials. In 2002, grill-related fires resulted in property loss of $30 million nationally. Statistics from the Illinois State Fire Marshal's Office show that nearly 170 grill-related fires were reported in 2006.

Most fires caused by grills could be prevented by following these safety tips:

General Outdoor Grilling Tips

- Gas and charcoal barbecue grills must be used outdoors only. If used indoors or in any enclosed spaces, such as tents, they pose both a fire hazard and the risk of exposing occupants to toxic gases such as carbon monoxide.
- Determine a safe location for the grill, well away from siding, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.
- Place the grill a safe distance from lawn games, play areas and foot traffic.
- Keep children and pets away from the grill area – declare a three-foot "kid-free zone" around the grill.
- Use long-handled grilling tools to enable the chef to keep a safe distance from heat and flames.
- Periodically remove grease or fat buildup in trays below grill so it cannot be ignited by a hot grill.

Charcoal Grills

- Purchase the proper starter fluid and store the can out of reach of children and away from heat sources.
- After applying charcoal lighter fluid to coals, wait a minute before lighting the coals. This allows the concentration of explosive vapors to dissipate.
- Never add charcoal starter fluid when coals or kindling have already been ignited, and never use any flammable or combustible liquid other than starter fluid to get the fire going.
- Be careful not to spill any fluid on your clothing or in the area surrounding the grill.
- Hot coals should always be disposed of in designated containers. Plenty of water should be poured on coals to completely extinguish the flames and cool the coals.

Gas Grills

- Check the gas cylinder hose for leaks before using if for the first time each year. A light soap and water solution applied to the hose will quickly reveal escaping propane by releasing bubbles. If you determine your grill has a gas leak, turn off the gas tank and grill and have the grill serviced by a professional. *If the leak doesn't stop after turning the gas and grill off, call the fire department.*
- If you smell gas while cooking, immediately get away from the grill and call the fire department. Do not attempt to move the grill.
- Use only equipment bearing the mark of an independent testing laboratory. Follow the manufacturer's instructions on how to set up the grill and maintain it.
- Always shut off the valve to a fuel source when it is not in use.
- Never start a gas grill with the lid of the grill closed. The propane or natural gas may accumulate inside, and when ignited could blow the lid off, causing injury.
- Never store propane gas cylinders in buildings or garages. If you store a gas grill inside during the winter, disconnect the cylinder and leave it outside.

For more fire safety information, go to the OSFM web site at www.state.il.us/osfm or call (217) 785-1040.

Journalists Compete At Eastern Illinois University

Mother McAuley's Journalism team placed 3rd overall in their sectional competition at Joliet Township High School. Megan Needham (Oak Lawn) placed first in News Writing, Katlyn Tracy (Clearing) placed 2nd in Editorial Cartooning, Natalie Distasio (Clearing) placed 3rd in Copy Editing, Alina Pacheco (Garfield Ridge) placed 3rd in Feature Writing, and Elly Newell (Evergreen Park) placed 1st in Computer Generated Graphics and 2nd in Newspaper Design. Other students who competed and contributed to the overall team score are: Kate Kelly, Erin Kelly, Bridget Leiser and Kateiyn O'Donnell.

These five students then competed at the state competition on at Eastern Illinois University. Katlyn Tracy received 6th place in the Editorial Cartoon category.

Pictured: (back row) Megan Needham and Ellie Newell; (front row) Natalie Distasio, Alina Pacheco, and Katlyn Tracy.

Richards Boys Volleyball Team Wins IHSA Regional Title

The varsity boys volleyball team from Richards High School recently captured an Illinois High School Association regional championship by defeating Mt. Carmel High School by scores of 25-16, 25-21 on May 23.

Pictured are coach Troy Grevengoed (back row, far right) with the varsity boys volleyball team from Richards after winning the IHSA regional. Team members include Steve Denison, John Francis, Omar Hattar, Raad Hattar, Steve Kupcikevicius, Khoa Nguyen, , Majdi Razick, Scott Rendell, Mike Richards, Brendan Styler, Wesley Szperlak, Brian Valenti, and Bart Wdowka.

Annual Steak Fry

Hometown-Murray VFW will hold their annual Steak Fry on Saturday, June 16th from 4 to 8 p.m. at the post home, 9092 Main St. in Hometown. The $8 per person includes a fresh 'butcher cut' steak, baked potato, salad, corn on the cob, and dessert table. Come out and support our troops. Proceeds will benefit the many programs supported by the Veterans of Foreign Wars, such as National Home for Children, Operation Uplink phone cards, hospitalized vets, student scholarships and many more. Carry-outs are available. For information, call (708) 422-9800.

Basket Making

The Log Cabin Center for the Arts, 12700 Southwest Highway in Palos Park, will offer an introductory basket making workshop on two Thursday mornings, June 21st and 28th from 9 to 11:30.

New basketry students will make an easy but beautiful wooden reed basket, with their choice of colored trim. Instructor Ann Fowler will teach techniques for weaving, shaping and finishing the basket.

The workshop cost is $32 plus a $10 materials fee. Advance registration is required by June 18th so that supplies can be ordered. If you would like to have further information, call (708) 361-3650.

SUMMER READING PROGRAM

Registration is now underway for the summer reading program at the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St. Oak Lawn students and residents of all ages are invited to participate in a "Summer of Mystery." Children in preschool through eighth grade have been challenged to read (or be read to) for 18 hours. Prizes will be awarded to club members every time they reach three hours, up to a limit of six prizes. Patrons high school age and up will be eligible to win prizes if they read five books or take brief mystery-theme quizzes. Special activities are planned for families and children in preschool through grade 10. The last day of the program is Tuesday, July 31st.

For additional information, call (708) 422-4990 or visit www.oaklawnlibrary.org.

Pet Parade & Sidewalk Sale

On Saturday, June 16th, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., The Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce will present a Pet Parade and Sidewalk Sale.

The pet parade will step off from Oak Lawn-Hometown Middle School at 99th and 54th Avenue at 10 a.m. It will proceed to 94th and Raymond Avenue, the Village Green. Petco and Pet Supplies Plus will provide giveaways. Residents are encouraged to enter their pets for the "Best Dressed Pet" and "Pet Owner Look-a-Like" contests.

The Sidewalk Sale will open at 10 a.m. at 95th and Raymond Ave. Residents can shop more than 30 local merchants, all in one location. Vendors include cellular phone dealers, bakeries, restaurants, women's boutiques, hobby shops and more. The sale will close at 3 p.m.

Both events are free to the public. Free food, drink and children's entertainment, including face painters, magicians and miniature golf will be offered on the Village Green.

For more information call Jennifer Busk at the Chamber of Commerce, (708) 424-8300.

Dan Lipinski To Hold Town Hall Meeting

Congressman Dan Lipinski announced his plans to hold a town hall meeting in Oak Lawn. Residents from throughout the Third Congressional District are invited to attend the town hall meeting, which will take place on Sat., June 16th at the Johnson-Phelps VFW Post 5220, 9514 S. 52nd St., at 10 a.m.

Congressman Dan Lipinski will be available to answer questions about issues of the day. Constituents with questions regarding Social Security, Medicare, immigration, and veterans' affairs are also encouraged to see Congressman Lipinski's caseworkers at 9 a.m. before the town hall meeting starts.

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Salmonella Warning

Dr. Eric E. Whitaker, state public health director, is warning the public about handling birds, such as baby chicks and ducks, and the risk of disease. Two Illinois *Salmonella* ser. Montevideo cases from separate households in Madison County match a multi-state outbreak pattern linked to contact with birds (ducklings and chicks). Both cases have reported contact with birds purchased from the same local chain feed store and both have onset of illness in May. It is not yet known how many locations across Illinois have received infected birds so anyone purchasing animals needs to be cautious.

"A person can contract salmonellosis through contact with animals, such as handling birds, cleaning cages, feeding and touching them," said Dr. Whitaker. "You should always wash your hands with soap and water after any type of contact with animals."

Salmonella bacteria can be found in feces of animals, including birds. Animals can become infected and can then infect humans in contact with the animal's fecal material. The animal may show no signs of illness.

Symptoms of salmonellosis in people can last several days to a week and include diarrhea and fever. Symptoms usually appear six to 72 hours after exposure to the organism.

If persons have symptoms of diarrhea and fever following contact with baby chicks or ducklings they should seek attention from a health care provider and call their local health department.

Fire Department Grant

On Wednesday, June 14th, the Oak Lawn Fire Department was awarded a grant from the Fireman's Fund Insurance Company in the amount of $15,195. The grant will be used to purchase new heavy-rescue extrication equipment. The tools similar to the "jaws of life" will help Oak Lawn's Firefighters quickly and safely extricate accident victims from their vehicles. The equipment will include a power unit, heavy duty cutter and spreader. This equipment is half the weight of its predecessor and more than twice as powerful.

The equipment is being paid for by the Fireman's Fund, which provides grants to fire departments through its Fireman's Fund Heritage program. As part of the initiative, every employee is able to nominate a fire department for a grant. A special regional task force of employees and agents then reviews the nominations and selects winners. Jose Beltran, an underwriting manager, nominated Oak Lawn.

Pictured: (left to right) Fireman's Fund Representative Michelle Smith, Trustee Jerry Hurekes, Clerk Jane Quinlin, Trustee Carol Quinlin, Chief Edward Foliiard, D/C Norman Rick, Underwriting Manager Jose Beltran, and D/C Peter Lombardi.

Roof Worker Electrocuted

David Vainisi, of Chicago was killed as he worked on the roof of an Oak Lawn building located at 10220 Cicero. According to officials, Vainisi was electrocuted by a Commonwealth Edison power line that was dangling close to the building's roof.

Vainisi was one of eight workers on the building. He was the only one hurt in the accident. He was working a few feet from where three power lines hung overhead, Officials said. Power had been cut to the building indefinitely after the accident.

Authorities explained that one of two things might have caused the electrocution death. Vainisi had a shovel that may have touched the wire, or the electricity may have jumped from the power line to him.

It was stated that the current charred his body and pitched it over the edge of the commercial building leaving it hanging there and igniting a small fire. The jolt also welded a door shut inside the building.

Vainisi was pronounced dead at 12:16 p.m. at Christ Medical Center in Oak Lawn.

Representatives from Commonwealth Edison said that they are waiting for the completion of an investigation of whether the live power lines were deemed too close to the building. They also said that they are not aware of a minimum distance for power line to be kept from buildings. The representatives offered their condolences to Vainisi's family and stated that they will work with authorities in the investigation.

Initiative To Combat Drunk Driving

Legislation that cracks down on drunk drivers has passed both chambers of the General Assembly and now moves to the governor's office for his approval. The bill is the result of joint efforts among Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD), Secretary of State Jesse White, and the bill's sponsors: Sen. John Cullerton (D-Chicago) and Rep. Robert Molaro (D-Chicago).

Senate Bill 300 will require all first-time DUI offenders who wish to obtain driving relief during the period of statutory summary suspension to install on their vehicle a breath alcohol ignition interlock device (BAIID). Motorists are required to blow into the BAIID, which measures their blood alcohol content level. The device is designed to prevent DUI offenders from driving after having consumed alcohol.

"This measure will help improve roadway safety for all of us," said Secretary White. "Statistics show breath alcohol ignition interlock devices are very effective in preventing subsequent DUI offenses."

New Mexico implemented a similar law nearly two years ago and experienced in the first year a 12 percent reduction in alcohol-related fatalities. Moreover, studies show BAIIDs are effective in reducing subsequent offenses by up to 90 percent while on the vehicle.

"This is one of the most important pieces of DUI legislation passed in Illinois in several years because ignition interlocks stop vehicles from being driven by those who are drunk," said Glynn Birch, national president of MADD. "Illinois continues to raise the bar for other states. MADD applauds the state of Illinois for protecting its motorists from the dangers of drunk driving."

The bill also increases the length of the statutory summary suspension from three months to six months for those offenders that failed the breath alcohol test at time of arrest and from six months to 12 months for those offenders that refused the breath alcohol test at time of arrest.

In addition, the bill eliminates Judicial Driving Permits (JDPs) for first-time DUI offenders, and instead requires those offenders who wish to drive to install the BAIID before driving relief is granted. DUI offenders will be monitored during the entire time the BAIID is installed in their vehicles.

DUI offenders who cause death, great bodily harm, are under age 18 of have a prior conviction of reckless homicide are ineligible for driving relief.

"I would like to commend MADD for this initiative," said White. "They are working to enact similar legislation throughout the country in an effort to prevent the senseless tragedies caused by drunk driving."

Senate Bill 300 has an effective date of Jan. 1, 2009.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

JUNE 23 – Saturday – Outdoor Flea Market, Oak Lawn Community Church, 9000 S. Ridgeland Ave., 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

JUNE 25 – Monday – School District 123 Board of Education Meeting, Oak Lawn Hometown Middle School, 5345 W. 99th St.

JUNE 26 – Tuesday – OL Village Board Meeting, Municipal Building, 9446 Raymond, 8 p.m.

JUNE 26 – Tuesday – Village Hall open till 8 p.m.

JUNE 27 – Wednesday – Farmers Market, North Parking Lot of Village Hall, 9446 Raymond Ave., 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

JUNE 27 & 28 – Wednesday & Thursday – Seniors 55 Alive Review Course, Worth Township Center, 11601 Pulaski Road, 6 to 10 p.m. Register, call 371-2900, ext. 28.

JUNE 28 – Thursday – OL Senior Citizens Commission, 5330 W. 95th St., 10 a.m.

JUNE 28 – Thursday – Worth Township Regular Board Meeting, 11601 S. Pulaski, 7:30 p.m.

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Stroger Administration Marks Six Month Tenure

Cook County Board President Todd Stroger has marked the first half year of his administration – a period characterized by both great challenges and a series of important achievements. The list below bullets developments in a variety of sectors of Cook County government in the last six months, with a focus on arenas directly under the purview of the Office of the President.

Progress on professionalizing and de-politicizing county hiring practices.

- Supported supplemental Shakman relief order before taking office. At first board meeting, oversaw passage of order.
- Also at first board meeting, co-sponsored critical reforms to strengthen the County's Office of Inspector General and to support my commitment to zero tolerance of corruption in Cook County government.

Tackling the budget deficit.

- Instructed department heads and employees to meet a 17% across-the-board reduction in costs to tackle deficit.
- Mandated offices to focus on delivery of core services, particularly in health care and public safety.

Progress on professionalizing operations.

- Updates to Cook County Procurement Code, including a requirement that bidders comply with County Ethics Code – including campaign disclosure requirements and provisions that strictly prohibit soliciting or receiving gifts.
- Procurement Code improvements to competitive bidding process, public oversight of contracts and proposals, and creation of framework for electronic procurement process to enhance access, transparency for vendors and public.
- Initiated Phase One of redesigned Purchasing Dept. web site, will launch Phase Two later this month.
- Modernization efforts are expected to assist small, minority and women-owned businesses by providing opportunities for business development, vendor education and support.

Increased operational efficiency.

- Transitioned Cook County into the deregulated electric energy market by procuring a new electric supplier for over 14 million square feet of County space, minimizing significantly increased costs due to higher energy rates.
- Industrial engineers working on efforts to privatize a number of support functions at the Juvenile Detention Center and Stroger Hospital, changes expected to cut costs by several million dollars per year.
- Forest Preserve District continues to hold down operating costs by exploring new opportunities to privatize services, an approach that has been wildly successful in golf courses.
- Turning around the long-troubled Juvenile Detention Center.
- Currently working with court monitors and policymakers to revamp the management structure, install new personnel practices, bring in new executive leadership and – through legislation in Springfield – shift control of the agency to the Office of the Chief Judge.

Targeting community and economic development.

- Developing series of trade missions and collaborative programs to provide vital networking and relationship-building opportunities with little cost to the County, and long-term gains in trade, job development and economic vitality. April jumpstart of Sicilian collaboration and enterprise development part of this effort.
- Recently liberalized property tax incentives to promote reoccupation of abandoned commercial, industrial buildings.
- Launched effort to work more closely with municipalities throughout Cook County to promote redevelopment of tax delinquent properties. In April, hosted a special meeting for all municipalities interested in participating in the 2007 Tax Scavenger Sale through the County's No Cash Bid Program.
- Working to roll out new affordable housing program and new workforce housing program.
- Brought new leadership to POET, which is working to realign resources to focus more on training, to increase number of job placements, and increase average wage at the time of placement.

Progress in environmental responsibility.

- In late May, will announce participation in a project with other countries to reduce greenhouse gases.
- Shaved millions off energy bills by aggressively encouraging use of lower-cost lighting and heating technologies – from state-of-the-art fluorescent bulbs to green building technologies that cut heating and cooling costs.
- Capital planning and facilities management teams are working hard to ensure that all renovation projects maximize energy efficiency and set example for environmentally responsible governance.
- Highway Dept. created multi-agency task force to explore new technologies for road building. Started two road construction projects – one north suburbs, one south suburbs – that use recycled tire rubber in paving process.

Efforts to improve our public health care system.

- Embarked on ambitious program of reorganization and restructuring designed to deploy new efficiencies while maintaining highest standards of medical care for the patients who depend on us for service.
- Recruited and empowered blue ribbon committee to review, approve and have oversight over proposed financial restructuring plan.
- Consolidated operations in human resources, public affairs and finances, reviewing more consolidation options.
- Brought in needed professional talent, including John Cookingham as the Health Bureau's new CFO, and Cook County's former CFO, Tom Glaser, as the Bureau of Health Services' Chief Operating Officer – a new position.
- Contracted with vendors to install new "superbill system" to ensure collection of subsidies and insurance dollars.
- Consolidated clinics by half from 26 to 13 with negligible impact in service, continuing to serve fully 96% of patient base and eliminating $10 million in costs from ambulatory health care system.
- Moved to improve services at Stroger Ambulatory Screening Clinic, which functions as gateway to health system..
- Fantus Lab, Fantus Pharmacy, Specialty Care Center and other clinical units have also been targeted for major overhauls to produce greater efficiencies and increase revenues.
- General Medicine Clinic at Stroger, system's busiest and largest adult primary care clinic, logged nearly 70,000 patient visits last year and generated just over $800,000 in revenue. But many examining rooms desperately needed refurbishment and were virtually unusable, so we've undertaken massive renovation to double the number of ambulatory screening rooms from 12 to 24.
- Working aggressively to select and train competent managers, add support staff where necessary... particularly health advocates and clerical staff...and ensure that productivity and revenue data is accurate and up-to-date.
- Pharmacy operation that filled over 4.6 million prescriptions last year through mail order and six pharmacy operations at Stroger, CORE, Fantus, Provident and Oak Forest Hospitals is working to cut waiting lines, despite fact that we fill 18,000 prescriptions per day system-wide, with much lower staffing ratio than comparable systems. Working to address staffing levels and vacancy rates so operations run more smoothly and efficiently.
- Next steps include adding second Fantus pharmacy, second Stroger pharmacy, opening new Provident pharmacy, enlarging Oak Forest pharmacy, replacing aging computer software, adding Central/ Mail Robotic pharmacy at Stroger Hospital. Also expanding efforts to capture free and low-cost medications for patients.
- Improved health care methodologies for County Jail detainees, by consolidating mental health services into one division, centralizing pharmacy distribution, lab work, medical records, psych clinics and crisis intervention response.
- Instead of screening for Sexually Transmitted Diseases at intake – which raised serious privacy concerns for inmates – established a STD clinic with new info, outreach tools to get detainees services they need.
- Cut back on moonlighting at Cermak, ensuring site is now largely covered by staff doctors and health care providers.
- Automating order systems for lab work, radiology, clinical notes and appointments, and bringing Cermak into compliance with court orders by contracting with Isaac Ray Center for mental health services; increasing level of activity therapy by over 100 hours per week, and developing plans to computerize entire 10,000-detainee-campus, which is currently managed by an antiquated paper-based system.
- Moving to revamp pathology operations throughout health care system, by implementing new laboratory model in February and bringing on a new medical director and administrative director. Overtime in laboratory system has already been cut by 55%, and staff reductions have saved the system $1.2 million.
- Cut turn-around time for top five most ordered lab tests by roughly 10%.
- Created overlapping shifts, reduced operating hours where viable, established competitive wage packages for health care providers, and moved aggressively to fill vacant positions to cut overtime costs, which cost almost $6 million last year. Initiatives expected to save more than $7 million over two years, and in recent pay period, reduced overtime costs roughly 30 percent compared to a year ago.
- Stepped up efforts to ask outside partners to help shoulder the burden of health care in the region.
- Asked private hospitals to join us in meeting the costs necessary to maintain the County's Internet Referral Information System, or "IRIS," linking to 18 federally qualified health centers, in the wake of demise of federal funding for this program. Doctors at those sites (who are not affiliated with or credentialed by Cook County) have until now been able to schedule patients for specialty diagnostic medical services at Cook County's Specialty Care Center. The Center provided $20 million in highly specialized medical care to patients last year.

Looking at strategies to ensure that Cook County is compensated for care that it provides to residents who hail from other counties – and in some cases, even other states.

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Home And Studio Garden Tour

The prairie grass is always greener on the Wright side. Join Wright's Home and Studio master gardener for ToursPlus: Blooms and Bagels, a unique outdoor tour of the Frank Lloyd Wright Home and Studio grounds.

Learn about the variety of plants Wright used in ornamental urns, a typical Midwest cutting garden, and the plethora of shrubs and trees located on the Home and Studio property, including a 100+-year-old Ginkgo tree. After the exploration enjoy a Q&A period and a continental breakfast in the courtyard.

Join this pleasant morning tour at 9 a.m. on July 21 at Frank Lloyd Wright's Home and Studio, 951 Chicago Ave., Oak Park. Admission is $16 for members and $20 for non-members. Tickets are available at wrightplus.org, at the Home and Studio Museum Shop, 951 Chicago Ave., Oak Park; or at the Robie House Museum Shop, 5757 S. Woodlawn Ave., Chicago. Visit wrightplus.org or call (708) 848-1976 for more information.

ToursPlus is a program of enhanced tours presented by the Frank Lloyd Wright Preservation Trust providing new and intriguing ways to experience Wright's Home and Studio in Oak Park and Wright's Robie House in Chicago. Visit wrightplus.org to learn about the wide array of ToursPlus offerings.

Beat The Heat & Save On Your Electric Bill

As the temperature rises, energy use and costs typically rise as well. There are many simple, economical ways to boost comfort, save energy and reduce electric bills, and improve safety, according to the Illinois Electric Council (IEC).

"There are easy energy-saving steps that can pay for themselves relatively quickly," says Molly Hall, IEC Executive Director. "Weather stripping and caulking are examples of inexpensive ways to improve efficiency and cut energy costs year-round."

A considerable percentage of total residential energy cost is spent cooling homes. Reduce energy costs and maintain peak air-conditioner operation with a cleaning and tune-up. It also is important to clean or change filters monthly during the cooling season. An efficiently running cooling system will save dollars. If you are purchasing a new unit, check the efficiency rating, or SEER. The higher the SEER number the more effective the air-conditioner. For greater operating efficiency, install the unit in a shady area, and keep it free of plant overgrowth and debris.

Ventilate the attic and check insulation. Adequately sized vents and/or an attic fan can help keep hot air from building up. If your attic has less than 6 to 8 inches of insulation, consider adding more. Proper attic insulation can save up to 30 percent of your cooling bill. Be sure the insulation does not block vents or cover exhaust fans.

Another inexpensive way to keep cool and reduce air-conditioning costs is to use ceiling and oscillating fans to create a "wind chill" effect. The moving air makes the temperature feel cooler, and allows a higher air-conditioner thermostat setting while maintaining cooling comfort. For each 1-degree increase in the thermostat setting, cooling costs can be lowered by about 3 percent.

Follow these operating tips for greater energy efficiency and lower air-conditioning costs:

Install a timer or programmable thermostat to increase and decrease the temperature automatically. Leave it on a higher temperature while you're away, and set it to cool the house half an hour before you return home.

Turn off lights, televisions and computers when not in use.

Close drapes and shades on sunny days.

Make sure heat-producing appliances like televisions and lamps are away from the thermostat. They will increase the temperature near the thermostat and cause the air-conditioner to run when it is not needed.

Plan to do hot work – washing and drying clothes, cooking and baking – during cooler morning and evening hours.

Keep your kitchen cooler by cooking in a microwave oven, or grill outdoors.

Increased summer electric demands do not only place a strain on budgets, they also can place a severe strain on your home's electrical system – a dangerous shock and fire hazard. Flickering or dimming lights, TV or computer monitors; or frequent circuit breaker trips, are signs of an overloaded electrical system, or faulty wiring that should be checked immediately by a professional.

Homeowners can take simple electrical safety precautions that can prevent overloaded outlets and serious damage and injury. Avoid using extension cords continuously, and don't use multiple plugs in outlets. Check plugs and electric cords for fraying or cracks, and never run cords across high-traffic areas, behind curtains or baseboards, or underneath rugs or furniture.

"Juneteenth Day" Legislation Introduced

U.S. Sens. Dick Durbin (D-IL) and Carl Levin (D-MI) recently introduced legislation recognizing the significance of June 19, 1865, commonly known as "Juneteenth Independence Day." The day commemorates the arrival of Union soldiers in Galveston, Texas with news that the Civil War had ended. African Americans who had been slaves in the Southwest celebrated June 19th as the anniversary of their emancipation. The legislation is co-sponsored by Sens. Harry Reid (D-NV), Barack Obama (D-IL) and Debbie Stabenow (D-MI). Rep. Danny Davis (D-IL) has introduced a similar resolution in the House.

"Two years after President Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation and months after the end of the Civil War, Union soldiers finally delivered the news of freedom," said Durbin. "While news can travel quickly across the glove in today's world, it is important to continue the tradition of celebrating Juneteenth Independence Day. Cultures across the globe look to this historical event as a source of inspiration and an opportunity for celebration."

First Human West Nile Virus Case In Illinois

Illinois Dept. of Public Health has confirmed through laboratory tests the first human West Nile virus case in Illinois for 2007. The DuPage County woman is in her 50s and became ill earlier this month.

"Typically we don't receive reports of human West Nile virus cases in Illinois until July, however, DuPage County has reported positive West Nile virus mosquito samples this year," said Dr. Eric E. Whitaker, Illinois Dept. of Public Health Director. "This should serve as a reminder that you need to protect yourself against mosquito bites now."

Positive mosquito samples reported this year include DuPage County on May 8th, Tazewell County on May 17th and Cook County on May 24th.

In 2006, the first positive mosquito sample was reported on May 24th in DuPage County and the first human case was reported on Aug. 1st in St. Clair County. Last year 77 of the state's 102 counties were found to have a West Nile positive bird, mosquito, horse or human case. A total of 215 human cases of West Nile disease, including 10 deaths, were reported last year in Illinois.

Surveillance for West Nile virus in Illinois began May 1st and includes laboratory tests on mosquitoes, dead crows, blue jays, robins and other perching birds as well as the testing of sick horses and humans with West Nile-like disease symptoms. Citizens who observe a sick or dying crow, blue jay, robin or other perching bird should contact their local health department, which will determine if the bird is to be picked up for testing.

West Nile virus is transmitted through the bite of a mosquito that has picked up the virus by feeding on an infected bird. Most people with the virus have no clinical symptoms of illness, but some may become ill three to 14 days after the bite of an infected mosquito.

Only about two persons out of 10 who are bitten by an infected mosquito will experience any illness. Illness from West Nile is usually mild and includes fever, headache and body aches, but serious illness, such as encephalitis and meningitis, and death are possible. Persons older than 50 years of age have the highest risk of severe disease.

The best way to prevent West Nile disease or any other mosquito-borne illness is to reduce the number of mosquitoes around your home and to take personal precautions to avoid mosquito bites.

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Shirey Wins 2007 Time Magazine Quality Dealer Award

Congratulations to Thomas F. Shirey, President, Frank Shirey Cadillac in Oak Lawn, who recently received the 2007 TIME Magazine Quality Dealer Award (TMQDA). The announcement was made by Ed McCarrick, TIME's President & Worldwide Publisher, and Johann Finkelmeier, VP and General Manager Original Equipment Tires, North American Tire Unit, The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company, at the National Automobile Dealers Association (NADA) convention in Las Vegas. Shirey is one of only 60 automobile dealers, from more than 19,500 nationwide, nominated for the 38th annual award.

Says McCarrick: "The TIME Magazine Quality Dealer Award is the automobile industry's most prestigious and highly coveted award for car dealers, and we are proud to sponsor this award which stands for excellence and community involvement." TMQDA recipients must demonstrate a long-standing commitment to effective community service and be among the nation's most successful auto dealers. The award is sponsored by TIME in association with Goodyear, and in cooperation with NADA. A panel of faculty members from the University of Michigan Graduate School of Business Administration selects TMQDA finalists.

An Illinois native and graduate of Georgetown University, Shirey worked in his family's dealership during high school and college, apprenticing in the service, parts and body shop to learn the fundamentals of the automotive business. After attending General Motors Management Dealer School and working in management, he purchased the dealership in 1979, presiding as President and CEO ever since. Thomas Shirey is a third-generation Cadillac dealer. His grandfather worked for GM in the 1920s and was awarded a Cadillac dealership in Brookfield, Illinois in 1949.

In addition to his business successes, Shirey and his dealership have also supported a wide range of organizations and causes, with a focus on health care. He is chairman of the Christ Hospital Development Council and vice-chairman of the board of Advocate Charitable Foundation. He has also been an active underwriter of Hope Children's Hospital. Shirey was recently named the Christ Hospital 2007 Outstanding Community Leader, an honor he cites as his most meaningful. "This award recognizes my many years of personal service and commitment to our local hospital," he noted. Shirey has participated actively in capital planning and fundraising to help the organization fulfill its vision of creating a separate Children's Hospital, Pediatric Oncology Center and a Clinical Auditorium; the first two have been brought to fruition, while the third is in progress.

Shirey was nominated for the annual TMQDA by Jerry H. Cizek III of the Chicago Automobile Trade Association.

Lipinski's H-Prize Act Passes House

Last week, Vice Chairman Dan Lipinski's H-Prize Act of 2007, H.R. 632, passed the U.S. House of Representatives in a vote of 408-8. Approved on a bipartisan basis last month by the House Science & Technology Committee, this bill seeks to lessen America's dependence on fossil fuels by developing hydrogen as a viable energy source, especially as a substitute for gasoline.

"Today the House took a major step forward in helping America find a solution to one of the greatest challenges of our time, finding a clean, alternative energy source," said Lipinski. "American families are struggling with high gas prices, our national security is threatened by our addiction to foreign oil, and the environment is suffering from the burning of fossil fuels. Hydrogen has great potential to solve these problems by providing a clean, domestic fuel source."

The H-Prize Act, introduced earlier this year by Rep. Lipinski, along with Rep. Bob Inglis of South Carolina, establishes competitively awarded cash prizes for breakthroughs in the use of hydrogen as an energy source for transportation. With clean water vapor as its only emission, hydrogen holds great promise as a clean fuel that will lessen our need for increasingly expensive fossil fuels that are imported from unstable parts of the world. Hydrogen-powered cars already exist, but further research and development is needed before they are commercially viable.

The H-Prize Act of 2007 would establish competitively awarded cash prizes to spur innovation in hydrogen energy technologies and advance the use of hydrogen as a fuel for transportation. Every two years, four $1 million prizes would be given for advances in the production, storage, distribution and utilization of hydrogen, and one $4 million prize would be awarded for advances in prototype hydrogen vehicles. And at the end of 10 years, one grand prize of $10 million would be given for a transformational advance in hydrogen energy technology.

The bill now moves to the Senate for further consideration.

All Points Southwest

By THOMAS E. GAVIN

U.S. Senator Dick Durbin (D-IL) was joined Monday by more than a third of the U.S. Senate in sending a letter to Senate Agriculture Committee Chairman Tom Harkin (D-IA) and Ranking Member Senator Saxby Chambliss (R-GA) urging them to strengthen federal anti-hunger and nutrition initiatives, particularly the Food Stamp Program in the upcoming reauthorization of the Farm Bill. Durbin was able to secure 34 other senators on the letter he sent.

"It is unacceptable that in the wealthiest nation, 37 million people live in poverty – nearly 1.5 million in Illinois," said Durbin, a co-chair of the Senate Hunger Caucus. "These Americans are often undernourished or go without a real meal for days. The Food Stamp Program provides a safety net for working families who struggle to meet their most basic needs. By helping them put food on the table, people of all ages are able to lead healthier and more productive lives."

The letter urges the committee to consider strengthening the upcoming Farm Bill in three specific ways: benefit levels should be adjusted because they are currently insufficient for families to obtain an adequate diet; the cap on child care costs that eligible households can deduct from their income education should be eliminated entirely, or at least raised; asset limits should be raised and tax-preferred retirements and educational savings should be excluded completely.

The letter also stresses the need to reduce unnecessary paperwork, streamline eligibility rules and invest in outreach and enrollment efforts.

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Cook County Board President Todd Stroger joined Commissioners Joseph Mario Moreno (7th Dist.) and John P. Daley (11th Dist.) in support of a resolution at a recent board meeting marking National Hunger Awareness Day (June 5th). The entire Cook County Board of Commissioners joined them in supporting the resolution, which declared June to be Hunger Awareness Month in Cook County.

Nearly 500,000 individuals in Cook County rely upon food provided by the Greater Chicago Food Depository, which distributes more than 40 million pounds of food each year through its network of 600 food pantries, soup kitchens, shelters and Kids Cafes.

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Gaining unanimous support in the General Assembly, legislation to better fund Illinois' local 911 call centers advanced to the governor's desk last week according to the bill's sponsor, state Rep. Jim Brosnahan (D-Evergreen Park).

Healthcare is currently at the center of debates over the state budget, so it is important that we find ways to improve our health and safety services with funds already in existence," stated Brosnahan. "This bill is an important step in boosting both the state's cost efficiency and the quality of emergency care we provide. Improving funding to 911 call centers will literally mean the difference between life and death for many accident victims and residents in need."

Currently wireless customers in Illinois pay a 75 cent surcharge to refund the cost of operating local emergency call centers. The money is split between two state funds, with one-third of the money used to reimburse wireless carriers for their operating costs. However, many carriers do not submit reimbursement claims to the Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC) and money remains unused.

House Bill 463 enhances public safety by providing higher funding levels to 911 centers without increasing the wireless surcharge. Brosnahan's bill provides that money that has been left unused in the carrier fund for two years will be re-allocated to local 911 centers across the state. This amount is estimated to be at $6.8 million for the first year. This measure would allow wireless emergency centers to upgrade to more precise location technology, and would not hinder carriers who do wish to submit reimbursement claims.

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Congratulations to former Southtown Economist owner/publisher and present Hyde Park Herald owner/publisher Bruce Sagan on his selection and upcoming induction into the Chicago Journalism Hall of Fame. The International Press Club of Chicago will host its 2007 dinner and induction ceremony on Friday, June 22nd at Marcello's 645 W. North Ave., Chicago. Reception at 6 p.m., dinner at 7 p.m. For information and tickets contact Bob Manewith at (773) 274-6215.

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Looking to enjoy an evening of entertainment under the stars? Saint Xavier University is extending an open invitation to its neighbors to come to its annual free outdoor Summer Concert at 7 p.m. Sunday, June 24th, on the front lawn of the Chicago campus located at 3700 W. 103rd St.

The Ron Bedal Ensemble will perform a medley of crowd-pleasing favorites for listening and dancing. A grand finale is planned, which will include a fireworks display and patriotic theme at approximately 9:45 p.m.

This program is partially supported by a grant from the Illinois Arts Council and is open to everyone. Picnickers are welcome. Refreshments will be available for purchase from the Saint Xavier Alumni Board, Original Rainbow Cone, Gilhooley's Grande Saloon and SXU's Cougar Pause.

For more information, contact Saint Xavier University's Office of Special Events at (773) 298-3311 or specialevents@sxu.edu.

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Friends of Merrionette Park Mayor and Worth Township Democratic Committeeman Dennis Magee will host a cocktail reception in his honor on Tuesday, June 26th from 7 to 9:30 p.m. at 115 Bourbon Street, 3359 W. 115th St. in Merrionette Park. Tickets are $50 each.

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De La Salle Institute will host its annual Endowment Golf Classic on Wednesday, June 27th, at Gleneagles Country Club, located at 14070 McCarthy Road in Lemont. The day's festivities begin at 7:30 a.m. with registration and continental breakfast. A shotgun start will commence at 9 a.m. sharp! Dinner, a cocktail reception and awards ceremony will follow the round of golf.

Tickets for 18 holes of golf with cart, lunch, dinner and cocktails are $150 each. Tickets for cocktails and dinner only are $50 each. Reservations are on a first come basis! Proper golf attire, consisting of collared shirts, golf slacks or walking shorts and soft spikes must be worn at all times.

All proceeds will support the Scholarship Endowment Program at De La Salle Institute. To reserve golf times, contact Bob Fiorentino at (312) 842-7355, ext. 146 or fiorentino@dls.org.

Warn Against Using Fireworks

Every year, many Americans celebrate Independence Day with food, get-togethers and sometimes, fireworks. But no matter what kind of fireworks are used, they are extremely dangerous. Firecrackers can explode prematurely and rockets can take unexpected flight paths. And, according to the U.S. Eye Injury Registry, bystanders are more often injured by fireworks than operators themselves. No one knows that better than the Shannon family.

When Michael Shannon was just three years old, he attended a family reunion with his parents. During the festivities, someone lit a legal, aerial firework device which accidentally tipped over and fired straight at Michael, who was standing with his father more than 40 feet away. Before father or son could react, the missile struck Michael in the head, causing an open skull fracture and a severe burn to his brain. The damage was not only excruciatingly painful, but also caused him to lose his sight.

Michael's family brought him to the emergency room immediately, but unfortunately, Michael died the following day. Now, Michael's father, Jack, has become a steadfast supporter of consumer fireworks bans and he hopes to educate the public on how dangerous they can be.

"My son not only lost his sight, he lost his life to fireworks," said Shannon. "For Michael's sake, and the sake of others, my family is speaking out about the dangers of fireworks, hoping that the public and our policy-makers will take action and stop the unnecessary suffering caused by these dangerous devices."

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission reported that 6,500 people were treated in emergency rooms across the country due to accidents caused by fireworks during the Fourth of July holiday weekend, according to the latest data from 2005. There were 10,800 firework-related injuries for the entire year, an increase of 1,400 injuries from 2004.

Sadly, like Michael, many of those injured were children. In fact, 45 percent of all fireworks injuries are to those aged 15 and younger. Most injuries are to the hands and fingers, but 1,600 were eye injuries, including contusions and lacerations, debris in the eye and burns. Some eye injuries result in permanent vision loss.

"There are no such things as 'safe fireworks.' Even sparklers can burn up to 1,800 degrees Fahrenheit," said Daniel D. Garrett, senior vice president of Prevent Blindness America. "Adults who played with fireworks as kids without incident can't guarantee that their children won't be injured."

In 2005, there were 500 children under the age of 5 that were hurt by sparklers. In fact, sparklers accounted for half of all fireworks injuries to children in that age group.

Prevent Blindness America, the nation's oldest eye health and safety organization, urges everyone to leave fireworks to the professionals this year. Many communities offer spectacular displays to the public, free of charge. However, there have been injuries to the public reported at these events as well. Be aware that all fireworks, whether handled by consumers or professionals, can be dangerous.

Prevent Blindness America has these tips to help prevent fireworks-related injuries: Do not purchase, use or store fireworks of any type; Be aware that even sparklers are dangerous and cause one half of fireworks injuries in children 5 and younger; Protect yourself, your family and your friends by avoiding fireworks; Attend only authorized public fireworks displays conducted by licensed operators; Support legislation that bans the importation, general sale and indiscriminate usage of fireworks by children and adults.

For a free copy of the Safe Summer Celebrations, offering fun, fireworks-free activities for families brochure or more tips on fireworks safety, call Prevent Blindness America at (800) 331-2020 or log on to www.preventblindness.org.

Legal Issues Involved In Ending A Marriage

If a married couple decides to divorce, there are a number of legal steps the couple must take before the divorce can be granted.

The first is to file a petition for divorce. In Illinois, there is no waiting period to file, as long as one of the spouses legally resides in the state on the day of the filing. The actual divorce, however, can be granted only if the person has resided in Illinois for 90 days before the judgment. After a petition is filed, temporary orders often will address "maintenance" (formerly called alimony), visitation and child support. These orders may remain in effect until the divorce is final.

Before a judge will grant a divorce, a party must prove grounds. Typically, these include irreconcilable differences, mental cruelty, physical cruelty, habitual drunkenness or a drug habit, adultery, impotence and imprisonment.

In a case based on *irreconcilable differences*, which some people call *no fault*, the parties must show that there is a breakdown in the marriage, that they have been living separately for two years (unless the case settles and the parties sign a waiver of the requirement, in which case only a six-month separation is required), and that all efforts to reconcile have failed and further efforts will be futile.

Regardless of the grounds, money and property must be divided or awarded on an "equitable basis," regardless of who is at fault. Even if one spouse actually did something to cause the divorce, neither spouse is "punished" in the financial judgment.

Although most couples who are divorcing disagree about certain issues, these disputes usually are resolved through negotiation and advice from lawyers and a judge.

Among the issues that must be settled before the divorce can be granted are the following: division of property – real estate, investments, money; division of debts; whether or not one person will have to pay maintenance to the other, and if so, how much and for how long; if there are children, what the custody and visitation arrangements will be; and the financial obligations each person will have to the children.

If the parties do not reach an agreement, a trial will be held. Sometimes, it can take several months to a year before a trial date can be set.

Once an agreement is reached, divorce documents will be drawn up, signed by both parties and filed with the state. After the divorce is granted, the parties are required to abide by the guidelines set forth in the final divorce papers.

For further information about law-related issues, contact an area Illinois State Bar Association-member lawyer or visit www.isbalawyers.com.

Antique Appraisals

If you've wondered if that inherited heirloom, your collectible, or that "antique" are really valuable, you have the opportunity to get a valid appraisal of them on Sunday, June 24th.

The Women's Guild of the Balzekas Museum is featuring "Ye Olde Curiosity Shoppe" on that date, presenting Rex Newell, Professional Appraiser, to provide verbal appraisals. Rex provides a high quality seminar to bring you abreast of the current trends, ups and downs, and many aspects of this ever-changing business. He will tell what's hot and what's not.

Each guest can bring one hand-held item for appraisal. The program will start at 11:30 a.m. A light luncheon will be served thereafter.

This event, benefiting the museum, will be held in the Amber Ballroom at the museum, 6500 S. Pulaski Rd. in Chicago. Reservations at $20 per person are to be made with Scottie Zukas at (773) 582-3820.

6.29% Annual Percentage Rate (APR) is fixed for 5 years and then the rate adjusts to the current prime rate. The current prime rate is 8.25% APR effective as of May 25, 2007, as published daily in the Money Rate Section of the Wall Street Journal and is subject to change without notice. The five year fixed rate is available for new loans on qualifying 1- to 4-family owner-occupied properties in Illinois with a loan-to-value (LTV) of 80% or less for lines of $25,000 to $500,000. Ten year term. For loans over $500,000 other terms and conditions apply. 6.29% APR requires auto-deduction from Suburban Bank & Trust deposit account. Minimum initial advance of $25,000.00 required. $40 annual fee after the first year. A $450 Early Termination fee will apply to a home equity line of credit account closed anytime prior to the one-year anniversary. Balloon payment may be required at maturity. Other rates and terms available. Rates and terms vary by property type, loan amount and LTV ratio. Not available for homes currently for sale or intended to be sold within twelve months of closing. Applicable property insurances required. Consult with your tax advisor regarding the deductibility of interest. All loans are subject to SBT's underwriting standards. This offer may change or be withdrawn at any time without notice. Member FDIC.

ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

32nd Annual Old Campground Festival

The 32nd annual Old Campground Festival will take place on Saturday, June 23rd at the wooded grounds of the United Methodist Church, located just off U.S. Route 30, one mile east of Interstate 80 (Exit 137) in New Lenox. This year's chairman, Jim Gustafson, indicates many craft spaces are sold for the popular festival of arts and crafts. Hours are from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Various items will be sold in the following categories: clothing, jewelry, flower arrangements, outdoor decorations, embroidered items, stained glass, stepping stones, ironwork, hand-painted mirrors, birdhouses, framed prints & quilts, woodworking, leather, dolls & doll clothing, and much more.

The daylong festivities will begin on the outdoor stage with the United Methodist Church Handbell Choir, under the direction of Mike Weirman, from 10 to 10:30. Following the bell concert will be songs by the Kids and Company preschool, a ministry of the United Methodist Church, from 10:30 to 11 a.m.

New to the festival this year will be guitar and vocalist Erich Deptolla from 11 to 11:45. The Illinois Vest-A-Dog K-9 Demonstration will be on stage from 12 noon to 1 p.m., followed by guitar and vocalists Colin McDonald and Jake Bender from 1 to 2 p.m.

The United Methodist Church Celeste Choir, under the direction of Christianna Hagen, will perform from 2 to 2:45. The final performance at 2:45 will be by the United Methodist Church Quartet, Mary Trent, Christianna Hagen, Richard Hagen and David Patrick.

Visitors may wish to bring lawn chairs for the shows, or sit on the straw bales provided in front of the stage.

Some other daytime attractions include many fun games for children with prizes, children's crafts and the always-popular face painting.

Refreshments sold throughout the day by the church include barbecue sandwiches, hot dogs, Polish sausage, brownies, chips, snow cones, coffee, lemonade, pop and bottled water. An information booth will be centrally located for programs and lost children or parents.

Admission and ample parking for the all-day festival are free. Additional free parking will be available at the Lions Community Center on West Manor Drive where visitors may park and board the air-conditioned shuttle bus to the festival. Free shuttle will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The rain date for the 2007 Old Campground Festival will be Sunday, June 24th from noon to 5 p.m. For further information, call (815) 485-8271.

The public is cordially invited and welcome!

Frank Kiszka Memorial Golf Outing

The Mt. Carmel H.S. Alumni Assn. 2007 Frank Kiszka Memorial Golf Classic will be held on Monday, Aug. 6th at the Green Garden Country Club, 9511 W. Monee-Manhattan Rd. in Frankfort. Registration will be from 9 to 11:30 a.m. with a shotgun start at noon. There will be a free driving range from 9 to 11 a.m.

The fee is $140 and includes greens fees, range balls, golf cart, continental breakfast, course refreshments, lunch, dinner, 19th-hole open bar, prizes and awards. There will be a long drive contest for regulars and seniors (50+). Among the prizes is a $200 "Closest to the Pin" contest on each par 3. Nobody can win more than one hole. If somebody is closest to the pin more than once, then the next closest wins the hole.

To reserve your spot, contact Fr. Peter McGarry at (773) 359-0463, or mail your check made payable to Mt. Carmel Alumni Assn. to Mt. Carmel Golf Committee, 6410 S. Dante Ave., Chicago, IL 60637-3896, by July 15th. You can also pre-register on the alumni web site at www.mchs.org/development/alumni association.

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Gardens Of The Magnificent Mile

The Greater North Michigan Avenue Assn. celebrates summer with Gardens of the Magnificent Mile, a season-long event that includes alluring fashion activities, a stylish public art installation and special offers from area businesses from June 27th to Oct. 15th.

Visitors can 'plant' themselves on one of the great avenues of the world this summer, as Gardens of the Magnificent Mile showcases fashion through an innovative public art program. Inspired by the spectacular landscape designs, students at The Illinois Institute of Art – Chicago and the International Academy of Design and Technology, along with renowned designers from the district's retailers such as Crate & Barrel, Saks Fifth Avenue, and Tiffany and Co., will create fashion dressing forms amidst the beautiful garden beds along North Michigan Avenue. Enjoy a self-guided tour of the gardens and take advantage of unlimited shopping opportunities with special offers from area businesses.

Consumers can request or download a self-guided tour brochure online at www.themagnificentmile.com or pick up a copy at an area hotel, shopping center concierge or visitors center. Inside the brochure, readers can find a detailed summary of the garden plantings and a walking tour guide for the stylish public art installation. Countless shopping opportunities and special offers can be found online at www.themagnificentmile.com.

Orland Park Summer Entertainment Series

The Village of Orland Park began its Summer Entertainment Series more than 20 years ago, first sponsoring live entertainment in the village's Doogan Park.

When the Orland Park Village Center Complex opened in 1989, the series moved to the Outdoor Amphitheater, a coliseum-like theater that extends into the pond at the Village Center, 14700 South Ravinia Ave. Wednesday morning children's shows were added with the new venue.

"Orland Park's Summer Entertainment Series is the longest running outdoor recreation program that the village offers," said Orland Park Recreation Director Nancy Flores.

"Corporate sponsors help to make this program possible," said Recreation Program Supervisor Gina Hassett, adding that a number of area businesses sponsor a performance each year. Along with the Village of Orland Park, main sponsors of the series include the Daily Southtown and Star Newspapers and Andrew Corporation.

"Each year, we offer as much variety as possible so that we please as many tastes as possible," Hassett said.

"Some of the best bands in the Chicago area have played for the village's series," Flores said, adding, "Orland Park is grateful to the many corporate sponsors that support this program each year."

All events are held at the Village of Orland Park Outdoor Amphitheater, 14700 South Ravinia Avenue, unless otherwise noted.

The Village of Orland Park operates an Inclement Weather Hotline to notify residents of the status of outdoor activities in the community. To find out if an outdoor event is canceled or if the location has changed, residents may call the pre-recorded hotline at (708) 403-6290.

Class Reunions

Evergreen Park Elementary School class of 1947 will hold a 60th Anniversary Reunion on June 27th at Barraco's Restorante at 1 p.m. Call Janet at (708) 422-7048.

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Bremen High School class of 1967 will hold a 40th reunion weekend on Sept. 14th, 15th and 16th in conjunction with the Bremen Homecoming. Events planned all three dates. Contact Ken Nayder at (708) 687-0716 or redyan6@aol.com.

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Bowen High School classes of 1942 will celebrate a 65th reunion on Sept. 26th at Glenwood Oaks Restaurant. Classmates from 1940, 1941, 1943 and 1944 are also invited. For more information, call John Scopelite at (773) 734-2467, Jack Meyer at (630) 834-8093 or Ruth Gustafson at (708) 333-5923.

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Loretto High School class of 1956 is looking for classmates for a 50th reunion. Call (773) 586-8404.

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Parker High School – Classes of 1932 to 1956. Call (708) 424-4009.

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St. Carthage class of 1951 is looking for classmates. Call (708) 352-6477.

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Chicago Vocational High School class of 1981 is looking for classmates. Email cvs1981@aol.com.

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Farragut High School, classes of 1952-1954, looking for classmates. Call Carolee (Fotka) Michalek at (815) 407-1934.

St. Christopher's 60th Annual Fiesta

St. Christopher's Parish will present their 60th annual Fiesta 2007 from July 18th through July 22nd at 147th and Keeler. Rides, food and live entertainment will be featured nightly and provide fun for all ages.

This year's Fiesta has carnival rides provided by Windy City Amusement. Once again the Mega-band is being offered, which is available for unlimited rides for all operating hours of the carnival for a price of $50. This band is available on a pre-sale basis only. These bands can be purchased at the parish office or on the web site, STCHRISFIESTA.COM.

The Grand Raffle winner will take home a brand-new 2007 Chevrolet Monte Carlo or $10,000 cash.

A Parish Garage Sale will be held on Sunday, July 15th under the big tent. You can reserve a table for $25 and sell toys, clothes, sporting goods, antiques, etc. Crafters are welcome. Space is limited so reserve early.

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Fashion Knight At The Museum

Former *Project Runway* finalist Mychael Knight will hold a fashion show gala event, "Fashion Knight at the Museum," at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum on Saturday, July 28th at 8 p.m. As a finalist in the 2006 hit reality *Bravo* Network TV series, *Project Runway*, Mychael Knight established himself as bright new talent in the international world of fashion design. As host of "Fashion Knight at the Museum," Knight will highlight a past-to-present comparison of the trend-setting fashions of Mary Todd Lincoln's day to the contemporary styles of today. This runway extravaganza will include local models presenting some of Knight's own fashion designs.

Knight, 28, graduated from Georgia Southern University with a bachelor's degree in Apparel Design and Merchandising. Knight relocated to Atlanta to become part of the burgeoning urban entertainment industry. His fashion design work captured the attention of some of today's popular music artists including *Jagged Edge, 112, Ciara, Free* and *Queen Latifah*. At that point, Knight says he felt his career had "reached a glass ceiling," and it was time to take his career to a higher plateau. He noticed a commercial calling for designers to audition for Bravo's *Project Runway* for season three. From there, the world of fashion design has welcomed Knight as one of its newest stars.

The public is invited to be a part of this very special, one-of-a-kind "Knight" at the Museum. Two ticket options are available:

Fashionista Ticket - $75

- Exclusive invitation to the *Very Mary VIP Party* with special guest Mychael Knight at 6 p.m. in the Library Atrium (cocktails and hors d'oeuvres served)
- Private tour of *Mary Todd Lincoln: First Lady of Controversy* exhibit before the show
- Preferred seating to *Fashion Knight at the Museum* at 8 p.m. in the Museum Plaza
- VIP memento

Trendsetter Ticket - $35

- General admission seating to *Fashion Knight at the Museum* at 8 p.m. in the Museum Plaza
- Viewing of *Mary Todd Lincoln: First Lady of Controversy* exhibit after the show
- Public autograph session with Mychael Knight after the show

Tickets are on sale now and can be purchased by calling (217) 558-8934 or online at alplm.org. Visa and Mastercard are accepted.

Proceeds from the event go to the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library Foundation, a private, not-for-profit organization whose primary mission is to support the exhibits and programs of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum (ALPLM).

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This Summer, Crack The Case

Imagine entering a crime scene and being the one responsible for noticing and collecting every trace of evidence. The pressure's on: your analysis of the evidence must be scientifically sound to crack the case.

You've seen the hit television crime drama, CSI: Crime Scene Investigation on CBS. The Museum of Science and Industry in Chicago will host the world premiere of *CSI: The Experience*, an immersive, interactive forensic science exhibit related to the TV show. The bilingual exhibit (English and Spanish) will run through Sept. 3rd.

In *CSI: The Experience*, guests will play the role of crime scene investigator, learning scientific principles and real investigative techniques as they try to solve one of three crime scene mysteries. Two state-of-the-art crime labs will help guests piece together the evidence. With input from investigators from the television show, along with their real-life forensic science counterparts, guests will formulate a hypothesis, validate their findings based on scientific evidence and try to crack the case.

From DNA and fingerprint analysis to forensic anthropology and toxicology, visitors will be captivated by hands-on science in a multi-media environment with dazzling special effects—direct from the CSI television series. A video introduction by cast members from the TV show will welcome guests into the exhibit, lead them through the experience, and then evaluate their crime-solving savvy as they exit.

"This exhibit blends science, technology and innovation into one phenomenal experience that guests will enjoy and learn from," said David Mosena, president and CEO of the Museum of Science and Industry. "It's also our hope that in experiencing this exhibit, children will discover the many different and vital careers that exist within the field of science, and become excited about them."

"With the launch of this exciting new exhibit, we're extending the CSI brand beyond entertainment and licensed merchandise into an engaging learning experience," commented Elizabeth Kalodner, executive vice president and general manager of CBS Consumer Products.

The National Science Foundation (NSF) provided $2.4 million to the Fort Worth Museum of Science and History to develop the exhibit for a national tour of science museums, as well as an online learning adventure. According to Sandra Welch, NSF's program officer for informal science education, this unique project will advance science learning in museums across the country in an exciting new way. "The show CSI has inspired its millions of fans to become interested in forensic science. Recognizing the role the show plays in society, we think this connection with the exhibit will help draw many people into a high quality science learning experience."

The exhibit's "investigators" will enter one of three different crime scenes where they will identify evidence and record findings on a special investigation card. The crime scenes vary in intensity, with the mildest being the presentation of skeletal remains discovered in a remote desert.

In "A House Collided" a car has run through the living room window of a house in a quiet suburb. In the driver's seat is a man with his seatbelt on; he is slumped over. The windshield is shattered and the car door is shut. In the living room, there are muddy shoeprints, drops of blood and a stain near a sofa. A pizza box is open with pepperoni pizza spilled on the floor. A beer bottle is by the car door, and a hand print of blood (or is it pizza sauce?) is found on the car hood.

In "Who Got Served?" a young woman has been found dead in an alley behind an old Las Vegas motel. She is sprawled beneath a dumpster overflowing with trash and is wearing a waitress outfit with a nametag that reads "Penny." There is a tire tread across her abdomen, and tossed nearby is a photo of her, which has been ripped in half. No other injuries are visible. Amongst the trash are a handbag and a cell phone.

In "No Bones About It!" a hiker has stumbled across what looks like a human skull sticking out of the ground. It is partially buried by silt and debris. Other bones are scattered underneath the dirt. The skull has a visible hole in it: and among the remains, there are still tattered remnants of a coat and what appears to be a backpack.

After exiting the crime scenes, guests will refer to a large wall of crime scene photos and clues they may have missed. They will then analyze evidence in two highly interactive lab areas, each featuring multiple stations that allow for various evidence testing.

Guests who are investigating "A House Collided" will compare fingerprints of the victim to the evidence, examine blood spatter patterns, observe the shoes of the victim and tracks found in the room, compare fibers on the victim's clothes with fibers in the room, analyze the victim's blood-alcohol level, compare DNA of the victim with evidence and eventually discover the cause of death.

For "Who Got Served?" the investigation will include reviewing evidence within a cell phone, examining the contents of the handbag, inspecting the purse and headshot for fingerprints, establishing the time of death, reviewing DNA samples, testing powder from the handbag at the scene, and discovering the cause of death.

Sleuths working on "No Bones About It!" will analyze the bullet from the found skull, analyze hairs found with the body, examine a seed found in a pocket of the jacket, study a DNA sample from a tooth, test the DNA of an animal's hair, examine a femur bone to establish the height of the victim, compare dental records to the victim and discover the cause of death.

At the end of the exhibit, guests will present their findings in a re-creation of the office of Gil Grissom— the enigmatic CSI head investigator. They will answer a series of multiple choice questions, based on their scientific findings, on touch screens located in this area. After completing these questions, a case summary is generated and guests can match their results to those of expert crime scene investigators!

CSI: The Experience was developed by the Fort Worth Museum of Science and History with support from CBS Consumer Products, the cast and crew of the television show, and the National Science Foundation. This exhibit, geared toward guests ages 12 and up, requires a ticket with a specified entry time. Tickets, which include Museum general admission, are $19 for adults, $17.50 for seniors and $14 for children 3-11. There is a discount for City of Chicago residents. Advance tickets are on sale now at www.msichicago.org or by calling (773) 684-1414. Groups of 20 or more are eligible for a discount when they book in advance.

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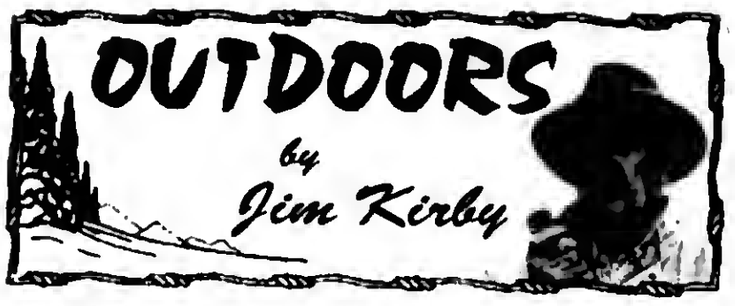

ILLINOIS SPRING TURKEY HARVEST: Hunters in Illinois bagged a preliminary harvest statewide of 14,767 wild turkeys during the 2007 Spring Turkey Season.

Hunters harvested a total of 14,917 turkeys during the regular seasons conducted April 9-May 10 in the south zone and April 16-May 17 in the north zone. An additional 570 birds were taken during the Youth Turkey Season.

"This year's spring turkey harvest fell short of last year's record setter, but all in all it was a pretty good season," said Paul Shelton, manager of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources Forest Wildlife Program.

"Turkey hunting is challenging and we congratulate those hunters who succeeded in bringing home a bird this spring. Weather conditions during early spring likely contributed to delayed nesting and this in combination with a smaller cohort of 2 year old birds from below-average reproduction in 2005 resulted in some tougher-than-expected hunting conditions. However, Illinois' turkey flock remains in excellent condition, and we have more record-setting seasons to look forward to in the future."

The top counties for spring turkey harvest in 2007 were: JoDaviess (542), Pike (528), Adams (456), Macoupin (400), and Fulton (386). Locally, Cook (3) and Will (56).

■**FIND OUT WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE GREAT OUTDOORS:** Tune in ESPN Radio AM 1000 every Saturday morning from 6-7 a.m. for "Chauncey's Great Outdoors" covering fishing, hunting, camping, cooking, boating, hiking or napping in a hammock.

■**LAKE ERIE PERCH LIMIT:** In response to declining fish populations, Ohio Governor Ted Strickland issued an executive order to reduce the sport fishing bag limit for Lake Erie yellow perch from 40 to 30, and cut commercial catch limits to below 2006 limits.

The order went into effect Monday, April 9, immediately reducing the bag limit while new rules are finalized and placed into effect. The Lake Erie yellow perch bag limit for sport anglers was only recently increased to 40 in 2006 and prior to that has been 30 over the past nine years.

"Recent estimates of perch abundance were lower than we initially expected and reflect weak hatches from 2002, 2004, and 2005, especially in the western basin," said Roger Knight, Lake Erie program administrator for the Division of Wildlife. "Our projections indicate that the Ohio recreational fishery would exceed its quota allocation without a bag limit change."

■**BOW HUNTING AS KEY FOR URBAN DEER CONTROL:** Deer automobile accidents annually cause more than a billion dollars in vehicle damage, kill hundreds of people, and injure thousands more. Such statistics have led many towns to seek a safe way to decrease deer herds, and allowed bow hunting to find its niche.

Suburbs of Des Moines, St. Louis, Cleveland and Columbus, Ohio, Fort Smith, Arkansas, Kansas City, and Alamosa, Colorado have staged bow hunts or are considering doing so.

"Bow hunting is a safe and effective deer control," said U.S. Sportsmen's Alliance President Bud Pigeon. "Anti-hunters try to pressure many local governments to use costly, ineffective methods such as deer birth control, but it's the bow hunt that proves worthwhile." (The Sentry)

■**STATUS OF THE MUSKIE FISHERY IN ILLINOIS BY RAY THOMPSON:** "In 2006, the Illinois hatchery system produced 6,710-12.5 inch and 200-7 inch Illinois mixed generic strain muskie fingerlings. The 200-7 inch fish were turned over to the Illinois Natural History Survey for research; 909 of the 12.5 inch fish were sent to the Green Gene projects lakes and the rest were stocked into three Illinois lakes. Additionally, Mingo received 332-9.6 inch Kentucky strain fingerlings and Shelbyville 1,209-12.5 inch over-wintered Iowa strain fish."

"The state received about 25,000-5 inch fingerlings from Iowa, stocked 5,880 into seven lakes and finished rearing the remaining fingerlings at the Jake Wolf Hatchery. These out of state fingerlings results in 8,081-10.4 inch fingerlings stocked into 16 Illinois lakes and 9,725-11.2 inch fingerlings stocked 17 Illinois lakes. Additionally, 300-13 to 14+ inch Leech Lake strain fingerlings were donated by an IMA member club (Mississippi Valley Chapter of Muskies, Inc.) and stocked into two Illinois lakes. The grand total of muskie fingerlings stocked into Illinois waters in 2006 were 32,237. On behalf of the Illini Muskies Alliance, I'd like to thank the IDNR, the states of Iowa and Kentucky and the MVC of MI for their efforts."

■**CHARGED WITH RUNNING A CAVIAR RING IN INDIANA:** State conservation officers believe they broke up an illegal caviar ring by arresting 12 southern Indiana residents on accusations of running a network that generated as much as $400,000 for some fishermen.

Live Boxing At The Sabre Room

THEDON, Inc. is proud to present Fight Night at the Sabre Room, an amateur boxing card sanctioned by USA Boxing, on June 27th at the Sabre Room, 8900 W. 95th St. in Hickory Hills. The doors open at 7 p.m. and the boxing action starts at 8 p.m.

Fight Night at the Sabre Room is currently the Midwest's longest running monthly amateur boxing showcase. Fight Night features exciting action with the Midwest's top amateur boxers live at the Sabre Room. Ticket prices are $20 VIP (limited availability) Ringside, $15 Reserved Seating and $10 General Admission. Tickets can be purchased at the Sabre Room, (708) 598-1200; Venetian Gardens (Bridgeview), (708) 458-0900; Joe's Italian Villa (Bridgeview), (708) 599-1431; Valley Inn (Palos Hills), (708) 974-0509; Sam Buca's (Palos Heights), (708) 361-1226; JC's Ristorante (McCook), (708) 387-0030; and Grove Sports Bar (Chicago Ridge), (708) 424-7555.

In addition to a full card of boxing action, Fight Night features special guest appearances by boxing celebrities and the Polekatz ring card girls, souvenirs, giveaways, a full liquor bar and a special sporting event menu. Previous events have featured today's rising amateur stars, current professional boxers and young athletes beginning their quest for Olympic glory. THEDON, Inc. and President Don Lenza have been promoting boxing contests in the Chicago area for over 15 years. Recently, THEDON has launched THEDONBOXING.COM, a web site designed to keep boxing fans up on their sport in our area.

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Moraine Valley To Host Observatory Open Viewing

Moraine Valley Community College will continue to host its series of telescope open viewing nights in 2007. Remaining dates and times for this season's open viewings include the following Fridays: June 22 at 9:15 p.m.; July 20 at 9 p.m.; Aug. 17 at 8:30 p.m.; Sept. 14 at 7 p.m.; and Oct. 19 at 6:30 p.m.

Viewings will be canceled if conditions are rainy or cloudy.

Targets for the June 22 viewing will include the planets Venus and Saturn low in the west. The moon will be at about first quarter to the south and Jupiter to the southeast. If the transparency is good, viewers also will be able to observe the asteroid Vesta, some globular clusters and planetary nebula. All open viewings are held at the telescope dome on the G. Jack Bradley Observation Deck, located in the western sector of the college's Nature Study Area, near 107th Street and Kean Avenue. Observers are asked to park near the college's tennis courts and then walk on the path through the nature study area to the observation deck. For safety reasons, children not accompanied by an adult or supervisor will be turned away.

Tom McCague, retired associate professor and department chair of Moraine Valley's Biology department, hosts the viewings. An amateur astronomer for more than 40 years, McCague built the telescope using common hardware store items and donated it to the college. The telescope is a 6?-foot Newtonian reflecting model with a 13 inches diameter and took him nearly14 months to build.

Because of the outdoor location of the telescope, observers are reminded to dress appropriately for the weather and to bring binoculars if they have them.

For more information, call Josh Reinhart in the office of College and Community Relations at (708) 974-5742, e-mail reinhart@morainevalley.edu, or visit www.morainevalley.edu/naturestudy/events.htm on the Web.

Focus On Baseball

For the final production of its inaugural season, Chicago Children's Theatre takes on America's favorite pastime with the Midwest premiere of Honus and Me at the Goodman Theatre's Owen Theatre, 170 N. Dearborn St., July 20 through Aug. 26. The play, which takes place during baseball season focuses on the Honus Wagner T-206, which has been described as the "Mona Lisa of baseball cards." The production is supported in part by the Chicago Cubs and Cubs Care.

With the look and excitement of a real baseball stadium, the Goodman's Owen Theatre will be transformed for a story that blends sports, theater and fantasy. Honus and Me tells the story of Joe Stoshak, a young baseball fanatic who stumbles upon the most valuable baseball card of all time – a Honus Wagner T-206 – while cleaning his neighbor's attic. The card acts as a portal between Joe and Wagner's lives, and young Joe is suddenly transported back in time to the seventh inning of the 1909 World Series, where Wagner imparts upon him the confidence and wisdom he needs to succeed not only in baseball, but also in life.

Honus and Me is recommended for everyone ages seven and up and will run July 20 through Aug. 26 at Goodman Theatre's Owen Theatre, 170 N. Dearborn St. Tickets range from $15 to $38 and can be purchased at the Goodman Theatre box office by telephone at (312) 443-3800 or at the Chicago Children's Theatre website at www.chicagochildrenstheatre.org. Group tickets are also available. For tickets for groups or birthday parties of 10 or more, call Group Tix (877) 4-GRP-TIX (877) 447-7849.

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Call For Long Term Solution To Pending Transit Crisis

The region's top environmental leaders gathered recently at the Environmental Law & Policy Center to speak out on the importance of public transportation and called upon Governor Blagojevich and the Illinois General Assembly to forge a long-term solution to the pending transit crisis. The group stressed that an investment in public transportation now would help to mitigate the impacts of global warming over the coming decade; and that a failure to invest would lead to dire environmental consequences in Northeastern Illinois.

"A major metropolitan region such as Northeastern Illinois deserves a vibrant, efficient and convenient transit system," said Shannon Fisk, Staff Attorney with the Midwest Office of the Natural Resources Defense Council. "Instead, service cutbacks are threatening to bring more congested roads, longer work commutes, and dirtier air for everybody in the region. The General Assembly and the Governor should approve Representative Hamos' plan to provide additional investment in CTA, Metra, and Pace, and to implement common sense reforms at the Regional Transit Authority."

The group, which included the Delta Institute, Environmental Law & Policy Center, Center for Neighborhood Technology (CNT), Congress for New Urbanism, Illinois PIRG, League of Conservation Voters, Natural Resources Defense Council, Openlands Project, American Lung Association of Metropolitan Chicago, and other environmental organizations signed a petition declaring their support for increased funding for public transportation. The petition was delivered to Governor Blagojevich as well as party leaders in the General Assembly, which has until July 1st to take action on the $226 million deficit faced by the CTA, Metra, and Pace.

"The Governor has publicly stated that Illinois should cut the production of greenhouse gasses to 1990 levels by 2020," Scott Bernstein, President of the Center for Neighborhood Technology, reminded the group. "Since motor vehicles alone account for more than one third of greenhouse gasses, there is simply no way to achieve that kind goal without strong regional transit. Transit will be the backbone of any successful climate change strategy in Illinois."

While public transportation's benefits to the environment were stressed, it was also argued that such benefits go hand in hand with transit's role in improving our economic and public health. "A strong public transportation system is critical to reducing global warming pollution," explained Joe Shacter, senior policy advocate at the Environmental Law & Policy Center. "Plus, when transit use goes up people drive less, leading to improved air quality, fewer respiratory illnesses, and increased household savings."

"No one wants the transit agencies to cut services or raise fares," said Anna Frostic, Environmental Health Advocate with the American Lung Association of Metropolitan Chicago. "The Governor and General Assembly must find a long-term solution to transit funding, otherwise the entire state will feel the impact in our pocketbooks, congested roads and the air we breathe for decades to come."

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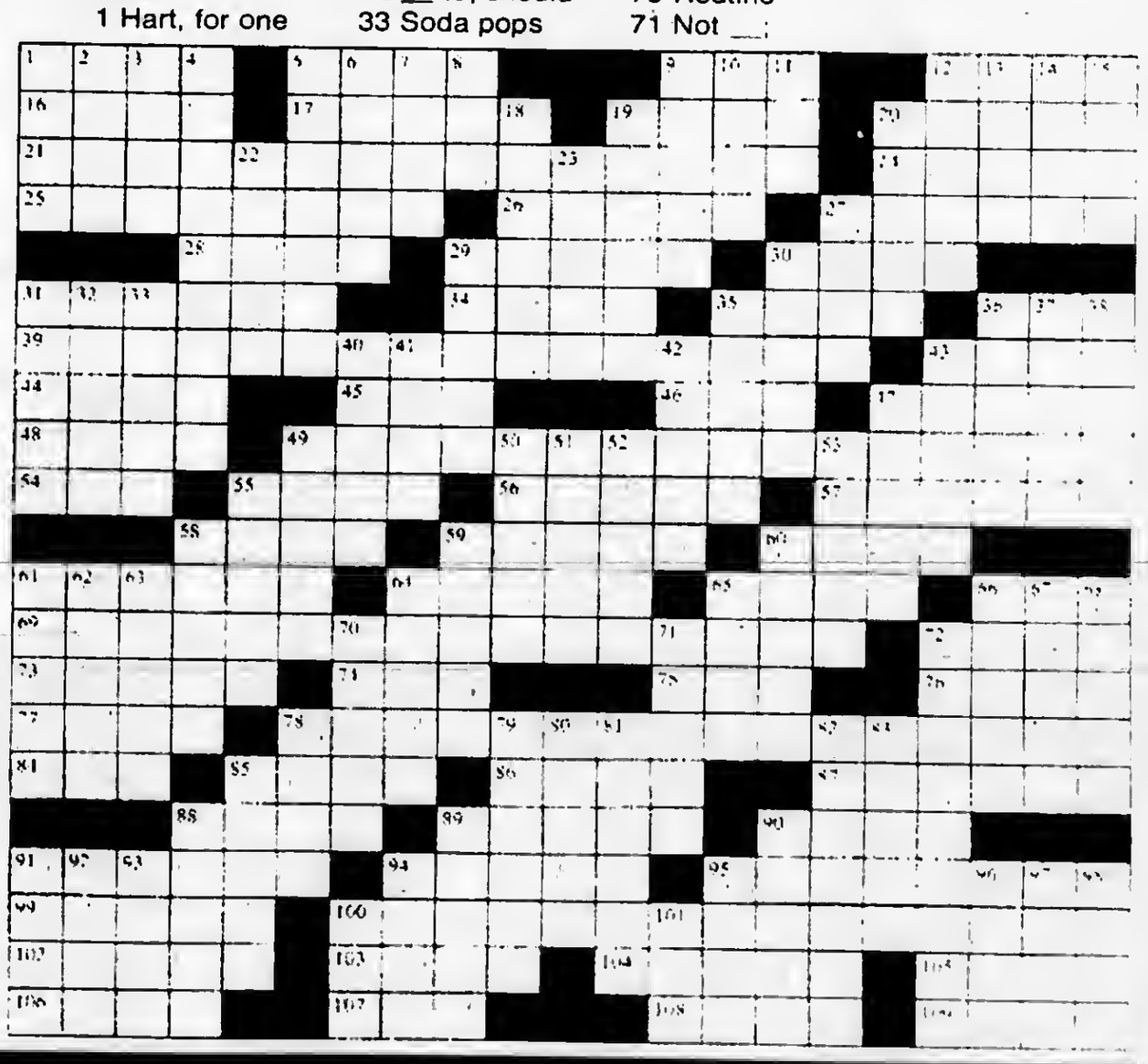

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Thoughts On Health & Nutrition

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TIPS FOR HEALTH & SAFETY THIS SUMMER

Summer means barbecues, sports, vacations, bike rides, swimming, and boating. However, excessive heat exposure caused 8,966 deaths in the United States from 1979 to 2002, according to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention.

"So many injuries and accidents occur in the summer because children are out of school, people are taking vacations, and outdoor activities and sporting events occur frequently," says Ryne DeVries, DC, an associate professor and faculty clinician at Northwestern Health Sciences University in Bloomington, Minn. "Prevention tends to be the best defense to avoid visiting the emergency room."

DeVries suggests the following tips to promote a fun yet safe summer:

- Stay cool. Try to keep your body temperature regulated in hot weather to avoid heat cramps, heat exhaustion, or heat stroke, which can be deadly. Drink plenty of fluids, wear protective clothing, and stay in the shade whenever possible. Stop activity or call a doctor if you develop a headache, lose coordination, feel dizzy, develop muscle cramps, feel nauseous, or stop sweating.

- Always wear sunscreen. Overexposure to sunlight can result in uncomfortable and painful sun-burned skin. Long-term overexposure to sunlight can lead to skin cancer, wrinkles, freckles, age spots, dilated blood vessels, and skin texture changes. You can reduce your risk for skin cancer and permanent skin damage by using sun protection. Use a sunscreen that protects against both ultraviolet A (UVA) and ultraviolet B (UVB) rays and apply to the skin about every two hours. It is also important to wear sunglasses, a hat, and protective clothing when exposed to harmful rays.

- Stay hydrated. "Proper hydration is essential during exercise, while playing sports, or on a hot day," says Dr. DeVries.

- Ease into activity. Many people prefer to exercise i. the summer because of the warmer weather but fail to prepare properly. "If you haven't exercised in the winter, gradually ease your way into a suitable work-out regimen," says DeVries. "Listen to your body. You can't get back into shape in one week. The key is to have a plan and to stick with it. Also allow for recovery time between your workouts to avoid muscle or joint strain. If inflammation occurs, try icing or stretching the area."

- Bring a first aid kit. Always be prepared for accidents by bringing a first-aid kit on your bike ride or your camping trip. The kit should be stocked with sterile gloves, a cleansing agent, adhesive bandages, gauze, antibiotic and burn ointment, tweezers, scissors, and pain reliever.

- Wear the correct shoes. "With any kind of sport or activity, wearing the correct shoe is essential to avoid injury and to feel comfortable," says DeVries. "There are so many different types of shoes for different activities. It is easy to find the pair that you need."

- Break up your summer trip driving. Whether you're headed to the coast or on your way to the cabin, make sure to plan your trip accordingly to include driving breaks. "When driving for an extended period of time, you need to get out and move around about every hour," says Dr. DeVries. "Stretch your arms, legs, and back and walk around. It is also important to position your seat as far forward as possible to avoid bending forward and to provide lumbar support to your lower back. Reposition your seat occasionally to promote movement."

- Drive safely. Warmer weather brings highway congestion and road construction, which makes accidents more likely to happen. To decrease your risk of an injury, always wear your seatbelt and make sure your car is "road ready" with a thorough inspection. It is also important to drive responsibly, avoid talking on your cell phone, eating, applying makeup, or any other activity that may impair your driving.

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Startling Drug Abuse Statistics

School's out and there is a feeling of freedom in the air. For some teens this means spending time with old friends and meeting new ones. For others this means no adult supervision and plenty of opportunities to find and use drugs or alcohol. Statistics show that many of our teens are doing just that.

Every day during summer vacation, an average of 6,000 youth try marijuana for the first time. Twenty-four percent of teens drink alcohol for the first time during summer break. Unfortunately, for many, drug or alcohol abuse does not stop there.

According to the National Survey on Drug Use and Health from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, one in ten of our children aged 12-17 binge drink each month. Eighty-three percent of high school seniors state that it is "easy to get" marijuana and nearly 40% of them smoked it in 2005. In 2001, almost 3 million youths aged 12-17 had used prescription-type drugs nonmedically at least once in their lifetime.

All told, a full 50% of high school students have used an illegal drug by the time they graduate, more than 20% of them starting in eighth grade.

"Do you think drug dealers have missed the fact that school-aged children have plenty of free time during the summer?" asks Ryan Thorpe, Director of Admissions at Narconon Arrowhead, one of the country's leading drug and alcohol rehabilitation and educations centers located in Canadian, Oklahoma. "Statistics show higher initial drug and alcohol use in the summer. The Drug Enforcement Agency reports increased sales of club drugs-most popular among teens and young adults-during the summer months, and marijuana availability increases because domestically grown plants flourish in the warmer months. This is a critical time for parents to educate themselves and their children on the dangers of drugs and addiction. This is why we are making the Healing Addicted Lives booklet available to parents at no charge. We want parents to truly understand how addiction occurs so they can use this knowledge to effectively educate their children on the problem."

To receive you own copy of Healing Addicted Lives at no charge, call 1-800-468-6933 today or visit the website www.healingaddictedlives.com. The Narconon program was founded in 1966 by William Benitez in Arizona State Prison, and is based on the humanitarian works of L. Ron Hubbard. In more than 120 centers around the world, Narconon programs restore drug and alcohol abusers and addicts to a clean and sober lifestyle.

Tan Is No Longer The Beauty Ideal

Just in time for summer, new survey results show that the appeal of tanned skin may finally be waning -- 53 percent of people surveyed believe they don't look better with a tan and 63 percent say they are not more attracted to someone who is tan. Sixty-nine percent do not think a tan makes them look slimmer. The survey was conducted by GfK Roper Public Affairs and Media for iVillage in partnership with The Skin Cancer Foundation.

"These findings are encouraging," said Perry Robins, MD, President of The Skin Cancer Foundation. "Once people stop linking their self esteem to tanned skin, we will really begin making headway in the fight against skin cancer. For now, there is still a lot of work to be done since an alarming number of people never use sunscreen."

Forty percent of people revealed that they never use sunscreen and only 11 percent use an SPF 15 or higher daily. Forty-two percent of people are still getting sunburned at least once a year. A person's risk for melanoma (the most serious form of skin cancer) doubles if he or she has had five or more sunburns.

The small percentage of people applying sunscreen daily is surprising given that 58 percent of people say they are concerned about skin cancer. These findings demonstrate a lack of understanding that everyday incidental sun exposure, like intermittent, intense exposure (such as on beach vacations), seriously damages the skin over time. But, people are getting better about using sunscreen when outdoors- 59 percent of people use sunscreen at least occasionally - a 20 percent increase from a survey done in 2003.

Women still do a much better job than men when it comes to using sunscreen. Forty-seven percent of men say they never wear sunscreen, compared to 34 percent of women.

For more sun safety information, visit www.healthivillage.com or www.skincancer.org.

The survey also revealed that 74 percent of those who wear sunscreen reapply at least every 4-6 hours or after swimming or sweating. While only 28 percent of people comply with the Foundation's recommendation to reapply sunscreen every two hours, at least people are reapplying once during the day.

A surprising 57 percent of women and 53 percent of men think they can spend more time in the sun if they use sunscreen, but The Skin Cancer Foundation advises against this. Sunscreen does not allow you to spend hours in the sun without risking damage since no sunscreen blocks 100 percent of UV rays and most people do not apply it adequately or frequently enough.

There seems to be similar confusion about the protective ability of clothing. Thirty-six percent of people think that clothing provides the same level of protection as sunscreen. A new academic review from Switzerland shows that clothing (hats, sunglasses and clothing made from certain fabrics) may be the more effective method of protection. However, it depends on the type of clothing. An untreated white cotton T-shirt only provides the equivalent of an SPF 5 to 7. Darker more densely woven fabrics provide a much higher SPF.

The sun gives us all warmth and a sense of wellbeing. In fact, the majority of people surveyed, 76 percent, say that being out in the sun makes them feel happy. As the leaders in sun safety education, The Skin Cancer Foundation encourages people to enjoy the outdoors, as long as they do so safely. Follow the Foundation's tips to reduce the risk of sunburn, skin damage and skin cancer: Seek the shade, especially between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.; Do not burn; Avoid tanning and UV tanning booths; Use a sunscreen with an SPF of 15 or higher every day; Apply 1 ounce (2 tbsp) total of sunscreen to all exposed areas, 30 minutes before going outside, reapply every 2 hours or immediately after swimming or excessive sweating; Cover up with clothing, including a broad-brimmed hat and UV-blocking sunglasses; Keep newborns out of the sun. Sunscreens should be used on babies over the age of 6 months; Examine your skin from head-to-toe every month; See your physician every year for a professional skin exam.

EyeCare America Launches New Website

Interested in learning more about eye related health conditions such as glaucoma or macular degeneration? Need to locate an eye doctor in your area? Want to know if you qualify for a no-cost eye exam? If you're looking for accurate and up-to-date eye care information your search may be just a click away.

EyeCare America, a national non-profit organization that works to preserve eye sight by raising awareness about eye disease and providing access to medical eye care at no cost to the patient, has launched a new public service website that is home to the most trusted eye health information on the internet.

The new website is part of EyeCare America's educational mission to empower consumers with reliable educational information: Visitors can log on and...

Learn About an Eye Problem and access dozens of eye topics reviewed by ophthalmologists (Eye M.D.) such as information on risk factors, treatments options and even a tour of the anatomy of the eye;

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Get Access to No-Cost Care. For more than 20 years, EyeCare America has worked to prevent avoidable blindness by providing free eye health educational materials and access to medical care at no cost to patients. Find out if you qualify.

According to a 2005 study by Neilson/Net Ratings, a global leader in media and market research, the internet is considered the most trusted source for health information after physicians. As the number of Americans seeking health care information on the Internet grows, EyeCare America plans to match that trend by providing visitors to the eyecareamerica.org website centralized information written in language that is clear and easy for them to understand. Visitors can even share important health topics with family and friends through a convenient email forward function.

Other easy to use functions include online tools such as a vision simulator, which allows users to see how vision would be affected from common eye diseases such as cataracts and glaucoma. Informative videos, created by the American Academy of Ophthalmology, are an added feature on the site and will provide consumers with a complete interactive experience.

The site was designed keeping in mind those who suffer from low-vision. Visitors to the website can increase the type size up to three sizes; contrast the content into both light on dark or dark on light and finally, the layout of the web pages can be changed to single -column viewing to accommodate low-vision reading aids.

Founded in 1985, EyeCare America is a public service program of the Foundation of the American Academy of Ophthalmology. Their mission is to reduce avoidable blindness and severe visual impairment by raising awareness about eye disease and care, providing free eye health educational materials and facilitating access to medical eye care. Since its inception, the program has helped more than 860,000 people. To learn more about EyeCare America and get the eye health information you need visit www.eyecareamerica.org.

Use Precaution To Prevent Developing Skin Cancer

As the days get longer and time spent outside increases, slipping on protective clothing, slopping on some sunscreen, slapping on a hat and wrapping on a pair of sunglasses is a must. The American Cancer Society encourages everyone to use some form of sun protection in order to decrease the likelihood of developing skin cancer.

More than one million cases of basal cell or squamous skin cancer (nonmelanoma) and nearly 60,000 cases of malignant melanoma (the most serious form of skin cancer) are expected to be diagnosed in 2007 in the United States. In Illinois, more than 1,500 people will be diagnosed with melanoma and approximately 500 are expected to die from the disease. While the risk of melanoma is higher for Caucasians than African-Americans, it's still important that people with darker skin also limit their sun exposure.

Research shows a link between severe sunburns in childhood and an increased risk of melanoma and other skin cancers later in life. Melanoma is currently the second leading cause of cancer among 13 to 30 year olds.

"Prevention must be a priority," said Clement Rose, M.D., president of the American Cancer Society's Illinois Division. "Grabbing the sun block and protecting yourself from the sun's harmful rays needs to be a habit that starts early and continues throughout your lifetime."

The majority of skin cancers are due to unprotected and excessive ultraviolet (UV) radiation exposure. The immediate adverse effects of excessive exposure are sunburn and eye damage. Long term effects include premature aging of the skin and skin cancer. The American Cancer Society offers the following advice on how to protect yourself from the harmful effects of sun exposure.

Avoid direct sunlight between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. when the sun is most intense; Protect your skin with clothing, including a long-sleeve shirt and a hat with a broad brim; Use sunscreens with a SPF factor of at least 15; and Liberally apply sunscreen 20 to 30 minutes before going outside so skin can absorb the protective agents and reapply at least every two hours or after sweating or swimming.

Wear wrap-around sunglasses with at least 99 percent UV absorption provide the best protection for the eyes and the skin area around the eyes.

Avoid tanning beds and sun lamps, which provide an additional source of UV radiation. In addition to proper skin protection, early detection can also save lives and improve survival because surgical treatment in the early stages can provide a cure.

To detect skin cancer early: Examine skin once a month and get familiar with your pattern of moles, freckles and "beauty marks" and be alert to changes in the number, size, shape or color of spots on skin. These types of changes are the most important warning signs of skin cancer.

Other warning signs include a sore that does not heal, a new growth or lesions that ulcerate, scab, bleed or itch. See your doctor regularly for skin checks.

The American Cancer Society is dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by saving lives, diminishing suffering and preventing cancer through research, education, advocacy and service. The Illinois Division has more than 120,000 volunteers and staff fighting cancer in the state. For the most up-to-date cancer related information and to join the fight against cancer, call 800-ACS-2345 or visit www.cancer.org.

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Matching Funds For Disabled Kids

Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich recently announced Illinois will receive $8.6 million in federal matching funds to provide a range of specialized services to almost 800 children with developmental disabilities. The funds, administered through the Illinois Dept. of Human Services (IDHS) Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) program, will allow more families to keep their children at home and still be able to provide them the specialized care they need. By establishing Medicaid waivers, Illinois is able to waive regular Medicaid rules and create this new funding source for fiscal year 2008.

The approval of the waivers was announced by Deputy Gov. Louanna Peters at a joint videoconference of the Developmental Disabilities Waiver Committee, the Autism Task Force, legislators and other developmental disability advocates.

"It is often a struggle for families who have children with special needs to make sure their kids have the best care possible," said Gov. Blagojevich. "These two new programs will give hundreds more families access to support and services so they can care for their kids at home."

The new waiver programs, approved by the Dept. of Health and Human Services (HHS) Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, will serve young people age three to 21 who meet the Intermediate Care Facility for Developmental Disability (ICF-DD) level of care. Children with developmental disabilities include those with mental retardation and other related conditions such as Cerebral Palsy, Autism Spectrum Disorder, and Epilepsy.

The children's support services waiver will prevent or delay the need for out-of-home care for 600 people and the residential services waiver will provide services for approximately 175 to 200 families whose children need out-of-home residential services.

The children's support waiver will offer a range of services including personal support such as training, respite and personal care; home and vehicle accessibility and modifications; adaptive equipment and assistive technology; training and counseling services for unpaid caregivers; behavior intervention and treatment; and service facilitation.

The children's support waiver is very flexible for families. Parents may use a monthly allocation of funds to purchase services from the list of covered services.

The new waivers are approved for a three-year period beginning July 1st and can be renewed at the end of that time.

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Cook County Sheriff Recognizes Senior Volunteers

Cook County Sheriff Thomas J. Dart (right) presents Barbara Jean Beyer of Oak Lawn with a medal at the 15th annual Sheriff's Senior Citizen Medal of Honor Ceremony. The awards were presented to nearly 68 senior citizens from throughout Cook County in recognition of their volunteer efforts and commitment to making a difference in the lives of others.

Fire Department Grant

On June 13th, the Oak Lawn Fire Department received a grant from the Firemans Fund Grant. The grant, in the amount of $15,000, will be used for the purchase of a new rescue system. The older rescue system being replaced will now be used in the Oak Lawn Fire Academy, which trains new firefighters from across Northern Illinois. This newer system will incorporate a power unit, spreaders (jaws of life) and cutters which aid firefighters in gaining access to patients involved in motor vehicle accidents. Due to changes in technology the system will be lighter, stronger and more durable than past systems.

Power Wheelchairs Available

The Senior Wheels USA Program makes available power wheelchairs to senior citizens and the permanently disabled at no cost to the recipient, if they qualify.

The power wheelchairs are provided to those who can no longer walk nor self-propel a manual wheelchair and who meet the additional guidelines of the program. No deposit is required.

If the patient's need is for use in the home, call for more information to see if they qualify. Call toll-free at 1(800) 246-6010.

Keep Cool Illinois Campaign

Blagojevich Administration officials launched the 2007 Keep Cool Illinois campaign and Web site to help families stay cool, healthy and safe this summer. A comprehensive, statewide effort, Keep Cool Illinois, seeks again this year to inform Illinois residents, especially the elderly, families with small children and persons with disabilities, how to prevent heat-related health problems, reduce their utility bills and participate in summer activities safely. Also, as part of the campaign, low income residents can apply for assistance with their summer energy bills starting July 9.

The Keep Cool Illinois campaign includes www.keepcool.illinois.gov Web site, a statewide network of cooling centers, targeted outreach to vulnerable senior citizens, energy assistance programs, public service announcements, fire safety, water safety and other tips to help families across Illinois prepare for the summer.

OAK LAWN LIBRARY NOTES

The Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St., has three large meeting rooms available for use by community groups and organizations whose objectives are cultural, educational or civic in character. Reservations are now being accepted for dates that fall between July 1 and Dec. 30.

Interested parties may pick up and return applications at the library's Reception Booth. A minimum of two weeks is required to process a reservation request. Use of the rooms is free for Oak Lawn residents and Oak Lawn-based groups and organizations. The entire Board Policy Statement governing meeting room use is attached to each application.

For more information, call Linda Olsen, public relations officer (708) 422-4990.

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There's still time to register for a Friends of the Oak Lawn Library bus trip to "Flamenco Night" at the Grant Park Music Festival in Chicago's Millennium Park on Saturday, July 28. Sensual and dramatic, the art of Flamenco is embodied by guitar sensation Gerardo Núñez and traditional gypsy dancer Carmen Cortés.

The cost of this trip is $15 per person. The bus will depart at 5 p.m. and return at approximately 10 p.m. This trip is not wheelchair accessible.

To purchase tickets, please feel free to call Donna Beckett, (815) 439-0075.

DeVoto Named Nobel Educator

Mother McAuley Social Science teacher Mary DeVoto (pictured) has been selected as a Claes Nobel Educator of Distinction by the National Society of High School Scholars (NSHSS). A role model to pupils, DeVoto was nominated by sophomore Taylor Jones for outstanding dedication and commitment to excellence in teaching. The Claes Nobel Educator of Distinction Award recognizes teachers who have made a lasting difference in their classrooms by encouraging students to strive for excellence. Ms. Devoto has served the McAuley Community in the Social Science department for 25 years.

This award, bestowed by the Society upon the recommendation of a student member of the NSHSS, gives the students the opportunity to recognize and thank their academic mentors. "Dedicated educators who exhibit a commitment to excellence deserve our highest praise and appreciation," said NSHSS Chair Claes Nobel. The National Society of High School Scholars was established by Mr. Nobel, a senior member of the family which established the Nobel Prizes. Currently there are more than 300,000 Society members in over 50 countries. NSHSS also provides scholarship opportunities for deserving young people.

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SHOP AND SAVE IN OAK LAWN

Mother McAuley's Distinguished Graduates

On Saturday, May 26, Mother McAuley Liberal Arts High School held its graduation ceremony. At that ceremony, the Valedictorian Diana Lorenzini (left) of Palos Heights spoke to her classmates of their bright futures and their experiences at McAuley. During her time at McAuley, Diana was a member of the National Honor Society, the Spanish Honor Society, and president of McAuley's SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions) chapter. She received the President's Excellence Award and was both an Illinois State Scholar and a Commended National Merit Student. Diana attended St. Alexander Grammar School and will be attending Northwestern University in the fall.

The Salutatorian, Maura Farrell (right) of Orland Park achieved the distinction of having the second highest GPA in the graduating class. Maura was a member of the National Honor Society, Student Ambassadors, and the Spanish Honor Society. She was the vice president of Student Council, an Illinois State Scholar, Presidential Award of Excellence winner and AP Scholar. Maura was also on the St. Rita High School cheerleading squad.

She attended St. Michael's Grammar School in Orland Park and will be attending the University of Illinois.

In addition to these young women, graduates heard from Sierra Rhodes, the student speaker elected by the students. Sierra has a full scholarship to Robert Morris College for softball. Laura Snow Gawlik (center), theology teacher and Kairos Retreat Coordinator was chosen by the students to address the audience at graduation.

Beautiful Yard Contest Winners

The Oak Lawn Garden Club announces the 2007 Beautiful Yard Contest winners as follows: first place winner is Ed Gallagher, 4241 W. 107th St.; second place winners are Ruth and Bob Byrnes; third place winners are Janet and Richard Engstrom, 10009 Harnew West.

A special thanks to contest judges: Florence Brennan, past 1st vice-president, Garden Club of Illinois, and master gardener; Earlena Lenz, past president of Lemont Garden Club and master gardener.

The committee members of the contest are Christine Kupscuk, chairperson; and Marci Stritch, president of the Oak Lawn Garden Club.

Awards will be presented at the Village Board meeting on June 26th at 7:30 p.m.

Don't forget our Garden Walk on June 24th. Tickets can be purchased at Millie's Ice Cream Shoppe in Oak Lawn or call (708) 499-0578.

West Nile Brochure

Worth Township Supervisor John F. "Jack" Murphy announced the availability of brochures and information regarding the West Nile Virus. Information in both English and Spanish is available on its Website: www.worthtownship.com.

Those who do not have access to the internet, can obtain brochures from the Worth Township office at 11601 S. Pulaski in Alsip, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

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4552 W 89TH PL	HOMETOWN	$177,000	MANTIA DOLORES M L TR	WENDT JON-MARTIN P
8815 S MAIN ST	HOMETOWN	$155,000	SANCHEZ SARA	STEVENS JOHNS
4607 W 89TH PL	HOMETOWN	UNKNOWN	MADSEN THOMAS R	MADSEN THOMAS R TR
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4632 W 89TH ST	HOMETOWN	UNKNOWN	GREEN MICHAEL F	GREEN MICHAEL F TR
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10341 LAVERGNE AVE	OAK LAWN	$319,000	MAHONEY MICHAEL E	LEICHTMAN MAX D
9836 NORMANDY AVE	OAK LAWN	$220,000	DEUTSCHE BK NATL TRUST CO TR	PICCIRILLO JAMES A
6321 W 93RD ST	OAK LAWN	$228,000	ROEDE ERNEST TR	CARROLL PATRICK R
5243 W 87 TH ST	OAK LAWN	$420,000	KARN ABE	HEMAID HANA
9600 MELVINA AVE	OAK LAWN	$209,000	STANDARD B&T CO TR	OSWALD JOHN W JR
9229 MONITOR AVE	OAK LAWN	$219,000	GRAFF IRENE TR	DEVON BK
9229 MONITOR AVE	OAK LAWN	UNKNOWN	DEVON BK	AL-RAMAHI MAHMOUD S
4530 W 93RD ST	OAK LAWN	$185,000	HOFFMANN DONALD J TR	CARLSON BRIAN
4704 108TH PL	OAK LAWN	UNKNOWN	SCHILLING EDWARD J	SCHILLING EDWARD J TR
4104 W 99TH ST	OAK LAWN	$162,500	RAMIREZ PATRICIA E	KNIGHT CHARLES P
8704 SPROAT AVE	OAK LAWN	$220,000	JAMA ERIKA L	SOLLIS DAVID
8751 SAYRE AVE	OAK LAWN	$206,000	SMOLLETT C J TR	WELSH ROBERT E
5681 W 95TH ST	OAK LAWN	UNKNOWN	LUPESCU ANTHONY B	BAC BLDRS LLC
5308 102ND ST	OAK LAWN	UNKNOWN	COLE TAYLOR BK TR	BRYJA GENEIVE M
6901 96TH PL	OAK LAWN	$525,000	BNR BLDRS INC	MYERS THOMAS
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9624 49TH AVE	OAK LAWN	$290,000	SMITH STEPHEN	OSULLIVAN JAMES
9742 51ST AVE	OAK LAWN	UNKNOWN	BRIDGES JOHN	STANDARD B&T TR
9000 49TH AVE	OAK LAWN	$148,000	FIFTH THIRD BK TR	WENDT JON-MARTIN P
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9000 49TH AVE	OAK LAWN	$230,000	WENDT JON-MARTIN P	MENDOZA MICHELE M
4929 109TH ST	OAK LAWN	$123,000	MERCOURIS CHRISTOS	WEBER ANDREW C
10818 LAVERGNE AVE	OAK LAWN	UNKNOWN	BAUTISTA JOHN	SILHA DAVID
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4101 DEAN DR	OAK LAWN	$195,000	STANDARD B&T CO TR	TRAUTSCH CYNTHIA
9541 S KNOX AVE	OAK LAWN	$240,000	CHRISTENSEN KATHERINE V TR	MCGOVERN JOSEPH
4819 91ST PL	OAK LAWN	UNKNOWN	ROLNIAK BERNICE E	ROLNIAK JOHN W
6822 W 97TH ST	OAK LAWN	UNKNOWN	SANSONE JOHN	SANSONE JOHN M TR
6828 W 97TH ST	OAK LAWN	UNKNOWN	SANSONE JOHN M	SANSONE JOHN M TR
6213 W 99TH ST	OAK LAWN	UNKNOWN	DABROWSKI MITCHELL S	DABROWSKI MITCHELL S
6562 92ND ST	OAK LAWN	UNKNOWN	WASIK THERESA F	WASIK THERESA F TR
9523 MARION AVE	OAK LAWN	$210,000	CREMINS COLETTE M	DOHERTY EUGENE G
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8903 CENTRAL AVE	OAK LAWN	UNKNOWN	HAMBRICK ASHBY L	HAMBRICK JAMES C
9109 MENARD AVE	OAK LAWN	UNKNOWN	JOHNSON DIANE L	ABDERLRAHMAN ZUHAIR M
9822 MELVINA AVE	OAK LAWN	UNKNOWN	FANNIE MAE	DMD INV INC
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4835 98TH PL	OAK LAWN	$212,000	FAMILY B&T CO TR	KDW PROPERTIES INC
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6450 W 87TH PL	OAK LAWN	UNKNOWN	KATZEL STEPHAN B	PALOS B&T CO TR
8908 SPROAT AVE	OAK LAWN	$350,000	SPILDE REGGIE F TR TRUST NO RJS NO	DIAZ ALONSO G
10317 S KENTON AVE	OAK LAWN	UNKNOWN	VRANAS GEORGE	FOUNDERS BK TR
10041 KILPATRICK AVE	OAK LAWN	UNKNOWN	PIKOULAS ELFRIEDE M	PIKOULAS ELFRIEDE M TR
4959 91ST PL	OAK LAWN	$298,000	MIKUTA KEVIN R	CAVE RODERICK
4115 107TH ST	OAK LAWN	UNKNOWN	MCGRATH EUGENE P	PALOS B&T CO TR
6207 W 89TH PL	OAK LAWN	$275,000	DOSTERHOFF BERNICE	DEUNGER JOANN R
10018 MERTON AVE	OAK LAWN	UNKNOWN	BOEREMA EUGENE J	BOEREMA EUGENE
4240 109TH ST	OAK LAWN	UNKNOWN	MEA WILLIAM J	MEA WILLIAM J
9525 S KNOX AVE	OAK LAWN	$230,000	BREJCHA MARION J TR	CABRERA ABRAHAM
4244 100TH ST	OAK LAWN	$220,000	MCGOWAN JOHN F	MOORE JAMES L
9929 COOK AVE	OAK LAWN	$245,000	WALLACE MARY M	WIATR ERIK
5468 EDISON AVE	OAK LAWN	UNKNOWN	BETALMIO BLANE	BETALMIO BLANE J
5782 150TH PL	OAK FOREST	UNKNOWN	KELLY MARTIN	KELLY SHEILA
5841 VICTORIA DR	OAK FOREST	$210,000	RIVERA GUILLERMO	MULLIGAN MARTIN
15132 CHESTNUT LN	OAK FOREST	UNKNOWN	CARSON DUSTIN	CARSON DUSTIN
5081 LAMB DR	OAK LAWN	$276,500	TAZ ENT INC	WOLSKI DAVID A
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8844 S MCVICKER AVE	OAK LAWN	UNKNOWN	JANOSO MICHAEL T	JANOSO MICHAEL T TR
9410 S MELVINA AVE	OAK LAWN	UNKNOWN	JANOSO MICHAEL T	JANOSO MICHAEL T TR
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9146 50TH AVE	OAK LAWN	UNKNOWN	INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORP	HOMECOMINGS FIN NETWORK INC
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4013 W 99TH ST	OAK LAWN	UNKNOWN	MARTINEZ ARNOLD	MARTINEZ LINDA M TR
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Veterans And Soldiers News

By Lori Taylor Ph: 708.388.2425

Army 2nd Lt. Todd F. Gross has graduated from the Army Basic Officer Leader Course III, designed to ensure a tough, standardized, small-unit leadership experience for officers. He is the son of Susan Schwarz of Evergreen Park. The lieutenant graduated in 2002 from Evergreen Park High School and received a bachelor's degree in 2006 from Northern Illinois University in DeKalb.

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Evergreen Park Mayor James Sexton would like to invite any Evergreen Park servicemen and women, as well as their families, to be this year's Grand Marshal for the 2007 Independence Day Parade. The parade will take place on Tuesday, July 3rd at 6:30 p.m. If you are a local serviceman or woman or an immediate family member, R.S.V.P. to Mary at (708) 229-8219 by June 25th.

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U.S. Senator Dick Durbin (D-IL) announced recently that major components of his legislation on traumatic brain injury (TBI) were included in a fast-moving bill introduced by Senator Carl Levin (D-MI). The Dignified Treatment of Wounded Warriors Act, Injury Treatment Act (S.1349), requires the Departments of Defense and Veteran Affairs to implement a comprehensive program to diagnose, treat and rehabilitate service members and veterans who have suffered a service-related traumatic brain injury.

Traumatic brain injury is the signature of the Iraq war. The widespread use of improvised explosive devices (IEDs) has created thousands of TBI victims, sometimes with no other visible signs of injury. The concussions from IED explosion cause sudden, violent head movements, which often lead to TBI. With symptoms similar to that of shaken baby syndrome, TBIs are difficult to diagnose. Injured service members may suffer from headaches, confusion, dizziness and lightheadedness in mild cases, to mood changes, loss of memory, convulsions, weakness or numbness in the extremities, and a loss of coordination in severe cases.

"Too many of our brave servicemen and women are coming home from war with serious injuries that may be overlooked because they don't bear any visible wounds or scars," Durbin said. "We are still learning the best treatment options for those suffering from TBI. With the knowledge we gain from increased research we will be able to moderate the impact TBI has on the lives of our veterans and their families. Today we're taking an important step forward by introducing a comprehensive military and veterans health care bill that will aid thousands of America's service members and veterans dealing with TBI."

The Senate Armed Services Committee will include Senator Durbin's language in a version of the bill they will mark-up in committee. A mark-up is the process by which congressional committees and sub-committees debate, amend, and rewrite proposed legislation.

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The American Legion Riders of Marrs-Meyer Post 991, 110th and Depot in Worth (one block east of Harlem Ave. off 111th St.), will hold their 3rd annual Poker Run on Sunday, June 24th. Registration will be at 9 a.m. with the first bike out at 10 a.m. and the last bike out at 11 a.m. They will be back at 3:30 p.m. for food and entertainment. There is a fee of $15 per rider and $10 per passenger. Non-run participants are invited to the post run party for food and entertainment for a $10 entry fee. There will be free food, free music and door prizes, plus a 50/50 raffle (last year's winner received $2,000). For advance tickets or 50/50 tickets call Karen S. at (708) 599-7915 or kmswx3@aol.com or Sharon O. at (708) 425-6275 or sobrien1110@yahoocom.

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The VFW and Ladies Auxiliary, Department of Illinois, will hold their annual State Convention June 21st through 24th in Peoria, Ill. State President Maureen Hayden is proud to announce through the generous donations for her special project "Operation Clothe A Vet" the Department Ladies Auxiliary was able to purchase 2,360 sweatshirts for our veterans in the 10 VA facilities. They also made a generous donation to the two remaining hospitals that preferred a monetary donation. Maureen said she enjoyed her visits to the hospitals and thanks our veterans for their service to our country.

The Department of Illinois Ladies Auxiliary also donated an Ice Cream Machine for the children at the VFW National Home in Eaton Rapids, Michigan. The Ice Cream Machine was presented at the home during Illinois Day in October. A new Popcorn Machine for the community center was also purchased along with two new queen-size beds for the children in Illinois Cottage 2.

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This week's quote is from Mark Twain who said, "If you tell the truth, you don't have to remember anything."

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Good-bye until next week. God bless you and your family and God bless America.

Institute New VFW Auxiliary

The Ladies Auxiliary to the Benjamin O. Davis Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 311 in Matteson, Ill. was instituted by State VFW Auxiliary President Maureen Hayden on Tuesday, May 29th. The ceremony was held at the Rehfeldt Meyer American Legion Post 474 in Matteson. Officers of the new auxiliary were also elected and installed. Mary Jayne Fitzpatrick, 16th District Deputy Chief of Staff, and Maggie Davis, Past 16th District President, both of Owen W. Winter VFW Auxiliary 4241 of Oak Forest, organized the auxiliary and will work with them until they are acquainted with their duties.

Pictured are dignitaries who attended the event, left to right: Sheila Mysliwiec, 16th District President, member of VFW Auxiliary 8141 in Calumet City; Maureen Hayden, State VFW Auxiliary President of Addison; Patti McLeod, the newly elected president of VFW Auxiliary 311; Mary Jayne Fitzpatrick, 16th District Deputy Chief of Staff; Maggie Davis, Past 16th District President; Ruth Ann Smit, Past State VFW Auxiliary President and president of VFW Auxiliary 450 in Alsip; Diane Pencak, state Guard and Deputy Chief of Staff and president of Rhine Auxiliary 2729 in Chicago; Lori Taylor, Past State President of Midlothian VFW Auxiliary 2580 and editor of the Messenger Newspapers.

Man Kills Ex-Wife, Shoots 14-year Old

On June 12th, Gail Bullock allegedly shot his ex-wife, Jackie Williams-Bullock of Crestwood, and shot her son, Terrance Jones, 14, and then fled to Indiana.

Police reported that Jackie Williams-Bullock attended the eighth-grade graduation of her son Terrance Jones at 9:30 a.m. at the Rosenwald Elementary School in Chicago.

After the graduation, Williams-Bullock and her son went to their former home to see if there was any mail. Williams-Bullock was killed at the house and Jones was taken to the hospital after being shot in the face.

Chicago police who were called to the home in the 8200 block of South Francisco Avenue in Chicago's Ashburn community were under the impression that they were facing a hostage situation when they first arrived at the house, which was around the corner from the school that Terrance attended. After half an hour at the home, police discovered that Bullock fled the area in a sports car.

Bullock was later apprehended in Indiana.

Police have no initial motive for the killing; however, it was stated that he might have been upset about not being invited to his stepson's graduation.

Bullock and Williams-Bullock moved out of the house last month when their divorce was finalized. When police arrived on the scene, they found both victims across the street from the house. They found no fewer than five bullets on the lawn and the front window was shattered. Williams-Bullock was found in the neighbor's yard across the street from the home. She was pronounced dead at Christ Medical Center in Oak Lawn a short time later. Jones was also taken to Christ Medical Center where he was listed in stable condition.

It was reported that after police put out a bulletin to locate him, Gail Bullock was found traveling southbound on Interstate 65 when police stopped him and arrested him.

Depending on who you talk with, Gail Bullock was either an upstanding member of his community or an abuser. He was a member of the neighborhood block club and worked to make sure the area remained safe. However, Jones' friends said that his stepfather was "mean and mistreated Jones."

Bullock appeared in an extradition hearing in Indiana before he was sent back to Chicago.

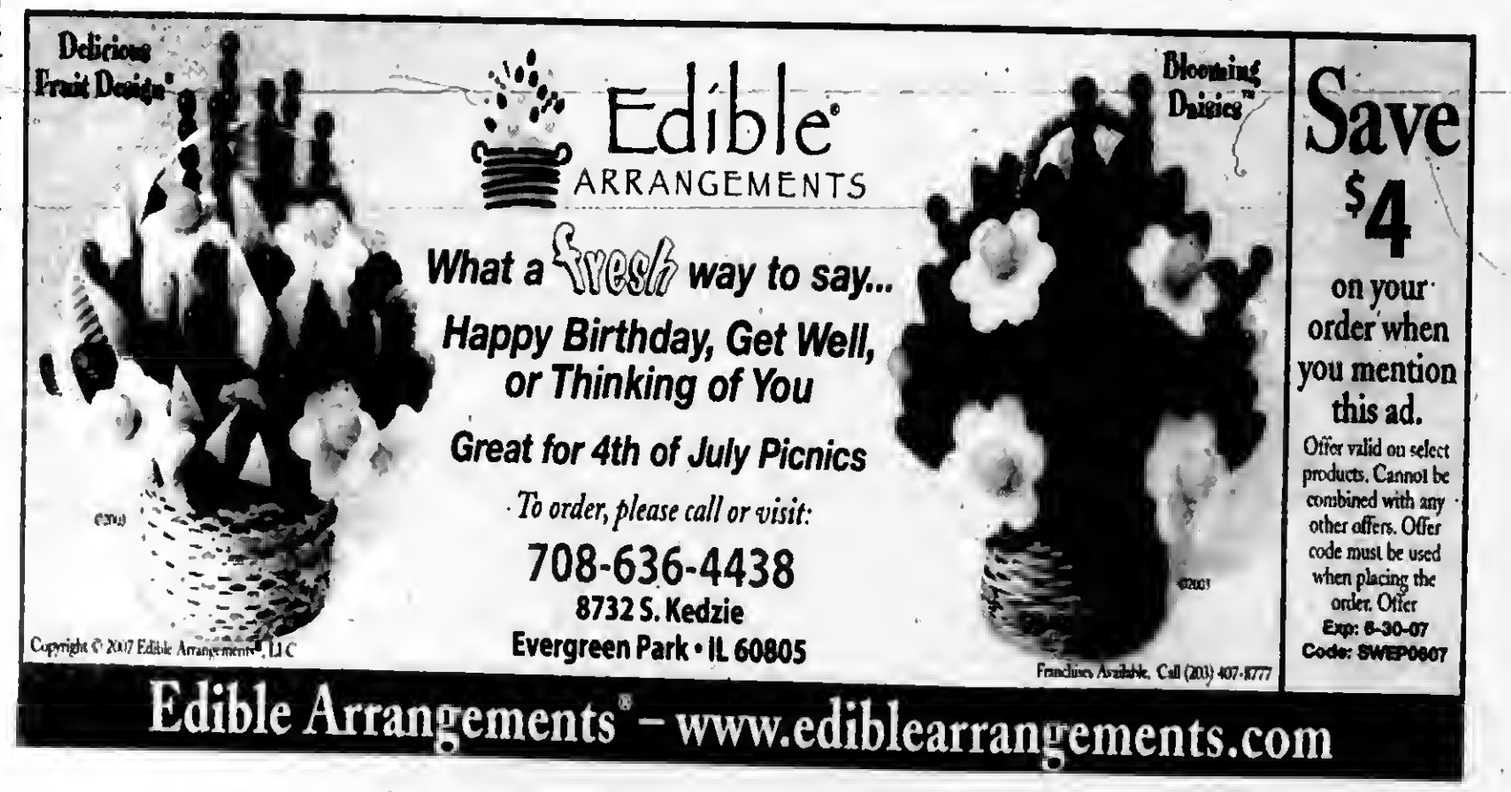
Elvis Performs

Popular Elvis Tribute Artist Bob West will be performing at these upcoming events for all ages.

Relay For Life on Friday, June 22 at 7 p.m. at Central Park, 15601 S. Central in Oak Forest. For more information call Tom or Rhonda at (708) 687-2905 or visit the web site at www.acsevents.org/relay/il/oakforest.

Relay For Life on Saturday, June 23 at 6 p.m. at Shepard High School, 130th & Ridgeland Ave. in Palos Heights. For more information call Jan at (708) 633-7770 or visit the web site at www.acsevents.org/relay/il/palos.

Hickory Hills Street Fair, 9401 S. Roberts Road in Hickory Hills, Sunday, June 24 at 4 p.m. Admission is free. For more information call (708) 598-4800.



LEGAL NOTICE

VILLAGE OF CRESTWOOD
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF SEVEN SEPARATE AGREEMENTS FOR THE ASSIGNMENT OF LEASE AND RENTS AND SUCCESSOR LEASE AND RENTS WITH WIRELESS CAPITAL PARTNERS, LLC

LEGAL NOTICE is hereby given that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Crestwood, Illinois intends to adopt an Ordinance authorizing the execution of seven separate agreements with Wireless Capital Partners, LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company, each titled Assignment of Lease and Rents and Successor Lease and Rents (individually referred to as the "Agreement") for the seven parcels of property owned by the Village and legally described as follows:

12704 S. WEST PLAYFIELD DRIVE

LOT "B" IN PLAYFIELD, A SUBDIVISION OF THE NORTHEAST ¼ OF THE SOUTHWEST AND PART OF THE NORTHWEST ¼ OF SECTION 33, TOWNSHIP 37 NORTH, RANGE 13, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, EXCEPT A TRACT OF LAND COMPRISING PART OF LOT "B" IN PLAYFIELD, A SUBDIVISION OF THE NORTHEAST ¼ OF THE SOUTHWEST ¼ AND PART OF THE NORTHWEST ¼ OF SECTION 33, TOWNSHIP 37 NORTH, RANGE 13, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, SAID TRACT BEING: ALL THAT PART OF SAID LOT "B" AS LIES WITHIN THE EAST 120 FEET OF THE SOUTH 120 FEET OF THE NORTH 683.5 FEET OF THE NORTHWEST ¼ OF THE NORTHWEST ¼ OF SAID SECTION 33, TOWNSHIP 37 NORTH, RANGE 13, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

13900 S. LAVERGNE

THAT PART OF THE EAST HALF OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 4, TOWNSHIP 36 NORTH, RANGE 13 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, TO WIT: BEGINNING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID EAST HALF OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER AND RUNNING SOUTH 89° 39' 00" EAST, ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID EAST HALF OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER, 1329.30 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 0° 11' 50" EAST ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID EAST HALF OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER, 625.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89° 48' 10" WEST, 190.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 20° 23' 02" WEST, 218.60 FEET; THENCE NORTH 44° 39' 00" WEST, 470.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89° 39' 00" WEST, 735.00 FEET TO THE WEST LINE OF THE EAST HALF OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER; THENCE NORTH, ALONG SAID WEST LINE, 90.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, CONTAINING 7.093 ACRES.

14040 S. KILDARE AVE.

PARCEL 1:
THE SOUTH 65 FEET OF LOT 10 (EXCEPT THAT PART DEDICATED FOR KILDARE AVENUE BY DOCUMENT 94083579) IN ARTHUR T MCINTOSH'S ISLAND FARMS, BEING A SUBDIVISION OF THE EAST ½ OF THE EAST ½ OF THE SOUTHWEST ¼ AND THE NORTH 64 RODS OF THE SOUTHEAST ¼ AND THAT PART OF THE EAST ½ OF THE WEST ½ OF THE NORTHEAST ¼ LYING SOUTH OF CENTER LINE OF MIDLOTHIAN TURNPIKE ALL IN SECTION 3, TOWNSHIP 36 NORTH, RANGE 13 (EXCEPT TO THE MIDLOTHIAN AND BLUE ISLAND RAILROAD) IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

PARCEL 2:
THE NORTH ½ OF THE WEST ½ OF THE WEST ½ OF THE SOUTH 32 RODS OF THE NORTH 96 RODS OF SOUTHEAST ¼ OF SECTION 3, TOWNSHIP 36 NORTH, RANGE 13, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, (EXCEPT THAT PART LYING SOUTHERLY OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED LINE: BEGINNING AT A POINT OF THE WEST LINE OF THE SOUTHEAST ¼ OF SAID SECTION 3 WHICH IS 1158.45 FEET SOUTH OF THE NORTHWEST CORNER THEREOF; THENCE EAST ALONG A LINE PARALLEL WITH AND 102.45 FEET SOUTH OF THE NORTH LINE OF SAID NORTH ½ OF THE WEST ½ OF THE SOUTH 32 RODS OF THE NORTH 96 RODS OF THE SOUTHEAST ¼ OF SAID SECTION 3, A DISTANCE OF 102.89 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE SOUTHEASTERLY ALONG A DIAGONAL LINE A DISTANCE OF 577.59 FEET TO A POINT IN THE EAST LINE OF SAID NORTH ½ OF THE WEST ½ OF THE SOUTH 32 RODS OF THE NORTH 96 RODS OF THE SOUTHEAST ¼ OF SAID SECTION 3, WHICH IS 223.94 FEET SOUTH OF THE NORTHEAST CORNER THEREOF) AND (EXCEPT THAT PART DEDICATED FOR KILDARE AVENUE BY DOCUMENT 94083579), IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

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LOT 1 IN THE RESUBDIVISION OF LOT 7 IN ARTHUR T. McINTOSH & CO.'S RICHWOOD FARMS, A SUBDIVISION OF THE EAST ½ OF THE NORTHEAST ¼ OF SECTION 4, TOWNSHIP 38 NORTH, RANGE 13 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

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The purpose of each Agreement is to assign future rights to income from leases for cellular phone towers located on the parcels owned by the Village, herein described, for a valuable consideration as provided by each Agreement.

The Village hereby gives notice that it is the intent of the Board of Trustees to enter into such Agreements at its regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees on July 5, 2007, to be held at 8:00 PM, at the Village of Crestwood Civic Center.

The Village of Crestwood reserves the right to reject all agreements as provided by law.

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Extreme Heat Threatens Lives Of All Pets

The Animal Welfare League urges pet owners to keep pets indoors as much as possible during extreme heat. The League also warns owners to leave their pets at home. Leaving pets in parked cars can be a deadly mistake. According to the Humane Society of the United States... the temperature inside a car can reach 160 degrees in less than 10 minutes... even when the windows are partially open. With only hot air to breathe, pets can suffer from heatstroke and brain damage. Pet owners should become familiar with the signs of heat stress including: panting, glazed eyes, rapid pulse rate, vomiting, or a deep red or purple tongue. If a dog becomes overheated, owners should apply icepacks or cold towels to the head, neck and chest. Do not give the animal unlimited water. Let him lick ice cubes or ice cream instead. Pet owners should consult a veterinarian immediately if their pet has suffered in any way from the heat. Call the Animal Welfa eague for more tips on keeping pets cool in the summe an!

For more information, call Terri Sparks at (708) 636-8586, ext. 227.

Read... ALL POINTS *See Page 4*

$163 Million For Military Construction Projects In Illinois Approved

U.S. Senator Dick Durbin (D-IL) announced that the Senate Appropriations Committee, of which he is a member, has approved $162.221 million in federal funding for military construction projects in Illinois.

The Fiscal Year 2008 appropriations bill for military construction and veterans affairs includes funding for the following Illinois projects.

Child Development Center, Scott Air Force Base: $8.2 million to construct a new Child Development Center that will replace the existing facility that currently serves children aged six weeks through 12 years. The current facility provides only 35% of the total space and care requirements for children of working parents. In addition, the rapidly deteriorating facility requires constant maintenance for plumbing, heating and cooling systems, roof leaks, flooding and damage to flooring, and inadequate wiring. The new Child Development Center will provide over 200 children at Scott Air Force Base with a comfortable and clean educational environment.

Combined Fire/Police Facility, Rock Island Arsenal: $3.35 million to finish remodeling the existing Rock Island Arsenal Fire and Police Station and complete the remaining 4,000 square feet of the new addition. The original facility, constructed in 1874, did not allow the entire police force to be located in the same building; fire department equipment had to be housed in a location separate from department personnel. The improved facility will allow the police and fire departments to operate in a more efficient manner and better serve Rock Island Arsenal through safety and security. Senator Durbin secured $7.4 million for this project in FY06.

Scott Air Force Base: The bill also includes $16.7 million for a Security Forces Squadron Operations Facility at Scott Air Force Base. This facility will support the base's joint security forces to include air base defense, crime prevention, investigation, training, information and personnel security, resource protection, confinement operations, weapons vault and armory. The facility will create synergy between the active and guard security forces units as well as provide adequate storage and training areas necessary to keep these troops combat-ready.

Army National Guard Readiness Center, St. Clair County: $8.1 million to redesign the Readiness Center in St. Clair County. This Center is required to provide adequate administrative, supply, classroom, locker, latrine, and kitchen space in support of peacetime missions. The facility will help the unit meet readiness, recruiting and retention, and training objectives.

Great Lakes Naval Training Center, North Chicago: $26.871 million for infrastructure upgrades ($16.65 million) and a weapons training facility ($10.221 million) at the Great Lakes Naval Training Center.

Federal Healthcare Facility, North Chicago: $99 million to construct a TRICARE outpatient medical clinic addition and alter existing space within the North Chicago VA Medical Center to fully integrate Navy and VA Federal health Care missions in North Chicago. The facility will provide sufficient ambulatory capability and support space to fully integrate the healthcare activities of the existing Naval Hospital within the current VA Medical Center. This will deliver cost effective healthcare to eligible DOD beneficiaries in the North Chicago area, including sailors at Great Lakes Naval Training Center.

Senator Durbin worked with Representative Jerry Costello (D-IL) on the St. Clair County and Scott Air Force Base projects.

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Tour Wastewater Facilities

Commissioners Debra Stone, Frank Avila and Patricia Horton of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago recently toured all seven wastewater treatment facilities, including the Stickney and Calumet Plant. The MWRD serves an equivalent population of 10.35 million people (5.25 million individuals and a commercial and industrial equivalent of 4.5 million people).

The MWRD's Stickney Plant is one of the largest in the world with about 650 tons of sludge processed per day. Because the Stickney Plant is adjacent to a residential neighborhood being a good neighbor was a key consideration during the design work.

Summer Job Web Site

The Illinois Dept. of Employment Security is announcing the 2007 Career Information System (CIS) Summer Job Central at www.ILWorkInfo.com/icm. The web site directs teens and young adults to useful hints for their job search and has links to additional sites for finding summer job openings. Job opportunities range from internships and summer camps to part-time positions, government jobs and international opportunities. Summer employment is a way for high school and college students to explore different work settings, and is beneficial as they explore future career possibilities.

The Illinois Dept. of Employment Security administers federally funded employment services and unemployment insurance through its 70 offices, including the Illinois Employment and Training Centers. IDES also receives federal grants to provide and analyze labor market statistics and information. Illinois workforce and career information is available at www.ILWorkInfo.com.

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Conference To Address The Affordable Housing Needs Of Illinois Residents

Building on his commitment to help working families, seniors and the disabled have expanded access to decent, affordable housing, Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich recently announced the opening of the State's Summer Affordable Housing Conference in Springfield. The State's top affordable housing experts, developers, lenders and other housing practitioners gathered at the Abraham Lincoln Hotel and Conference Center to explore how to increase affordable housing options for Illinois residents and learn about the State's existing affordable housing resources.

"Owning a home is a big part of the American dream. But in some communities, that dream is unattainable because of high housing costs. This conference will help bring about new ideas and strategies to make sure we're helping working families have a real shot at finding safe, affordable housing where they can raise a family, build equity and become a part of their communities," said Gov. Blagojevich.

The event coincides with the 40th anniversary of the Illinois Housing Development Authority (IHDA), the self-supporting State agency responsible for increasing the supply of decent and safe homes for low-income residents.

"Under the leadership of Gov. Blagojevich, Illinois is nationally recognized for its successes in affordable housing. This year IHDA celebrates 40 years of financing the creation and preservation of affordable housing statewide. The challenge we all face going forward is to grow the quantity and range of affordable housing available to Illinois families. We will continue to foster the kind of innovative thinking needed to help Illinoisans afford decent and safe homes," said DeShana L. Forney, executive director of the Illinois Housing Development Authority.

"IHDA and its partners are working hard to meet the housing needs in my district and in rural communities around the state. We've shown that new housing is not only needed in rural areas, it can also be an agent of change. Often, young families choose to stay in rural areas given the opportunity to buy or rent near jobs," said Sen. Deanna Demuzio (D-Carlinville), keynote speaker at the conference.

"The cumulative impact of the affordable housing development sector on the economy is often understated. For example, in Illinois in FY 2006, organizations such as IHDA and its many partners helped generate over $69 million in federal, state and local taxes and fees – while creating over 4,000 full-time jobs. By utilizing the standards of the National Assn. of Home Builders, it has been estimated and reported that the total economic activity generated by the Authority's programs equal over $567 million in FY 2006. When a house or apartment complex is built or rehabilitated, materials are purchased, workers are employed, wages are spent and multiplied in the community," said Harry Pestine, Community Affairs Program Director and Economic Development Editor of Profitwise News and View for the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago. Pestine gave a presentation about community and economic development and the economic impact of affordable housing development at the conference.

On behalf of the governor, IHDA also recognized three Illinois banks for their shared commitment to affordable housing. Lender Achievement Awards were presented to Marine Bank in Springfield, the First National Bank of Carmi in southern Illinois, and the Farmers and Mechanics Bank in Galesburg. The three banks are among IHDA's partner lenders across the State who are instrumental in connecting low and moderate-income homebuyers to the Authority's below market interest rate loans such as the I-Loan Mortgage program and the recently launched G-I Loan for Heroes program benefiting veterans and active duty service personnel.

The conference included more than 10 concurrent sessions detailing the State's affordable housing programs and the different financing options for homeownership and multi-family development offered by IHDA. Attendees also discussed the existing and emerging challenges facing the industry such as preservation, increasing foreclosure rates in Illinois, the rising costs of construction and housing values, and helping persons with disabilities and other special needs find affordable housing in the community.

The Conference is the latest step taken by Gov. Blagojevich to improve the affordability of Illinois' housing.

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Palos R/C Flying Club Air Show

The Palos R/C Flying Club will hold it's Annual Air Show at 107th Street and LaGrange Road in Palos Hills, on Sunday, June 24th, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

All events for the day are free to the public. Spend a day with the Palos R/C Flying Club. There will be a viewing of the model planes at 12 noon on the runway. Pilots and builders will be on hand to answer questions about the planes.

If you find the hobby interesting the Palos R/C Flying Club will help you get started.

There will be a free prize raffle every hour for the kids and you can buy a chance to win a ready-to-fly R/C airplane valued at $320

The AMA sanctions this event. For more information, call Hank Young at (815) 740-1412 or visit www.palosrc.com.

Officials Host Metro Summit

State Rep. Al Riley (D-Olympia Fields) and other area elected officials will host a regional South Metro Transportation Summit on Saturday, June 16th at 9 a.m. at the Colin Powell Middle School.

Many perceive that there has been a historical lack of mass transit investment in south suburban communities and uncertainty regarding transportation infrastructure projects. It is felt that these issues have a negative impact on overall south suburban development. This summit is designed to give local elected officials, community and business leaders, transportation experts, community advocates and local residents an opportunity to learn about the current status of south suburban transit plans. It will also afford these groups an opportunity to voice their concerns to legislative leaders, mass transit officials and others involved in regional transportation planning.

Award Recipient

Terrence J. O'Brien, President of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, has announced the recent presentation of the Silver Performance Award by the National Association of Clean Water Agencies. O'Brien stated that this award is presented for outstanding compliance with National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System has been presented to Stephen Carmody, Assistant Engineer of Treatment Plant Operation III.

Commissioner Kathleen Therese Meany is pictured congratulating Stephen Carmody on receiving this important award.

Wisconsin Illinois Lily Society Show

The Wisconsin Illinois Lily Society's 48th Annual Show, "A Night at the Opera..." will be open to the public from Noon to 5 p.m. on Saturday, July 7 and on Sunday, July 8, from 10 a.m. to 4.30 p.m., at the Chicago Botanic Garden, 1000 Lake Cook Road, Glencoe.

One of the biggest annual flower shows held at the Botanic Garden, this free event is the Midwes's largest show devoted entirely to lilies and floral arrangements featuring lilies. Those attending will see a wide variety of some of the best lilies grown in the Midwest.

Although all Chicagoland gardeners are invited to enter their lily stems, only a Lily Society member is eligible to win the "Best of the Show" Award.

The mission of the Wisconsin Illinois Lily Society, an affiliate of the North American Lily Society, is to further the knowledge and propagation of true lilies.

Seek Action On Transportation Issues

U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin (D-IL) recently met with Transportation Secretary Mary E. Peters urging the Dept. of Transportation to move forward on several Illinois transportation issues including downstate Illinois air service, O'Hare modernization, and expanded Amtrak service in Illinois.

Great Lakes Airlines was awarded the Essential Air Service contracts in Marion/Herrin, Quincy and most recently Decatur. Durbin has asked repeatedly that the airline work to make sure the necessary planes, personnel and equipment are in place so that service between downstate communities and St. Louis Lambert International Airport can resume safely and quickly.

"I made sure the Secretary understood that downstate Illinois communities have experienced months of travel, tourism and economic disruptions as a result of the air service shutdown," said Durbin. "The area has been without service for far too long and there is growing frustration over Great Lakes Aviation's delay in restoring service. Secretary Peters assured me that she will continue to work with the FAA, the airlines and the affected communities to restore service as quickly and safely as possible."

On June 12th, Durbin sent a letter to the CEO of Great Lakes Airlines, Chuck Howell, and the Chairman of the Board of Directors, Doug Voss, asking that the airline work to begin providing scheduled passenger air service from Decatur, Marion/Herrin, Quincy and Springfield to St. Louis as soon as possible. Durbin sent a similar letter to Howell on April 11th. On March 19th, Durbin sent a letter to the President of American Eagle Airlines, Peter M. Bowler, urging that the airline work with Great Lakes to begin service immediately.

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Officials Check In On Sex Offenders

Investigators from Attorney General Lisa Madigan's office, the Chicago Police Dept., the U.S. Marshals Service and the Illinois Dept. of Corrections (IDOC) have completed an intensive three-day operation to assess the compliance status of 70 convicted child pornographers currently registered as living in Chicago. Madigan's office and members of the Illinois Sex Offender Registry Team (I-SORT) routinely conduct compliance checks around the State to ensure that registered sex offenders are living where they say they are. Investigators from Madigan's office joined I-SORT partners in the operation conducted recently.

"It is critical that we know the whereabouts of sex offenders registered in Illinois," Madigan said. "My office & the I-SORT team are constantly working to verify registration information and make sure that we know where offenders are living."

During the three-day operation the team checked the registered addresses of 70 convicted child pornographers. As a result of the check, the team verified the registration addresses for 33 offenders, determined that six offenders were non-compliant, and left notices for 31 offenders, advising them to check in by calling the I-SORT hotline. Over the coming days, the team will follow up with seven offenders who were left notices but have not yet checked in.

The team will continue working on locating the six non-compliant offenders. Specifically, as a result of the compliance check, the Attorney General's office has added the six newly discovered non-compliant offenders to the Attorney General's *Operation Location Unknown* web site. The web site highlights 10 different non-compliant offenders each month and asks members of the public to visit the site and provide the whereabouts of anyone they may know.

The *Operation Location Unknown* link is available on the Attorney General's web site at www.illinoisattorneygeneral.gov. Members of the public with information concerning the whereabouts of these, or any other non-compliant sex offender, are urged to call I-SORT at 1(888) 414-7678; or by sending an e-mail to locationunknown@atg.state.il.us.

Madigan created I-SORT in December 2003 to increase compliance with the registration laws and improve the information available on the state's sex offender registry. Since then, I-SORT has undertaken comprehensive and ongoing efforts to improve the registration process and solve problems with the system. Since its inception, I-SORT members have conducted targeted raids and used tips from the I-SORT hotline to locate non-compliant offenders, worked to improve the accuracy of the information on the sex offender web site and launched a public awareness campaign to publicize the importance of the web site as a tool to protect families.

As of June 1st, Illinois State Police statistics show compliance with Illinois' sex offender registration requirements at more than 92%, up from the 86% compliance rate when I-SORT was first announced. Madigan notes that while I-SORT members are pleased with this increase in compliance, they have more work to do and are continuing their extensive and aggressive efforts to improve the accuracy and usefulness of the information on the registry. The Illinois Sex Offender Registry is located at www.isp.state.il.us.

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The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

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PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 13, 2007, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on July 31 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate Commonly known as 14507 HAMLIN AVENUE, Midlothian, IL 60445 Property Index No 28-11-118-002-0000

The real estate is improved with a brown brick single family 1 story home with a detached 1 1/2 car garage. The judgment amount was $136,655.35. Sale terms 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4) Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale

The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information

For information: Visit our website at http \\service atty-pierce.com between the hours of 3 and 5 pm. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602. Tel No (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number PA0615146. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE I42099

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION CITIFINANCIAL MORTGAGE COMPANY, INC. FKA ASSOCIATES HOME EQUITY SERVICES, INC. Plaintiff, vs. BERNETTE JOHNSON, CITIFINANCIAL MORTGAGE, INC F/K/A ASSOCIATES HOME EQUITY SERVICES, INC.; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF BERNETTE JOHNSON, IF ANY; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants. 06 CH 22681

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on 4/25/2007, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Friday, July 27, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property: P.I.N. 26-11-407-045 Commonly known as 14630 Homan Avenue, Midlothian, IL 60445 The improvement on the property consists of a brick, ranch, single family residence with a detached 2 car garage. Sale terms: 25% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.

For information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602. Tel.No. (312) 476-5500. Refer to File Number PA0611063. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I41466

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION SOVEREIGN BANK, FSB Plaintiff, -v.- LINDA SAFI, et al Defendant 07 CH 1324 NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on March 19, 2007, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on July 27, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate Commonly known as 4424 W. 124TH STREET, Alsip, IL 60803 Property Index No 24-27-309-010

The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was $161,178.94 Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department. Please refer to file number 14-06-A953. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I42064

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR MORGAN STANLEY ABS CAPITAL I INC TRUST 2006-HE3 Plaintiff, vs. TADEUSZ OSTAPOWICZ; ET AL. Defendants. 06 CH 27410 NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on February 21 2007, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Thursday, July 26 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 7813 New England Avenue, Burbank, IL 60459 P.I.N. 19-30-307-003

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call Ms. Diane Thomas at Plaintiff's Attorney, Freedman Anselmo Lindberg & Rappe, LLC. 1807 West Diehl Road, Naperville, Illinois 60563-1690. (877) 729-6734. W0612014 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I41446

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION NATIONAL CITY BANK Plaintiff, -v.- ERIC RINGO, et al Defendant 06 CH 27855 NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 27, 2007, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on July 25, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 10025 S. KILBOURN AVENUE, Oak Lawn, IL 60453 Property Index No. 24-10-308-005

The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was $249,277.02. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department. Please refer to file number 14-06-G992. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I41856

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION WORLD SAVINGS BANK, FSB Plaintiff, -v.- AHMED Y. ZAMAT, et al Defendant 06 CH 18876 NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on April 24, 2007, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on July 26, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 7833 NARRAGANSETT AVENUE, Burbank, IL 60459 Property Index No. 19-29-308-049-0000, Property Index No. 19-29-308-044-0000, Property Index No. 19-29-308-065-0000

The real estate is improved with a brick 1 story house with a 1 car detached garage. The judgment amount was $89,912.99. Sale terms 26% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

For information: Visit our website at http.\\service.atty-pierce.com, between the hours of 3 and 6 pm. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602. Tel No (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number PA0609726. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE I41886

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION CHASE HOME FINANCE LLC SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO CHASE MANHATTAN MORTGAGE CORPORATION Plaintiff, -v.- JAMES GAIDES A/K/A JAMES B GAIDES, et al Defendant 00 CH 18778 NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 31, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on July 13, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate Commonly known as 5724 W. GAINSBOROUGH PLACE, Oak Forest, IL 60452 Property Index No. 28-17-210-012

The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was $182,752.14. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department. Please refer to file number 14-06-H491 THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I41887

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION HSBC MORTGAGE SERVICES, INC.; Plaintiff, vs CHERYL D. SCHREINER; ET. AL.; Defendants, 06 CH 27662 NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on February 27, 2007, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, July 24, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 11941 S. Karlov, Alsip, IL 60803. P.I.N. 24-27-203-018, 015 & 014.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call Ms. Diane Thomas at Plaintiff's Attorney, Freedman Anselmo Lindberg & Rappe, LLC. 1807 West Diehl Road, Naperville, Illinois 60563-1690. (877) 729-6734. X0612049 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I41405

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE; Plaintiff, vs JESSIE C. RODRIGUEZ; MONOGRAM CREDIT CARD BANK OF GEORGIA; GREAT SENECA FINANCIAL CORP. Defendants, 07 CH 752 NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on March 21, 2007 Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, July 24, 2007 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 3920 W. 123rd Street, Alsip, IL 60803. P.I.N. 24-26-109-023.

The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection

For information call William E. Dutton, Jr./Barbara J. Dutton at Plaintiff's Attorney, DUTTON & DUTTON, P.C., 10325 West Lincoln Highway, Frankfort, Illinois 60423, (815) 806-8200. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I41410

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE; Plaintiff, vs. RONALD WASHINGTON, SR., BARBARA O. WASHINGTON Defendants, 06 CH 17622 NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on October 17, 2006 Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, July 9, 2007 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate.

Commonly known as 6801 S. Talman, Evergreen Park, IL 60805. P.I.N. 24-01-207-001 & 002. The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence. THE SALE SHALL BE SUBJECT TO GENERAL TAXES, SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS AND TO A PRIOR RECORDED FIRST MORTGAGE. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection

For information call William E. Dutton, Jr./Barbara J. Dutton at Plaintiff's Attorney, DUTTON & DUTTON, P.C., 10325 West Lincoln Highway, Frankfort, Illinois 60423, (815) 806-8200 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I39597

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR RBMG, INC., AND/OR ITS SUCCESSORS Plaintiff, -v.- MICHAEL J. NEUROHR, et al Defendant 04 CH 21582 NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on April 5, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on July 9, 20 at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 4404 LISA LANE, Oak Forest, IL 60452 Property Index No. 28-22-314-017

The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was $148,737.29. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in AS IS condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department. Please refer to file number 14-04-D678. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I40354

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR LONG BEACH MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2006-1 Plaintiff, -v.- EARNEST HALL A/K/A EARNEST J. HALL, et al Defendant 06 CH 17500 NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on November 2, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on June 29, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 13834 S. CRAWFORD AVENUE, Robbins, IL 60472 Property Index No. 28-03-210-055

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $73,445.61. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department. Please refer to file number 14-06-F462. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I40395

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR LONG BEACH MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2006-WL3 Plaintiff, -v.- WILLIE GREEN, et al Defendant 06 CH 26436 NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on March 7, 2007, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on July 9, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 13910 CENTRAL PARK AVENUE, Robbins, IL 60472 Property Index No. 28-02-305-040

The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was $70,685.75. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department. Please refer to file number 14-06-H180. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I40437

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION CITIMORTGAGE, INC., ASSIGNEE OF MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATIONS SYSTEMS, INC. Plaintiff, vs. CLARENCE MONTGOMERY, Defendants, 06 CH 26603 NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on March 1, 2007 Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, July 17, 2007 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 4320 Wagman Street, Oak Forest, Illinois 60452. The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection

For information call Sales Clerk at Plaintiff's Attorney, Law Offices of Iris T. Nevel, 175 North Franklin Street, Chicago, Illinois 60606. (312) 357-1125. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I40564

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY AS TRUSTEE OF ARGENT MORTGAGE SECURITIES, INC., ASSET BACKED PASS THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 2006-W2 UNDER THE POOLING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT DATED AS OF FEBRUARY 1, 2006 WITHOUT RECOURSE, ASSIGNEE OF ARGENT MORTGAGE COMPANY, LLC; Plaintiff, vs MUATH ZABDAWI; ARGENT MORTGAGE COMPANY, LLC; UNDER MORTGAGE RECORDED AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 0600953028; Defendants, 06 CH 28094 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on April 18, 2017 Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Thursday, July 19, 2007 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate: P.I.N. 24-16-403-046. Commonly known as 10725 Lacrosse Ave., Oak Lawn, IL 60453. The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection
For information call Sales Clerk at Plaintiff's Attorney, Law Offices of Ira T. Nevel, 175 North Franklin Street, Chicago, Illinois 60606. (312) 357-1125. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I40614

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION WELLS FARGO BANK NA Plaintiff, -v.- MOHAMED KHAN, et al Defendants 06 CH 25461 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 16, 2007, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on July 5, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 8009 S. SACRAMENTO AVENUE, Chicago, IL 60652 Property Index No 19-36-112-003
The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was $201,602.71. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information
For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-8876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department... Please refer to file number 14-06-E983. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE, IL 60527 (630) 794-9876 Attorney File No.: 14-06-E983 ARDC# 00468002 Attorney Code. 21762 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I40160

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION NATIONAL CITY MORTGAGE CO. Plaintiff, -v.- FREDERICK WORD, et al Defendant 06 CH 26310 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on April 3, 2007, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on July 10, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 12517 SOUTH TRUMBULL AVENUE, Alsip, IL 60803 Property Index No. 24-26-410-025-0000
The real estate is improved with a ranch, 2 car detached garage, white brick. The judgment amount was $118,283.07. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information: Visit our website at http:\\service.atty-pierce.com. between the hours of 3 and 5 pm. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602. Tel No. (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number PA0614421. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE I40276

REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC AS NOMINEE FOR AND AS AUTHORIZED BY THE CIT GROUP/CONSUMER FINANCE INC., SUCCESSOR TO ACCREDITED HOME LENDERS, INC.; Plaintiff, vs. TIMOTHY SAGE; ET. AL.; Defendants, 07 CH 5219 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on May 23, 2007 Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, July 16, 2007 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate: P.I.N. 28-10-205-022. Commonly known as: 14346 Kerlov Ave., Midlothian, IL 60445. The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence. This information is considered reliable but is not warranted. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. This sale is subject to unpaid real estate taxes, assessments, covenants, conditions, easements and restrictions of record. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
This pleading is a communication for the purpose of collecting the mortgage debt, under the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act. If you fail to dispute, in writing, the validity of this debt within thirty days, it will be assumed to be valid. Finally, any information you provide will be used for the purpose of collection.
Upon payment, of each portion of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Receipt of Sale. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the mortgaged real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection, except by the arrangement and agreement of the current owner or occupant.
For information: JAROS, TITTLE & O'TOOLE, LIMITED, Plaintiff's Attorney, 20 North Clark Street, Suite 510, Chicago, Illinois 60602, (312) 750-1000. Phone calls will be taken only between the hours of 9:00 thru 11:00 A.M. When calling, please refer to file number 07-31463. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I40533

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION BANK OF NEW YORK AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATE HOLDERS OF CWABS 2004-04 Plaintiff V. THOMAS J. THOMAS; EVELYN D. TACKETT A/K/A EVELYN D. THOMAS, Defendants 05 CH 19210 NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE Fisher and Shapiro file #65341 (It is advised that interested parties consult with their own attorneys before bidding at mortgage foreclosure sales.)
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered on May 1, 2007, Kallen Realty Services, Inc., as Selling Official will at 12:30 p.m. on August 2, 2007, at 205 W. Randolph Street, Suite 1200, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real property: C/K/A 8310 LAVERGNE, BURBANK, IL 60459. TAX ID# 18-33-401-058 The mortgaged real estate is improved with a dwelling. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
The judgment amount was $216,871.69. Sale terms: 10% of successful bid immediately at conclusion of auction, balance by noon the next business day, both by cashier's checks; and no refunds. The sale shall be subject to general real estate taxes, special taxes, special assessments, special taxes levied, and superior liens, if any. The property is offered "as is," with no express or implied warranties and without any representation as to the quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to review the court file to verify all information.
For information: Sale Clerk, Fisher and Shapiro, 4201 Lake Cook Rd., 1st floor, Northbrook, Illinois 60062, (847) 498-9990, between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. weekdays only. I37967

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY AS TRUSTEE UNDER THE POOLING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT SERIES INDB 2006-1 Plaintiff, -v.- PATRICIA CABRERA, et al Defendant 06 CH 25414 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 16, 2007, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on July 3, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 6851 W. 62ND STREET, Burbank, IL 60459 Property Index No. 19-32-232-012
The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was $211,476.35. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department... Please refer to file number 14-06-F078. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I40033

REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION ACCREDITED HOME LENDERS, INC. Plaintiff, -v.- ISSA TADROS, et al Defendants 06 CH 26152 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 5, 2007, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on July 17, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 4907 WEST 106TH STREET, Oak Lawn, IL 60453 Property Index No. 24-16-213-026-0000
The real estate is improved with a brick split level with a 2 car attached garage. The judgment amount was $319,381.74. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information: Visit our website at http:\\service.atty-pierce.com. between the hours of 3 and 5 pm. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602. Tel No. (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number PA0614134. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE I40746

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION US BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR MASTR ASSET BACKED SECURITIES TRUST, 2006-WMC2 Plaintiff, vs. GUILLERMO SUAREZ, ET AL. Defendants, 06 CH 26130 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on February 6, 2007, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Wednesday, July 11, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 15229 Lawndale Avenue, Midlothian, IL 60445. P.I.N. 28-14-107-058.
The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashiers or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
For information call Ms. Diane Thomas at Plaintiff's Attorney, Freedman Anselmo Lindberg & Rappe, LLC, 1807 West Diehl Road, Naperville, Illinois 60563-1890. (877) 729-6734. w0611121 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I39687

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO WELLS FARGO HOME MORTGAGE, INC. Plaintiff, -v.- ADRIENNE FERGUSON, et al Defendants 06 CH 24843 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on March 28, 2007, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on July 30, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 4281 W. 76TH STREET, UNIT 103, Chicago, IL 60652 Property Index No. 19-27-401-038-1261
The real estate is improved with a condominium. The judgment amount was $55,654.38. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department... Please refer to file number 14-06-F075. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE, IL 60527 (630) 794-9876 Attorney File No.: 14-06-F075 ARDC# 00468002 Attorney Code. 21762 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I42090

REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION CHASE FINANCE LLC SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO CHASE MANHATTAN MORTGAGE CORPORATION Plaintiff, -v.- MICHAEL J. FURST, et al w Defendant 06 CH 24955 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 17, 2007, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on July 3, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 5705 VICTORIA DRIVE, Oak Forest, IL 60452 Property Index No. 28-17-229-002
The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was $199,321.86. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in AS IS condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department.. Please refer to file number 14-06-F152. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I40052

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION CHASE MANHATTAN MORTGAGE CORPORATION; Plaintiff, vs TIMOTHY J. DOOLEY; ET. AL.; Defendants, 06 CH 26312 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on March 19, 2007, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Friday, July 13, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 14601 Clifton Park, Midlothian, IL 60445. P.I.N. 28-11-224-001.
The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds. The property will NOT be open for inspection
For information call Ms. Diane Thomas at Plaintiff's Attorney, Freedman Anselmo Lindberg & Rappe, LLC, 1807 West Diehl Road, Naperville, Illinois 60563-1890, (877) 729-6734. F0611829 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I39716

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION US BANK, N.A. F/K/A FIRSTAR BANK, N.A. A/K/A FIRSTAR HOME MORTGAGE CORPORATION Plaintiff, -v.- ROBERT A. PELECH, et al Defendant 06 CH 22643 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 17, 2007, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on July 3, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 5432 W. 86TH STREET, Burbank, IL 60459 Property Index No. 19-33-302-045
The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was $45,922.51. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser of the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department.. Please refer to file number 14-06-D439. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I40047

REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION LASALLE BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE UNDER THE POOLING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT DATED AS OF JUNE 1, 2006, GSAMP TRUST 2006-HE4 Plaintiff, -v.- TONYA WALLS A/K/A TONYA ANN WALLS A/K/A TONYA A. WALLS, et al Defendant 06 CH 27045 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 6, 2007, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on July 25, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 8738 S. WASHTENAW AVENUE, Evergreen Park, IL 60805 Property Index No. 24-01-201-039
The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was $149,038.43. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-8876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department.. Please refer to file number 14-06-G197. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I41854

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE Plaintiff, -v.- MARILYN GILBERT MITCHELL, et al Defendant 06 CH 23518 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on December 21, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on July 27, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 8050 S. SACRAMENTO AVENUE, Chicago, IL 60652 Property Index No. 18-36-111-036-0000
The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was $199,126.79 Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: KROPIK, PAPUGA & SHAW, 120 South LaSalle Street, Suite 1327, CHICAGO, IL 60603, (312) 236-6405. Please refer to file number 37208. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE NOTE Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I41657

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION HOUSEHOLD FINANCE CORPORATION, III; Plaintiff, vs E. EUNICE JOHNSON; ET. AL. Defendants, 06 CH 24471 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on February 14, 2007, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Friday, July 27, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 12565 S. Quinn Dr., Alsip, IL 60803 P.I.N. 24-26-312-009-1028.
The improvement on the property consists of a condominium residence. The purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by subdivisions (g)(1) and (g)(4) of Section 9 of the Condominium Property Act Sale terms Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds. The property will NOT be open for inspection
For information call Ms. Diane Thomas at Plaintiff's Attorney, Freedman Anselmo Lindberg & Rappe, LLC, 1807 West Diehl Road, Naperville, Illinois 60563-1890 (877) 729-6734. X0611023 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I41469

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION CHASE HOME FINANCE LLC Plaintiff, -v.- HECTOR C. BAUTISTA A/K/A HECTOR BAUTISTA, et al Defendants 06 CH 26170 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 5, 2007, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on July 24, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 7807 S. LUNA AVENUE, Burbank, IL 60459 Property Index No 18-28-327-003, Property Index No. 19-28-327-004
The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was $211,524.54. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department.. Please refer to file number 14-06-F635. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE, IL 60527 (630) 794-9876 Attorney File No.: 14-06-F635 ARDC# 00468002 Attorney Code. 21782 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I41688

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION BANK OF NEW YORK AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATE HOLDERS CWABS, INC. ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-13 Plaintiff, -v.- COUNTISS PERKINS, et al Defendant 06 CH 15069 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on September 14, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on July 17, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 2454 WEST 83RD STREET, Chicago, IL 60652 Property Index No 19-36-230-035-0000
The real estate is improved with a 2 story red brick single family w/unattached garage. The judgment amount was $153,447.42 Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4)
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information: Visit our website at http:\\service.atty-pierce.com. between the hours of 3 and 5 pm. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602. Tel No. (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number PA0607155. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE I41216

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR MORGAN STANLEY ABS CAPITAL I INC TRUST 2006-HE3 Plaintiff, vs ALTON POTTS; ET AL., Defendants 06 CH 17037 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on February 22, 2007, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Thursday, July 26, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 4757 South Champlain Avenue, Chicago, IL 60652. P.I.N. 20-10-204-025.
The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. THE SALE SHALL BE SUBJECT TO GENERAL TAXES, SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS AND TO A PRIOR RECORDED FIRST MORTGAGE. Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
For information call Ms. Diane Thomas at Plaintiff's Attorney, Freedman Anselmo Lindberg & Rappe, LLC, 1807 West Diehl Road, Naperville, Illinois 60563-1890 (877) 729-6734. W0608047 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I41438

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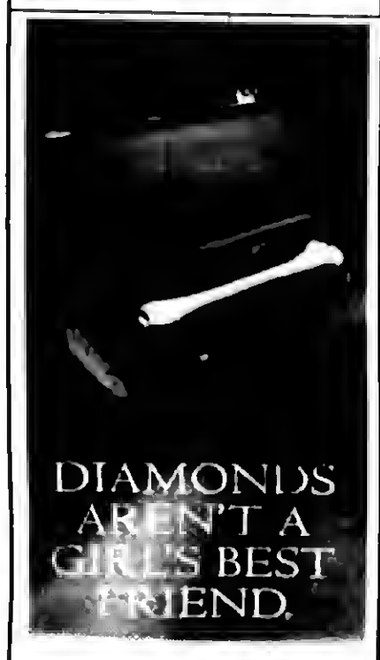

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION CHASE HOME FINANCE, LLP. SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO CHASE MANHATTAN MORTGAGE CORPORATION, Plaintiff V. MICHAEL P. NEUMANN; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants 05 CH 3276 NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE Fisher and Shapire file #62295 (It is advised that interested parties consult with their own attorneys before bidding at mortgage foreclosure sales.)
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered on April 20, 2006, Kallen Realty Services, Inc. as Selling Official will at 12:30 p.m. on July 13, 2007, at 205 W. Randolph Street, Suite 1200, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real property: COMMONLY KNOWN AS 14500 KNOX AVENUE, MIDLOTHIAN, IL 60445. TAX ID# 28-10-123-001-0000 The mortgaged real estate is improved with a dwelling. The property will NOT be open for inspection. The judgment amount was $194,303.82. Sale terms: 10% of successful bid immediately at conclusion of auction, balance by noon the next business day, both by cashier's checks; and no refunds. The sale shall be subject to general real estate taxes, special taxes, special assessments, special taxes levied, and superior liens, if any. The property is offered "as is," with no express or implied warranties and without any representation as to the quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to review the court file to verify all information.
For information: Sale Clerk, Fisher and Shapiro, 4201 Lake Cook Rd., 1st floor, Northbrook, Illinois 60062, (847) 496-9990, between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. weekdays only. I42191

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION CITIFINANCIAL SERVICES INC. SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO BLAZER FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC. Plaintiff, -v- GILBERT L. HALL, et al Defendant 06 CH 17954 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on April 26, 2007, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on July 30, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 7924 SOUTH ARTESIAN STREET, Chicago, IL 60652 Property Index No. 19-36-206-028-0000
The real estate is improved with a brick 2 story house with a 2 car detached garage. The judgment amount was $26,942.93. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.
The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com between the hours of 3 and 5 pm. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602. Tel No. (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number PA0607224. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE I42070

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION CHASE HOME FINANCE LLC Plaintiff, -v.- RAFAEL AYALA, al al Defendants 06 CH 25015 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 6, 2007, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on July 24, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 4824 OAK CENTER DRIVE, Oak Lawn, IL 60453 Property Index No. 24-09-413-017
The real estate is improved with a single family residence.
The judgment amount was $242,710.56. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department. Please refer to file number 14-06-F601. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE, IL 60527 (630) 794-9876 Attorney File No.: 14-06-F601 ARDC# 00468002 Attorney Code. 21762 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I41591

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE FOR FIRSTCITY CAPITAL HOME EQUITY LOAN TRUST 1998-2, UNDER THE POOLING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT DATED AS OF NOVEMBER 1, 1998; Plaintiff, vs. MICHAEL WALLACE AKA MICHAEL A. WALLACE; DEBBIE WALLACE AKA DEBBIE F. WALLACE; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF MICHAEL WALLACE, IF ANY UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATES OF DEBBIE WALLACE, IF ANY; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants, 05 CH 19070 NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on 2/28/2006, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, July 24, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property: P.I.N. 28-03-209-045. Commonly known as 4106 W. 137th St., Robbins, IL 60472.
The improvement on the property consists of a two story brick single family residence with a detached two car garage. Sale terms: 25% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.
For information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com. Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602. Tel.No. (312) 476-5500. Refer to File Number PA0509349. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer. (312) 444-1122 I41377

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS, INC. Plaintiff, -v.- CLARENCE CAREY, et al Defendant 06 CH 21610 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 11, 2007, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on July 17, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 3900 WEST 85TH STREET, Chicago, IL 60652 Property Index No. 19-35-315-042-0000
The real estate is improved with a one story tan brick single family house with detached garage. The judgment amount was $129,836.55. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com between the hours of 3 and 5 pm. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602. Tel No. (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number PA0611623. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE I41215

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK F/K/A WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, FA F/K/A WASHINGTON MUTUAL HOME LOANS, INC. SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST BY MERGER TO FLEET MORTGAGE CORPORATION Plaintiff, -v.- AARON T. CHERRY A/K/A AARON CHERRY, et al Defendant 06 CH 27144 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 1, 2007, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on July 23, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 4300 FORD CITY DRIVE UNIT A-906, Chicago, IL 60652 Property Index No. 19-27-401-038-1078
The real estate is improved with a condominium. The judgment amount was $72,266.20. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information: Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 704-0876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department. Please refer to file number 14-08-G490. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I41706

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION LASALLE BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, ON BEHALF OF THE HOLDERS OF THE GSAMP TRUST 2006-HE3, Plaintiff V. MERSED SANCHEZ; NOE RAMIREZ; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR ACOUSTIC HOME LOANS, LLC., Defendants 06 CH 27362 NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE Fisher and Shapiro file #06-0270D (It is advised that interested parties consult with their own attorneys before bidding at mortgage foreclosure sales.)
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered on February 13, 2007, Kallen Realty Services, Inc., as Selling Official will at 12:30 p.m. on July 24, 2007, at 205 W. Randolph Street, Suite 1200, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real property: C/K/A 7638 SOUTH KEDVALE AVENUE, CHICAGO, IL 60652, TAX ID# 19-27-406-026
The mortgaged real estate is improved with a dwelling. The property will NOT be open for inspection. The judgment amount was $221,754.70. Sale terms: 10% of successful bid immediately at conclusion of auction, balance by noon the next business day, both by cashier's checks; and no refunds. The sale shall be subject to general real estate taxes, special taxes, special assessments, special taxes levied, and superior liens, if any. The property is offered "as is," with no express or implied warranties and without any representation as to the quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to review the court file to verify all information.
For information: Sale Clerk, Fisher and Shapiro, 4201 Lake Cook Rd., 1st floor, Northbrook, Illinois 60062, (847) 496-9990, between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. weekdays only I35711

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS, INC. Plaintiff, vs. JEROME LIGGINS, JR.; CHERIE LIGGINS; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants, 03 CH 1087 NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on 3/6/2005, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Wednesday, July 25, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property: P.I.N. 19-26-413-005. Commonly known as 7715 South Sawyer Avenue, Chicago, IL 60652.
The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. Sale terms: 25% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.
For information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com. Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602. Tel.No. (312) 476-5500. Refer to File Number PA0405609. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I41415

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, TRUSTEE FOR LEHMAN BROTHERS-STRUCTURED ASSET INVESTMENT LOAN TRUST SAIL 2006-BNC2 Plaintiff, -v.- TIFFANY ANN ROBLES A/K/A TIFFANY A. ROBLES, et al Defendant 06 CH 28440 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on March 21, 2007, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on July 17, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 10801 OAK AVENUE, Chicago Ridge, IL 60415 Property Index No. 24-17-316-001
The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was $250,068.32. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department. Please refer to file number 14-06-H084. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I41222

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY AS TRUSTEE UNDER THE POOLING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT SERIES ITF INABS 2005-C Plaintiff, -v.- GERALDINE R. BRAASCH A/K/A GERALDINE BRAASCH, et al Defendant 06 CH 25498 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on March 8, 2007, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on July 17, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 10512 OXFORD AVENUE, Chicago Ridge, IL 60415 Property Index No. 24-17-114-025
The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was $159,497.90. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department. Please refer to file number 14-06-E997. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I41214

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Electrical Storms Can Be Deadly

"Lightning never strikes twice in the same place." "You have more of a chance of getting struck by lightning." These often-repeated sayings give the impression that lightning strikes are extremely rare – predictable and avoidable. This idea, however, is wrong.

Although seemingly less dangerous, lightning kills more people per year than either tornados or hurricanes and causes billions of dollars in damage. Given these statistics, it's extremely important to take lightning seriously and to stay educated on lightning safety.

"Plan outdoor activities around the weather and be prepared to seek shelter if the weather turns threatening," says Molly Hall, Safe Electricity Executive Director. "If thunderstorms and lightning are approaching, the safest location is indoors away from doors and windows. Avoid water, electric appliances and other objects that could conduct electricity, and use only cordless or cell phones to make emergency calls."

Phone use is the leading cause of indoor lightning injuries in the U.S. A direct strike is not necessary for lightning voltage to enter your home through phone lines, electrical wires, cables and plumbing.

Other recommendations to avoid lightning shock and damage indoors include: Turn off and unplug appliances well before a storm nears – never during. Stay away from electrical outlets, appliances, computers, power tools, and TV sets. Take off headsets and stop playing video games.

Avoid water and contact with piping, including sinks, baths and faucets. Don't wash dishes, shower or bathe during a thunderstorm. Also avoid washers and dryers since they not only connect with the plumbing and electrical systems, but also contain an electrical path from the outside through the dryer vent. Do not lie on the concrete floor of a garage as it likely contains a wire mesh. Basements typically are a safe place to go during thunderstorms, but avoid concrete walls that may contain metal rebar.

Lightning can strike up to ten miles from the area in which it is raining. This means that if you can hear thunder, you're within striking distance. A good idea is to use the '30-30 Rule'. According to this rule, if you count less than 30 seconds between a lightning flash and the thunder following it, you should seek shelter from the storm. When the storm is over, wait thirty minutes after the last lightning strike you see before going back outside.

If caught outdoors during a thunderstorm and unable to take shelter in a building, take the following precautions. Try to take shelter in a vehicle with a solid metal roof. Close the windows and avoid contact with electrical conducting paths, such as the steering wheel, ignition, gear shift, or radio. Avoid water, high ground, or open spaces.

Do not seek shelter under tall, solitary trees; canopies; small picnic or rain shelters; or in any open-frame vehicles such as jeeps, convertibles, golf carts, tractors or mowers.

Do not stand near power, light or flag poles, machinery, fences, gates, metal bleachers, or even other people. If you are in a group, spread out so that you are at least twenty feet apart.

If you are outside and your skin tingles or you hear crackling sounds, this could signal that lighting is about to strike. Drop immediately into a crouching position and make yourself as small as possible with minimal contact with the ground.

If a person is struck by lightning, call 911 and care for the victim immediately. You are not in danger of being electrocuted by the victim.

More information on lightning safety can be found at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration website at www.lightningsafety.noaa.gov. Also visit www.SafeElectricity.org for more electrical information. Safe Electricity is a safety public awareness program created and supported by a coalition of several dozen organizations, including electric utilities, educators, and others committed to promoting electrical safety.

AARP Meeting

The AARP Oak Lawn Chapter 3558 will meet on Monday, July 9th at 1 p.m.

The meeting will be at the McDonald-Linn VFW Hall, 10537 S. Ridgeland Ave. in Chicago Ridge.

If you are a paid-up member of AARP, you are invited to join the Chapter; you do not have to live in Oak Lawn. Members are from Chicago and other suburbs. Dues for the year are $5.

Entertainment will be the "Double Nickel Singers." Refreshments will be served after the meeting.

For more information, call Felix Waitches at (708) 422-4121.

Southwest Area Obituaries

William C. Besenhofer Sr.

Mass was said at St. Terrence Church, Alsip, on Tuesday, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for William C. Besenhofer Sr., 84, a veteran of WWII.

He is survived by his wife Mary, his children William Jr. (Sandra), Betty (Thomas) Collins, James (Shirley), Gary (Audrey) and Robert (Susan)eleven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren and his sister Ann (Marshall) Kappel and Dorothy (Edward) Glavin.

Michael E. Betz

Mass was said at St. Elizabeth Seton Church, Orland Park, on Tuesday, with entombment at Good Shepherd Cemetery, for Michael E. Betz. He was a graduate of Providence Catholic High School and an alumnus of the University of Iowa.

He is survived by his parents Kathleen and Robert Emmet, his brothers Joe Betz, Brian (Erica) Emmet, Kevin (Dale) Emmet and Beth (Greg) Hazdra.

Lottie A. Bloch

Services were held at the Lawn Funeral Home, Orland Park, on Tuesday with interment at Resurrection Cemetery, for Lottie A. Bloch, 84, a longtime Oak Lawn resident.

She is survived by her children Patricia (Bob) Garrett and Ted Bloch, five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Agnes T. Boyd

Mass was said at St. Joseph Church, Summit, on Wednesday, with interment at Resurrection Cemetery, for Agnes T. Boyd, 94.

She is survived by her children Jerome and Thomas (Sandy) six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren and her brother Edward Borske.

Daniel J. Brannagan

Mass was said at St. Louis de Montfort Church, Oak Lawn, on Tuesday, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Daniel J. Brannagan, 55.

He is survived by his children Colleen & Daniel Brannagan and his brother William "Red" (Susan) Brannagan.

Cecilia Bernice Dabrowski

Mass was said at Sts. Peter and Paul Church, Tinley Park, on Wednesday, with interment at Holy Cross Cemetery, for Cecilia Bernice, 83.

She is survived by her husband Francis; her children Jim (Pat), Alice (Rance) Lumsden, Mark (Jean), Jeff (Eileen) and Michael; eight grandchildren; and her sisters Julia (Charles) Pacanowski and Catherine Diencs.

Donald L. Elliott

Services were held at the McKenzie Funeral Home, Oak Forest, on Thursday with interment at Evergreen Cemetery, for Donald L. Elliott, 73.

He is survived by his wife Thelma H.; his children Diane Elliott, Don (Kathy) Sander; six grandchildren; and her brother Marvella (Bo) Verran.

Lorraine A. Finlon

Mass was said at St. Linus Church, Oak Lawn, on Thursday, with a private interment, for Lorraine A. Finlon, 79, of Oak Lawn.

She is survived by her husband Donald; her children Diane (John) Walsh, Denise (Jerry) Davis; her stepchildren Donna Finlon, Colleen Finlon, Maureen (John) Finlon-Finnigan and Susan Finlon and her brother Richard (Helen) Topak; six grandchildren and two Great-grandchildren.

Michael J. Hughes

Mass was said at St. Alexander Church, Palos Heights, on Tuesday, with interment at St. Mary Cemetery, for Michael J. Hughes, 53.

He is survived by his mother Patricia; his sisters Mary Katheryn Freitag, Patricia Borst, Maureen (Stephen_ Sankowski, and Rosemary (Joseph) Swank; and his brother James F. Hughes Jr.

Mary C. Ivanov

Mass was said at Sacred Heart Church, Palos Hills; on Monday, with interment at Resurrection Cemetery, for Mary C. Ivanov, 33. She is survived by her husband Mihay L.; her parents Ted and Barbara Zielinski; her brothers Todd (Debbie) Zielinski and Thomas (Mariette) Zielinski.

Wilmarie "Wilma" Jason

Services were held at the Schmaedeke Funeral Home, Worth, on Monday, with a private interment, for Wilmarie "Wilma" Jason, 83. She was a retired public insurance adjuster and broker for over 50 years. She was a member of Lambda Tau Delta sorority and the Order of the Eastern Star, Damascus chapter #744. She was also an Anti=cruelty and animal rights advocate.

She had no immediate survivors.

Marie J. Kasmarski

Mass was aid at St. Germaine Church, Oak Lawn, on Wednesday, with interment at Resurrection Cemetery, for Marie J. Kasmarski, 86.

She is survived by her children Joanna Hammond and James Kasmarski; two grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and her brothers Casey Lustyk, Chester (Marilyn), Norbert, Edward, Brother Jude Lustyk OFM; and her sisters Irene Laskowski and Evelyn Oleskiewicz.

Kevin J. McDermott

A memorial service was held at the Damar-Kaminski Funeral Home, Justice on Wednesday for Kevin J. McDermott, a Navy Veteran.

He is survived by his mother Edna, his brother Stuart (Cara) Amanda and his sisters Cindy (John) Laitar & Linda.

Robert A. Meiner

Services were held at the Schmaedeke Funeral Home, worth, on Tuesday, with interment at Evergreen Cemetery, for Robert A. Meiner, 66.

He is survived by his brothers Donald (Roberta) and Alan (Linda) Meiner and his sister Darlene Coennen.

Wilma L. Nickon

Mass was said at Sacred Heart Church, Palos Hills, on Wednesday, with interment at Lithuanian national Cemetery, for Wilma L. Nickon, 78.

She is survived by her children Diane Zaleski, Donna (Timothy) Churms, Dennis (Connie) Nickon and Debbie (David) Millar, ten grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

Edward G. Polaszewski

Mass was said at Most Holy Redeemer Church, Evergreen Park, on Wednesday, with interment at Resurrection Cemetery, for Edward G. Polaszewski, 102.

He is survived by his children his Kraus, Elaine Polaski, Colette (Joseph) Feichtinger, Janice (Richard) Leschman, Linda Feichtinger, fifteen grandchildren, thirty-eight great-grandchildren and 2 great-great-grandchildren.

Robert P. Raschke

Services and burial were held in Northern Wisconsin Veterans Memorial Cemetery, for Robert P. Raschke, formerly of Worth.

He is survived by his wife, Phyllis, ten children, sixteen grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, his sister Bernadine (John) Niziolek and his brother Eugene (Carol) Raschke.

John W. Rydberg

Services were held at the Blake-Lamb Funeral Home, Oak Lawn, on Wednesday, with a private interment, for John W. Rydberg, 85.

He is survived by his wife Loraine Dave Rydberg, his children Terence, Anne, Peter, two grandchildren and his brothers Richard and Kenneth (Barbara).

Edward L. Shroyer

Private services and interment were held at the Beverly Ridge Funeral Home, for Edward L. Shroyer.

He is survived by his wife Arlene, his son David P. and his brother Raymond (Diane).

George T. Slowiak

Mass was said at St. Michael Church, Orland Park, on Tuesday, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for George T. Slowiak, 92.

He is survived by his children Arlene Nagan, Ann (Pat) Cashman, Pat (Butch) Sikora, Mary Lou (Todd) Kelly, George (Gerry), fourteen grandchildren and many great-grandchildren, and his brother Paul (Joni).

Juanita W. Taylor

Services were held at the Hickey Memorial Chapel, Midlothian, on Tuesday, with interment at Chapel Hill Gardens South Cemetery, for Juanita W. Taylor, late of Midlothian, formerly of Posen. She was a retired inspector.

She is survived by her children Mary Jane Howley, Dolly Renn, Tammy Finley, Aubury, Bobby, Jimmy, Teddy and Ron Taylor, twenty-two grandchildren, forty-seven great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren.

Ruth H. Vellenga

Services were held at the Colonial Chapel, Orland Park, on Tuesday, with interment at Fairmount Willow Hills Cemetery, for Ruth H. Vellenga, 93.

She is survived by her children Susan (Robert Logan and Linda Johnson; three grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and her brother Arthur Meeter and her sister Marjorie Meeter.

Joseph e. Wesolowski

Mass was said at St. Gerald Church, Oak Lawn, on Tuesday, with interment at Resurrection Cemetery, for Joseph E. Wesolowski.

He is survived by his wife Bernice, his children Gerald (Loretta) Wesolowski, Judith (Edward) Durkin, Jacob (Nancy) Wesolowski, Patricia Weingart, 12 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.

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National Merit Scholar

The National Merit Corporation recently recognized Mother McAuley Liberal Arts High School senior Patricia Radecka (pictured) of Oak Lawn as a National Merit Scholar. Patricia scored a perfect 800 on the verbal/critical reading portion of the test.

Patricia competed for one of approximately 8200 merit scholarship awards to be offered in Spring of 2007. To become a Finalist, a student must have an outstanding academic record throughout high school, be endorsed and recommended by the school principal, & earn SAT scores that confirm the student's earlier qualifying test performance. Patricia had also completed an application which included a self-descriptive essay and information about the applicant's participation and leadership in school and community activities.

Patricia was also named an Illinois State Scholar and received the US President's Award for Excellence. Earlier this spring, her artwork was selected for the Illinois Art Education Association's "Youth Art Month Poster." Her work was chosen out of hundreds of student entries from all over the state of Illinois.

Woman Dies After Car Crash

Mary Ivanov, 33, of Oak Lawn was killed in Evergreen Park when a Mt. Greenwood man crashed into Ivanov's vehicle at a high rate of speed.

William Morrin, 56, was arrested and received citations for driving too fast for conditions, driving on the wrong side of the road, failure to stop at a stop sign, improper lane usage and damage to village property. Police report that Morrin was driving 50 mph over the posted speed limit.

At about 6 p.m. Thursday, June 14th, Ivanov was driving her vehicle southbound on Central Park Ave. when she was struck at 99th St. Ivanov had been working at Baracco's Restaurant. She was taken to Christ Medical Center in Oak Lawn where she was pronounced dead at 12:19 a.m. on Saturday.

A wake was held at the Palos-Guidas Funeral Home in Palos Hills on Monday. Funeral services were held Tuesday with Mass said at Sacred Heart Church.

Getting Free Legal Help

Legal aid programs are available to help those who need legal help but cannot afford to pay for the services of an attorney.

People who are charged with a crime which might lead to imprisonment, and who cannot afford a lawyer, are guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution to receive free legal counsel. People in this situation should request the appointment of a lawyer when they first appear in court.

In non-criminal or "civil" cases, a person does not have the right to a free lawyer; however, there are many legal aid and pro bono programs which can provide them with legal help at no charge. Individuals or families with an annual income below the federal poverty guidelines are generally eligible to receive free legal assistance. In addition, people who are elderly, disabled, the victims of domestic violence, enlisted in the military or in other special circumstances, may be eligible for help, regardless of their income.

Legal aid offices employ staff lawyers to provide help to low-income clients. The lawyers are usually experienced in the types of problems that poor clients often encounter. In addition, there are community-based programs that provide legal assistance. Some of these operate with small budgets and do not have the resources to serve all eligible people. They may turn away some applicants.

Federally-funded organizations in Illinois which provide free legal services to the poor are the Land of Lincoln Legal Assistance Foundation, serving the southern half of Illinois; Prairie State Legal Services, serving the northern half of the state except Cook County which is served by the Legal Assistance Foundation of Metropolitan Chicago; and Cook County Legal Assistance Foundation.

Those unable to obtain assistance from a legal aid office can turn to the pro bono programs that are often sponsored by local bar associations, where lawyers in private practice volunteer to take on cases free of charge for those who cannot afford to pay. Most legal aid offices make referrals to pro bono lawyers.

If you do not qualify for free legal aid but need help finding a lawyer, the Illinois State Bar Assn. offers an on-line lawyer directory at www.IllinoisLawyerFinder.com. The person seeking legal help can receive an initial 30-minute consultation for a fee not to exceed $15. The service can be reached by calling (217) 525-5297 weekdays from 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Traumatic Events Causing Headaches

It seems lately that the news is reporting more and more traumatic events. Whether it is the loss of a loved one, victim of a crime, job loss, serious accident, financial crisis or sexual or domestic abuse, these occurrences dominate the headlines nearly daily. Traumatic events can trigger headaches in those that have never suffered before or can exacerbate the condition in those who currently suffer. The National Headache Foundation addressed this issue in a recent online survey and the highlights of the results are as follows:

* Ninety-six percent of survey respondents stated that they have experienced one of the traumatic events stated above.

* Common traumatic events included:

Loss of a loved one 20%

Serious accident or illness 26%

Other 25% (included responses from people affected by Hurricane Katrina, September 11, 2001, mental/physical health issues, whose planned adoptions fell through, & those who moved away from home.)

* Twenty-six percent of survey respondents indicated that a serious accident/illness to themselves or a loved one was the most common traumatic event where they suffered headaches.

* Seventy-four percent of survey respondents stated that they developed headaches following the traumatic event, of which seventy-one percent noted that their headaches began less than three months later.

* Fifty-four percent of survey respondents reported that the traumatic event occurred between the ages of 22-40.

* Sixty-six percent of survey respondents said they suffered from headaches prior to the event. More than sixty-seven percent noted that their headache frequency has increased since the event occurred.

* Survey respondents reported that they have experienced other physical or emotional conditions resulting from the traumatic event including:

Anxiety – 64%

Depression – 64%

Loss of sleep – 60%

Exhaustion or mental fatigue – 57%

Anger – 46%

* Fifty-five percent of survey respondents reported that they are not currently talking with a psychologist or other related counselor. Forty-two percent also noted that they feel a sense of guilt that they could have done something to prevent the traumatic event.

In a study of 2,697 soldiers from Fort Lewis, conducted by Capt. Brett Theeler, M.D. and George Sarka, M.D., MPH, measuring the incidence of headache symptoms in soldiers during the last three months of their tour of duty in Iraq , it was found that:

* U.S. combat soldiers in Iraq are more than twice as likely to suffer migraine headaches as the general population.

* While about one in seven Americans suffers migraines or "probable migraines," more than one in three soldiers did so during the last three months of their one-year tour of combat duty, and just one in 20 had been diagnosed prior to deployment.

* Although 95-percent of soldiers are men, migraine in the general population is four times more common among women.

* The soldiers with "definite migraine" reported headaches an average of three days per month and had 470 sick call visits for them.

Babysitters Class

On April 22nd, eighteen students completed the Oak Lawn Fire Dept. Babysitters Education Class that was conducted over a 6-week period at Salem United Church. Classes are held in both the spring and fall each year. Students learn topics such as the care and feeding of infants and children, entertaining children, what to do in an emergency, and both infant and adult CPR. Lt. Gary Patrick conducted the spring class. One of the students, Robin Bond, scored a perfect 100% on the final exam.

Oak Lawn Garden Walk

The Oak Lawn Garden Club will hold its annual garden walk on Sunday, June 24th. It will run from 1 to 5 p.m. with five beautiful gardens to enjoy. Tickets can be bought at the first garden on the walk which is 4104 Stillwell, Oak Lawn. Tickets can also be bought at Millies Ice Cream Parlor.

An invitation is extended to join in a wonderful afternoon of flowers, vegetables, and fun.

If you would like to have more information, call June Curtis at (708) 499-0578.

Senior Casino-Bingo Trip

The Worth Township Seniors are heading out to Potawatomi Casino-Bingo on Wednesday, Sept. 12. Deluxe motor coach will leave Worth Township, 11601 S. Pulaski Rd., at 8:45 a.m. and return around 6:30 p.m.

The cost is $37 per person. A $20 deposit will be required at registration, and final payment is due by Aug. 31. The Gaming Package includes a $15 Play Certificate and Lunch Buffet ($10 value).

Call Debbie at (708) 371-2900, Ext. 28 Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday with questions or for more information. Seating is limited so call soon.

Seniors' General Meeting

The Worth Township Seniors next General Meeting will be Friday, July 6. The meeting starts at 12:30 p.m. and will be held in the gym of the Worth Township Center, 11601 S. Pulaski Rd. in Alsip.

For more information call (708) 371-2900, Ext. 28.

Women's Retreat

A summer women's retreat featuring garden crafts will be hosted at The Center, 12700 Southwest Highway in Palos Park, on Friday and Saturday, Aug. 24th and 25th.

A highlight of the retreat is traditionally the outdoor herbal spa, complete with peppermint foot baths and homemade herbal shampoos. The weekend offers an opportunity for fun, fellowship, creativity and relaxation.

The cost per participant is $104, which includes accommodations, meals, leadership and supplies. Advance registration is required. If you would like to have further information, please feel free to call (708) 361-3650.

Church Hosts Steak Dinner

Hometown Christian Church, 4340 W. 87th St., will have a steak dinner and dessert bar on Satur-day, July 21st from 5 to 8 p.m. Tickets are $9 and must be purchased in advance. Contact Deb at (708) 423-5038 for more information or reservations.

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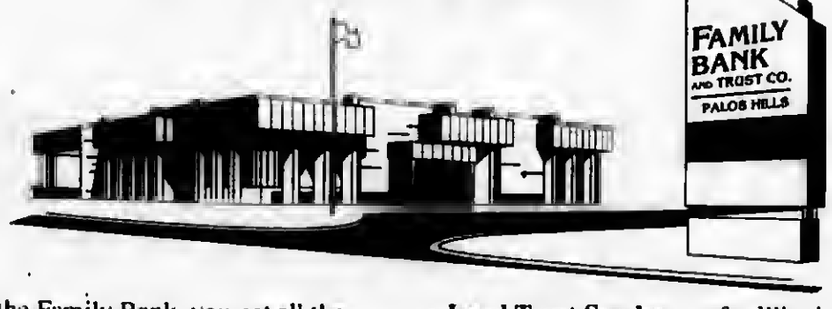

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Oak Lawn Village Board To Consider

Police Manpower Increase

At the regular Tuesday night Oak Lawn Village Board Meeting, sixth district Trustee Tom Phelan brought up his concerns about an increase in the last three to four weeks of "serious robberies and muggings" that he has seen in his district. He described several incidents where an 86 year-old woman was mugged outside of Walgreen's and another of a purse snatching that had taken place in daylight. He was concerned for the safety of residents.

Phelan stated that many of the calls coming into the police department might be from cell phone users who report seeing what appears to be potential criminal acts. In turn, whether the caller knows what he or she is seeing is true, the police must investigate all calls that come into the dispatch. He stated that he was not sure if the increase in violent crime was just in the sixth district due to its proximity to expressways or if it was village wide. Phelan asked Police Chief Bill Villanova if there needs to be an increase in manpower in the department.

Villanova reported that there was an increase in violent crime not only in the village but in surrounding communities as well. He stated, though he was not absolutely sure of the figures, there may have been a 15 percent increase in these crimes which includes, robberies, muggings and bank robberies in Oak Lawn, Evergreen Park and in general on the Southside of Chicago.

Villanova called for a civilian police academy type program in which dedicated residents would be trained to watch for criminal activity. This type of program would lead to a neighborhood watch program as well. It was then suggested that increasing the manpower of the department be discussed in the next round of budget meetings. Mayor Dave Heilmann suggested that even though residents were not in favor of raising taxes, this might be one way to add the needed protection for the community.

Villanova stated that the department is looking into ways of combating this trend. He stated that the civilian police academy should be in place in the fall. It was also stated that the problem would be discussed in budget and departmental meetings.

The board addressed a Community Development Block Grant request from the PLOWS Council on Aging and the South Suburban PADS (Public Action to Deliver Shelter) program. The grant would allow both programs to receive money for seniors and the homeless. It was reported that there are three sites in the village that provide temporary shelter for homeless people. However, it was brought to the attention of the board that there is a problem with homeless people who hang around the Walgreen's store on 107th Street.

It was pointed out that the PADS program is not only for a night's sleep. Trustee Olejniczak reported that he had been to one of the village's PADS shelters. He said that he did not find "bad people" there; mostly they were people who were going through hard times. The program has strict rules that clients must abide by. The program provides a hot meal in the evening, a bed for the night, breakfast in the morning and a bag lunch. The program provides clothes for people who are going for interviews. Olejniczak said that there might be some people who take advantage of the program, but for the most part, the program provides a service for those who really need it. The board passed the grant fund request.

The board is considering televising village board meetings. Members were presented with a request to approve the concept so that officials could gather information on the particulars of how to go about this. Discussion was held with the consensus being that there were too many unanswered questions about the cost of the program. It was suggested that the board hold a meeting with Comcast to get these question answered. Mayor Heilmann said that he would arrange for Comcast representatives to be present at the next scheduled board committee meeting to clear up any questions. That meeting will be July 10th, Comcast should be at the meeting at 7 p.m.

It was announced that there would be no village board meeting on July 24th or August 28th.

The board approved a request from the owners of Jalapeno's Restaurant, 9600 S. Pulaski, to hold a one year anniversary celebration from 4 to 10 p.m. on July 14th. The owners will erect a tent for food and drink and there will be live music. They are to purchase a special event license for this party.

Village Clerk Jane Quinlan reported that Village Hall would be closed on the 4th of July. The 4th of July parade will step off at 10 a.m. at 95th Street from 51st Avenue to 55th Court.

Care Packages For Veterans

Saint Xavier University employees put together care packages for St. Leo Residence for Veterans during a recent University Development Day. Hundreds of much-needed household, clothing, food and personal items were donated by members of the Saint Xavier community, enabling them to put together scores of care packages for the veterans. The Residence, located at 7750 S. Emerald Ave., the site of the former St. Leo Parish on Chicago's South Side, houses 141 formerly homeless adult veterans in studio apartments and offers common recreational space, a fitness room, an on-site library and computer lab.

Business Woman Dies

Since 1967, The Beverly Records store on 117th and Western has been finding vintage records and albums for the store's patrons. Anything on vinyl was available in the store and if it wasn't, proprietress Christine Dreznes and her family would eventually find it.

Dreznes, 89, died Thurs--day, June 21st at Weiss Memorial Hospital from pneumonia and other medical conditions. She was a lifelong Chicago resident. Born on Nov. 19th, 1917, she grew up in the Marquette Park neighborhood, graduated from Maria High School and attended DePaul Univer-sity. She and her husband, John, were married in 1945.

Dreznes and her husband purchased the store in 1967. At the time, it was a candy and card store that featured a small selection of 45-rpm records and albums. When a patron came into the store and asked for a recording that the shop did not carry, Dreznes later found it for the patron in her sister's collection and sold it to her.

After that first sale, the shop grew into a used-record business. The success of the business drew people from other states and even, in some instances, from other countries.

According to family members, they have nearly a million recordings in all the formats. Recordings range from the 1920's to the present, with recordings from the 1950's to the 1980's being the most popular.

A funeral mass was celebrated on Saturday, June 23rd and burial was private. Ms. Dreznes is survived by her husband, John, her three sons, her daughter, fifteen grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Remembering The Oak Lawn Tornado Of 1967

The Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St., will host an encore performance of its 1967 Oak Lawn Tornado history presentation at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, July 18th. Local history coordinator, Dr. Maureen Gilligan, will narrate a slide show featuring eyewitness accounts, storm survivor stories, newspaper coverage, film clips, photographs and records maintained in the library's local history archives.

Community members are also invited to visit the 1967 Oak Lawn Tornado exhibit on display in the library's Local History Room through July 31st. Call in advance to check the hours of operation, (708) 422-4990.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

JULY 2 – Monday – Planning & Development Commission Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 8 p.m.

JULY 2 – Monday – Fire Department Club Meeting, VFW, 9514 S. 52nd Ave., 8 p.m.

JULY 3 – Tuesday – Civil Service Commission, 9446 Raymond, 5:30 p.m.

JULY 4 – Wednesday – 4th of July Parade, Kick-Off 10 a.m., 95th and 51st Ave., (Parade will go west on 95th St. to 55th Ct.)

JULY 5– Thursday – Alzheimer Support Group, Christ Hospital, 4440 W. 95th St., 6 p.m.

JULY 5 – Thursday – Historic Preservation Commission, 9446 S. Raymond, 7 p.m.

JULY 5– Thursday – Athletic Club Meeting, VFW Hall, 9514 S. 52nd Ave., 8 p.m.

JULY 5 – Thursday – Traffic Review Committee Meeting, Municipal Center auditorium, 9446 S. Raymond, 8 p.m.

JULY 6 – Friday – Worth Township Senior Citizens Meeting, Worth Township Center, 11601 Pulaski Rd., 12:30 p.m.

JULY 7 – Saturday – District II "Trustee Is In," Municipal Center, 9446 Raymond, 9 a.m. to noon.

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Fourth Of July Safety Tips

"Don't be blinded by the dangers of fireworks" is again the message of the Illinois Society for the Prevention of Blindness (ISPB) this Fourth of July holiday. Please leave display fireworks to the professionals. In the hands of amateurs, fireworks can turn a festivity into a tragedy.

According to recent ISPB surveys -- compiled from data received from the Illinois hospital emergency rooms, ophthalmologists and optometrists -- 14 percent of the eye-related and bodily injuries were children under the age of 11; 50 percent aged 11 through 20; 36 percent aged 21 through 50. The survey also showed that of those treated for fireworks injuries 71 percent were males and 29 percent were females. Bottle rockets and firecrackers led the list at 21 percent each, followed by sparklers, roman candles, fountains, lady fingers, jumping jack and professional displays.

It is important to note that except for novelty fireworks (i.e., sparklers, snakes, trick noisemakers) fireworks are illegal in Illinois without a permit. Illegal fireworks (i.e., cherry bombs and M80s) in the mainstream could present substantial risks of injury resulting in vision loss, blindness, amputations, burns and even death.

The ISPB continues to assist and support the Illinois public safety agencies, police and fire departments, schools, libraries and park districts in helping to educate more adults and children through videos, brochures, announcements and posters.

The Illinois Society for the Prevention of Blindness (ISPB) joins the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), the National Council on Fireworks Safety (NCFS) and others on educating the public on fireworks safety. Because of the risks for eye-related and bodily injuries, here are some practical safety tips:

- Protect your eyes by wearing safety goggles;
- Keep younger children away from all fireworks; older children should have responsible adult supervision.
- Never make or use homemade fireworks;
- Never extend any part of the body over lit fireworks;
- Keep water nearby for emergencies;
- Never relight or handle a malfunctioning firework (wait 15 to 20 minutes, soak in water and discard properly in trash cans);
- Immerse sparklers (which burn at 1800°) in water after use;
- As bystanders, stay about a quarter of a mile or more away from a professional display, and leave pets at home;
- Observe all state and local laws; and
- If eye injuries do occur, do not touch, rub or press on the injured eye. Seek immediate care from an eye-care professional or hospital emergency room.

James A. McKechnie, Jr., Executive Director of the Illinois Society for the Prevention of Blindness reminds us that fireworks in Illinois, with the exception of novelty fireworks (i.e., sparklers, snakes, trick noisemakers) are illegal. McKechnie recommends that "if you wish to include fireworks in your festivities, please leave display fireworks to the professionals, who are trained pyrotechnic operators. Attend local municipal professional displays or watch them on TV. Since injuries can occur to bystanders, keep a safe distance, wear safety glasses or safety goggles and obey the officials and local laws."

Through widespread media publicity and by educating children and adults of the dangers of fireworks, the ISPB, the CPSC and the NCFS hope that the number of eye-related and bodily injuries will be reduced, not only during this Fourth of July holiday but throughout the year.

Remember the ISPB message: Don't be blinded by the dangers of fireworks!"

The Illinois Society for the Prevention of Blindness (ISPB) was founded in 1916 to prevent needless blindness. Dedicated to the care, protection and preservation of sight, ISPB programs stress education, information, eye safety and research.

Adoption Program

Lifelink's international adoption program is hosting a free information meeting at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, July 3rd at Lifelink's Bensenville campus, 3331 S. York Road, Besenville; on Wednesday, July 11th at Hope Church Center, 9931 S. 248th Avenue, Naperville and on Thursday, July 19th at Bethany United Church of Christ, 4250 N Paulina, Chicago.

For more information, call 630-521-8281 or visit Lifelink's Website at www.lifelinkadoption.org.

Sun Safety Considerations For Campers

Sports and outdoor activities are daily events for children attending camp. If children are not properly protected, the time they spend outdoors lead to painful sunburns, premature of aging and skin cancer.

"Just one blistering sunburn in childhood can double the risk of getting melanoma later in life," said Perry Robins, MD, President of The Skin Cancer Foundation. "That risk can be avoided by following some simple sun safety guidelines."

To find out if a camp is sun safe, the Foundation recommends asking the following five questions: Are counselors trained in sun safety? UV protection should be a regular part of the training counselors receive. They should be well versed about the dangers of the sun and how to protect against them. When are outdoor activities scheduled? Ideally, most should be scheduled for early morning or late afternoon since UV is most intense from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Does the camp have adequate shade structures? While large shade trees provide some protection, a truly sun-safe camp should have structures such as pavilions where campers can seek shade during outdoor activities. Are campers directed to apply sunscreen before going outside? An SPF 15+ sunscreen (water-resistant formulas are especially good) needs to be used regularly. Campers and staff should be instructed to bring it from home, apply it 30 minutes before outdoor activities, and reapply every 2 hours and right after swimming or sweating. The camp should also have a supply. Are campers urged to wear protective clothing? Historically, campers wore only a T-shirt, shorts, and perhaps a baseball cap. We now know that's not enough. Children should wear sun-protective clothing including long pants (or at least shorts), long-sleeved shirts, UV-protective sunglasses and a wide-brimmed hat to protect their face, neck and ears.

With proper guidance, children can learn to protect themselves and enjoy summer fun without sacrificing the health of their skin. For additional information, visit www.skincancer.org or call 1-800-SKIN-490.

The first organization in the U.S. that committed itself to educating the public and medical professionals about sun safety, The Skin Cancer Foundation is still the only global organization solely devoted to the prevention, detection and treatment of skin cancer. The mission of the Foundation is to decrease the incidence of skin cancer through public and professional education and research.

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Presents Jefferson Award To Richard Daley

U.S. Senator Dick Durbin (D-IL) presented the Jefferson Award for Public Service to Chicago Mayor Richard Daley on Tuesday, June 19th. Mayor Daley was recognized for his achievements in education, public safety, neighborhood development, and the environment as Mayor of the City of Chicago.

"Mayor Daley understands that a great city is more than gleaming glass and steel, it is a community. A great city celebrates its history – but looks to its future," Durbin said. "That is what Chicago is doing, thanks in large part to the leadership of Richard Daley."

Mayor Daley received the U.S. Senator John Heinz Award for Greatest Public Service by an Elected or Appointed Official, one of four Jefferson Awards awarded that evening. The Heinz Family Foundation endowed the award and Senator Durbin presented it onstage with Tereza Heinz-Kerry. The other 2007 Jefferson Award winners are noted economist and author Dr. Jeffrey T. Sachs, Harlem Children's Zoo President Geoffrey Canada, and Strong Women Strong Girls founder Lindsay Hyde.

The Jefferson Awards were founded in 1972 by Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis, Senator Robert Taft Jr., and Sam Beard to encourage community and public service. Jefferson Awards recognize leaders for extraordinary accomplishments and dedication in community service and volunteering. Former Jefferson Award winners include Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, former astronaut and Senator John Glenn, and Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice.

DOT Grant For O'Hare Airport

U.S. Senator Dick Durbin (D-IL) has announced that the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) has awarded a $2,256,928 grant to the city of Chicago for O'Hare International Airport. The grant will be used for noise mitigation measures affecting a number of homes that surround the airport.

Minimum Wage Now $7.50

The minimum wage will increase by another 25 cents each July 1st for the next three years (in 2008, 2009, and 2010).

New employees (first 90 days of employment) and employees under age 18 may be paid up to 50 cents less per hour.

Tipped employees may be paid 60% of the hourly minimum wage ($4.50 through June 30, 2008).

Certain employees must be paid overtime, at time and one-half of the regular rate, after 40 hours of work in a workweek.

Any business with four or more employees must comply.

For more information, call the Illinois Department of Labor at (312)-793-2804.

Durbin Addresses Gas Price Crisis

Last week U.S. Senator Dick Durbin (D-IL) continued his drive for better fuel economy in cars and trucks, calling on Congress to support Energy legislation now under consideration by the Senate that includes a bipartisan proposal to raise the average fuel economy for all vehicles. The "Ten-in-Ten Fuel Economy Act" raises the average fuel economy standards for all vehicles, including SUVs and sedans, from 25 to 35 miles per gallon by 2017. If this bill were to become law, Durbin said the U.S. would realize a huge fuel savings in just a few years.

"Two years ago, when the Senate last considered energy policy, I introduced legislation that called for higher fuel economy standards," said Durbin. "The Senate wasn't ready for that bill. Since then, gasoline prices have risen 45%. The Senate should be ready now. I know the American people are."

Durbin said that the average fuel economy of our nation's cars and trucks has steadily declined since 1985 when the last fuel efficiency requirements ended. In 1975, when American cars were averaging 14 miles a gallon, Congress passed the Corporate Average Fuel Economy (CAFE) law, which required manufacturers to double the fuel economy of their vehicles to nearly 28 miles a gallon in 10 years.

The Ten-in-Ten Fuel Economy Act would require the National Highway Transportation and Safety Administration to increase CAFE standards for all cars, trucks and SUVs by 10 miles per gallon over 10 years – or from 25 to 35 miles per gallon by Model Year 2020 – and an additional four percent increase per year until 2030.

By 2025, if fully enacted, the bill's fuel economy increases for cars and light-duty trucks would:

Save 2.1 million barrels of oil per day, nearly the amount of oil imported today from the Persian Gulf.

Achieve an 18 percent reduction of carbon dioxide emissions from anticipated levels, or the equivalent of taking 60 million cars off the road in one year.

Save consumers a net $70 billion in fuel costs, based on $3.12 gas price.

All Points Southwest

By THOMAS E. GAVIN

With the Fourth of July falling on Wednesday, this year's 231st year of Independence seems to find many celebrants planning a five day hiatus. Many employees and employers will be deciding how they will enjoy a long weekend of fireworks, entertainment, activities and local parades throughout our great Southwest area. This is particularly timely in the lives of Americans here at home to celebrate their freedoms, rights, and individual religious beliefs.

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The Village of Midlothian kicks off its annual celebration with "Thunder Over Midlothian" on Friday, June 29th at Memorial Park, 145th and Kedzie Ave., from approximately 6 to 11 p.m. First up is the charity softball game pitting village employees against park district employees at Howie Minas Field. Games, music, food, beer garden and more will be available to all. Fireworks will commence at approximately 9:30 p.m.

This yearly celebration is made possible and financed by the efforts of community businesses, individuals, and fundraisers held by the Park District and the "Thunder Over Midlothian" committee.

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The Village of Evergreen Park will host its annual parade and fireworks display on Tuesday, July 3rd. Parade chairman Dennis Duffy and general chairman Francis Gallagher predict that this year's variety of bands, specialty units and attractions will rival any production on the South Side! The traditional fire truck sirens signal the start of the parade at 6:30 p.m. with the parade route beginning on 95th Street, just east of Pulaski. The parade proceeds to Francisco, and then goes north to 91st Street. The fireworks show finishes off the evening at Duffy Park, located at 91st and Ridgeway Ave., at dusk.

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The Village of Oak Lawn will hold its 2nd Annual Fourth of July Parade on Wednesday, July 4th at 10 a.m. The parade route begins on the north side of 95th St. and 51st Ave. It will travel westbound on 95th St. to 55th Court. (Drivers and residents note: 95th St. will be closed during the parade.) Residents and spectators are encouraged to view the parade from either side of the street. They should plan on arriving early for the best vantage points.

For more information, contact Chad Weiler at (708) 499-7821 or email cweiler@oaklawn-il.gov.

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The Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce will host its "Annual Golf Classic" on Wednesday, July 11th at the Oak Lawn Park District's "Stony Creek Golf Complex." Check in begins at 11 a.m., with lunch following at 11:30 a.m. A shotgun start will commence at 12:30 p.m. For those who prefer miniature golf, a contest will be held at 3:30 p.m. An open bar runs from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. and dinner will be served at 6 p.m.

A variety of packages are available including: golf and dinner - $100; golf only (18 holes) - $60; dinner only - $45; mini golf and dinner - $55; and miniature golf - $15. Some sponsorship opportunities are still available. Call (708) 424-8300 for details.

Reservations are taken on a first-come, first-serve basis. All payments must be received in full no later than July 2nd, to guarantee your reservations.

The Stony Creek Golf Complex is located at 5850 W. 103rd St. in Oak Lawn.

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The Chicago Ridge-Worth Chamber of Commerce has announced that its "24th Annual Golf and Dinner Event" will be held on Tuesday, July 17th at Waters Edge Golf Club in Worth. This year's program features a 1 p.m. shotgun start/four person team scramble. The 2007 entry fee is $110 per person or $400 for a foursome. Included in the package are the following: golf fee and cart, lunch, dinner, soft drinks and beer on the course, a complimentary two-hour open bar following golf, hole contests and a super raffle.

A few sponsorship opportunities are still available. For more information contact Stephanie Allen at (708) 499-0840. Remember, reservations must be confirmed by Wednesday, July 11th. For more information or reservations, call (780) 499-0840.

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For those folks who may have been vacationing or out of the country, Cook County Board President Todd H. Stroger underwent surgery last Monday, June 18, to remove his prostate. According to his press secretary President Stroger learned of the stage one cancer after a routine screening nearly ten months ago. Stroger's spokespeople have told All Points that he is on medical leave, without going into detail about the surgery, because his family had asked that his medical condition not be disclosed on the day of the surgery out of respect for their medical privacy.

Subsequently, President Stroger is reported to have had his prostate removed as a result of stage one cancer, which has a very successful cure rate. His full recovery is expected to span approximately three weeks and his physicians have described his condition as non-life threatening.

According to the National Cancer Institute, prostate cancer is the most common cancer, excluding skin cancer, and the second leading cause of cancer-related death in men in the United States.

More information about prostate cancer is available on the National Cancer Institutes website at: www.cancer.gov/cancertopics/types/prostate.

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The Chicago Southland Chamber of Commerce, a regional chamber representing businesses in 85 communities, will hold its 22nd Annual EXPO & Conference on Thursday, Oct. 18th at the Tinley Park Convention Center, located at Interstate 80 and Harlem Ave. The EXPO will be open from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. State Treasurer Alexi Giannoulias will be the keynote breakfast speaker at 8 a.m. Admission to the breakfast is $25 for chamber members and $35 for non-members.

The 2007 EXPO will feature an entire business conference of key industry speakers covering topics such as real estate, banking, logistics, economic development, manufacturing, technology and health care. EXPO admission is free with a business card. A Business After Hours networking event will take place from 3 to 5 p.m. and will feature a "Taste of the Southland" from local restaurants providing sample menu items. Booths and Super Booths will be sold at a reduced rate until Aug. 18. There will be a Non-Profit Pavilion for 501(c)3 organizations as well.

The EXPO will also bring back the ever popular Network Luncheon from 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. Admission to the Luncheon is $25 for chamber members and $35 for non-members.

For more information on attending and or exhibiting at the EXPO contact Annemarie Gutchewsky, director of business activities at (708) 957-6950, ext. 118.

Get To Your Fourth Of July Destination Safely

With millions of drivers hitting the road this Fourth of July holiday, playing it safe when behind the wheel takes on even greater importance. Unfortunately, the Independence Day holiday period is one of the deadliest times of the year for being on the road.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) reports that 280 people were killed in traffic accidents during the 2005 Independence Day holiday period. Furthermore, 245 of those fatalities involved a driver or motorcycle rider with a blood alcohol level of .08 or higher. For all of 2005, nearly 13,000 people lost their lives in highway crashes involving a drunk drivers and riders.

"Drunk drivers share the road with you and your family," said Denis Bailey, Field Vice President for Allstate's Midwest Region. "You can help save lives by being a responsible party host, preventing friends and acquaintances from driving drunk, and reporting as well as avoiding suspicious drivers."

The national organization Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) lists the following warning signs for spotting a drunk driver on the road: Straddling lanes or driving on the center line; Drifting or moving in a straight line at a slight angle to the roadway; Driving with headlights off at night; Erratic braking or stopping without cause; Driving below the speed limit; Slow response to traffic signals (sudden stop, delayed start); Nearly striking an object, curb, etc.; Weaving or zigzagging across the road; Driving on the wrong side of the road or completely off the roadway; and Tailgating.

To protect families from drunk drivers over the July 4th holiday period, here are some life-saving tips from Allstate and the National Safety Council: Don't ever drink and drive. If you know you will be drinking alcohol, use a designated driver or public transportation. If you spot an impaired driver on the highway, maintain a safe following distance and don't attempt to pass.

Report a suspected drunk driver immediately to area law enforcement from your car phone or a pay phone. Give police as much information (i.e., license plate number, make, model and color of vehicle, direction vehicle is traveling, physical description of driver) as possible. Do not try and stop the vehicle.

Make sure children are properly fastened in seatbelts or child safety seats in the back seat every time they ride in a car. Six out of ten children killed in crashes are not restrained. Children age 12 and under should always ride in the back seat, especially in vehicles with air bags.

Allow enough travel time for frequent breaks on longer trips. Drowsiness can reduce reaction time almost as much as drinking.

Whether you plan to hit the open road or stay close to home, celebrate America's independence safely by knowing how to diffuse a potentially dangerous driving situation. Don't remember the Fourth of July for all the wrong reasons.

Energy Savings Act Moves Toward Passage

Congressman Dan Lipinski successfully included his BRIGHT Energy Savings Act legislation in H.R. 2701, the Transportation Energy Security and Climate Change Mitigation Act of 2007, a comprehensive energy and climate change bill, which passed the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee. Lipinski's provision would direct the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) to install high efficiency bulbs in federal buildings. It was earlier introduced as H.R. 1705, the Bulb Replacement in Government with High-efficiency Technology (BRIGHT) Energy Savings Act. Introduced with Representative Bob Inglis (R-SC), the bipartisan legislation garnered the support of over 80 cosponsors in the House of Representatives. Lipinski, a member of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, worked with his colleagues to pass the bill out of the Committee.

"I am pleased the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee has paved the way for the BRIGHT Energy Savings Act to be considered by the full House of Representatives," explained Lipinski. "I thank Congressman Jim Oberstar, Chairman of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, for acting on my legislation so quickly. Installing high efficiency bulbs in federal buildings will help cut down on energy use and greenhouse gas emissions by the federal government and save millions of taxpayer dollars at the same time. It's a win for the environment, a win for national security, and a win for American taxpayers."

The GSA is the federal agency which owns and administers office space for civilian federal agencies. The federal government owns approximately 1,800 facilities with about 174 million square feet of space. At least 3 million lights throughout the federal government could be upgraded to high efficiency bulbs, such as Energy Star-certified compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFL). CFLs use approximately 75 percent less energy than incandescent bulbs to provide the same amount of light, last approximately 8-10 times longer, and save up to $74 in energy costs over the bulb's lifetime. Even higher efficiency light bulbs are close to commercial application including improved halogen technologies as well as new light-emitting diode (LED) technologies.

This comes on the heels of Congressman Dan Lipinski's previous legislative effort to successfully pass similar language for Department of Defense facilities. Last month, Congressman Lipinski introduced an amendment to H.R. 1585, the Fiscal Year 2008 Defense Authorization bill, which would require the Department of Defense to utilize energy efficient lighting to the fullest extent deemed feasible. The amendment was unanimously adopted by the House of Representatives.

"The Department of Defense owns 240,000 buildings in the U.S. alone," said Lipinski. "With the inclusion of GSA buildings, we will have successfully covered the majority of federal buildings with high efficiency bulbs. The federal government is one of the largest consumers of energy in this country. In a time of growing environmental concerns and support for energy independence, my legislative initiatives will help the federal government do the right thing at the right time, so we can lead by example."

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6.29% Annual Percentage Rate (APR) is fixed for 5 years and then the rate adjusts to the current prime rate. The current prime rate is 8.25% APR effective as of May 25, 2007, as published daily in the Money Rate Section of the Wall Street Journal and is subject to change without notice. The five year fixed rate is available for new loans on qualifying 1- to 4-family owner-occupied properties in Illinois with a loan-to-value (LTV) of 80% or less for lines of $25,000 to $500,000. Ten year term. For loans over $500,000 other terms and conditions apply. 6.29% APR requires auto-deduction from Suburban Bank & Trust deposit account. Minimum initial advance of $25,000.00 required. $40 annual fee after the first year. A $450 Early Termination fee will apply to a home equity line of credit account closed anytime prior to the one-year anniversary. Balloon payment may be required at maturity. Other rates and terms available. Rates and terms vary by property type, loan amount and LTV ratio. Not available for homes currently for sale or intended to be sold within twelve months of closing. Applicable property insurances required. Consult with your tax advisor regarding the deductibility of interest. All loans are subject to SBT's underwriting standards. This offer may change or be withdrawn at any time without notice. Member FDIC.

ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

Muntu Dance Theatre Holds Their 35th Anniversary Concert And Gala

Muntu Dance Theatre of Chicago will hold their 35th Anniversary Concert & Gala on Saturday, July 14th at the Harris Theater for Music and Dance, 205 W. Randolph, Chicago. Muntu Board Member, Michelle Obama, Vice President for Community and External Affairs for the University of Chicago Hospitals, has agreed to serve as honorary chairperson of the event.

"It is with great pleasure that I extend an invitation for everyone to join Muntu Dance Theater in celebrating 35 years of artistic excellence and community service", said Ms. Obama. The 35th Anniversary Concert starts at 7:00 p.m.; a Gala Reception will follow the performance at 8:30 p.m. The Gala will be held on the Harris Theater's Rooftop Terrace. The catered reception will feature food, wine and fireworks, overlooking Millennium Park, against the backdrop of Lake Michigan.

The celebratory concert will feature the world premiere of a new work entitled "Guide" by Brazilian Choreographer, Rosangela Silvestre, musical arrangement by the Muntu musicians and costume design by Silvestre, a native of Salvador, Bahia, Brazil. This new work represents the culmination of a cross-cultural collaboration between the Company and Brazilian artists, spanning two years and travel across two continents. "Guide" explores the parallels between the cultural expressions of African Americans and Brazilians from the perspective of their common ancestral root.

Artistic Director of Muntu Dance Theatre of Chicago, Amaniyea Payne, will also premiere her new work, "In Search of Africa" which will feature traditional music with costume design by Payne. This new work explores the power of dance and how it (dance) connects us to our higher selves. The power of dance, rhythm and song is what sustains us. This work is dedicated to the memory of those of our ancestors who lost their lives during the Middle Passage, as well as those who survived to continue to dance and to envision.

This production provides an opportunity for audiences and participants to experience directly the work of a renowned Brazilian artist who has never before been seen in Chicago," states Joan Gray, president of the Muntu Dance Theatre of Chicago.

With the support of the Illinois Arts Council's Governor's International Arts Exchange Program, artistic director, Amniyea Payne and the artistic staff of the Muntu Dance Theatre of Chicago journeyed to Salvador, Brazil to study with Silvestre and master musicians in the Orixa rhythms.

Their purpose was to study the similarities of African influence on Brazilian and African American dances. In 2007 Silvestre traveled to Chicago to continue the cultural exchange and to present a new body of work with the Muntu Dance Theatre of Chicago.

General Admission for the 35th Anniversary Gala Concert Only Tickets, $25.00, $35.00 and $50.00; can be purchased at the Harris Theater Box Office (312) 334-7777. Concert and Gala tickets $175 can be purchased at Muntu Dance Theatre and the Harris Theater. Child, student and senior tickets available. For group rates or to purchase Gala tickets call Muntu at (773) 602-1135 or email Lynn Stevenson, lynn@muntu.com. For more information about Muntu Dance Theatre of Chicago visit the Website www.muntu.com.

Muntu Dance Theatre is a Chicago-based company that performs authentic and progressive interpretations of contemporary and ancient African and African-American dance, music and folklore. Muntu, "the essence of humanity" in Bantu language, has achieved an acclaimed reputation for making a consistent artistic statement of cultural and historical significance.

The largest African Dance Company outside of Africa, the Muntu Dance Theatre of Chicago performs authentic dances from various cultures throughout the African continent and the Americas. In addition to performances, Muntu provides education and community-based programs, touching the lives of over 300 students each week.

"We understand that there is merit in all cultures. We seek to appreciate the differences in order to amplify the similarities."

Muntu Dance Theatre is a member of the African American Arts Alliance, Chicago Dance & Music Coalition and International Association of Blacks in Dance.

Elvis Impersonator

Saturday June 30th the Midwest's #1 Elvis Tribute Artist, Bob West, will be performing at Barb's Guesthouse, 9848 Southwest Highway, Oak Lawn. Showtime is 9 p.m. There is no cover charge.

For reservations, call (708) 499-0510 or check out the web site at www.bobwestelvis.com.

Audition For New Teen Improv Troupe

The Beverly Arts Center will hold auditions for its new Teen Improv Troupe on Tuesday, June 26, 5 to 7 p.m. at the Center, 2407 W. 111th St. (111th St. south on Western Ave.).

Auditions are open to ages 13 to 19. Teens cast in the troupe will be expected to participate in rehearsals one evening a week and pay a monthly fee of $20 to help defray expenses. The troupe will be coached by Elise Lammers, who performs regularly with Chicago Improv Festival productions and teaches improv classes at the BAC.

For more information or to schedule an audition, call Emily Dugan, Beverly Arts Center, (773) 445-3838 ext. 216.

St. Nicholas Greek Food Festival & Carnival

The Parish of St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church in Oak Lawn welcomes families and friends to their annual Greek Food Festival & Carnival on Friday, June 29th through Sunday, July 1st.

The festival committee is preparing to serve guests outstanding, authentic homemade Greek food and pastries in an atmosphere of festive hospitality.

Food offerings will include succulent Souvlaki (shish-kabob), carefully marinated and skewered by the cooking team for ultimate flavor, tasty Grecian Chicken, fresh Gyros, mouth-watering Pastichio (macaroni, meat and cheese in a rich bechamel sauce), Spanakopita (spinach and feta in filo pie), Tiropites (filo cheese triangles), Saganaki (flaming cheese).

Dessert includes a wide variety of luscious Greek pastries, and warm, sweet Loukoumades (Greek doughnut holes, deep-fried and dipped in honey).

The St. Nicholas festival promises fun for the whole family, with carnival rides and games, traditional Greek dance performances by the St. Nicholas Youth Greek Dance Troupe, music and dancing, tours of the Church, and just plain fun and relaxation.

The Festival will take place on the church grounds, 10301 S. Kolmar Ave. Hours are Friday, June 29th and Saturday, June 30th from 4 to 11 p.m. and Sunday, July 1st from 3 to 10 p.m. Admission is $2 (children 12 and under are free). Guests should be prepared for some BIG Greek hospitality!

For more information, call the church office at (708) 636-5460.

Class Reunions

Thornridge High School (Dolton) class of 1977 is planning a 30th reunion on Sept. 8th from 6:30 p.m. to midnight at the Northwoods Restaurant at Coyote Run Golf Course, 800 Kedzie Ave. in Flossmoor. Contact Larry Kane at (708) 799-2170 or www.classmates.com.

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Visitation Grade School class of 1957 is looking for classmates and friends of the class for a 50-year reunion to be held on Oct. 26th at Chicago's Gaelic Park. Call Helen Sullivan Flaherty at (708) 460-2286 or Noreen Murphy Smith at (708) 226-1502.

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Harrison High School, classes of 1965-1969, looking for classmates. Call (773) 507-4669 or (773) 600-8669.

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Hyde Park High School class of 1996 is looking for classmates. Call (773) 718-1507 or (773) 493-1051.

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Lourdes High School class of 1978 is looking for classmates. Call (708) 258-9096.

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Morton East High School class of 1987 is planning a 20th reunion. Contact Kathy Tokarczyk at imqueenmom@sbcglobal.net or Barb Biman at joyride7207@aol.com.

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DuSable High School class of 1985 is looking for classmates. Call (312) 603-0523 or (773) 544-3086.

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St. Laurence School, 72nd & Dorchester in Chicago, is planning a 50th-year reunion for the class of 1957 to be held at Durbin's, 17265 Oak Park Ave. in Tinley Park, on Sept. 29th from 7 to 11 p.m. Contact Judy (Jellison) Graves at (708) 349-8570 or Peg (Kilgallon) Weeden at (708) 748-3499.

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Reavis High School class of 1977 – 30-year Reunion will be held on July 7th, 2007 at the Old Barn in Burbank. Contact reavisclassof77@yahoo.com.

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DuSable High School class of 1951 will hold a 55th-year reunion from Sept. 15th to 17th at the Hilton Oak Lawn Hotel. Call (708) 206-0468.

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Harrison High School - Classes of 1931 to 1960 Reunion on Sept. 24th from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at The Abbington, 3 South 002, Route 53, Glen Ellyn. Call (708) 366-3423.

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Seek Proposals From States For Endangered Species Grant Funds

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is seeking proposals from states and U.S. territories interested in obtaining federal grant assistance to acquire land or conduct planning for endangered species conservation efforts. For fiscal year 2008, the President's budget request for the Cooperative Endangered Species Conservation Fund would provide approximately $80 million in grant funding for conservation planning activities and habitat acquisition for federally protected species. Proposals must be submitted to the appropriate Service regional office by Aug. 24.

"These grants support the states' efforts to build partnerships with local communities and concerned citizens to conserve imperiled species," said Service Director H. Dale Hall. "Providing grants is one of the most important means the Service has to help conserve wildlife across the country."

The Cooperative Endangered Species Conservation Fund is authorized under Section 6 of the Endangered Species Act and provides grants to states and territories to support participation in a wide array of voluntary conservation projects for species on the federal list of threatened and endangered species, as well as for species that are either candidates or have been proposed for listing.

The Service is seeking proposals under three Cooperative Endangered Species Conservation Fund categories:

Recovery Land Acquisition Grants - These grants provide funds to states and territories for acquisition of threatened and endangered species habitat in support of approved species recovery plans. Acquiring habitat in order to secure long term protection is often the critical element in a comprehensive recovery effort for a listed species.

Habitat Conservation Planning Assistance Grants - This category provides funds to states and territories to support the development of Habitat Conservation Plans (HCPs). The purpose of an HCP is to ensure adequate protection for threatened and endangered species, while at the same time providing for economic growth and development. These grants provide support for baseline surveys and inventories, document preparation, outreach, and similar planning activities.

HCP Land Acquisition Grants - These grants provide funds to states and territories to acquire land associated with approved HCPs. Grants do not fund the mitigation required of an HCP permittee, but rather, support acquisitions by the state or local governments that complement actions associated with the HCP.

By law, the state or territory must have a current cooperative agreement with the Secretary of Interior and contribute 25 percent of the estimated program costs of approved projects, or 10 percent when two or more states or territories undertake a joint project. The grants are expected to be awarded soon after federal appropriations are provided for fiscal year 2008.

For more information about these grants and grant application requirements contact: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Consultation, Habitat Conservation Planning, Recovery and State Grants, 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Room 420, Arlington, VA 22203, 703-358-2106. Information also can be accessed at http://www.fws.gov/endangered/grants/. The Cooperative Endangered Species Conservation Fund is identified in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance as number 15.615.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is the principal Federal agency responsible for conserving, protecting and enhancing fish, wildlife and plants and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people. The Service manages the 96-million-acre National Wildlife Refuge System, which encompasses 545 national wildlife refuges, thousands of small wetlands and other special management areas. It also operates 69 national fish hatcheries, 64 fishery resources offices and 81 ecological services field stations. The agency enforces federal wildlife laws, administers the Endangered Species Act, manages migratory bird populations, restores nationally significant fisheries, conserves and restores wildlife habitat such as wetlands, and helps foreign and Native American tribal governments with their conservation efforts. It also oversees the Federal Assistance program, which distributes hundreds of millions of dollars in excise taxes on fishing and hunting equipment to state fish and wildlife agencies.

Taking The Step To Hire A Divorce Lawyer

Getting a divorce is a tough, emotional decision for most couples. The process can be easier if each of the divorcing spouses has confidence in their attorney.

Most divorcing couples find a matrimonial attorney through a referral from family or friends, from a lawyer whom they already know, or from a lawyer referral service such as that offered by the Illinois State Bar Association. A divorce attorney cannot represent both parties simultaneously but only the party who first contacted him or her.

Before deciding on an attorney, each spouse should meet with one or more lawyers and ask them questions about their legal experience as well as questions related to the case. They should learn, for example, how long the attorney has been practicing law, if the attorney concentrates in matrimonial law, what the lawyer's procedures are when working on a case, who exactly at the firm will work on their case and an estimation of how long the case may take before a settlement is reached. The person should also ask what is expected of them in order to make the client-attorney relationship successful.

During the initial meeting, the person should also inquire about how the attorney charges for his or her services. With regard to fees, most lawyers do not charge a flat fee unless the divorce is very simple and both parties have agreed to everything from the onset. Instead, a lawyer usually will request a "retainer" (similar to a security deposit) and charge on an hourly basis for his or her time. The fee is usually based on the attorney's legal experience and the complexity of the case. Once a fee agreement has been reached, a lawyer typically prepares a written contract which the divorcing couple signs.

Once the terms of the divorce have been reached and the case has been settled, a judge makes the determination about which of the two parties pays the attorneys' fees or whether each party has an obligation to pay his or her own fees.

A word of caution: in an attempt to save money, some divorcing couples have turned to the Internet for online divorce forms. Fill-in-the-blank divorce court forms should not be considered as an alternative to the services of a qualified attorney. The web sites claim that the forms provide the necessary paperwork for people to represent themselves "pro se." However, the claims that they make have been found to be misleading, and they may not stand up in a court of law.

For further information about law-related issues, contact an Illinois State Bar Association-member lawyer in your area or visit www.isbalawyers.com.

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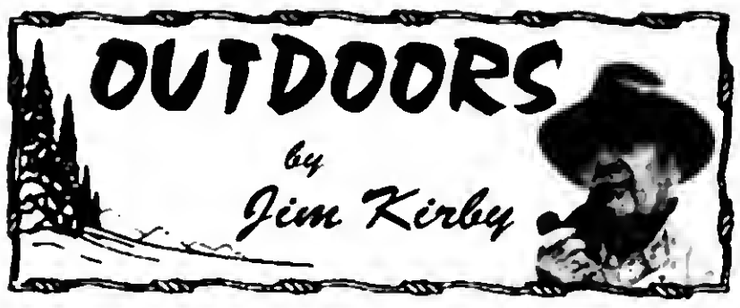

INVASIVE FISH VIRUS FINALLY GETTING SOME ATTENTION: The rapidly increasing distribution of *Viral Hemorrhagic Septicemia* virus (VHS) has caused federal and state agencies to take steps to halt the spread of this virus. This latest menace thought to be brought into this country in bilges of foreign vessels, joins other invasives such as The Sea Lamprey; Zebra Mussel; Eurasion Water Milfoil; Round Goby; Asian Carp and other hitch-hikers yet to be discovered.

VHS virus was diagnosed for the first time ever in the Great Lakes as the cause of huge fish kills in Lake St. Claire, Erie, Ontario, Huron and the St. Lawrence River in 2005 and 2006. Thousands of muskies, walleye, yellow perch, salmon, white bass, smallmouth bass, bluegill, crappie and northern pike died or were diseased

What's truly alarming is the discovery of VHS caused fish die-offs in inland waters of Wisconsin and Michigan. Signs of VHS virus in fish include hemorrhages, both external on the skin and internal in the muscle and tissues, pale or swollen internal organs, and "pop-eye" (swollen eyes).

Drastic measures are being taken by various states and provinces in a "futile" attempt to stop the spread of VHS. Interstate transfer of live-bait (minnows), shutting down fish ladders, a prohibition on the trap and transfer of live fish that are collected for management purposes unless tested negative for VHS, and anglers are asked to use standard disinfection procedures for boats, trailers and live-wells.

Speaking of removing invasive species from recreational boats and trailers, my hunting and fishing buddy **Wayne Krueger**, from Minocqua, Wisconsin, sent me some literature on a piece of equipment that has been used at the boat ramp on his lake.

Called '**Solutions**,' an Eco-friendly pressure washing system designed specifically for the removal of invasive species from recreational boats and trailers. The system is solar-powered, requiring no outside power or fuels. Small and compact, it takes up about 3 sq. ft. of space, uses a 95 p.s.i. wand, accommodates even the smallest boat landings and does not hinder the removal of boats and trailers from the lake.

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■DEER HUNTERS DONATE 72,000 POUNDS OF VENISON: Deer hunters in Illinois donated more than 72,000 pounds of venison to the Illinois Sportsmen Against Hunger (ISAH) Program during the 2006-07 deer season, providing more than 280,000 meals to needy people in the state.

Since its inception in 1989, ISAH has received donations of more than 359,000 pounds of venison thanks to the generosity of deer hunters in the state. The program allows hunters to donate deer they harvest to provide venison for distribution to food banks, food pantries and charitable organizations during the autumn and early winter deer seasons each year.

The IDNR and the Illinois Conservation Foundation (ICF) allow hunters to donate deer through participating meat processors and encourage hunters and others to make a tax deductible $50 contribution through the ICF to help cover the cost of processing the deer meat.

A list of meat processors handling venison for the Illinois Sportsmen Against Hunger Program is available on the IDNR web site at http: dnr.state.il.us legislation isah For further information, contact Tracy Shafer, Program Coordinator, at (217) 785-5091.

■EVIDENCE OF LAKE TROUT REPRODUCTION: The Mid-Lake Complex, a large area of deep reefs, was a major site where indigenous Lake Michigan lake trout spawned. As part of an effort to restore Lake Michigan's lake trout, which were extirpated in the 1950's, yearling lake trout have been released over the MLRC since the mid 1980's and fall gill net censuses began to show large numbers of lake trout in spawning condition beginning about 1999.

■ACTIVIST GETS JAIL TERM FOR HARASSING HUNTERS: A New Jersey woman and three other anti-hunting activists were sentenced for obstructing two bear hunters during the 2005 New Jersey bear hunting season. The woman was sentenced to 40 days in jail and ordered to pay a $300 fine. Her accomplices were ordered to pay similar fines for resisting arrest.

The activists were arrested after they repeatedly harassed two hunters who reported the harassment to a State Park officer who accompanied the hunters into the woods on the day of the arrest.

■WORDS TO PONDER: *"A simple measure of a country is to look at how many people want in...And how many want out."* (Tony Blair)

ThunderBolts Sweep Home Stand

Any questions fans may have had about their Windy City ThunderBolts' success this season were answered in the last week. The ThunderBolts started strong, winning all six games thanks to sweep over the Florence Freedom and Chillicothe Paints. On Sunday, it was strong pitching throughout that carried the Bolts, holding the Paints in check when it mattered and earning a 4-3 win.

As per usual, the ThunderBolts opened with a strong first inning. With John McCarthy on after a bunt single, Wes Long unleashed a double to right-center that plated McCarthy and gave the ThunderBolts a 1-0 lead. Later in the inning, Scott Billak's flyout would result in a misplay by the Paints outfield, allowing Rob Marconi to skate in and make it a 2-0 game.

It looked like the ThunderBolts would roll after the third inning. With two men on base, J.P. Lowen ripped a harsh single that plated both runners and made the game 4-0. Unfortunately for the Bolts, the lead would not even last an inning. Two runs in the top of the fourth would put the Paints back into the game, making the score 4-2.

Starter Eric Fussell would allow no more damage to his lead. He would throw six strong innings, allowing just two runs and striking out four to earn his third win of the season. In contrast, Paints starter Bryan Johnson would not make it out of the third inning, surrendering all four Bolts runs and taking a loss in his first decision of the season.

Relievers Mike Causey, Danny Borne, Jeff Mault and Anthony Rebyanski combined to finish off the win. The Paints would plate a single run in the eighth inning but would get no closer. Rebyanski picked up where he left off after Saturday night, recording two outs in the ninth to pick up his first save of the season.

Monday was a league-wide day off with no games scheduled. The ThunderBolts returned to action Tuesday with Shawn Phillips on the hills when the team visited the Traverse City Beach Bums.

Home Game For "Vintage" Baseball Team

The Lockport Sleepers Vintage Base Ball Club announced its first home game will be on Saturday, July 7, beginning at 2 p.m. The game will be held at the southern end of Dellwood Park (Dell Park Avenue and Lois Street) in Lockport. The Sleepers will be taking on the Elk Grove Village Bucks.

For those of you who have not heard of "vintage base ball," please allow me this opportunity to describe it to you. Lockport Sleepers Vintage Base Ball Club plays the national pastime as it was done before the American Civil War. What does that mean? The Sleepers wear late 1850s uniforms that includes trousers (knickers weren't used until the late 1860s), but does not include gloves (mitts weren't introduced until the 1870s). Players, who are called "hands," use reproduction equipment – wooden bats and slightly different sized balls, which are also stitched differently. They play by 1858 national rules, which includes – batters ("strikers") can wait for a good pitch, which is done underhand; players are out if the ball is caught on the fly or after one-bounce in fair or foul territory; runners cannot lead off, slide, or steal base; there are no automatic homeruns because there is no outfield boundary; and short stops ("rovers") can play just about anywhere. Gentlemanly behavior is expected at all times. Umpires can immediately fine a player for unacceptable words or actions.

Vintage base ball is commonly organized by museums and historical societies, such as the Midway Village Marauders (Rockford, IL) or the Deep River Grinders (Hobart, IN). There are currently 17 teams in Illinois and many more in surrounding states. The Sleepers are an official educational, living history program of the Gaylord Building Historic Site, a property of the National Trust for Historic Preservation and managed by the Canal Corridor Association.

To learn more about vintage base ball, go to http://www.vbba.org.

"When Thunder Roars, Go Indoors"Campaign

The Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA) and the National Weather Service (NWS) together with the statewide athletic associations for middle schools and high schools are working to increase public awareness of lightning dangers at outdoor sporting events. This effort is part of Governor Rod R. Blagojevich's Keep Cool Illinois campaign, established to help keep Illinois famil[illegible]ool and safe this summer. The Illinois High School Association (IHSA) and the Illinois Elementary School Association (IESA) are joining in the push to make their member schools aware of the safety rule, "When thunder roars, go indoors" as part of national Lightning Safety Awareness Week.

Lightning Safety Awareness Week is part of Governor Rod R. Blagojevich's Keep Cool Illinois campaign, a statewide effort to help Illinoisans stay cool, healthy and safe during the summer months. Keep Cool Illinois seeks to inform Illinois residents on how to prevent heat-related problems, reduce their utility bills and participate in summer activities safely.

The IHSA's Board of Directors recently adopted a new severe weather policy, which will be effective at the start of the 2007-08 school year. The policy was developed as part of talks between IHSA staff and the NWS and will provide schools and state series managers with easier-to-follow guidelines for making a determination to suspend play when conditions warrant. The new policy calls for play in state series competitions to be suspended whenever cloud-to-ground lightning strikes are observed or thunder is heard. Play can then be resumed 30 minutes after the last observation of either thunder or lightning.

To increase awareness of lightning safety, the IHSA and IESA will be sending "When thunder roars, go indoors" posters provided by IEMA and NWS to all of their member schools. The IHSA also will distribute additional severe weather information to their membership throughout the year in their sport-specific manuals.

The IHSA has more than 750 public and private member high schools and regulates interscholastic competition in 13 sports for boys and 13 sports for girls, as well as seven non-athletic activities. Each year, more than 250,000 students participate in IHSA sporting events, including outdoor sports such as baseball, softball, football, soccer, track, cross country, tennis and golf. The IESA has 720 member elementary-middle schools throughout Illinois participating in eight sports and four activities.

According to the NWS, an average of 61 people are killed by lightning each year in the United States. That is more than those killed by tornadoes and second only to deaths from flash flooding. In 2006, 47 people were killed by lightning nationwide, including one fatality in Illinois. It is estimated that more than 1,000 people are injured by lightning strikes in the nation each year. About 67 percent of lightning fatalities and injuries occur outdoors at recreational events, such as baseball and soccer games, on lakes or at golf courses, and under or near trees.

Again this summer, the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) will have the informational card entitled "Do you hear thunder?" available at visitors' centers at all of the state parks. The card, which was first made available to state park visitors last year, emphasizes the safety rule that if you hear thunder, you are close enough to be struck by lightning even if it's not raining. It includes tips on how people enjoying outdoor activities on land or on water can stay safe when a thunderstorm approaches.

General outdoor lightning safety tips include: Get away from water – stop activities in or near water, such as swimming, boating, fishing and camping and seek a substantial shelter. A safe shelter is fully enclosed with a roof and four walls. Tents, picnic shelters or pavilions will not keep you safe. If no substantial shelter is available, seek refuge in a hard-topped vehicle with the windows up. Do not seek shelter under tall, isolated trees. This will increase your risk of being struck. If you're caught in the open, lightning often hits the tallest object, which could be you in an open field. If caught in the open, get low to the ground, on the balls of your feet in a crouching position. The goal is to get as low as possible, while minimizing your contact with the ground.

While you are much safer inside a building, the following tips can keep you even safer: Avoid contact with corded phones – phone use is the leading cause of indoor lightning injuries. Stay away from windows and exterior doors – windows and doors can provide a path for a direct strike to enter your home. Stay off of porches and decks – even if a porch is covered, it does not offer any protection from lightning strikes. Avoid contact with electrical equipment or cords – direct strikes and power surges due to lightning causes significant damage to personal property each year. If you plan to unplug any electrical equipment, do so well before the storm arrives. Stay away from plumbing and plumbing appliances – do not take a shower or bath during a thunderstorm. Avoid appliances such as dishwashers, washing machines and electric hot water heaters, since they utilize both water and electricity.

According to the NWS, only about 10 percent of people who are struck by lightning are killed, leaving 90 percent with various degrees of disability. Only a few lightning strike victims actually suffer burns, and these are usually minor.However, many lightning strike survivors are left with debilitating life-long effects, including memory loss, personality changes, fatigue, irreparable nerve damage, chronic pain and or headaches, difficulty sleeping and dizziness.

People shouldn't hesitate to help someone who has been struck by lightning since victims do not carry an electrical charge. The surge of electricity through a lightning victims body causes cardiac arrest in most fatalities, so immediate medical attention is critical. If the victim doesn't have a pulse and isn't breathing, CPR should be administered immediately.

For a copy of the state park information card and a more comprehensive guide to lightning safety, visit IEMA's website at www.state.il.us or by calling (217) 785-9888. Additional information about the Keep Cool Illinois campaign is available at www.keepcool.illinois.gov.

Sheriff Targets Deadbeat Dads

More than 100 fathers who have failed to pay court-ordered child support payments have been arrested in a crackdown by the Cook County Sheriff's Office dubbed, "Operation Father's Pay."

Beginning Sunday, June 10 and concluding Sunday, June 16, Sheriff's warrants officers fanned out across suburban Cook County and the City of Chicago serving civil warrants on deadbeat dads who owe back child support payments ranging from a few hundred dollars to more than $100,000. The 130 men arrested were taken before a judge and ordered to pay a bond. Those men unable to do so were transferred to Cook County Jail pending their next court date.

"We thought Father's Day would be an excellent time for these deadbeat dads to sit in jail and reflect on the blatant lack of responsibility they have shown their own children," Sheriff Thomas J. Dart said.

In all, the dads arrested during this roundup owe more than a collective $1.5 million in back support of their children. Warrants were issued for their arrests after they repeatedly ignored court orders to make child support payments. Sylvester Bounds is the oldest dad arrested for non-payment at 62. He owes $42,000. The youngest, Christopher Nelson, is 19 and owes more than $2,600.

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34 Word with jerk or deep
35 Catchall abbr.
38 Reduce
40 In good health
41 Category
42 The Bee Gees, e.g.
43 Poor box money
44 Sit for a picture
45 Fuel
46 Smoke solids
47 New York athlete
48 Sculptor's piece
49 Putting up fruit
52 Horrible sights
54 Cell figure
55 Worth having
57 Last of a series
58 Dads
59 State of mind
60 Word of disgust
61 Martin
62 Formed a band of sparks
65 Lean
66 Rank's partner
67 Man of the cloth
68 Cross
69 Authority
70 Bird's feature
71 Beam
72 Place to stay
73 Chili ingredient
74 Fled
75 Fugitives
79 Varied
81 Hide 75 Across
83 Fitting
84 Pupil's place
85 Deceased
86 Cold stuff
87 Skier's delight
88 Fellow
89 First name for a Vice President
91 Outside: pref.
92 Beneficiary
93 Witches
94 Carousel, e.g.
95 Tsp. or qt.
96 Crag
97 Correct a first draft
100 Wanted poster letters
101 __ War (1899-1902)
102 "Beat it!"
103 Caesar, for one
104 Eur. nation
107 Hunting dog
109 Music style from the West Indies
111 Friendly
113 Crystal gazers
114 Hard coating
115 Removes the lid again
116 Ditto
117 Asserts
118 City in Arizona

DOWN
1 Walk the floor
2 Grand Ole __
3 Assn. that sponsored Bob Hope's tours
4 Potato or yam
5 Ladle users
6 Quarantine
7 Fix
8 Green expanses
9 Yrbk. section
10 Haughtiness
11 Cage parts
12 Carbohydrate ending
13 Embroidered with a monogram
14 Steep
15 Noted surrealist
16 Church features
18 Calm.
20 Vexes
24 Fruity drinks
29 Crude material
31 Developed
33 Branson resident
34 Supremacist group, for short
35 Ann or Nan ending
36 Waiter's item
37 River in England
39 Quantity: abbr.
40 Supportive of
41 Geometric shape
43 Positive response
44 Fishing spot
45 Ripken's namesakes
48 Swiped
49 Refer to
50 Approach
51 Trait carrier
53 Sunburnt
54 Twenty-one letters
56 Speak
59 Spread, for short
61 Sunshine
62 Song for Sills
63 Howard & others
64 Unites into one
65 Deposited
66 Accomplishment
67 Touch lightly
69 Large knife
70 Prepare 108 Down
71 Grooves
73 __ Preminger
75 Tyrant
76 Zone
77 Annex
78 Concordes: abbr.
80 Seldom seen
82 Word on a Halloween card
83 Ms. MacGraw
86 Hard to find
87 Sprays
89 Fem. titles
90 __ Peak, Colo.
91 Special order shoe
92 1978 Burt Reynolds film
95 Telegraph inventor
96 Cooking herb
98 Cut finely
99 Local expression
101 Ledge by the edge of a road
102 Serb or Croat
104 Lincoln & others
105 Part of the arm
106 His, in Paris
108 Crumpets accompaniment
110 Santa __, CA
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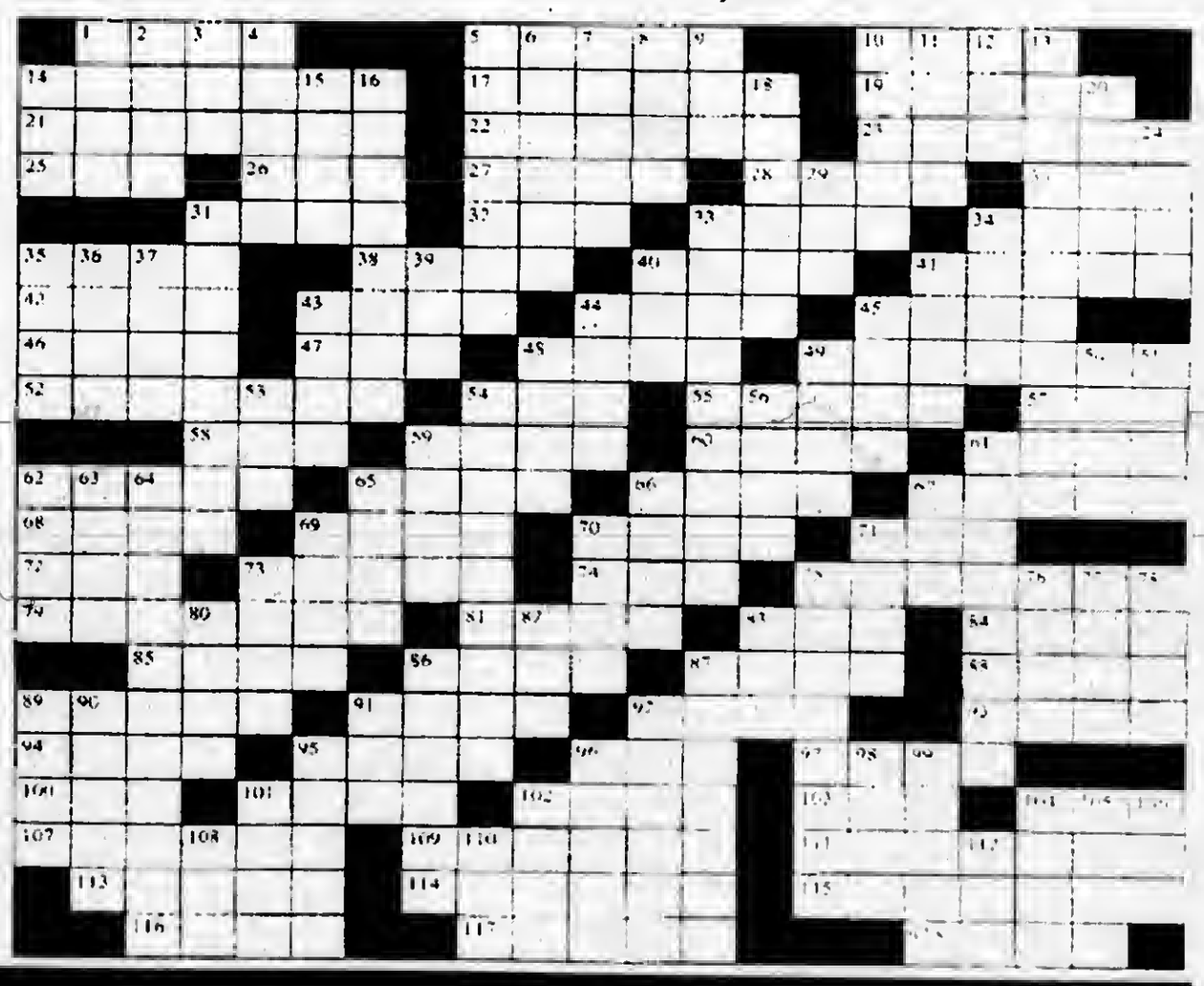

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Thoughts On Health & Nutrition

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FAT-BLOCKER ALLI HITS THE MARKET

Consumers are now able to buy the first FDA-approved over the counter (OTC) version of a prescription diet drug--it's called "alli", and you will see it near the check out counter of almost every grocery and pharmacy across the country! If you are familiar with Xenical, the prescription drug marketed by GlaxoSmithKline since 1999, you know that alli is a similar fat blocker in a lower dose formula.

The main ingredient in both drugs is orlistat, a naturally-occurring fat blocker which binds to several digestive enzymes. This results in part of fat-containing foods passing through the intestinal tract without being absorbed.

About 25 percent of dietary fat is blocked when the prescription form of orlistat is taken with breakfast, lunch and dinner, resulting in a reduction in about 200 calories daily. The OTC drug, alli, will save you about 100 calories a day.

Taking orlistat-containing drugs is not without some possible problems. Fat-soluble vitamins such as A, D, E, and K may not be absorbed as readily when such medications are taken. Because of this, taking a multi-vitamin containing fat-soluble vitamins is advisable.

Some people should never take the fat-blocking drugs! Those who have had an organ transplant are restricted, since transplant drugs can cause special risks when combined with orlistat-based drugs. Persons who have diabetes, thyroid, and/or anti-clotting drugs are also at risk for problems.

Even healthy people who take either medication may have problems. If you have tried Xenical, you probably know that fat still must be limited in your diet. In the case of taking either drug, the more dietary fat you eat, the greater your chance of loose stools and diarrhea, bloating, gas and abdominal cramps. A restriction of fat intake in general will help to control these symptoms.

As always, discuss the use of alli with your physician before deciding to take it. You may be unaware of potential medical complications it can cause you.

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Expansion Of The Illinois Healthy Women Program

Continuing the celebration of Women's Health Week in Illinois, Governor Rod. R. Blagojevich announced an expansion of the Illinois Healthy Women program to cover 45,000 more women each year. The Illinois Healthy Women program, created by Gov. Blagojevich in 2004, promotes healthy births and economic independence by providing reproductive health and family planning services to low-income women, free of charge. Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services Director Barry Maram joined advocates, healthcare providers, and families at Planned Parenthood/Chicago Area to celebrate the expansion. To apply for the program, visit www.illinoishealthywomen.com or call toll-free at 1-800-226-0768.

"We know that family planning and reproductive health education services allow women to have greater control over their health and their lives," said Gov. Blagojevich. "Illinois Healthy Women helps empower wives, mothers, sisters and daughters across our state with the knowledge and services they need to plan their pregnancies and to ensure the healthy birth of their children."

Since its inception in 2004, the Illinois Healthy Women program has helped women stay healthy by providing family planning coverage, including annual physicals, pap tests, mammograms, screening and medicine for sexually transmitted infections, multi-vitamins (including folic acid), and contraceptives of choice. As of April 2007, 35,877 women have utilized services under the program. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services reimburses the state for 90 percent of the cost of services.

The Governor also announced that the Illinois Healthy Women program will now be open to women who were not previously enrolled in one of the State's medical programs. Prior to this expansion, the program was only available to women leaving one of the Department of Healthcare and Family Services' Medical Programs. With this expansion, young women who have not yet started a family or women who have never accessed KidCare, FamilyCare or Medicaid, the state's comprehensive health care programs, will be eligible for these women's health care services.

"The typical American woman spend roughly five years pregnant or trying to get pregnant and three decades trying to avoid unintended pregnancy," said Tiffany Athey, Nurse Practitioner, Planned Parenthood/Chicago area (PP/CA). "This program will allow her to access the family planning services she needs to make this planning a reality. Women who in the past have been falling through the cracks of our health care system will now have access to the basic health care services they need and deserve."

The Illinois Healthy Women expansion will save the Illinois Medicaid program an estimated $59 million over the first five years of the program due to a decrease in the number of unplanned pregnancies paid for by the Medicaid program. Fifty-eight percent of Medicaid births are the result of an unplanned pregnancy and research consistently shows that planning birth greatly reduces the incidence of poor birth outcomes including prematurity, low birth weight, infant mortality and pregnancy related illness. Studies show that the use of family planning services reduces a low-income woman's probability of pregnancy by 79 percent. Often, a woman's attempts to enter the workforce can be derailed by unplanned and untimed pregnancies.

"The Illinois Healthy Women program helps women reduce unintended pregnancies and plan a healthy birth," said Barry Maram, Director of the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services. "This expansion is another example of Governor Blagojevich's nationally recognized efforts to help every family in Illinois get the care they need."

The services offered through Illinois Healthy Women are voluntary and confidential. No premiums, deductibles or co-payments are required. For more information or to download an application, visit www.illinoishealthywomen.com or call 1-800-226-0768 (TTY: 1-877-204-1012).

New Survey Maps Emotional Toll Of Rosacea As Severity Increases

Rosacea inflicts significant damage to quality of life and emotional well-being in direct proportion to its physical effects, according to a new patient survey conducted by the National Rosacea Society (NRS) and published in Rosacea Review. Rosacea is a red-faced, acne-like facial disorder that affects an estimated 14 million Americans and is becoming increasingly widespread as the population baby boom generation enters the most susceptible ages.

"Fortunately, through greater public awareness, more people are seeking medical attention before their rosacea becomes increasingly severe," said Dr. Diane Berson, clinical associate professor of dermatology at New York University. "As a result, its impact on appearance is being halted and controlled before the emotional consequences become even more intrusive on their daily lives."

Many rosacea patients said they had learned to successfully cope with their condition and that openly discussing their disorder with others helps dispel any embarrassment or social unease.

Rosacea is a chronic disorder that primarily affects the cheeks, nose, chin or forehead, and is often characterized by flare-ups and remissions. It typically first appears at any time after age 30 as a flushing or redness that comes and goes.

Over time, the redness becomes ruddier and more persistent, and visible blood vessels may appear. Without treatment, bumps and pimples often develop, and in severe cases, the nose may become swollen and enlarged from excess tissue. In many patients, the eyes are also affected, feeling irritated and appearing watery or bloodshot.

Fortunately, the signs and symptoms of rosacea can be effectively controlled with medical treatment and lifestyle changes. Anyone who suspects they may have rosacea is urged to see a dermatologist for diagnosis and appropriate therapy.

For information and educational materials on rosacea, write the National Rosacea Society, 800 S. Northwest Highway, Suite 200, Barrington, IL 60010, or call its toll-free number at 1-888-NO-BLUSH. Information and materials are also available on the society's Web site at www.rosacea.org or via e-mail at rosaceas@aol.com.

Hospice Seeks A Few Good Volunteers

Hospice of Northeastern Illinois is partnering with The Twilight Brigade, Compassion in Action, to provide a three-day hospice volunteer training session Friday, July 20 through Sunday, July 22. Compassionate, flexible and non-judgmental men and women are invited to participate in the patient and family care training session at Hospice of Northeastern Illinois in Barrington.

Hospice is seeking volunteers that live throughout the areas served: Kane, NW Cook, McHenry, Lake, DuPage and Boone counties. Participants must complete a personal interview prior to the training and attend all sessions in order to become a volunteer. The sessions will cover a broad spectrum of topics related to death and dying, privacy issues and volunteer self-care.

Hospice volunteers provide emotional support and practical assistance to people who are terminally ill and their families. No medical or professional background is required, simply a desire to reach out to others in the community who are in need. An interview and registration are required prior to training.

In addition to patient and family care volunteers, Hospice offers a number of other volunteer opportunities such as providing clerical support in the office and assistance with fundraising and special events.

For more information or to receive an application call Hospice of Northeastern Illinois at (847) 381-5599, ext. 256, or e-mail jzuidema@hospiceanswers.org.

Hospice of Northeastern Illinois is a community based, not-for-profit organization serving families throughout McHenry, Lake, Northwest Cook, Kane, Boone and DuPage counties. Hospice of Northeastern Illinois provides patient care and bereavement services to all who need them, regardless of ability to pay. Hospice of Northeastern Illinois is Medicare certified and accredited by the Joint Commission.

Power Wheelchairs Are Available

The Senior Wheels USA Program makes available power wheelchairs to senior citizens and the permanently disabled at no cost to the recipient, if they qualify.

The power wheelchairs are provided to those who can no longer walk nor self-propel a manual wheelchair, and who meet the additional guidelines of the program. No deposit is required.

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Approval Of Higher Education Act Reauthorization

The Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions has approved legislation, written by U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin (D-IL), that would help protect student borrowers and provide better security on college campuses. Key provisions from two of Durbin's bills – the Student Loan Sunshine Act and Campus Law Enforcement Emergency Act – were included in the Higher Education Act reauthorization bill that was approved by committee and will now go to the Senate floor for consideration.

"We need to shine a bright light on the incentive-based relationships that exist between some universities and lenders," said Durbin. "This legislation takes an important step in requiring stricter standards for lenders and universities. We must make sure college students don't fall victim to unprincipled lenders."

The portion of the bill based on Durbin's Student Loan Sunshine Act aims to protect students and parents from exploitation by private lenders and lenders who offer gifts to colleges as a way to secure loan business. The Higher Education Act reauthorization bill would:

Ban lenders from offering gifts worth more than a nominal amount to college financial aid office employees, including travel, lodging, entertainment, and in-kind services that lenders provide to college financial aid offices.

Require full disclosure of the reasons why an institution of higher education has selected a lender for its "preferred lender" list, including any special arrangements the lender has with the school.

Prohibit special arrangements that lenders and institutions of higher education have to offer loan products at the institution.

"After the terrible tragedy at Virginia Tech, it was clear that we need to address the vulnerability of students in college," said Durbin. "The language added to this bill will better protect college students and their families from threats to their security. I look forward to debating this bill on the Senate floor and will work toward its quick passage."

The portion of the bill based on Durbin's Campus Law Enforcement Emergency Response Act strengthens the safety and security of college and university campuses by requiring that each school develop and test emergency response procedures and testing of campus notification systems on at least an annual basis. Durbin's original legislation was co-sponsored by Sen. Barack Obama (D-IL) and introduced in the wake of the Virginia Tech tragedy. The will would:

Require colleges and universities to develop and test procedures for responding to large-scale emergencies and dangerous incidents on their campuses, including procedures for promptly notifying the campus community in case of such emergencies.

Permit the Secretary of Education and the Attorney General to combine their knowledge and resources in order to advise colleges and universities on model emergency response procedures and to disseminate best practices.

Authorize the Dept. of Education to create a competitive grant program for colleges and universities to develop and improve their emergency response procedures and programs.

A healthy adult takes about 23,000 breaths a day.

Relief At The Pump Fuels Savings For July 4th Travel

Independence Day falls on a Wednesday this year, and while Americans will have to adjust their vacation plans, they will travel nonetheless. AAA Chicago estimates a record 41.1 million Americans will leave home this holiday (June 29 – July 8), a 0.8 percent increase from last year. About 34.7 million travelers, or 84 percent of all holiday travelers, expect to go by motor vehicle, a 0.7 percent increase from the 34.5 million who drove a year ago.

According to a AAA survey, Fourth of July travelers intend to spend the entire week on their holiday trip this year. In fact, the largest share of the Fourth of July travelers are planning to leave Friday, June 29 or before.

"Despite the mid-week holiday, Americans still plan to celebrate the holiday with friends or family," says Beth Mosher, spokeswoman for AAA Chicago. "The lower fuel prices may also be an added incentive for travelers considering a day trip on July 4th."

Prices may fluctuate during the extended travel period; currently in Illinois, the price of regular unleaded is $3.15 per gallon, up 19 cents from a year ago. In Indiana, a gallon of regular unleaded costs $2.93, which is a 14-cent increase from 2006. Nationally, regular unleaded gasoline is $2.98.

Another 4.7 million (11 percent of holiday travelers) plan to travel by airplane, up 3.5 percent from last Fourth of July. A projected 1.7 million (4 percent of all holiday travelers) vacationers will travel by train, bus, or other mode of transportation.

AAA's Leisure Travel Index shows some other vacation cots up from Fourth of July 2006, while others have dropped somewhat significantly. Hotel rates are up a bit, averaging 5 percent higher for the AAA-rated Three Diamond hotels than last year. Car rental rates will be similar to last year, which are up 3 percent. Airfares, however, are a welcome 12 percent lower than Fourth of July 2006.

"The decrease in airfare plays a role in the increase in flyers during this holiday period," Mosher says.

The greatest number of air travelers will originate in the West, with 1.8 million, followed by the Midwest and Southeast at 800,000 each; Northeast, 700,000; and Great Lakes, 500,000.

The Southeast is expected to produce the largest number of auto travelers with 8.9 million, followed by the West with 8.6 million; Midwest 6.6 million; Northeast 5.8 million; and Great Lakes, 500,000.

Research for holiday travel is based on a national telephone survey by the Travel Industry Association of America, which conducts special research for AAA.

AAA Chicago has represented roadway interests for motorists and pedestrians and serves as a leading advocate for various traffic safety and travel-related issues for more than a century.

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Faulty Emergency Alert System Message Sent

A faulty Emergency Alert System (EAS) message sent out Tuesday morning to broadcast stations around Illinois was part of a federal government test of a new satellite system being installed. There was no federal emergency at the time to trigger the message.

Andrew Velasquez III, director of the Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA) said the new satellite warning system was installed Monday as part of a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) program to install the system in all 50 states.

The federal government conducted a test of the new system Tuesday morning, but rather than being an internal test the message was sent out to broadcast stations.

"At this time, we don't know why the federal government used a 'hot' or active code rather than a test code when they sent out this test message," Velasquez said. Velasquez said a test message would not have triggered the system to send the message out over the broadcast airwaves. A total of four messages were reportedly sent out as part of the test.

The EAS system replaced the former Emergency Broadcast System. It can be activated by the federal government, by states or by the National Weather Service. In this instance it was activated by a federal test.

IEMA has received reports from across Illinois about the message, and has learned that the message also was broadcast in areas outside Illinois. IEMA did not receive notice from the federal government that a test of the EAS system was scheduled for Tuesday.

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Marist Student and Teacher Win Special Award

Marist High School guidance counselor Pat Hennessy (left) and 2007 graduate Brittany Anaya (right) recently received awards from the Give Something Back Foundation.

With the close of the 2007 academic year, Hennessy (Mokena) capped off 32 years at Marist. He taught religion from 1975 to 1985 and has spent the last 22 years in the guidance department. He was nominated for the award which recognizes faculty members who go beyond their paid position to offer support, enthusiasm and motivation to their students and colleagues. Outside his role as counselor, Hennessy has moderated National Honor Society (1976-2004), co-moderated senior prom since 1993 and coached all levels of soccer for 30 years. He is also a vibrant part of the Kairos retreat program, and makes himself available at any given time to the students he counsels and their families.

On winning the award, Hennessy said, ""It's nice to be recognized for the work that I do. It was also a little embarrassing. I am lucky to work with so many gifted colleagues who impact our students in so many wonderful ways." Along with the honor of winning, Hennessy also received a $2,500 stipend.

Anaya (West Lawn) has been an involved student at Marist. A member of the National Honor Society and Spanish National Honor Society, she has balanced academics with running track and being a Marist student ambassador and member of the school's Marist Youth organization. To win the award, which provides $5,000 annually for fours years to help with college tuition and related expenses, Anaya had to display academic excellence, extracurricular involvement and a demonstrated financial need. Anaya said she and her family are very happy and appreciative. She plans on pursuing a biology degree at Loyola University as a part of their pre-med program. She hopes to be a pediatrician.

Celebrating over 40 years of excellence, Marist High School, 4200 W. 115th Street in Chicago, is a Catholic, college preparatory school educating young men and women in heart, mind, and body.

Financial Workshop

A workshop on "Achieving Financial Enlightenment" will be held on Saturday, June 30th at Morgan Park Presbyterian Church, 11056 S. Longwood Drive, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Led by Virgie Henderson and Vincent Lane, this workshop will explore adjustable rate mortgages, foreclosure, option-payment mortgages, 40-year fixed mortgages and financial protection. All are welcome. For information, call (708) 481-8130.

The Fight Against Drunk Driving Offenders

The Hon. Dorothy Brown, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County, and members of the Tina Ball Memorial DUI Task Force announced the successful passing of House Bill 1900 that will allow families of DUI crash victims to have memorial roadside markers erected in the approximate site of where the fatality occurred.

House Bill 1900, legislation drafted and promoted by the Task Force, passed the Illinois House of Representatives by a vote of 112 to 0 and the Illinois Senate 54 to 0. The Bill will now be sent to Gov. Rod Blagojevich for his signature.

"I was honored to be involved with the drafting of the bill," said Clerk Brown. "Mrs. Ball lost her life needlessly due to the actions of a drunk driver. I want to make sure that the Clerk's Office stays at the forefront in creating legislation that may help decrease drunk driving accidents and fatalities."

Tina Ball was working in a construction zone on Interstate 57 on Sept. 15, 2003, when she was killed by Thomas Harris, a drunk driver. Clerk Brown learned of the commitment of the Ball family to strengthen laws against drunk drivers and promised to create a task force to help make "Tina's Law" a reality. Clerk Brown initiated the Tina Ball Memorial DUI Task Force in May 2004.

When this law was proposed, the Tina Ball Memorial DUI Task Force was comprised of representatives of the AAA-Chicago Motor Club; Ahern & Maloney; Alcoholics Anonymous; BASSET Program; Illinois Liquor Control Commission; Breath Alcohol Training; Brodsky & Odeh; Central States Institute of Addiction; Chicago Dept. of Transportation, Bureau of Traffic; Chicago Police Dept.; Circuit Court of Cook County; Cook County Chief Judge's Office; Cook County Sheriff's Office; Cook County State's Attorney's Office; Dept. of Transportation; EAP; Fifth District Police Chief's Assn.; Greater Cook County Council of Police Chiefs; Highway Safety Consultant; Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority; Illinois Dept. of Transportation Division of Traffic Safety; Illinois Alcoholism & Drug Dependence Assn.; Illinois State Police; Illinois Dept. of Transportation; Illinois High School Assn.; Illinois Professional Firefighters Assn.; Illinois Secretary of State; Illinois State Police District Chicago; Law Offices of Cathy A. Pilkington; Lemont Police Dept.; Loretto Hospital; Mothers Against Drunk Drivers; Mothers Against Drunk Drivers McHenry County; Narcotics Anonymous, inc.; National Highway Traffic Safety Administration; National Safety Council; Northern Council on Alcoholism and Substance Abuse; Northwest Suburban Police Assn.; Students Against Drunk Driving; The Alliance Against Intoxicated Motorists; and West Suburban Police Assn.

Although the task force formally ended in October 2006, the Clerk's Office and the Tina Ball Memorial DUI Task Force members continue to push the initiatives of the task force.

55 Alive Review Course

The Worth Township Seniors will be sponsoring an Evening 55 Alive Review Course on Wednesday and Thursday, Aug. 8th and 9th at the Worth Township Center, 11601 S. Pulaski, from 6 until 10 p.m. The fee is $10, payable to AARP. The class is open to seniors, 55 years and older, and you will receive a certificate that may entitle you to a reduction in your auto insurance. Call (708) 371-2900, ext. 28, to register.

Dean's List

Oak Lawn resident Kathryn Rosenbaum was named to the Dean's List at Xavier University, Cincinnati, Ohio for the Spring 2007 semester.

In addition, she has been selected as Campus News Editor for The Xavier Newswire newspaper for 2007-2008.

Rosenbaum is entering her sophomore year and is the daughter of Steve and Sharon Rosenbaum.

Shepard Students Off To Germany

Teacher Nellie Hastings will accompany 15 of her German language students to Germany as part of Shepard High School's quarter century sister school arrangement with Johann Wolfgang Goethe Gymasium (high school) in Germersheim. The group will travel to Germany in late June and early July.

Aside from living with families in Germersheim, which is located near Frankfurt, Shepard students will visit Trier (the oldest city in Germany), Munich, and the Alps. Shepard students attend classes at Goethe Gymnasium during the trip. Students attend school year-round in Germany with more frequent breaks than in the United States.

Shepard students making the trip include left to right: (back row) Dan Ferguson, Jake Johnson, Sean Kennedy, Myles Wagner (third row) Stephanie Headington, Samantha Headington, Krystal Karceski, Meghann Jackson; (second row) Asya McGinnis, teacher Nellie Hastings, Anna Solfisburg; (front) Amanda Vanoskey, Kayleigh Kubo, Victoria Novak, and Jaclyn Staszel. Not pictured is Mike Weber.

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Star Spangled Fourth Of July

New Time and new venue for the Oak Lawn Park District's Star Spangled Fourth of July celebration. This years' event will be held Wednesday, July 4, at Centennial Park, 93rd Street and Nashville Ave., beginning at 11 a.m. and will include the Annual SeeMore the Eagle Children's Bike Parade, carnival games, kid's garage sale, bingo, craft vendors, live entertainment and pool activities at Centennial Pool. Admission is free, but there may be fees for certain activities including a $1 admission to all of the pools.

The SeeMore the Eagle Children's Bike Parade will be at 11:30 am with line-up in front of the Community Pavilion at 11:15 am. All participants will receive juice and a treat. This is a free event!!

Evening entertainment will still be held at the football field at Richards High School (106th Street and Central Avenue). Gates will open at 6:30 p.m. The Oak Lawn Park District's gymnastics group—the Pirouettes—will put on a demonstration at 7:30 p.m., followed by American music from the band, City Lights Orchestra. Following the concert, there will be a spectacular freedom fireworks display set to patriotic music. The Village of Oak Lawn is cosponsoring the fireworks display. Thank you also to our corporate sponsors, Yellow Book and Founders Bank. For more information, call (708) 857-2200.

Upward Bound Grant

The U.S. Department of Education has awarded Moraine Valley Community College its first TRIO Upward Bound grant of $1.25 million. The grant, which is $250,000 each year for the next five years, will assist 50 low-income or first-generation college students who are currently attending Dwight D. Eisenhower High School in Blue Island with the transition to higher education.

Upward Bound provides opportunities for participants to prepare for, and ultimately succeed in, their higher education pursuits. The curriculum will consist of rigorous academic instruction in core subjects, but the project also will provide services such as advising, tutoring, career planning, college planning, computer literacy, and cultural enrichment. The project takes place during the academic year, including the Saturday Academic Academy, and over the summer. High school seniors will participate in a summer bridge program to prepare them for college enrollment.

"The Upward Bound project will assist eligible students in accomplishing their goals of completing secondary and postsecondary degrees, which will provide them continuing education and workforce opportunities long-term," said Yolanda Isaacs, dean of Student Services at Moraine Valley. "In comparison to the other 26 communities we serve, the education levels in the target communities have lower academic achievement with more than 75 percent of residents over the age of 25 not having bachelor's degrees. It is our goal to assist these students in their academic endeavors, and hopefully they will choose to enroll at Moraine Valley after graduating high school."

For more information about the Upward Bound grant, call Isaacs at (708) 974-5360.

Singing The Anthem

Michele McGuire (pictured), a 2007 graduate of Mother McAuley Liberal Arts High School, sang the National Anthem at the Federal Employee of the Year Awards Luncheon which was celebrating its 50th Anniversary. A hush fell over the Grand Ballroom at the Hyatt Regency Chicago when Michele started singing. Mary Ann Zulevic of the National Archives and Records Administration said, "She brought many people in the audience to tears with her pure, rich, vibrant voice. Not a sound was made after she sang to the room full of 1,200 Federal Employees and because we are Federal Employees the National Anthem and the posting of the colors is a really big deal to us."

At McAuley Michele frequently sang the National Anthem at athletic events to the delight of all the McAuley fans.

PROPERTY TRANSFERS

Address	City	Amount	Sellers	Buyers
4658 W 89TH ST	HOMETOWN	$187,000	LOEW GERALD F TR	ARRIOLA SANDRA
4534 W 87TH PL	HOMETOWN	$125,000	BARMANN BERNADETTE EXTR	LUCARZ JOHN M
8775 S DUFFY AVE	HOMETOWN	$125,000	GOLF JAIME	FIRST MIDWEST BK
4530 W 88TH PL	HOMETOWN	$190,000	STEELE JAMES A	ANTUNEZ SERGIO
8948 S MAIN ST	HOMETOWN	$179,000	TARABA GUY M	HAMEL-TARABA TERRI L
4737 W 89TH PL	HOMETOWN	UNKNOWN	JUDICIAL SALES CORP	HOUSING & URBAN DEVELOPME
8903 S KOSTNER AVE	HOMETOWN	$144,000	PELECKIS DAVID J	BOHNEN TAMI
8741 S BECK PL	HOMETOWN	$152,000	BYLUT DONALD J	MCCANN TRACY L
9021 S KNOX AVE	HOMETOWN	$151,000	HICKEY FRANK	WOOD DANIEL S
9035 S BECK PL	HOMETOWN	$195,000	LOGSDON DAVID J	SCOTT MINERVA
7920 81ST AVE	JUSTICE	$475,000	SWEIS REYAD	PATEL MAXOBHOI
7313 BLACKSTONE AVE	JUSTICE	UNKNOWN	KROL JADWIGA	CHLEBEK JADWIGA
7426 MAPLEWOOD DR	JUSTICE	$255,000	ZAWADA PIOTR	KOMPERDA STANISLAW
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16 OTTAWA CT	JUSTICE	$159,000	FINN GERARD M	DLUGA MARIA
7535 OAK GROVE AVE	JUSTICE	UNKNOWN	GALUSZKA RYSZARD	GALUSZKA WIESLAWA
8505 79TH ST	JUSTICE	UNKNOWN	VITALE KAREN	JPMORGAN CHASE BK
7521 CORK AVE	JUSTICE	$396,000	WEINER DAVID	DARDAINE JOANNE
8559 79TH AVE	JUSTICE	$230,000	KELLY ARTHUR	SHISLER GREGG
7325 BANKS ST	JUSTICE	$240,000	JEKNER WOJCIECH	GLAZIER JAMES R
7946 87TH ST	JUSTICE	UNKNOWN	COOK COUNTY CLERK	JUSTICE
9627 MASSASOIT AVE	OAK LAWN	$135,000	TELANDER DEV CO	CHICAGO TITLE LAND TRUST CC
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4814 PAXTON RD	OAK LAWN	$185,000	LISAK GREGORY	INISHOWEN CUSTOM HOMES IN
4101 99TH PL	OAK LAWN	UNKNOWN	CHICAGO TITLE LAND TRUST CO TR	NORTHSTAR TRUST TR
10048 PULASKI RD	OAK LAWN	UNKNOWN	STRUBBE RITA A	STRUBBE RITA A TR
9716 KARLOV AVE	OAK LAWN	$138,000	JOYCE JOHN J	STOVALL WILLA M
8817 CENTRAL AVE	OAK LAWN	$155,000	KOTOWSKI CATHERINE R	EL-RAMAHI HAFEZ
10440 LONG AVE	OAK LAWN	UNKNOWN	CHICAGO TITLE LAND TRUST CO TR	VULICH MARY A TR
10418 S KEATING AVE	OAK LAWN	UNKNOWN	MCWALTER SHEILA E	MCWALTER SHEILA E TR
9821 MOODY AVE	OAK LAWN	$183,000	LALLY MARTIN	FREDRICK JERRY
9829 MEADE AVE	OAK LAWN	UNKNOWN	STANDARD B&T CO HICKORY HILLS 000(	BECKETT ANGELINE M TR
4012 W 105TH ST	OAK LAWN	$173,000	GARCIA GABRIELA	MARTINEZ LAURA P
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10224 S KILDARE AVE	OAK LAWN	$216,000	SHARPSWAIN RUSSELL	KNOR TAMMY
9760 S RUTHERFORD AVE	OAK LAWN	$233,500	ROJAS SERAFIN H	MARCINIAK WLADYSLAWA
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4933 HARNEW RD	OAK LAWN	$286,500	MOSKAL REGINALD D	LISAK GREGORY
7100 W 95TH ST	OAK LAWN	UNKNOWN	WOJTYCZKA PAWEL	WOJTYCZKA PAWEL
11004 JODAN DR	OAK LAWN	$247,500	ESSER LORI	RENTSCHLER GREG
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5540 103RD PL	OAK LAWN	$365,000	SUBURBAN B&T CO TR	LICEA JUAN G
10437 AUSTIN AVE	OAK LAWN	$139,500	HOULIHAN BRIDGETT A	MARTORANO ANTHONY
11012 KILPATRICK AVE	OAK LAWN	$130,000	SCULLY BERNICE M TR	CERVANTES ROBERT J
9302 SPROAT AVE	OAK LAWN	$190,000	GILMAN CUSOM HOMES INC	CULLEN CUSTOM HOMES INC
4912 OAK CENTER DR	OAK LAWN	$200,000	KELTNER LISA M	DESMOND BLDR INC
9633 S RIDGELAND AVE	OAK LAWN	$800,000	OROZCO EDGAR	TRESCH MICHAEL K
10736 S KOLMAR AVE	OAK LAWN	$318,000	GREAT LAKES TRUST CO TR	MONARREZ LINO
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10323 S MAYFIELD AVE	OAK LAWN	$170,000	RIVERA LAURA	STEEL KARL
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9823 54TH AVE	OAK LAWN	$230,500	WALCZAK JOHN T	MALIZIO JACOB A
9120 S MAJOR AVE	OAK LAWN	UNKNOWN	VEZINA ROBERT E	VEZINA ROBERT E TR
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Look Here Weekly for your... LOCAL NEWS

Veterans And Soldiers News

By Lori Taylor Ph: 708.388.2425

Air Force Airman Blair A. Mislich has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. Mislich earned distinction as an honor graduate of the course. He is the son of Jeff Mislich of Midlothian and Paulca Jacobs of Des Plaines. The airman is a 2004 graduate of Bremen High School in Midlothian.

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Tammy Duckworth, Director of the Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs, was the guest speaker at the Korean-American Veteran Association's 57th Anniversary of the Korean War ceremony at the Garden Buffet Restaurant in Chicago on Monday, June 25th. Over 100 Korean-American and American Veterans attended the ceremony that honored all those who fought in the Korean War.

On Monday evening Duckworth was honored with the "Lead On" Award at Access Living's 2007 Annual Gala for her undivided commitment and dedication to serving the community and Veterans with disabilities. Access Living is a cross-disability organization that fosters the dignity, pride, and self-esteem of people with disabilities and enhances the options available to them.

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Here is a message sent to us by the Manhattanville College My Soldier Program.

This is the fifth straight year that Americans will celebrate the Independence Day Holiday, and their right to live in freedom, while U.S. troops engage in dangerous missions in Iraq and Afghanistan. Richard Berman, Manhattanville president and cofounder of the My Soldier Pen Pal Program suggests that civilians "can make a difference in the daily lives of veterans and soldiers by participating in the My Soldier Program. It offers a variety of ways to show our soldiers we are grateful for what they do to protect our freedom and liberties." The My Soldier office has even put together a list to help you get started.

Here are the top ten ways to show patriotic support:

1. Go to www.mysoldier.com to register for the "My Soldier" program and adopt a deployed soldier who could use a pen-pal friend.
2. Encourage children/students to spend their summer vacation creating this meaningful, even educational, pen pal relationship.
3. Join the My Soldier pen pal program as a family. Family writing projects can create a bond for a common cause, which deepens familial ties.
4. Wear a My Soldier bracelet to show your support (mailed to you free via a SASE).
5. Enjoy a parade and support the marchers!
6. Call the My Soldier Office (914) 323-5172 to find out how you can get free My Soldier bracelets in bulk to use as summer picnic or parade giveaways.
7. Submit the name of an active soldier who would like to be adopted through the website link.
8. Adopt a soldier and earn a community service award! Manhattanville My Soldier now offers the opportunity for high school students to be recognized for their service and commitment.
9. Visit the soldier homepage at www.mysoldier.com and click on the Hats Off to Veterans to learn about how you can say thanks and show support to a hospitalized veteran.
10. Donate an item for the "Red, White and Blue (RWB) Thank You." The My Soldier office is collecting items for care packages that will be sent or delivered to hospitalized Veterans. A patriotic red, white and blue theme is suggested. Items being collected (via mail or drop off at the My Soldier Office, Manhatanville College, 2900 Purchase St., Purchase, NY 10577) include: Tootsie Pops-Cherry (red wrapper) and Grape (blue wrapper); Twizzlers; Captain America, Superman and other Super Hero comic books; playing cards and Yahtzee (Dice Game); beach balls; Nerf footballs; homemade cards with handwritten notes; children's artwork.

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The President's Commission on Care for America's Returning Wounded Warriors held a public meeting in Washington, D.C. on Monday, June 18th on the critical issue of family support and outreach services. The Commission heard first-hand accounts from wounded warriors and their families as well as issue experts and family support organizations.

The Commission is very interested in hearing from service members who have been injured in Iraq or Afghanistan, health care professionals, and others about their health care related experiences. The Commission will hold two more public meetings before it makes its recommendations in July.

For more information, and to share your story for the public record, visit www.pccww.gov or call toll-free at 1-877-588-2035.

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Good-bye until next week. God bless you and your family and God bless America.

Launch New Meth Registry

Governor Rod R. Blagojevich announced on June 24th the launch of the Methamphetamine Manufacturing Registry, a new tool available on the Illinois State Police website, www.isp.state.il.us, that gives communities and law enforcement the opportunity to view the names of offenders who have been convicted of manufacturing meth. In June 2006, the governor signed Senate Bill 2915 requiring the Illinois State Police to create the registry, have a link on the agency's webpage, and make it available to the general public and law enforcement.

The Methamphetamine Manufacturing Registry contains the name, date of birth, offense, conviction date and county where the offense took place. The database will be updated daily and allows an individual the capability to search by name, county of conviction, or date of conviction.

Information posted on the registry is provided by the Office of the Circuit Clerk regarding individuals convicted in the previous month of participation in methamphetamine manufacturing. Additionally, the Illinois Department of Corrections will forward a list of all persons who are incarcerated or on mandatory supervised release for a conviction of meth manufacturing for inclusion on the site.

The Methamphetamine Manufacturing Registry can be accessed by logging onto the Illinois State Police home page at www.isp.state.il.us or by contacting the Methamphetamine Program Coordinator at (217) 558-0198.

Wycinanki Workshop

On Saturday, July 14th, the Polish Museum of America, 984 N. Milwaukee Ave, will host a Wycinanki Workshop. This is a class on the Polish Folk Art of Paper Cutting. The workshop will take place from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Learn and preserve the ancient Polish folk art of paper cutting. Wycinanki usually depicts symbols from nature. There are two type of Wycinanki. One comes from the Kurpie region, composed of a single sheet of paper into which intricate designs have been cut. It is then mounted on a background of a contrasting color. Other Wycinanki comes from the region of Lowicz, where designs have many layers of colored paper glued on top of one another.

Either design can be made at the workshop or guests can be totally creative in their approach.

The cost of the workshop is $7 for PMA Members; $12 for non-members; and $5 for children 12 years and under. The fee covers all materials and light refreshments.

Reservations are required by July 6th. You can bring your own scissors or use the ones on hand. For more information, call (773) 384-3352, ext. 104.

Recognize Juneteenth Independence Day

U.S. Sens. Dick Durbin (D-IL) and Carl Levin (D-MI) on June 19th announced the passage of legislation recognizing the significance of June 19, 1865, commonly known as "Juneteenth Independence Day." The day commemorates the arrival of Union soldiers in Galveston, Texas with news that the Civil War had ended. African Americans who had been slaves in the Southwest celebrated June 19th as the anniversary of their emancipation. The legislation is co-sponsored by Sens. Harry Reid (D-NV), Barack Obama (D-IL) and Debbie Stabenow (D-MI) and Rep. Danny Davis (D-IL) in the House.

"Two years after President Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation and months after the end of the Civil War, Union soldiers finally delivered the news of freedom," said Durbin. "While news can travel quickly across the glove in today's world, it is important to continue the tradition of celebrating Juneteenth Independence Day. Cultures across the globe look to this historical event as a source of inspiration and an opportunity for celebration."

"Juneteenth Independence Day was the day our nation finally reclaimed its dignity," said Sen. Obama. "More than two years after President Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation ending slavery, June 19th represents the sacrifices of generations past who showed us that ordinary people can do extraordinary things. While this resolution celebrates an incredible triumph over injustice, it also reminds us how far we must continue to go to ensure equality and fairness for all Americans."

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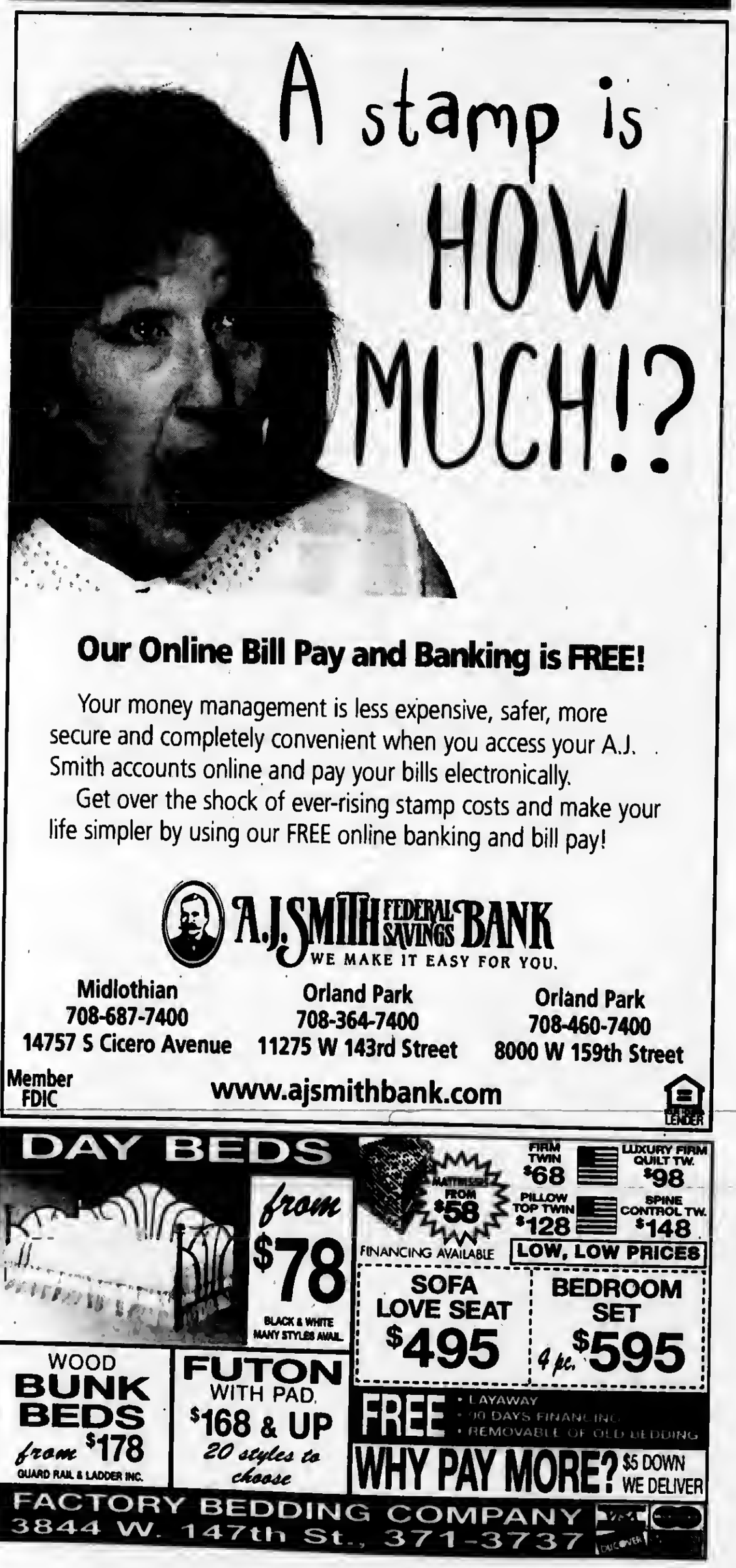

Announce Rehabilitation Grants To Help Low-Income Homeowners

Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich recently announced $2.2 million in rehabilitation grants to help 386 low-income homeowners in Illinois, including seniors and disabled individuals, pay for home repairs, lower their utility bills and continue to afford their homes. The funds will be used to finance the statewide Energy Conservation and Home Repair Program and the Historic Chicago Bungalow Initiative.

"People shouldn't be forced to give up their homes because they can't afford to fix a leaking roof or pay to install lights of windows that will help them save on energy bills. These grants will help homeowners reduce their utility bills, afford costly, but necessary repairs, and keep their homes," said Gov. Blagojevich.

The State has committed nearly $2.2 million to the Energy Conservation and Home Repair Program - $1.2 million from the Illinois Dept. of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS) and $1 million from the State Affordable Housing Trust Fund allocated by the Illinois Housing Development Authority (IHDA). This funding will help 200 homeowners across the state in 2007 and 2008 to improve the conditions of their homes, as well as enhance the energy efficiency of the property.

Homeowners will receive up to $8.945 in energy conservation measures and home repairs, such as the replacement or repair of doors, windows, furnaces and roofs. To qualify, applicants must earn less than 50 percent of the area median income. For example, in Cook County, a family of four with a household income under $37,700 may qualify. Applicants should contact the toll-free Keep Cool Illinois hotline at (877) 411-9276 for a referral to their local community action agency.

"Weatherization of homes is yet another step that the governor is taking to keep Illinoisans in their own homes and out of the harmful elements," said Barry Maram, Director of Illinois Healthcare and Family Services. "These grants provide homeowners with valuable resources and tips to prepare their homes and families for the varying Illinois weather. Without these grants many more Illinoisans would be forced to give up their homes because the cost of improving them would prove too great."

The governor also announced that IHDA has allocated a $750,000 grant from the State Affordable Housing Trust Fund to the Historic Chicago Bungalow Assn. The grant will be used to help 186 low-income bungalow owners in Chicago rehabilitate their homes and meet city-building codes. Work including repairs to roofs, windows, gutters, electrical systems, furnaces and hot water heaters will help improve the energy efficiency of the homes.

Grant recipients will receive a maximum grant of $5,000 from the State that will be matched by other state and local resources. Applicants must be Chicago bungalow owners and have a household income of less than $37,700 for a family of four. Applicants should contact the Historic Chicago Bungalow Assn. at (312) 642-9900.

"For seven years, the Historic Chicago Bungalow Assn. has worked for the preservation and revitalization of Chicago bungalows, which constitute approximately one-third of the city's single family housing stock. The funds allocated by the governor provide a valuable resource to preserving the affordability of these homes for hundreds of families that otherwise wouldn't be able to afford the repairs. The grant also allows us to maintain one of the city's most distinctive housing types," said Annette Conti, executive director of the Historic Chicago Bungalow Assn.

IHDA finances several statewide programs that assist low-income homeowners and landlords to rehabilitate and preserve the affordability of their properties including the Single-Family Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation Program and the Small Rental Properties Program. Last year alone, IHDA provided more than $17.4 million to help more than 1,130 Illinois families and individuals preserve and remain in their homes.

The State's efforts to increase affordable housing options for its residents is guided by the governor's annual Comprehensive Housing Plans which provide a road map for how to leverage housing dollars. The 2007 Housing Plan: *Affordable Housing Dimensions* identified $763 million in spending earmarked for affordable housing at nine different state agencies that will help approximately 146,000 Illinois residents. This year's Plan also highlighted how the governor's vision as outlined in the first two Plans – *Building for Success* (2005) and *On the Road to Success* (2006) – is already reshaping affordable housing in Illinois.

The Comprehensive Housing Plans are developed by the Governor's Housing Task Force, and organized and led by IHDA. The 35 members of the Task Force are advocates, developers, lenders and state agency representatives, including eight Illinois State agency directors. The Housing Plans aim to improve the coordination of housing resources among State agencies, help more Illinois households afford their rent or mortgage, and promote economic growth in communities throughout the state.

Launches On-Line Alternative Fuel Resource

With high gas prices, it is not a surprise that using alternative fuels is in the immediate future. AAA is ready to keep you informed about innovative technologies that are about to flood the road. To help build awareness of all the new alternative fuels and vehicles available, AAA Chicago is launching the Greenlight Initiative. The new program will help motorists make sense of all the new options available and encourage the development of transportation choices.

The rise of gas prices over the last few years has sparked curiosity about different transportation options, according to AAA. While hybrid cars and other alternatively fueled vehicles may not be for everyone, the Auto Club believes it is time to start building awareness for what is clearly the next chapter in the history of the automobile.

More information about Greenlight and hybrids and alternative fuels – including a downloadable brochure – is available online at AAA.com/Greenlight.

Information available online includes:

Alternative Fuels FAQs
Flex Fuel/Bi-Fuel FAQs
Hybrid Vehicle FAQs
Hydrogen Cell FAQs
Buying a 'Green' Car

According to AAA, this is a time of tremendous experimentation in the auto industry. Greenlight is not about recommending one option over the other. It is about getting people excited over reducing our reliance on gasoline-powered engines.

Thanks to Don at Madori Liquors for sending over his famous sandwiches for our special luncheon. It was a great Treat! Midlothian Bremen Messenger

Independence Day Specials

Wine Tasting July 21st • 1-6pm

ALL DELI PRICES GOOD THRU 7-31-07

*Party Subs/Meat Trays Available

OLD TYME SWISS CHEESE $1.89 1/2 Lb.
HOFFMANS Super Sharp CHEDDAR $1.99 1/2 Lb.
Imported KRAKUS POLISH HAM $3.49 per Lb. HOT SALE
ECKRICH Premium HARD SALAMI $1.49 1/2 Lb.
Fresh ITALIAN SAUSAGE $2.49 per Lb.
KETTLE FRIED TURKEY BREAST $2.49 1/2 Lb.
LAND O' LAKES American CHEESE $1.69 1/2 Lb.
SCOTT PETERSON VEAL BOLOGNA $1.49 1/2 Lb.
DAILY LUNCH SPECIALS
BARI ITALIAN BEEF $2.99 1/2 Lb.
VIENNA CORNED BEEF $3.29 1/2 Lb.
SMOKED SLAB BACON $3.98 per Lb.
2% MILK $1.99 gal. w/$10.00 Deli Purchase
Fresh Homemade POTATO SALAD $1.99 per Lb.
Fresh Homemade COLE SLAW $1.49 per Lb.
All Varieties MILLER $11.99 24 pk. cans
All Varieties BUDWEISER $11.99 24 pk. cans
COORS BEER REGULAR & LIGHT $12.99 24 pk. cans
MILLER HIGH LIFE $10.99 30 pk. cans
Buy "2" CORONA, MEDELO, PACIFICO $11.99 Your Cost Each 12 pk. Btls.
HEINEKEN & HEINEKEN LIGHT $10.99 12 pk. cans
MILLER LITE, MGD, GD LIGHT $13.99 24 pk. Btls.
All Varieties SAMUEL ADAMS $9.99 12 pk. Btls.
All Varieties LEINENKUGEL BEER $8.99 12 pk. Btls.
All Varieties MIKES LEMONADE $10.99 12 pk. Btls.
All Varieties SMIRNOFF ICE $9.99 12 pk. Btls.
BUSCH BEER $10.99 30 pk. cans

ALL BEER PRICES GOOD THRU 7-3-07

STOLI RUSSIAN VODKA $15.99 750 ml.
SMIRNOFF VODKA 80pf $17.99 1.75 Ltr.
SKOL VODKA OR GIN $8.99 1.75 Ltr.
BACARDI RUM LIGHT OR DARK $17.99 1.75 Ltr.
SEAGRAMS GIN $14.99 1.75 Ltr.
SEAGRAMS V.O. $18.99 1.75 Ltr.
KAHLUA LIQUEUR $16.99 750 ml.
All Flavors DEKUYPER PUCKER $7.99 750 ml.
DEWARS SCOTCH 12YR $24.99 750 ml.
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Internet Safety Education For Children

Attorney General Lisa Madigan joined with the Illinois State Alliance of YMCAs recently to announce a new partnership expanding the reach of Internet Safety education to include Y-Kids around the state. The newly created E.Y.E.S. Partnership - Educate Youth, Encourage Safety, is a series of Internet safety "train the trainer" sessions for YMCA employees working with children.

Madigan's office and the YMCAs hosted the first training in this series at Northeastern Illinois University. YMCAs participating in the program will utilize techniques offered in the training to teach children how to protect themselves while surfing the Internet. The program was showcased during a news conference at the Lakeview YMCA on Chicago's North Side.

"My goal is to ensure that every Illinois child can take advantage of the wealth of information the Internet provides, while at the same time, understanding how to steer clear of its dangers," said Madigan. "I am delighted that the Illinois State Alliance of YMCAs is partnering with us to provide this important information to our kids."

As part of the E.Y.E.S. partnership, officers from the Attorney General's High Tech Crimes Bureau will train YMCA staff throughout Illinois. In turn, trained YMCA employees will educate children participating in Y programs on how to recognize and avoid inappropriate communications from online predators.

Illinois YMCAs serve more than 375,500 children under the age of 18 through a variety of child care, camping, sporting, and social activities. YMCAs make computers available in a variety of youth programs and will combine E.Y.E.S. training techniques with computer access.

"As part of the largest non-profit community service organizations in America, YMCA has a unique opportunity to communicate with parents and children," said Steve Cole, Chief Executive Officer of the Illinois State Alliance of YMCAs. "We're committed to helping keep children safe and are working hard to provide education and information for parents and children throughout Illinois."

The importance of educating children so that they understand the potential dangers of the Internet, can spot troubling communications, and avoid behavior that increases risks is demonstrated by the results of a recent study conducted by University of New Hampshire researchers for the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC). Approximately 13 percent of teenagers reported that they received an unwanted sexual solicitation online. In addition, 34 percent of children, ages 10 to 17, post their real names, telephone numbers, home addresses or the names of their schools online, where anyone can access that personal information, creating a greater risk that they will be contacted by potential predators. The study is located at www.unh.edu/ccrc.

Along with these Internet safety initiatives, Attorney General Madigan works to protect children from online predators through the Illinois Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) task force, which her office oversees. Since January 2006, ICAC has investigated 462 cyber tips from the national Center for Missing and Exploited Children, arrested 74 Internet predators, and trained more than 30,000 parents, children and educators. More information can be located at: http://www.illinoisattorneygeneral.gov/child_hitech.html.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION CITIFINANCIAL MORTGAGE COMPANY, INC. FKA ASSOCIATES HOME EQUITY SERVICES, INC., Plaintiff, vs. BERNETTE JOHNSON; CITIFINANCIAL MORTGAGE, INC. F/K/A ASSOCIATES HOME EQUITY SERVICES, INC.; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF BERNETTE JOHNSON, IF ANY, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants, 06 CH 22681
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION SOVEREIGN BANK, FSB Plaintiff, -v.- LINDA SAFI, et al Defendant 07 CH 1324 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on March 19, 2007, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on July 27, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate. Commonly known as 4424 W. 124TH STREET, Alsip, IL 60803. Property Index No. 24-27-309-010
The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was $161,478.94. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department. Please refer to file number 14-06-A953. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE. NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I42084

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION WORLD SAVINGS BANK, FSB Plaintiff, -v.- AHMED Y. ZAMAT, et al Defendant 06 CH 18876 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on April 24, 2007, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on July 26, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 7833 NARRAGANSETT AVENUE, Burbank, IL 60459. Property Index No. 19-29-308-049-0000. Property Index No. 19-29-308-044-0000. Property Index No. 19-29-308-055-0000
The real estate is improved with a brick 1 story house with a 1 car detached garage. The judgment amount was $89,912.99. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com between the hours of 3 and 5 pm. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street, Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602. Tel No. (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number PA0609728. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE. I41886

REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION CHASE HOME FINANCE LLC SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO CHASE MANHATTAN MORTGAGE CORPORATION Plaintiff, -v.- JAMES GAIDES A/K/A JAMES B. GAIDES, et al Defendant 06 CH 18778 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 31, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on July 13, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 6724 W. GAINSBOROUGH PLACE, Oak Forest, IL 60452. Property Index No. 28-17-210-012
The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was $182,752.14. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department. Please refer to file number 14-06-H491. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE. NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I41887

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION NATIONAL CITY BANK Plaintiff, -v.- ERIC RINGO, et al Defendant 06 CH 27855 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 27, 2007, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on July 25, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 10025 S KILBOURN AVENUE, Oak Lawn, IL 60453. Property Index No. 24-10-308-005
The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was $249,277.02. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department. Please refer to file number 14-06-G992. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE. NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I41856

REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS, INC. Plaintiff, -v.- JOSEPH R. BLOCK A/K/A JOSEPH BLOCK, et al Defendant 06 CH 27987 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on March 1, 2007, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on August 1, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 7747 LINDER AVENUE, Burbank, IL 60459. Property Index No. 19-28-318-019
The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was $192,300.12. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.
If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department. Please refer to file number 14-06-G038. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE. NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I43037

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE; Plaintiff, vs. JESSIE C. RODRIGUEZ; MONOGRAM CREDIT CARD BANK OF GEORGIA; GREAT SENECA FINANCIAL CORP. Defendants, 07 CH 752 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on March 21, 2007 Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, July 24, 2007 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 3920 W. 123rd Street, Alsip, IL 60803. P.I.N. 24-26-109-023.
The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
For information call William E. Dutton, Jr./Barbara J. Dutton at Plaintiff's Attorney, DUTTON & DUTTON, P.C., 10325 West Lincoln Highway, Frankfort, Illinois 60423, (815) 606-8200. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122. I41410

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR RBMG, INC., AND/OR ITS SUCCESSORS Plaintiff, -v.- MICHAEL J. NEUROHR, et al Defendant 04 CH 21582 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on April 5, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on July 9, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 4404 LISA LANE, Oak Forest, IL 60452. Property Index No. 28-22-314-017
The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was $146,737.29. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department. Please refer to file number 14-04-D676. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE. NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I40354

REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION HSBC BANK, USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR THE ACE SECURITIES CORP. HOME EQUITY LOAN TRUST, SERIES 2005-AG1, ASSET BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES Plaintiff, -v.- LEE W. DERKACY A/K/A LEE DERKACY, et al Defendant 06 CH 12458 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on March 14, 2007, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on July 18, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 14817 KILDARE AVENUE, Midlothian, IL 60445. Property Index No. 28-10-225-004
The real estate is improved with a single family residence.
The judgment amount was $192,426.56. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department. Please refer to file number 14-06-G138. HE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE. NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I41006

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION WELLS FARGO NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR HSBC BANK USA, NA 2005-HE4 BY: SAXON MORTGAGE SERVICES, INC., F/K/A MERITECH MORTGAGE SERVICES INC., AS THEIR ATTORNEY-IN-FACT; Plaintiff, vs. WAYNE HRDLICKA; ET AL; Defendants, 06 CH 26627 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on February 15, 2007, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, July 17, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 13910 CENTRAL PARK AVENUE, Robbins, IL 60472. Property Index No. 28-02-305-040
The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was $70,685.75. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department. Please refer to file number 14-06-F840. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE. NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I40981

REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION CHASE HOME FINANCE LLC Plaintiff, -v.- DAVID L. BIRMINGHAM A/K/A DAVID L. BIRMINGHAM SR., et al Defendant 06 CH 26372 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on March 21, 2007, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on July 17, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 3208 LYDIA AVE, Robbins, IL 60472. Property Index No. 28-02-420-014
The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was $61,876.49. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department. Please refer to file number 14-06-H180. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE. NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I40395

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR LONG BEACH MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2006-WL3 Plaintiff, -v.- WILLIE GREEN, et al Defendant 06 CH 28436 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on March 7, 2007, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on July 9, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 13910 CENTRAL PARK AVENUE, Robbins, IL 60472. Property Index No. 28-02-305-040
The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was $70,685.75. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department. Please refer to file number 14-06-F482. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE. NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I40437

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION CITI-MORTGAGE, INC., ASSIGNEE OF MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATIONS SYSTEMS, INC. Plaintiff, vs. CLARENCE MONTGOMERY, Defendants. 06 CH 26603 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on March 1, 2007 Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, July 17, 2007 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 4320 Wagman Street, Oak Forest, Illinois 60452. The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
For information call Sales Clerk at Plaintiff's Attorney, Law Offices of Ira T. Nevel, 175 North Franklin Street, Chicago, Illinois 60606. (312) 357-1125. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122. I40564

REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY AS TRUSTEE OF ARGENT MORTGAGE SECURITIES, INC., ASSET BACKED PASS THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 2006-W2 UNDER THE POOLING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT DATED AS OF FEBRUARY 1, 2006 WITHOUT RECOURSE. ASSIGNEE OF ARGENT MORTGAGE COMPANY, LLC; Plaintiff, vs MUATH ZABDAWI; ARGENT MORTGAGE COMPANY, LLC; UNDER MORTGAGE RECORDED AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 0600953028; Defendants, 06 CH 28094 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on April 18, 2017 Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Thursday, July 19, 2007 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate: P.I.N. 24-16-403-048. Commonly known as 10725 Lacrosse Ave., Oak Lawn, IL 60453. The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection
For information call Sales Clerk at Plaintiff's Attorney, Law Offices of Ira T. Nevel, 175 North Franklin Street, Chicago, Illinois 60606, (312) 357-1125. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I40614

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION WELLS FARGO BANK NA Plaintiff, -v.- MOHAMED KHAN, et al Defendants 06 CH 25461 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 18, 2007, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on July 5, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 8009 S. SACRAMENTO AVENUE, Chicago, IL 60652 Property Index No. 19-36-112-003
The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was $201,602.71. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department.. Please refer to file number 14-06-E963. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE, IL 60527 (630) 794-9876 Attorney File No.: 14-06-E963 ARDC# 00468002 Attorney Code. 21762 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I40180

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION NATIONAL CITY MORTGAGE CO. Plaintiff, -v.- FREDERICK WORD, et al Defendant 06 CH 26310 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on April 3, 2007, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on July 10, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 12517 SOUTH TRUMBULL AVENUE, Alsip, IL 60803 Property Index No. 24-26-410-025-0000
The real estate is improved with a ranch, 2 car detached garage, white brick. The judgment amount was $118,293.07. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the Purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information
For information: Visit our website at http:\\service.atty-pierce.com. between the hours of 3 and 5 pm. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602. Tel No. (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number PA0614421. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE I40275

REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC AS NOMINEE FOR AND AS AUTHORIZED BY THE CIT GROUP/CONSUMER FINANCE INC., SUCCESSOR TO ACCREDITED HOME LENDERS, INC.; Plaintiff, vs. TIMOTHY SAGE; ET. AL.; Defendants, 07 CH 5219 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on May 23, 2007 Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation, will on Monday, July 16, 2007 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate: P.I.N. 28-10-205-022. Commonly known as: 14346 Karlov Ave., Midlothian, IL 60445. The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence. This information is considered reliable but is not warranted. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. This sale is subject to unpaid real estate taxes, assessments, covenants, conditions, easements and restrictions of record. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
This pleading is a communication for the purpose of collecting the mortgage debt, under the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act. If you fail to dispute, in writing, the validity of this debt within thirty days, it will be assumed to be valid. Finally, any information you provide will be used for the purpose of collection.
Upon payment, of each portion of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Receipt of Sale. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the mortgaged real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection, except by the arrangement and agreement of the current owner or occupant.
For information: JAROS, TITTLE & O'TOOLE, LIMITED, Plaintiff's Attorney, 20 North Clark Street, Suite 510, Chicago, Illinois 60602, (312) 750-1000. Phone calls will be taken only between the hours of 9:00 thru 11:00 A.M. When calling, please refer to file number 07-31463. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer,. (312) 444-1122 I40533

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION BANK OF NEW YORK AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATE HOLDERS OF CWABS 2004-04 Plaintiff V. THOMAS J. THOMAS; EVELYN D. TACKETT A/K/A EVELYN D. THOMAS, Defendants 05 CH 19210 NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE Fisher and Shapiro file #65341 (It is advised that interested parties consult with their own attorneys before bidding at mortgage foreclosure sales.)
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered on May 1, 2007, Kallen Realty Services, Inc., as Selling Official will at 12:30 p.m. on August 2, 2007, at 205 W. Randolph Street, Suite 1200, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real property: C/K/A 8310 LAVERGNE, BURBANK, IL 60459. TAX ID# 19-33-401-058 The mortgaged real estate is improved with a dwelling. The property will NOT be open for inspection. The judgment amount was $216,671.69. Sale terms: 10% of successful bid immediately at conclusion of auction, balance by noon the next business day, both by cashier's checks; and no refunds. The sale shall be subject to general real estate taxes, special taxes, special assessments, special taxes levied, and superior liens, if any. The property is offered "as is," with no express or implied warranties and without any representation as to the quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to review the court file to verify all information.
For information: Sale Clerk, Fisher and Shapiro, 4201 Lake Cook Rd., 1st floor, Northbrook, Illinois 60062, (847) 498-9990, between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. weekdays only. I37957

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS, INC. Plaintiff, -v.- PATRICIA L. RYAN A/K/A PATRICIA RYAN, et al Defendants 06 CH 12810 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on August 22, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on July 25, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:. Commonly known as 14808 KEYSTONE AVENUE, Midlothian, IL 60445 Property Index No. 28-10-406-014
The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was $160,337.38. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.
If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department. Please refer to file number 14-06-7466. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I43201

REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION ACCREDITED HOME LENDERS, INC Plaintiff, -v.- ISSA TADROS, et al Defendants 06 CH 26152 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 5, 2007, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on July 17, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 4907 WEST 106TH STREET, Oak Lawn, IL 60453 Property Index No. 24-16-213-026-0000
The real estate is improved with a brick split level with a 2 car attached garage. The judgment amount was $319,381.74. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information: Visit our website at http:\\service.atty-pierce.com. between the hours of 3 and 5 pm. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602. Tel No. (312) 476-6500. Please refer to file number PA0614134. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE I40746

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION LASALLE BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR CERTIFICATE HOLDERS OF BEAR STEARNS ASSET BACKED SECURITIES I LLC, ASSET BACKED CERTIFICATES SERIES 2006-HE4; Plaintiff, vs JOHN MCLEOD AKA JOHN E. MCLEOD, JR.; MARY MCLEOD; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants, 06 CH 27774 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on February 22, 2007, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, July 30, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 6710 W. 81st St., Burbank, IL 60459. P.I.N. 19-31-201-045.
The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
For information call Mr. James A. Larson at Plaintiff's Attorney, Larson & Associates, P.C., 230 West Monroe Street, Chicago, Illinois 60606. (312) 422-0057. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I42542

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO WELLS FARGO HOME MORTGAGE, INC. Plaintiff, -v.- ADRIENNE FERGUSON, et al Defendants 06 CH 24843 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on March 28, 2007, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on July 30, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 4281 W. 76TH STREET, UNIT 103, Chicago, IL 60652 Property Index No. 19-27-401-038-1261
The real estate is improved with a condominium. The judgment amount was $55,654.36. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department.. Please refer to file number 14-06-F075. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE, IL 60527 (630) 794-9876 Attorney File No.: 14-06-F075 ARDC# 00468002 Attorney Code 21762 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I42090

REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION US BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE Plaintiff, -v.- CHRISTIAN ROSSO, et al Defendants 06 CH 24707 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on May 2, 2007, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on August 6, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 9320 SOUTH SAWYER AVENUE, Evergreen Park, IL 60805 Property Index No. 24-02-422-041-0000
The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was $167,921.38. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: KROPIK, PAPUGA & SHAW, 120 South LaSalle Street, Suite 1327, CHICAGO, IL 60603, (312) 236-6405. Please refer to file number 37254. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE KROPIK, PAPUGA & SHAW 120 South LaSalle Street, Suite 1327 CHICAGO, IL 60603 (312) 236-6405 Attorney File No.: 37254 Attorney Code. 91024 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I43017

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION HSBC BANK, USA; Plaintiff, vs. DERRICK METCALFE AKA DERRICK L. METCALFE; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF DERRICK METCALFE, IF ANY; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR FINANCE AMERICA; Defendants, 06 CH 21111
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on 2/27/2007, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, July 30, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property: P.I.N. 19-36-230-058.
Commonly known as 8216 S. Artesian Ave., Chicago, IL 60652. The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence with no garage. Sale terms: 25% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.
For Information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com. Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602. Tel.No. (312) 476-5500. Refer to File Number 0810847. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I42531

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A. Plaintiff, -v.- JAMES GAIDES, et al Defendants 06 CH 18420 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 18, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on July 31, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 5724 W. GAINSBOROUGH PLACE, Oak Forest, IL 60452 Property Index No. 28-17-210-012-0000
The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was $48,989.72. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information
For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: KROPIK, PAPUGA & SHAW, 120 South LaSalle Street, Suite 1327, CHICAGO, IL 60603, (312) 236-6405 Please refer to file number 36955. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE KROPIK, PAPUGA & SHAW 120 South LaSalle Street, Suite 1327 CHICAGO, IL 60603 (312) 236-6405 Attorney File No 36955 Attorney Code 91024 NOTE Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose I43021

REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION LASALLE BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE UNDER THE POOLING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT DATED AS OF JUNE 1, 2006, GSAMP TRUST 2006-HE4 Plaintiff, -v.- TONYA WALLS A/K/A TONYA ANN WALLS A/K/A TONYA A. WALLS, et al Defendant 06 CH 27045 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 8, 2007, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on July 25, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 8738 S. WASHTENAW AVENUE, Evergreen Park, IL 60805 Property Index No 24-01-201-039
The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was $149,038.43. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department.. Please refer to file number 14-06-G197. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I41854

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE Plaintiff, -v.- MARILYN GILBERT MITCHELL, et al Defendant 06 CH 23516 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on December 21, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on July 27, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 8050 S. SACRAMENTO AVENUE, Chicago, IL 60652 Property Index No 19-36-111-036-0000
The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was $100,126.79. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: KROPIK, PAPUGA & SHAW, 120 South LaSalle Street, Suite 1327, CHICAGO, IL 60603, (312) 236-6405 Please refer to file number 37206. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I41857

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION HOUSEHOLD FINANCE CORPORATION, III; Plaintiff, vs. E. EUNICE JOHNSON, ET. AL. Defendants. 06 CH 24471 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on February 14, 2007, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Friday, July 27, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 12565 S. Quinn Dr., Alsip, IL 60803. P.I.N. 24-26-312-009-1028.
The improvement on the property consists of a condominium residence. The purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by subdivisions (g)(1) and (g)(4) of Section 9 of the Condominium Property Act. Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds. The property will NOT be open for inspection
For information call Ms. Diane Thomas at Plaintiff's Attorney, Freedman Anselmo Lindberg & Rappe LLC, 1807 West Diehl Road, Naperville, Illinois 60563-1890 (877) 729-6734. X0611023 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I41469

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION CHASE HOME FINANCE LLC Plaintiff, -v.- HECTOR C BAUTISTA A/K/A HECTOR BAUTISTA, et al Defendants 06 CH 26170 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 5, 2007, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on July 24, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 7807 S. LUNA AVENUE, Burbank, IL 60459 Property Index No. 19-28-327-003, Property Index No. 19-28-327-004
The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was $211,524.54. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department.. Please refer to file number 14-06-F635. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE, IL 60527 (630) 794-9876 Attorney File No.: 14-06-F635 ARDC# 00468002 Attorney Code. 21762 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I41688

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION BANK OF NEW YORK AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATE HOLDERS CWABS, INC. ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-13 Plaintiff, -v.- COUNTISS PERKINS, et al Defendant 06 CH 15069 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on September 14, 2006, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on July 17, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 2454 WEST 83RD STREET, Chicago, IL 60652 Property Index No. 19-36-230-035-0000
The real estate is improved with a 2 story red brick single family w/unattached garage. The judgment amount was $153,447.42. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information
For information: Visit our website at http:\\service.atty-pierce.com between the hours of 3 and 5 pm. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602. Tel No. (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number PA0607155. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE I41216

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR MORGAN STANLEY ABS CAPITAL I INC TRUST 2006-HE3 Plaintiff, vs ALTON POTTS, ET AL., Defendants 06 CH 17037 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on February 22, 2007, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Thursday, July 26, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 4757 South Champlain Avenue, Chicago, IL 60652 P.I.N. 20-10-204-025.
The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence THE SALE SHALL BE SUBJECT TO GENERAL TAXES, SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS AND TO A PRIOR RECORDED FIRST MORTGAGE. Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds. The property will NOT be open for inspection
For information call Ms. Diane Thomas at Plaintiff's Attorney, Freedman Anselmo Lindberg & Rappe LLC, 1807 West Diehl Road, Naperville, Illinois 60563-1890 (877) 729-6734. W0608047 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I41438

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION U S BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE STRUCTURED ASSET INVESTMENT LOAN TRUST 2005-8 Plaintiff, -v- ADAM JACKSON, et al Defendants 06 CH 28565 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on April 25 2007, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on August 7 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate Commonly known as 14940 LAVERGNE AVENUE Oak Forest, IL 60452 Property Index No 28-09-403-098
The real estate is improved with a single family residence The judgment amount was $230,576.40 Sale terms 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction, the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court
If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4)
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information
For information contact Plaintiff's attorney The Sale Clerk CODILIS & ASSOCIATES PC 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE IL 60527 (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department Please refer to file number 14-06-E208 THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive 24th Floor Chicago IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE CODILIS & ASSOCIATES PC 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE IL 60527 (630) 794-9876 Attorney File No 14-06-E208 ARDC# 00468002 Attorney Code 21762 NOTE Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose I42807

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT CHANCERY DIVISION CHASE HOME FINANCE LLP SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO CHASE MANHATTAN MORTGAGE CORPORATION Plaintiff V MICHAEL [illegible] UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS [illegible] NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE Fisher and Shapiro [illegible] advised that interested parties consult with their own attorneys before bidding at mortgage foreclosure sales) [illegible]
For information [illegible] Sale Clerk Fisher and Shapiro 4201 Lake Cook Rd 1st floor Northbrook Illinois 60062 (847) 498-9990 between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. weekdays only I42191

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT CHANCERY DIVISION CITIFINANCIAL SERVICES INC SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO BLAZER FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC Plaintiff -v- GILBERT L HALL, et al Defendant 06 CH 17954 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on April 26 2007, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on July 30 2007 at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive 24th Floor CHICAGO, IL 60606 sell at public auction to the highest bidder as set forth below, the following described real estate Commonly known as 7924 SOUTH ARTESIAN STREET, Chicago, IL 60652 Property Index No 19-36-206-028-0000
The real estate is improved with a brick 2 story house with a 2 car detached garage. The judgment amount was $28,942.93 Sale terms 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction, the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court
If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale
The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information
For information Visit our website at http:\\service.atty-pierce.com between the hours of 3 and 5 pm. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602 Tel No (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number PA0607224 THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE I42070

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION CHASE HOME FINANCE LLC Plaintiff, -v- RAFAEL AYALA, et al Defendants 06 CH 25915 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 6, 2007, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on July 24, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder as set forth below, the following described real estate Commonly known as 4824 OAK CENTER DRIVE Oak Lawn, IL 60453 Property Index No 24-09-413-017
The real estate is improved with a single family residence.
The judgment amount was $242,719.56 Sale terms 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction, the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court
If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4)
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information
For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney The Sale Clerk CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, PC 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE, IL 60527 (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department. Please refer to file number 14-06-F601. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE IL 60527 (630) 794-9876 Attorney File No 14-06-F601 ARDC# 00468002 Attorney Code. 21762 NOTE Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose I41591

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE FOR FIRSTCITY CAPITAL HOME EQUITY LOAN TRUST 1998-2 UNDER THE POOLING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT DATED AS OF NOVEMBER 1, 1998. Plaintiff, vs MICHAEL WALLACE AKA MICHAEL A WALLACE DEBBIE WALLACE AKA DEBBIE F WALLACE, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF MICHAEL WALLACE IF ANY UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATES OF DEBBIE WALLACE IF ANY UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants 05 CH 19070 NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on 2/28/2006 Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on [illegible] 2007 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street [illegible] Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property [illegible] Commonly known as [illegible]
The improvement on the property consists of [illegible] single family residence with [illegible] car garage. Sale terms 25% [illegible] certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.
For information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com. Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 North Dearborn Street Chicago, Illinois 60602. Tel No (312) 476-5500. Refer to File Number PA0509349 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer (312) 444-1122 I41377

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS, INC Plaintiff, -v- CLARENCE CAREY et al Defendant 06 CH 21610 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 11, 2007 an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on July 17, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor CHICAGO, IL 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 3900 WEST 85TH STREET, Chicago, IL 60652 Property Index No 19-35-315-042-0000
The real estate is improved with a one story tan brick single family house with detached garage The judgment amount was $129,836.55 Sale terms 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction, the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court
If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4)
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information
For information: Visit our website at http:\\service.atty-pierce.com. between the hours of 3 and 5 pm. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602. Tel No (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number PA0611623. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE I41216

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK F/K/A WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, FA F/K/A WASHINGTON MUTUAL HOME LOANS, INC. SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST BY MERGER TO FLEET MORTGAGE CORPORATION Plaintiff, -v.- AARON T. CHERRY A/K/A AARON CHERRY, et al Defendant 06 CH 27144 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 1, 2007, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on July 23, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate Commonly known as 4300 FORD CITY DRIVE UNIT A-906, Chicago, IL 60652 Property Index No 19-27-401-038-1078
The real estate is improved with a condominium The judgment amount was $72,266.20. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court
If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4)
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department. Please refer to file number 14-06-G490. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I41706

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT. CHANCERY DIVISION LASALLE BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE, ON BEHALF OF THE HOLDERS OF THE GSAMP TRUST 2006-HE3, Plaintiff V MERSED SANCHEZ; NOE RAMIREZ MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR ACOUSTIC HOME LOANS LLC Defendants 06 CH 27362 NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE Fisher and Shapiro file #06-0270D (It is advised that interested parties consult with their own attorneys before bidding at mortgage foreclosure sales.)
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered on February 13, 2007, Kallen Realty Services Inc., as Selling Official will at 12:30 p.m. on July 24, 2007, at 205 W. Randolph Street, Suite 1200, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real property C.K.A. 7636 SOUTH KEDVALE AVENUE CHICAGO, IL 60652 TAX ID# 19-27-406-026
The mortgaged real estate is improved with a dwelling. The property will NOT be open for inspection. The judgment amount was $221,754.70. Sale terms: 10% of successful bid immediately at conclusion of auction, balance by noon the next business day, both by cashier's checks, and no refunds. The sale shall be subject to general real estate taxes, special taxes, special assessments, special taxes levied, and superior liens, if any. The property is offered "as is," with no express or implied warranties and without any representation as to the quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to review the court file to verify all information.
For information: Sale Clerk, Fisher and Shapiro, 4201 Lake Cook Rd., 1st floor, Northbrook, Illinois 60062, (847) 498-9990, between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. weekdays only I35711

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS, INC Plaintiff, vs
JEROME LIGGINS, JR.; CHERIE LIGGINS; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants, 03 CH 1087 NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on 3/8/2005. Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Wednesday, July 25, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property: P.I.N. 19-26-413-005. Commonly known as 7715 South Sawyer Avenue, Chicago, IL 60652.
The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. Sale terms: 25% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.
For information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com. Between 3 p.m and 5 p.m. only. Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602. Tel No. (312) 476-5500. Refer to File Number PA0405609. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I41415

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, TRUSTEE FOR LEHMAN BROTHERS STRUCTURED ASSET INVESTMENT LOAN TRUST SAIL 2006-BNC2 Plaintiff, -v.- TIFFANY ANN ROBLES A/K/A TIFFANY A. ROBLES, et al Defendant 06 CH 28440 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on March 21, 2007, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on July 17, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 10801 OAK AVENUE, Chicago Ridge, IL 60415 Property Index No. 24-17-316-001
The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was $250,088.32. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4)
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For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department. Please refer to file number 14-06-H084. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I41222

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK; Plaintiff, vs RONALD OLSZEWSKI; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR FIRST MAGNUS FINANCIAL CORP. OR ITS SUCCESSOR OR ASSIGNS; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF RONALD OLSZEWSKI, IF ANY; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants, 06 CH 23315
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on 1/23/2007, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Friday, August 3, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property P.I.N. 28-11-220-018.
Commonly known as 14528 Spaulding Ave., Midlothian, IL 60445.The improvement on the property consists of a 1 story single family residence with 2 car garage. Sale terms: 25% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.
For information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com. Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602. Tel.No. (312) 476-5500. Refer to File Number 0613419. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I42615

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION LASALLE BANK, N.A. AS TRUSTEE FOR THE MLMI TRUST SERIES 2006-AHL1 Plaintiff, -v.- SHON BARNES, et al Defendant 06 CH 20443 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on May 2, 2007, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on August 6, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 2615 WEST 149TH STREET, Posen, IL 60469 Property Index No. 28-12-402-008-0000
The real estate is improved with a beige vinyl top & beige brick bottom single family 2 story home with an attached 2 car garage. The judgment amount was $224,957.38. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information: Visit our website at http:\\service.atty-pierce.com. between the hours of 3 and 5 pm. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602. Tel No. (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number PA0611571. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE I43026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY AS TRUSTEE UNDER THE POOLING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT SERIES ITF INABS 2005-C Plaintiff, -v.- GERALDINE R. BRAASCH A/K/A GERALDINE BRAASCH, et al Defendant 06 CH 25498 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on March 8, 2007, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on July 17, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 10512 OXFORD AVENUE, Chicago Ridge, IL 60415 Property Index No. 24-17-114-026
The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was $159,497.90. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department. Please refer to file number 14-06-E997. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I41214

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION JPMORGAN CHASE BANK AS TRUSTEE, Plaintiff, vs. CHRISTOPHER PAYTON; CITY OF CHICAGO-ADMIN. HRNG. JUD., Defendants, 05 CH 3680 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on April 27, 2005 Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, July 30, 2007 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 7959 South Artesian Avenue, Chicago, IL 60652
P.I.N 19-36-207-018.
The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection
For information call William E. Dutton, Jr./Barbara J. Dutton at Plaintiff's Attorney, DUTTON & DUTTON, P.C., 10325 West Lincoln Highway, Frankfort, Illinois 60423. (815) 806-8200. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I42504

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS, INC. Plaintiff, -v.- JAVIER LOPEZ, et al Defendants 06 CH 27823 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on April 10, 2007, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on July 31, 2007, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:Commonly known as 7709 LUNA AVENUE, Burbank, IL 60459 Property Index No. 19-28-317-005-0000
The real estate is improved with a 1 story single family house with tan brick and unattached garage. The judgment amount was $228,887.79. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information: Visit our website at http:\\service.atty-pierco.com. between the hours of 3 and 5 pm. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602. Tel No. (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number PA0615651. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE PIERCE & ASSOCIATES One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300 CHICAGO, IL 60602 (312) 476-5500 Attorney File No.: PA0615651 Attorney Code. 91220 I42429

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE OF AMERIQUEST MORTGAGE SECURITIES, INC., ASSET BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2003-AR3 UNDER THE POOLING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT DATED AS OF JUNE 1, 2003, WITHOUT RECOURSE Plaintiff, vs MARY ANN GREGORCHUK A/K/A MARY ALICE GREGORCHUK, A/K/A MARY A. GREGORCHUK; WALTER R. GREGORCHUK; AMERICAN GENERAL FINANCIAL SERVICES OF ILLINOIS, INC.; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants, 05 CH 19527
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on 1/24/2006. Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, July 30, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property: P.I.N. 19-31-203-044.
Commonly known as 7942 Neenah Ave., Burbank, IL 60459. The improvement on the property consists of a 1 sotry, brick, single family residence with attached 2 car garage. Sale terms: 25% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.
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Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC Plaintiff, vs. CHARLES K. FRANCE; KRISTEN M. FRANCE A/K/A KRISTEN MAIRE FRANCE; MID AMERICA BANK, FSB UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants,) 04 CH 18231
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosura anterad in the above entitled causa on 8/9/2006, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Friday, August 3, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in thair office at 120 West Madison Streat, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cesh, the following dascribed property: P.I.N. 24-09-413-007.
Commonly known as 4821 Wasl 102nd Street, Oak Lawn, IL 60453. The improvement on the property consists of a 1 story, wood, single family residence with garage. Sale terms: 25% down by cartified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. Tha property will NOT be open for inspection. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, tha purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will antitle the purchaser to a Dead to the pramises efter confirmation of the sale.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION US BANK NA AS TRUSTEE; Plaintiff, vs. RALPH KAWAR; NANCY FAREED; Defendants, 06 CH 6938 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on March 27, 2007 Intercounty Judicial Salas Corporation will on Tuesday, July 31, 2007 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to tha highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 5148 Graantree Rd., Oak Forest, IL 60452. P.I.N. 28-28-209-013.
The mortgaged real astate is improved with a single family residence. Sala terms: 10% down by cartified funds, balence, by certified funds, within 24 hours. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection
For information call Ms. Lisa M. Dudek at Plaintiff's Attorney, Kropik, Papuga and Shaw, 120 South LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois 60603. (312) 236-6405. 36572 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION - Salling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I42558

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR ACCESS NATIONAL MORTGAGE, OR IT'S SUCCESSOR OR ASSIGNS Plaintiff, vs. DENISE VELAZOUEZ; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF DENISE VALAZOUEZ, IF ANY; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants, 05 CH 18124
PUBLIC NOTICE is heraby givan that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entared in the above antitled cause on 1/8/2007, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, July 31, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in thair office at 120 West Medison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property: P.I.N. 18-36-109-012.
Commonly known as 7728 Wast 83rd Street, Bridgeview, IL 60455. The improvement on tha property consists of a 1.5 story, singla family residence with a datached 2 car garaga. Sala terms: 25% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by cartified funds. No refunds. Tha property will NOT be open for inspection. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sala.
For information: Visit our website at http://sarvice.atty-pierca.com. Batwaen 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. Pierca & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois 60802. Tel.No. (312) 478-5500. Refer to File Number 0508815. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Salling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I42558

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY AS TRUSTEE FOR FFMLT TRUST 2006-FF13, MORTGAGE PASS THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 2006-FF13; Plaintiff, vs. SAYOUIAH ZOR; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF SAYOUIAH ZOR, IF ANY; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants, 07 CH 1071
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosura entered in the above entitled cause on 4/18/2007, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuasday, July 31, 2007, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 Wast Madison Street, Suita 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest biddar for cash, the following described property: P.I.N. 24-03-403-046.
Commonly known as 9228 S. Keeler Ave., Oak Lawn, IL 60453. The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence with an attached two car garage. Sale terms: 25% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.
For information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com. Batween 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. Pierce & Associates, Plaintiffs Attornays, 1 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602. Tel.No. (312) 478-5500. Refer to File Number 0616439. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I42585

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Annual Day In The Park June 30th

The 19th annual Day in the Park, sponsored by the Village of Evergreen Park, is scheduled for this Saturday, June 30. Residents, business people, families, and friends of the community are invited to join in a full day of activities. They can enjoy their time inside the Hamilton B. Maher Community Center, outside the building, or in the park, at 97th and Homan Avenue.

The fitness or sports activities begin with registration at 7:30 a.m. Fest times run from 11:30 a.m. until 9 p.m. Indoor and outdoor activities are included, rain or shine.

Coordinated by the Evergreen Park recreation department, the morning starts with a 5K run, two-mile walk, and junior run. Registration and pick up of race packets begins at 7:30 a.m., with the run starting at 8:30 a.m. Advance registration is encouraged, and allows participants to take advantage of lower fees.

The indoor activities kickoff with the annual blood drive, sponsored by the Office of Citizen Services. Donors allow the community to be covered when residents are in need of blood. The mobile drivers services facility, courtesy of the Office of the Secretary of State, will be available from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. for vision screening, written examinations, duplicate licenses, corrected licenses, license renewals, identification cards, and vehicle renewal stickers. An art fair is featured in the auditorium from 12 noon until 3 p.m.

From 11:30 a.m. until 9 p.m., the parking lot of the Evergreen Park Community Center will display food vendors, such as restaurants and fast-food establishments who choose to highlight a particular delicacy. Non-profit organizations and service clubs can elect to raise funds, by also featuring a food or refreshment item. Pop, snow cones, hot dogs, sausage, pizza, corn, and more are offered at nominal prices. Refreshments are available from a beer and wine garden. Guests can enjoy eating in the sun, or in the shade under tents.

Music and entertainment begin at 1 p.m., and continue through the close of the day at 9 p.m. Live performances are alternated with the services of a disc jockey. A new addition is Yard Fulla Cars, a group that will perform modern country with a rock edge, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Arts and crafts booths are featured in front of the building. Attendees can view and buy jewelry, knick knacks, clothing, decorations, and other items from a variety of vendors, from 12 noon until dusk. Educational displays are also included from such groups as the Evergreen Park Historical Commission, where volunteers include (seated) chairman Jerry Bosch, trustee, and members (left to right, standing) Laura Shallow, Ann Dykstra, Evanne Kennedy, Virginia Wrobel, and Jason Tabour.

Face painting is an attraction from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. Children's games are offered at 2 p.m.. A magic show by Mr. D. begins runs from 6 to 7 p.m. Caricatures conclude the park activities from 6 until 8 p.m.

The Evergreen Park Fire Department brings out their safety trailer and their fire equipment, and often cools off the children with their hose. The Evergreen Park Police Department shows their Dare vehicles. Further information can be obtained by calling the Evergreen Park Recreation Department, at (708) 229-3373.

Solution To This Weeks Puzzles

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Smoking In Movies Falls Short Of Addressing Problem

U.S. Senator Dick Durbin (D-IL),Edward Kennedy (D-MA) and Frank Lautenberg (D-NJ) recently sent a letter to the President and CEO of the Motion Picture Association of America (MPAA), Daniel Glickman, urging him to provide more information on the impact of smoking in movies on the health of children.

In the letter Durbin, Kennedy and Lautenberg noted that:

"Studies involving thousands of American adolescents have found that exposure to on-screen smoking is a major contributor to smoking initiation by youth. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) repeatedly cites tobacco imagery in motion pictures as one reason why teen smoking rates have stopped their historic decline."

Recently the MPAA. announced that their ratings rules for the Classification and Rating Administration would be updated and clarified to consider smoking as a factor in rating films. The Senators expressed their appreciation for the MPAA's willingness to take initiative on this issue. However, they also noted: "the MPAA's adoption of a highly subjective policy is not enough to curb the influence of smoking in the movies on the health of children."

American Legacy Foundation President and CEO Cheryl Healton, Dr. PH, testified before the House Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet about images kids see on screen. She called the MPAA's announcement "wholly inadequate" and a "hesitant half step." Healton said the policy contains no objective standards or commitment to actually do anything.

Specifically, Durbin and the supporting Senators request that the MPAA :

Provide more specifics as to how they will implement the new ratings rule, including information on what, if any, impact it would have had on the ratings of films from 2004-2006;

Provide detailed information explaining the sampling method and criteria used by the MPAA to arrive at its conclusion that between July 2004 and July 2006 there was a decrease in on-screen smoking;

Establish meaningful objective standards that will produce measurable reductions in smoking in the movies.

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Southwest Area Obituaries

Olive E. Beyer

Services were held at the Pilgrim Faith United Church of Christ, Oak Lawn, on Monday, with interment at Bohemian National Cemetery, for Olive E. Beyer, 95, a member of the Czech and Slovak American Genealogy Society of Illinois.

She is survived by her children John and Ellen (George) Holmes and 3 grandchildren.

Victor J. Bournique

Mass was said at St. George Church, Tinley Park, on Monday, with interment at Kankakee Memorial Gardens Cemetery, for Victor J. Bournique, 86.

He is survived by his wife Eleanor; his children Lonnie (Jacklynn), Toni Anne (Bill) May; his stepchildren Judy (Fred) Hartmann and Marilyn (Jim) Kinstedt; five grandchildren; and one great-grandchild and his brother Vincent (Barbara).

Joseph H. DeOrnellas

Mass was said at St. George Church, Tinley Park, on Wednesday, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Joseph H. DeOrnellas, 53. He was the owner and founder of the American Premier Mortgage Company.

He is survived by his wife Mary, his children Christina Marie DeOrnellas & Raymond John (Brigid) Lukas Jr. and one grandchild and his brother Greg (Pam) DeOrnellas.

Christine E. Dreznes

Mass was said at St. Damian Church, Oak Forest, on Saturday, with a private interment, for Christine E. Dreznes. She was the founder and co-owner of Beverly Records and Costumes.

She is survived by her husband John J., her children Jacqueline Rickman, Jack (Dolores), Michael (Margaret) and Randy (Loretta) Dreznes, fifteen grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Arthur P. Fuchs

Services were held at the Peace Memorial Church, Palos Park, on Wednesday, with interment at Chapel Hill Gardens South Cemetery, for Arthur P. Fuchs, 83. He was a veteran of WWII with the 371st Engineers.

He is survived by his wife Shirley; his children Sharon O'Donnell, Sandra (Patrick) Kenny and Paul Fuchs; five grandchildren three great-grandchildren; his sisters Bernice Skach, Charlotte Mally and Dorothy Menede.

John D. Gallo

Visitation was held at the Robert J. Sheehy and Sons Funeral Home, Orland Park, on Tuesday, services and interment were held in Christopher, Illinois, for John D. Gallo, 86, a WWII Army Vet.

There were no immediate survivors.

Catherine Gikas

Mass was said at St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church, Oak Lawn, on Monday, with interment at Elmwood Cemetery, for Catherine Gikas.

She is survived by her husband Alex, her children Louis (Angeline), James (Patricia), Nick (Christine) and eight grandchildren.

Dorothy T. Katschke

Mass was said at St. Bernadette Church, Evergreen Park, on Monday, with interment at St. Mary Cemetery, for Dorothy T. Katschke, 85.

She is survived by her husband Kenneth; her children June (Peter) Graffy, Janet (Dennis) Hansen, Barbara (Ronald) Johnson and Kenneth (Rosemary) Katschke; eleven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Gertrude P. Kobeluch

Mass was said at St. Gerald Church, Oak Lawn, on Tuesday, with interment at St. Adelbert Cemetery, for Gertrude P. Kobeluch.

She is survived by her children Lawrence (Lorraine) Kobeluch and Lainee (Scott) McGraw; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; and her sisters Elaine Pawlus, Bernice and Adele Pawlus and her brothers Chester "Gumps" (Mildred) Pawlus and John Czaplewski.

Peter G. Kobeluch

Mass was said at St. Gerald Church, Oak Lawn, on Tuesday, with interment at St. Adelbert Cemetery, for Peter G. Kobeluch. He was a WWII Paratrooper with the 82nd Airborne U.S. Army.

He is survived by his children Lawrence (Lorraine) Kobeluch and Lainee (Scott) McGraw, five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren and his sister Jeanne Bowne.

Rosemary C. Kostal

Mass was said at St. Stephen Church, Orland Park, on Monday, with a private interment, for Rosemary C. Kostal, 78.

She is survived by her children James F., Robert, Susan (Leonard) Skoniecke and Thomas Kostal and nine grandchildren.

Dorothy R. Kowalski

Services were held at the Thompson and Kuenster Funeral Home, Oak Lawn, on Monday, with interment at St. Mary Cemetery, for Dorothy R. Kowalski.

She is survived by her sisters Helen Hernandez, Catherine Russano and Norma Sullivan and her brothers Edward Beja, John Beja, Robert (Marianne) Beja.

Alice F. Kozlowski

Mass was said at St. Michaels Church, Orland Park, on Tuesday, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Alice F. Kozlowski, 77.

She is survived by her children Karen (Patrick) Beck, Sandy Kozlowski (Michael Stattel), Mary (George) Ribikawskis, Lynn (Dino) Vallera, Amy Kozlowski (Joe Olzewski), Walter Kozlowski (Nancy Howard) and seven grandchildren.

Norma Ann Lytle

Services were held at the Kosary Funeral Home, Evergreen Park, on Tuesday, with interment at Bethania Cemetery, for Norma Ann Lytle, 71.

She is survived by her cousins June, Roger (Loretta) Norman (Jean), the Rev. Donald (Evelyn) and Robert (Joan) Frank.

Harry M. Maclean

Mass was said Incarnation Church, Palos Heights, on Tuesday, with interment at St. Mary Cemetery, for Harry M. Maclean, 80, a WWII Army Veteran.

He is survived by his wife Barbara; his children Laurie (Albert) Smith, Harry Jr. (Gayle), Linda Smith, Douglas (Carol) and Thomas; thirteen grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and his brothers Bob, Sid, Stewart and his sisters Patsy and Betty

John P. Merwick

Mass was said at Sacred Heart Church, Palos Heights, on Tuesday, with interment at St. Mary Cemetery, for John P. Merwick, a retired Lt. Colonel of the U.S.A.F. He was also a retired Math teacher from Bogan High School.

He is survived by his wife Jean M., his children Karen M. Merwick, Mary C. Polaczek, Jacqueline P. (Bill) Holmes, Kathleen (Jim) Eminger, Michael (Kathleen) Merwick, Janice (Jason) Mareno; 13 grandchildren; his sister Ann (Phil) Centa and his sister Patricia Lafferty.

Theresa Payer Pell

Services were held at the Lawn Funeral Home, Burbank, on Tuesday with interment at Evergreen Cemetery, for Theresa Payer Pell.

She is survived by her daughter Aliee Payer; one grandchild; two great-grandchildren; her brothers Walter and Edward and her sister Helen.

Theresa Portello

Services and interment at Holy Sepulchre were privately held for Theresa Portello late of Las Vegas.

She is survived by her daughter Marie and her brother Anthony Pileggi Sr.

Angela Shimkus

Mass was said at St. Patricia Church, Hickory Hills, on Tuesday, with interment at St. Casmir Cemetery, fro Angela Shimkus, 93.

She is survived by her children Vivian (Mitchell) Rychtanek and Arlene Shimkus, two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Clarence J. Veague

Mass was said at St. Gerald Church, Oak Lawn, on Wednesday, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Clarence J. Veague, 88, a veteran of WWII.

He is survived by his children Ronald (Betty) and Sharon (Lawrence) Schneider, one grandchild and his sister Dorothy Schoch.

John A. Wandall

Services were held at the Brady-Gill Funeral Home, Tinley Park, on Tuesday with a private interment, for John A. Wandall, 69, a U.S. Army veteran.

He is survived by his wife Barbara; his children Natalie Wandall (Jim DeYoung) and April (John) Ziga; five grandchildren; his sisters Mary Michele and Geraldine.

Garrett "Gary" Weber

Mass was said at St. Benedict Church, Blue Island, on Wednesday, with interment at St. Mary Cemetery, for Garrett "Gary" Weber, 16.

He is survived by his parents Bill and Terri Henson; his brothers Nick Henson, Bill Henson II and Cody and his sisters Donna (Kyle) Cox and Alexis Weber; and his grandparents William and Patricia Henson.

John A. Wysocki

Mass was said at St. Gerald Church, for John A. Wysocki.

He is survived by his children Deborah Jablonski, Susan (Leigh) Poetz, John "Jack" (Terri) Wysocki; six grandchildren; and his sisters Stella Mihalik & Margaret (Leonard) Rambow and his brother Bernard (Carol) Wysocki.

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Top Ten Tips For Getting The Most From A Tank Of Gas

Fuel prices are reaching their summertime highs in many parts of the country, so Boat Owners Association of The United States (BoatU.S.) has a few tips that could help stretch your fuel dollars.

Leave the extra 'junk' home: Don't load the boat up with weight you don't need. Do a little spring cleaning - unused equipment that has been collecting mildew in the bottom of lockers for years should be taken home.

Water weight: At 8.33 pounds per gallon, why keep the water in the tank topped off if you're only going out for the afternoon?

Tune her up: An engine tune-up is an excellent investment and should easily pay for itself over the summer.

Tune your prop: If your boat goes 30 mph with a like-new prop and only 27 mph with a prop that's dinged and out of pitch, that's a 10% loss in fuel economy, or, you're wasting one out of every ten gallons you put in your tank.

Paint the boat's bottom: When boating in salt or brackish waters a fouled bottom is like a dull knife. It takes a lot more fuel to push your boat through the water.

Keep the boat in trim: Using trim tabs or distributing weight evenly will help move your boat through the water with less effort – and less fuel.

Go with the flow: Consult tide tables and try to travel with the tide whenever possible.

Install a fuel flow meter: A fuel flow meter is like a heart monitor; when consumption starts to rise, it's an early warning that something is amiss. A fuel flow meter also allows you to select a comfortable cruising speed that optimizes the amount of fuel being consumed. If you don't want to spring for a fuel flow meter (about $300), you can calculate your fuel mileage by dividing distance traveled by gallons at fill-up. Using your logbook, you can then approximate fuel flow using average speeds and time underway.

For sailboats only: While their engines are miserly, a sailboat with a fouled bottom, prop, or poorly maintained engine can have marked effect on its fuel economy.

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Big Run Wolf Ranch

Big Run Wolf Ranch is hosting a Family Day Open House on Saturday, July 7th, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Big Run Wolf Ranch is a non-profit, federally licensed, wildlife education facility featuring rescued North American wildlife.

Big Run is located at 14857 Farrell Road in Lockport. Admission to Family Day is $1 and you will meet the ranch's new babies: Lorenzo the Llama, Sierra the wolf pup, Wilson the woodchuck and Midnight Star a black foal.

Food, drinks, T-shirts, raffles and music will also be available during the day.

For more information, call (815) 588-0044 or visit www.bigrunwolfranch.org.

Marquette Bank Foundation Awards Scholarships

Marquette Bank awarded scholarships to 48 graduating high school seniors in a ceremony recognizing the accomplishments of these students. Scholarship recipients received a distinctive award and a $3,500 check payable to the college or university of their choice at a ceremony in front of friends and family held June 9 at the Chicago Midway Marriott. Students were chosen by their high school's principal or senior counselor based on the criteria of academic excellence, community service and financial need.

The Marquette Bank Foundation was formed in October, 2003 by Marquette Bank's Board of Directors to enhance and perpetuate the Scholarship Program. While the Marquette Bank Foundation is the administrator, the scholarship program is a long-standing tradition at Marquette Bank with its inception in 1967. Each year, Marquette offers local parochial and public high schools the opportunity to participate in the program. The program has grown substantially over the forty years, granting over $1.63 million in scholarships to 1,071 high school students in the Chicagoland area.

This year's recipients of the Marquette Bank Foundation scholarships (listed alphabetically by school, then recipient) were: Amos Alonzo Stagg High School, Megan Kingsbury; Andrew High School, Michelle Kuehnle; Argo Community High School, Poshiyn Nicholson; Benito Juarez Community Academy, Maria Rios Hernandez; Bogan High School, Ana Vega; Bolingbrook High School, Teriauna Bland; Brother Rice High School, Kevin Krillic; Carl Sandburg High School, Michele Bailey; Cristo Rey Jesuit High School, Yadira Vieyra; Curie High School, Slyvania Martin; De La Salle Institute, Monica Gonzalez; Englewood Academy, Kianna L. Thomas; Evergreen Park Community High School, Jennifer Jackson; Farragut Career Academy, Miriam Gutierrez; Gage Park High School, Ronald Stewart; Hales Franciscan High School, Steven Dunlap; Harper High School, Whitley Hamilton; Hubbard High School, Alan M. Perez; Kelly High School, Cindy Martinez; Kennedy High School, Anabel Dominguez; Lemont High School, Hesed Campañano; Leo High School, DeAndrae DeMario Haynes; Lincoln-Way Community High School, Ellen Greaney; Luther High School South, Matthew Washington; Maria High School, Erica Cordón; Marist High School, Kathryn Reilly; Metro Achievement Center, Claudia Ivette Jaimes Figueroa; Midtown Center/Northridge, Justin Daleccio; Morgan Park High School, Jennifer Dennis; Mother McAuley High School, Jessica Hovel; Mount Carmel High School, Ernest Ward; Neuqua Valley High School, Taylor Weinstock; Oak Forest High School, Katelyn Oeser; Oak Lawn Community High School, Kellie Radnis; Our Lady of Tepeyac High School, Christina Roslello; Providence Catholic High School, Mary Blattl; Queen of Peace High School, Kristin Derby; Reavis High School, Sara Sansone; Richards High School, Ryan McMillin; Romeoville High School, Taiwo Adebowale; Simeon Career Academy, Ryan Dixon; Southwest Youth Collaborative, Elandria Raggs; St. Ignatius College Preparatory, James Joseph Wall; St. Laurence High School, Anthony Solofria; St. Rita High School, Anthony Yerkes; Trinity High School, Alicia Graf; Universal School, Omar Khudeira; and Waubonsie Valley High School, Ahvia Greene.

Pictured with the Marquette Bank Foundation Scholarship Recipients are George Moncada, President (second row center), Mike Mangin, Executive Vice President Retail Lending and Kirk Jones, Senior Vice President Human Resources (fourth row, last on the right).

Letter To The Editor

Good Bye, Chris

I guess I feel like venting a little.

This past weekend I spent my time in Orlando, Florida, because my cousin's 29-year-old son, Chris, who was just recently admitted to the Colorado bar to practice law, killed himself with cocaine. Such a tragedy.

Chris's family, and girlfriend of the past year, just learned of Chris' cocaine affliction three weeks before his death. He suffered a grand Mal seizure that led to the discovery of his trouble and three weeks later (June 5, 2007) he succumbed to a prohibited and uncontrolled addictive substance.

The pain of this Father's Day weekend will ache forever and ever. The ache is the father's, the mother's, the sister's, the brother's, the girlfriend's, the cousin's, and all of us who care about one another. So many tears.

Already in a somber mood, I returned home Saturday night to celebrate Father's Day with my son (who at the age of 12 years has already been offered drugs) and family, only to read that people were marching in the streets on Chicago's Far South Side, because so many kids have been killed this past school year in gang-turf wars. ("Slain students symbolize aim to stop killings," *Chicago Tribune*, 6/18/07). The marchers called for "tighter gun- control measures and an end to gang violence." Bishop Paul Hall asked, "How much is dope worth to take a young life? How much is gangbanging worth to take a young life?"

"Enough," the actions of gangbanging dope dealers seem to say louder than words.

Bishop Hall said the aim of the march was to go through neighborhoods afflicted by gang violence and call on gang members to stop dealing drugs and put down their guns, the Chicago Tribune reported.

Oh yes, please put down your guns, forsake your livelihood, eat berries for breakfast, lunch and dinner, wrap your family in swaddling clothes, and live in a stable.

"Oh, yes, let's have some stricter gun control." But the sportsman jokes: gun control means hitting the target.

The gun-control plea enables us to ignore the fact that it is estimated that there are over 120 million guns in the United States and even banning them will not eliminate them or stop the killing. Guns are here to stay, along with spears, gun powder and nuclear weapons. So, we must realize that it is the drug dealer protecting his wares, his cash, his corner, and his business that we have to fear. Gun control may be a laudable objective, but it cannot be allowed to substitute for serious thought about our prohibition drug policies than precipitate the killing and put guns in the hands of drug dealers for the wrong reason.

Inanimate objects like guns and drugs, even though an easy target, are not the enemy. It is our policies concerning those inanimate objects that make those objects so lethal.

"Let's march against drugs, guns and gangs," some activitists say.

How many marches, how many speeches, how many times have I tried to change the course of the mighty drug-war river by speaking and pleading with the marchers, organizers and leaders for an end to drug prohibition as the road to peace – always to no avail.

Why is not every finger pointed at the cursed drug-war mistake?

The consequences of our drug prohibition folly are so demonstrable, so obvious, so redundant. Why is the villain – drug prohibition – so invisible, so untargeted, so sacrosanct? The prohibition of drugs in our lives is, seemingly, as deadly and inextinguishable as the life of Halloween's Michael Myers.

But there is a ray of light at the end of the tunnel.

And that light is emanating from law enforcement officers who once waged the war on drugs with a vengeance but now fight even harder to end it. LEAP (Law Enforcement Against Prohibition, www.leap.cc) is an international organization consisting of reformed drug-warriors who universally lambaste the killer, drug-prohibition policy that has taken over America and the world. These are not bleeding hearts, left-wing extremists or ivory tower idealists. LEAP members have credentials, knowledge, experience and sincerity beyond reproach. Cannot the sober and thoughtful among us also see the moral imperative of displacing drug prohibition with drugs controlled and regulated through a system of legalization that decimates the gangbangers' drug business and prevents death, disease and destruction?

In editorial board and other appearances within the past two months, the former Seattle, Washington, chief of police Norman Stamper and I have urged the dire need for drug policy reform. Within that time period, my cousin's son has died from cocaine; my 25-year-old client with a clean record but charged with stealing fishing poles from a neighbor's garage has died from heroin; and Chicago Tribune reporters have written about methamphetamine and crime rampaging across the Midwest plains and beyond. ("New demands strain nation's sheriff," *Chicago Tribune*, 6/17/07).

Good bye, Chris. Good-bye.

And as one singer painfully and rhetorically beseeched us a few years ago: "When will we ever learn. When will we ever learn?"

s/s James E. Gierach
Oak Lawn, Illinois

OAK LAWN PARK DISTRICT EVENTS

Visit www.olparks.com for more information on upcoming programs and events!! Registration Deadlines for Session II of the Oak Lawn Park District's summer camps is July 9. Session II will begin July 16 and run through August 10.

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28th Annual Tennis Tournament – The Oak Lawn Park District will host the 28th Annual Oak Lawn Tennis Tournament beginning Friday, July 13 and running through Sunday, July 15 at the Oak Lawn Park District's Racquet, Fitness and Gymnastics Center, 10444 S. Central Ave. The tournament offers a weekend of indoor tennis matches for different age groups and skill levels. All USTA rules will apply to tournament matches. There is a limited draw and an 8-player minimum for each event, Trophies will be awarded to the winner and runner up in each division. The registration fee is $10 for singles and $20 for doubles. Registration forms are available at the park district's Racquet, Fitness & Gymnastics Center, located at 10444 S. Central Ave. Registration deadline is 12 noon on July 12. For more information, call ((708)) 857-2215 or e-mail info@olparks.com. This event is cosponsored by The Reporter Newspaper and the Oak Lawn Park District.

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Teen Hiking Trip To Starved Rock – Area teens are invited to join the Oak Lawn Park District for a day of hiking at Starved Rock State Park on Friday, July 6. The trip will include hikes to several canyons, bluffs, waterfalls and small caves. Dress appropriately for the weather and bring a sack lunch, water bottle and sunscreen. Fee for this trip is $20. The trip will depart from the Oak View Center at 9 a.m. and return at 6 p.m. Registration deadline is June 30. For more information, call ((708) 857-2200.

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Rubber-Stamping Workshops – Learn the easy art of rubber-stamping at the Oak Lawn Park District. Workshops will be held on Tuesday, July 10 from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Participants will complete several projects, including greeting cards and gift bags, using various techniques. Samples of how to add stamping to your scrapbook pages will also be shown. Please bring your own colored pencils and scissors. Workshops are open to those ages 18 and up. Fee is $9.50 for Oak Lawn residents and $11.50 for non-residents. For more information, call the Oak View Center at ((708)) 857-2200.

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StagePlay: Musical Theater for Kids – The Oak Lawn Park District is offering a musical theater program for children ages 5-9. This program designed for boys and girls emphasizes the journey of producing a show from start to finish and creating a fun and non-competitive environment for kids to stretch their dramatic wings. On the last day of class, kids will perform a 30-minute production call "We Haz Jazz." This production features music from New Orleans to Chinatown. The program begins Monday, July 30 and runs through August 8. Classes will be held at the Oak View Center, 4625 W. 110th St. from 10am – 1pm. Children should come dressed comfortably and should bring lunch and drink to each class. Fee is $94 for Oak Lawn residents and $108 for non-residents. For more information, call the Oak View Center at ((708)) 857-2200.

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Stony Creek Practice Center – Enjoy golf indoors and improve your golf game at the Stony Creek Indoor Learning Center, call the pro shop at ((708)) 857-2433 for more information or to schedule lessons.

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Teen Advisory Group – Oak Lawn Park district is looking to start a Teen Advisory Group. To get your ideas for the Teen Center, open tween & teen hours, trips, programs and events. Contact Colleen O'Gorman at (708) 857-2420 for more information.

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Trip: House on the Rock – Travel with the Oak Lawn Park District as we vist the House on the Rock in Spring Green, WI on Tuesday, July 10. The House on the Rock is a remarkable collection of sights and sounds. You will tour the Infinity Room, the Streets of Yesterday, and the worlds largest carousel. You will also see weapons, armors, oriental artifacts, dollhouses, music machines and just to much to mention. Fee includes lunch, snacks on the bus and admission. Transportation provided by Let Me Arrange It Motorcoach.The motorcoach will depart from the Community Pavilion (9401 S. Oak Park Ave.) at 8 a.m. and return at 8 p.m. Fee is $71 for Oak Lawn residents and $76 for non-residents. For more information call (708) 857-2200.

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Trip: Potawatomi Casino – Space is still available for the Oak Lawn Park District's trip to the Potawatomi Casino in Milwaukee on Monday, July 16. This trip includes transportation, a deluxe all-you-can-eat buffet and $10 Bonus Play with 50 points earned. The Deluxe Motorcoach Bus will depart from the Oak View Center, 4625 W. 110th St., at 9 a.m. and will return at 7 p.m. You must be 21 years of age or older. Fee is $25 for Oak Lawn Residents and $30 for Non-Residents. Registration deadline is July 2. For more information, call the Oak View Center at (708) 857-2200.

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Trip: German Fest – Milwaukee, WI – Join the Oak Lawn Park District as we journey to Milwaukee, WI for their annual German Fest on Friday, July 27. You will enjoy the sounds of German bands as you shop the many vendor booths filled with clothing, jewelry and gifts as well as various food, beer and wine from Germany. Lunch will be on your own. Fee is $43 for Oak Lawn Residents and $48 for Non-Residents. Registration deadline is July 13. For more information, call the Oak View Center at (708) 857-2200.

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Massage Therapy at the Community Pavilion – Sandra Coffey is available by appointment only. Massage therapy is used to reduce stress, increase circulation and detoxify overexerted muscles. Open to men and women. Children under age 12 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. There is a 24-hour cancellation policy. To schedule a massage, call (708) 857-2420.

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Personal Training at the Community Pavilion – Meet with a certified Personal Trainer who will design a program to improve your cardiovascular fitness, muscular strength & endurance. Increase flexibility, improve body image, lose weight, and-in general-just make you feel good about yourself. Call for an appointment: (708) 857-2420.

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Parent Forum & Support Group for Parents of Children with Disabilities – Come out once a month to discuss, review and suggest new ideas or program strategies! Also, meet other parents of children with disabilities. Staff will be provided to watch children during meeting. For meeting topics and information, contact: Jacqueline Canty at 857-2200 or jcanty@olparks.com. Third Thursday of every month at 7 p.m. at Oak View Center, 4625 W. 110th St.

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Six Flags Great America The Special Recreation Department is taking a trip to Six Flags Great America on July 22nd. The fee includes admission, transportation, staff supervision and dinner on the way home (McDonalds). Please bring extra money for food (lunch and snacks) and any souvenirs you would like. *Note: Family members are welcome, including siblings with parent supervision. Fee is $70 per person (Resident/Coop)/$105 per person (Non-Resident); $20 per person with Six Flags Season Pass (Res/Coop); $30 per person with Six Flags Season Pass (Non-Resident).

Primary Election On February 5th

Governor Rod R. Blagojevich on June 20th signed legislation sponsored by House Speaker Michael Madigan and Senate President Emil Jones that moves the Illinois primary election to the first Tuesday in February from the third Tuesday in March. In 2008, that means an Illinois primary on Feb. 5th, which will give Illinoisans a louder voice in the presidential election process. As many as 20 states may hold 2008 general primaries on Feb. 5th, including New York, California, Georgia, Missouri and New Jersey, creating what is referred to as "Super Tuesday."

"Illinois is the fifth largest state in the country. The people who live here deserve to play a bigger role in deciding who the presidential candidates will be," Gov. Blagojevich said.

House Bill 426, which overwhelmingly passed both chambers of the General Assembly, also impacts all other public offices up for primary election in even-numbered years, including those for Congress, the General Assembly, local government and the School Board.

Church Car Wash

The Disciples for Christ Church, 9535 S. Minnick in Oak Lawn will hold a car wash on Saturday, June 30th, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Get your car washed for $7 or $10 per vehicle.

Library Closing

The Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St., will be closed for Independence Day, Wed., July 4th.

The library is open: Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Closed on Sundays until mid-September.

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